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Points of Special Interest

GREAT REUNION IN SAN DIEGO

The Handlery Hotel and Resort in San Diego, CA was the site of the June 24-27, 2004 reunion of the USS Schofield (DEG/FFG-3). Fifteen members and forty-four guests, for a total of fifty-nine people attended the reunion. Registration began on Thursday at noon, and the hospitality room was ready and waiting with refreshments as each person arrived. The first formal gathering was the 5:00 pm welcome reception, where everyone enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Jack Knoblock welcomed the arrivals and introductions were made. The dinner hour was free to enjoy as one chose,

either dining with old friends or making new ones.

Friday was a free day to enjoy one another's company and to get caught up on all the years since being in the Navy together. Some chose to see some of the sites in San Diego on their own, and others chose to relax at the hotel and reminisce. The 6:00 pm social hour brought everyone together again for drinks and fellowship before the Hawaiian Luau-themed dinner buffet. The dinner was a delicious spread reminiscent of Hawaii, with decorations to accompany the theme. It was a delightful evening.

Saturday morning the

group left the hotel for a tour of the Naval Base in San Diego. A visit to the USS Thach FFG-43 was a real treat for all the former sailors, who got to see a modern US Navy vessel. Following the ship tour, the group went to Old Town, where San Diego really started, for a box lunch and a chance to explore the original site of San Diego's first Catholic Mission. The history, unique shops and sights made this an enjoyable excursion.

After returning to the hotel in the afternoon, the USS Schofield business meeting was held. Jack Knoblock was chosen as the reunion coordinator and Robert Cichowski as

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assistant. Charleston, SC was selected as the 2005 reunion site, opting for a Friday thru Sunday reunion instead of Thursday thru Sunday. It was also decided that the site of the 2006 reunion will be in Branson, MO.

The highlight of the event was the USS Schofield banquet, held on Saturday evening, beginning with the 6:00 pm pre-dinner cocktail hour and photo session. At 7:00 pm the banquet began with welcoming remarks by Jack Knoblock. Each former Schofield sailor was asked to introduce himself and his wife or guest. One of the stories heard at the banquet was how well Jimmy Sanford was at keeping the boiler running. When the ship got into port, it always seemed to end up spending about three weeks in dock due to boiler problems; but at sea, Jimmy was always able to keep it running smoothly. Everyone enjoyed the evening, sharing stories and laughing with their tablemates. The evening ended after many good conversations and much laughter.

Sunday morning's breakfast was the last chance to say good bye before everyone was off for home. The reunion will now be but a memory, but a good one. Next year in Charleston, SC will hopefully bring everyone together again for another great time. See you there!

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2004 REUNION ATTENDEES

Domingo & Teresita Abella
William & Diane Ayers
Robert Cichowski & Patricia James
Charles Dickens
Mark & Carol Fletcher
Andrew Golden
Michael Harper & Monica Eggert
Carroll & Pat Housdan
Charles & Lynn Jansen
John (Jack) & Sandie Knoblock
Charles Knowles
Edward Malchow
John & Eileen Neumeister
James Perry
William Porter
Bruce & Susan Reed
Dorothy Schoenborn
Richard Scott
Robert & Athena Scott
Steven & Janet Serbus
Jack & Deanna Walling
Kenneth Wilson & Shamarie Dixon
John Winschel

Total Members: 23

Guests: 14

GRAND TOTAL: 37

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance after 03/04 issue
\$113.57

Funds received since 03/04 issue
?

Funds available for 06/04 ?

Expended 06/04 newsletter- ?

Balance for 09/04—?

Funds will be needed for the 12/04 issue. Contributions should now be made to ML&RS, address to the left.

BUSINESS MEETING NEWS

Co-chaired: Jack Knoblock and Robert Cichowski

In an effort to increase the attendance of the ship's reunion, many suggestions were discussed. It was decided to shorten the reunion to two days, Friday and Saturday. We will not preplan any tours on Saturday, but leave plans open for that afternoon.

We are taking a grassroots approach to contact shipmates from various eras. ALL shipmates, including officers are welcome.

1968-1971 Jack Knoblock and Ken Wilson

1974-1978 Mark Fletcher (east) and Andy Golden (west)

1980-1984 Ed Malchow

1984-1988 Mike Harper

Lou Clark is willing to work on all groups west coast.

2005 reunion is planned to be held in Charleston, SC April 29th & 30th.

2006 reunion probably to be held in Branson, MO (same time frame).

We had such great support from Phyllis Adams, Military Locator & Reunion Service (MLRS) that we would like to have her on future reunions.

Phyllis is checking with MLRS on how money collected last year was spent. They should report this information to Jack Knoblock.

Andy will contact Frank Germa to find out who is or will update the Schofield web site. Several people commented that they tried to send in updates, but they never went in.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Fletcher