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Special Points of Interest

- *News from Ron Spagna about your reunion and the loss of a shipmate make up our cover story.*
- *Five new names for the Schofield roster are under Welcome Mat on page two.*
- *A letter from Ken Wilson about his good friend's funeral is under Mail Call on page two.*
- *Don't wait any longer to make your reservations for the 2010 reunion coming up next month. It'll be a great time !*

COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Hello Schofield family,

Once again we are getting closer to our annual reunion. This year we will be in Portland, OR. The dates are Sept. 16-19. There have been notices and registration packets sent out by ML&RS, as well as email notification. There is also a Facebook page set up by Mark Detloff with info. If anyone has not received a registration package, please contact me, ML&RS, Carol Fletcher, or any mate. Per usual, location, dates, etc., are always controversial and we do our best to accommodate as many as possible.

This year we took a poll after our Nashville reunion with 5-6 choices. The poll came back with Portland as our choice. We were so

looking forward to this as our shipmate, and group chaplain, John Winschel would have been able to attend. Unfortunately, John passed away on May 18, 2010. He was so looking forward to seeing us all again. John had missed a couple of reunions due to his health problems. However, many of us believe that John will be with us in spirit and will be an inspiration for us. He would want us to just enjoy Portland and mostly enjoy the fellowship of our Schofield family. John was a good sailor, a fine gentleman, and a great American patriot. I'm sure we will all miss him. Many may not have met him but he truly considered all of us part of his family.

Will close out for now. We look forward to seeing as many as possible in Portland this year. The reunions are very special and I wish that you all would just give one a try. We have mates from every generation of Schofield crews. I would bet that you will see at least one or two from your generation. If we all give it a shot our reunion group will continue to grow.

Respectfully
Ron Spagna,
USS Schofield reunion
coordinator



WELCOME MAT

The following shipmates have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome aboard. We hope to see you at the next reunion and that you will take an active part in the association. We welcome:

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TAPS

The Schofield Deckplate has learned of the following death since the last newsletter. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the deceased.

John Winschel
(1967-69) BTCS/E-8 B Div
Died May 18, 2020

Anyone who knows or learns of a shipmate's death, you are requested to notify the newsletter so that person can be listed in TAPS and also on the Honor Roll at the next reunion.

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Holiday Inn Airport

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MAIL CALL

Schofield Family,
On Tuesday we put John (Winschel) to rest in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Medford, OR. John received full military honors and would have been tickled to see the Marines standing in the rain for thirty minutes waiting to give a rifle volley in his honor. Ed Malchow and I were pallbearers and the ceremony was very touching. I will miss my buddy, but he is in a far better place with no pain. Thanks to all who called and e-mailed me. I really appreciate the warm regards. I will be bringing a few things from John's house to show at the reunion. Thanks to all.
Ken & Sha Wilson

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"Our Reunions Work So You Don't Have To"

TREASURER'S REPORT

Prepared July 21, 2010 by Rick Martin, Treasurer

Total Dues Collected:	\$210.00	April-July 2010
Monies Collected	\$0	
Misc. Payouts	-\$381.77	ML&RS 2010 APR newsletter
	-\$147.34	Winschel Flowers
	-\$13.45	Coin shipping

Prior Treasury Balance **\$1,027.82**

Total Treasury Balance \$695.26 Current Balance