

USS EMMONS ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

Through the means noted below, the USS *Emmons* Association exists to preserve, maintain and promote the legacy of the *Emmons* and her crew and to honor the memory of the 60 men who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of their ship on April 6, 1945, during the Battle of Okinawa.

- Extend, maintain, facilitate, and encourage contact and relationships among former crew members of the USS *Emmons*, as well as family member and friends of the former crew members through various means, including reunions, the USS *Emmons* Association Newsletter and social media.
- Share the *Emmons* story and honor the memory of the shipmates who perished in her sinking on April 6, 1945, by disseminating the *Emmons* story through press releases, the books *The Emmons Saga* and *The USS Emmons: Eyewitness Accounts from Survivors of the Battle of Okinawa* and donations to local libraries and institutions.
- Educate and engage future generations of *Emmons* family members through participation in the Lt. John J. Griffin, Jr./USS *Emmons* Memorial Scholarship Program
- Donate to charitable veterans' organizations.