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Points of Special Interest

- *Coordinator Jack Knoblock shares some news with you in the cover article.*
- *You'll find the association's Treasurer's Report on page two.*
- *See a picture of the Schofield hats for sale on page two. You'll want to order one to show off your pride in your ship.*
- *Page three has letters from Ron Spahna and Carol Fletcher. They'll make you want to attend the next reunion!*
- *Pictures from the reunion are on page four.*

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Dear Schofield Family,

By the time most of you receive the newsletter, summer will have slipped away and fall will be creeping in. For many that will mean the leaves will start changing, but for us this year we will be hoping for rain, maybe snow, to help put out some fourteen fires raging in the state, especially in our area. Yes, this has been the worst fire season in over five years, and with current government policies, has made things worse.

Our next reunion is still in the early stages, but after talking with Military Locator's, it looks like the

second week in October is the time frame we are looking at. I have received information on accommodations available, as well as that from ML&RS, and San Antonio is looking more to be one exciting place for our next reunion. As promised I have included several more pictures from our last reunion. If anyone has pictures from our San Diego reunion, it would be nice to be able to post them on our website with Frank.

I recently talked with Rick Martin, and he and Valarie are getting settled in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Jim Borowicz and Susie dropped by to see us on

their way home from Boise, and Jim is looking forward to retirement and the next reunion. Elliot Clayton finally moved into the electronic world, and is finding out what e-mail is all about.

Well in closing, just a reminder about dues, and Sandie and I hope all of you have a safe and nice fall season.

Remembering 911 Let's not forget!!!

Jack Knoblock (Doc)

The Schofield's Association
Treasure's Report
as May10, 2006

Updated: July 7, 2006

Amount transferred from before the reunion \$945.00
 Amount paid out for hat's to Jack Knoblock \$250.00

Dues Collected – May 4-6

Allen Personette	\$10.00	Ken Wilson	\$20.00
Mark Fletcher	\$20.00	Michael Harper	\$20.00
Wesley Oxenrider	\$20.00	Don Scarberry	\$10.00
Elliot Clayton	\$20.00	Ron Spagna	\$20.00
John Winschel	\$20.00	Edward Malchow	\$20.00
Rich Martin	\$10.00	Eugene Trask	\$20.00
Jack Knoblock	\$20.00	Dan Gnade	\$10.00
Robert Cichowski	\$10.00		

Total Amount collected for hats, wine, and dues: \$556.50
Total Amount in the Association \$1,501.50

Checks received after the reunion for wine purchases:

Jack Knoblock \$58.00
 John Winschel \$40.00

Total Amount in the Association \$1,599.50
 Funds paid to the ML&RS for the Deckplate \$253.25
Total Amount in the Association \$1,346.25

Dues Collected – August 1, 2006

Niel Buck	\$20.00	Thomas Fritsch	\$20.00
Michael Jones	\$10.00	Dorothy Grub(Schoenborn)	\$20.00
Patrick Pancoast	\$25.00	Steven Serbus	\$10.00
Paul Taylor	\$10.00		

Checks received after the reunion for hats \$60.00
Total Amount in the Association \$1,521.25

Dues Collected – August 22, 2006

Don Depiero \$30.00 Richard Gray \$25.00

Total Amount in the Association **\$1,580.25**

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SCHOFIELD HATS



Schofield Hats are available at a cost of **\$15.00**, including shipping. Send you check to:

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Make sure you include your address.

We need letters or stories for Mail Call. PLEASE let us hear from you for the December issue!!!

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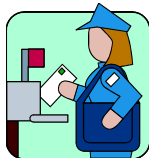
The following shipmates have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome aboard. We hope to see you at the next reunion and that you will take an active part in the association. We welcome:

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MAIL CALL

Shipmates,

Once again we are getting close (sort of) to the USS Schofield reunion. Only about 1 year to go!! I truly want this to perpetuate and feel that as we continue to input the Deckplate, it will. I have been to 2 reunions, 2005 and 2006, and have expressed the great feelings and times that I have had. We, Schofield sailors, spouses, and significant others are connecting, reconnecting and actually growing a family just out of the reunion.

I have been able to get in contact with a few shipmates, and it is a continuing source of enjoyment for me. Just something special about the whole deal. There is a lot going on with our country and the world. This reconnection with shipmates just reminds me that our service people are so very important, active as well as retired, discharged, etc. I get lots of good stuff from my military friends, and that is a result of having started with the Deckplate a few years ago. I look forward to the next issue and always look for new

names. Have a whole year to get more folks interested, but time flies so let's get her rolling. Thanks to ML&RS for their fine efforts and to the sailors, wives who make this happen. Always like to mention Jack and Sandie Knoblock, and John Winschel. They were my first sightings when I attended the 2005 reunion and we were on our way. Thanks so much to all as well for the great welcomes these past 2 and look forward to seeing you all in 2007.

Respectfully
Ron Spagna FTM2
Plankowner 1968 thru 1971

LADIES CORNER

Ship Reunions and Wives,

Did you miss the reunion? I have to tell you I had a total Blast. This was my third. I cannot speak for all of the women, but they sure looked to be enjoying themselves. Yes, we listen to some of the sea stories, which I kind of like hearing from someone who lived it along with my husband. But I really enjoy the fellowship that is so welcoming at the reunions. We have a wide range of ages, even among the men. And although they did not all serve at the same time there is a common bond among them that is comfortable for all of us. I have met the nicest people every year. We have become an extended family. If you haven't attended because you just aren't going to know any of those Navy wives, we're a lot of fun and not all of us had Navy career husbands. We have some real *Characters* in the group, it makes me laugh to think about them, but you have to be there to appreciate them. We hope to welcome you and make you feel included. It really is a vacation weekend I sooo look forward to every year.

Thank you all for the bracelet it was so unexpected and it really meant a lot. Can you believe I was at a loss for words?

I am looking for a good Pepper Jelly recipe if any of you have one.

If you haven't attended the Schofield reunion then you have really missed out on a good time. Don't miss another one.

Y'all come on down to San Antone & see what I'm talking about.

Thank you, thank you very much,
Carol Fletcher

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PICTURES FROM THE 2006 REUNION IN RENO, NV

