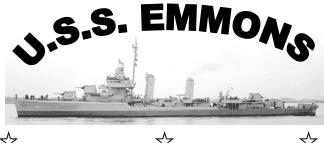
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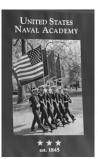
2020 REUNION

Annapolis, MD

September 24-27

Registration **Information Coming** in the June!

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND TO SERVE AS HOST OF EMMONS 2020 REUNION



Sixteen mons Family attended tal to 46 over the past three years. It is

honored at this year's reunion in it local attractions, shop, hit the ca-Annapolis, Maryland, the weekend sino or simply relax. of September 24-27.

Friday Group Outing

lonial charm, is home to the U.S. farewell breakfast buffet. Naval Academy, our Friday tour desthere, we'll take the opportunity to available on our website.

members honor the lost Emmons shipmates of the extended Em- with our annual memorial service.

Following lunch at the Academy, their first reunion last we'll return to our hotel for an year, bringing the to- afternoon program and dinner.

Saturday Sightseeing

The Association business meeting hoped that trend con- will be held Saturday morning with tinues as the Emmons shipmates are the remainder of the day free to vis-

The weekend will climax with the Saturday evening banquet and pro-The city of Annapolis, with its co-gram, followed by Sunday morning's

We anticipate another memoratination. Our guide will provide us a ble time together. Once plans are behind-the-scenes look at every fac- finalized, registration information et of life as a midshipman. While will be mailed in June and made

NAVAL ACADEMY TOUR TO HIGHLIGHT 2020 REUNION

professors. The curriculum included mathematics 50 midshipmen grew to 4,000. and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French.

summer. That format is the basis of a far more adportunities. vanced and sophisticated curriculum at the Naval

The Naval School, as it was known, was estab- Academy today. As the U.S. Navy grew over the lished in 1845 on a 10-acre Army post in Annapolis, years, the Academy expanded. The campus of 10 Maryland, with a class of 50 midshipmen and seven acres increased to 338. The original student body of

Congress authorized the Naval Academy to begin awarding bachelor of science degrees in 1933. The In 1850 the Naval School became the United Academy later replaced a fixed curriculum taken by States Naval Academy. A new curriculum went into all midshipmen with the present core curriculum effect requiring midshipmen to study at the Acade- plus 18 major fields of study, a wide variety of elecmy for four years and to train aboard ships each tive courses and advanced study and research op-

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HEAR This! ≪ Now

On a recent visit to the Norfolk area, Barb TITTLE, daughter of shipmate Homer TITTLE, accepted Capt. Chris DeGREGORY's gracious offer to show her around Naval Station Norfolk, the home port of the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet.

In addition to a tour of the Navy base, Chris, grandson of Emmons shipmate Thaddeus TENER-OWICZ, provided her an up-close tour of the destroyer USS Winston Churchill (DDG 81).

Barb expressed her joy with the hospitality shown her and how happy she was with the tour, expressing her appreciation for the time Chris took to personally show her around.

During WWII, over 85 million Americans complied with the U.S. government's urging for citizens to help fund the war effort by purchasing Savings Bonds, or War Bonds as they were known during the war. Advertisements were common in newspapers, radio and newsreels and continued after the war in an effort to sustain sales.

We were excited to learn that one such advertisement, a 14minute radio drama, featured Emmons shipmate Charles HAR-DY and wife Betty.

Grandson Tony HARDY possesses the original LP recording of the radio play. We extend our appreciation to Tony for sharing this treasure with his Emmons family.

Visit our website's **Testimoni**als/Videos page to hear the advertisement. To avoid any spoilers, we'll simply say the drama unfolds as Charles is about to be shipped out and takes us through the Okinawa attack and the aftermath of the injuries he suffered.

Jason MORLEY, son of Emmons shipmate James E. MORLEY, recalled his father's stories about meeting the First Lord of the Admiralty, Britain's equivalent to our Secretary of the Navy, aboard the Emmons. The June 1943, visit is well documented in Capt. Edward Baxter Billingsley's book, The Emmons Saga.

Searching the internet, Jason came across a video of the Emmons as she prepares to deliver First Lord Alexander to the USS South Dakota in Scapa Flow, Scotland. This is the only video of the Emmons known to the Association and is now available on our website's Testimonials / Videos page.

Great piece of investigative research Jason. Thank you for sharing this valued piece of USS Emmons history!

Cheri YECKI brought to our attention the release of a book citing the Emmons' experience with kamikaze planes in the Battle of Okinawa, including a specific mention of shipmate James KORNEY.

"Bloody Okinawa: The Last Great Battle of World War II" presents a narrative of the Pacific War's final major battle of WWII. In his discussion of kamikaze attacks and the pilots' devotion to duty, author Joseph Wheelan cites the attack on the Emmons as an example of the horrors of kamikaze campaign. quotes Jim as saying the last straw was a "heavy hit aft [that] shook the whole ship."

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There's so much to learn about this institution that trains men and women to serve our nation as leaders. Join us at the September USS Emmons reunion when we'll tour the Academy, led by one of their certified guides. We'll learn of its history and the challenges today's cadets encounter on their journey.

Reunion registration information will be made available in June.

2020 DUES: As always, response to February's dues notice has been very good, including 15 junior members! Treasurer Tom HOFFMAN extends his appreciation for the notes and updates some of you included. If you have not yet sent yours, it's not too late. \$25 individual or \$40 discounted for couples and \$5 junior membership (18 yrs. + under). Checks payable to the USS Emmons Association may be sent to USS Emmons Association, c/o Tom Hoffman, Treasurer, 36078 Huntington St., Millville, DE 19967. You may also pay using PayPal, Venmo or online at our website's Membership page.

IN MEMORIAM

The USS Emmons Association extends our sincere condolences to the Seaman 1c O'Neil Infanto, who made her appreciation and respect for families of the following Emmons the ultimate sacrifice for his country those who served our country by family members:

JAMES G. QUEEN

James Queen passed away December 9th. A resident of Valdese, NC, he was 96 and was appropriately buried with military honors.

James served on destroyers during WWII, including as Seaman 2c aboard the Emmons from January 1943 until late 1943.

Many of us were honored to have met him at the 2015 Washington, D.C., memorial plaque dedication where the love and respect of his family was evident by the 13 family members that accompanied him.

EDWARD T. MONAHAN, SR.

We recently received word from son Michael Monahan that his father, Edward T. shipmate Monahan, owner and served aboard the Emmons as Seaman 1c until the latter part of 1943.

Ed's death halted plans in the works for him to attend his first reunion in 1993. Michael expressed his appreciation for the work done by the Emmons Association over the years honoring the service of his father and all the Emmons shipmates.

JOSEPHINE F. MORROW

Long-time supporter and Emmons family member Josephine Morrow passed away February 20th at the age of 89.

pan, April 6, 1945.

past, Josephine last joined with her 2019 reunion in Gettysburg. Emmons family at the Buffalo reunion in 2017. There, the proud grandmother was on hand as her grandson, Isaac 🧘 Bird, accepted his Griffin/Emmons 🛣 scholarship award honoring his great uncle O'Neil.

CLARENCE CHANTLIN

Shipmate Clarence Chantlin, 94, passed away March 3rd.

Clarence went aboard the Emmons on February 7, 1944, participating in the Normandy invasion, the Battle of Cherbourg, the assault on Southern France and finally Okinawa. As Steward's Mate 2nd Class, he was a survivor of the Okinawa attack.

A resident of Lake Charles, Louisipassed away in 1993. Ed was a plank ana, Clarence and the Emmons Association found one another in 2018 when we learned his American Legion Post 551 was holding a special ceremony honoring his WWII service.

SHIRLEY STANCHEVA

Shirley Stancheva unexpectedly passed away March 4th. In the two short years we've known her since she attended her first reunion, Shirley became a true friend and avid supporter of the Emmons Association.

Shirley wowed everyone with the USS Emmons quilt she made and provided as a raffle prize for the 2019 Gettysburg reunion scholarship raffle.

Josephine was the sister of Emmons Over the years, she routinely showed aboard the Emmons at Okinawa, Ja- making guilts for veterans of our Armed Services, including shipmates Having attended reunions in the of the USS Emmons on-hand at the

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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★ In Memory of Homer and Jackson Tittle

Barbara Tittle

SURVIVOR REPORT UPDATE

Cheri YECKE reports that the first draft of the new edition of the USS Emmons Survivor Reports is complete. Comprised of over 60 hand-written reports by survivors of the Okinawa attack, this new edition will include the original reports along with their transcribed versions. The new edition will be available this fall.

TELL THE KIDS!!!

\$5000 in scholarships will once again be awarded for the 2020-21 academic year. Applications are currently being accepted for the Griffin/Emmons Memorial Scholarship. Deadline for submission is May 31st. Visit our website at www.ussemmons.org for information.

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