



USS FLOYD B. PARKS

DD-884 ASSOCIATION

April 2022

Greetings Shipmates:

I am sure it's spring somewhere, but as I write this on April 8th. I'm watching a cold North wind blowing snow down the lake at 30+ miles an hour. Won't need the lawn mower for a while.

The 2022 Houston Reunion information is now available on the Tin Can Sailors (TCSA) website. All the contact information is listed below. Our switch to the TCSA National Reunion is going to cause a change in the registration process.

In the past we were fortunate to have first Sue, and then Pamela, to guide everyone through the registration process, with lots of personal attention and phone work. However, as Bob Dylan says, "the times they are a changing". The registration is pretty straight forward, but for several reasons, it requires your timely attention.

The reunion dates are September 25-29 at the Hilton Houston North in Houston, TX. The TCSA room rate is \$119.00 including breakfast, parking and airport shuttle. Reunion packets will be available in mid-April from TCSA.

Please do not wait to request packets and make reservations. Our seating arrangements for tours and meals, and the size of our hospitality room, will be determined by the number of our attendees. Even if there is only a small chance you are attending, it is very important that you request packets and make reservations. Both TCSA and the Hilton have a generous cancellation policy.

The Process:

1. Call TCSA at (508) 677-0515 and request a reunion packet from Annmarie. Be sure to tell her you are with the USS Floyd B. Parks.
2. Call the Hilton Houston North and make room reservations. Request the TCSA rate. There is also a very good room reservation link on the TCSA 2022 reunion website.
3. Call, email, or write me that you are planning on attending so Dennis and I can track the number of potential attendees.

In closing, for those of you not already informed by email, we note with sadness the passing of CAPT Donovan and RADM Smith. Additionally, the military service for David Lewis will be at 1100 hours April 29th at the Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery, 1479 County Road 1675, Jacksonville, MO 65260, Phone (660) 372 6024. Our thoughts and prayers are with Diana.

To end on a positive note, we added FCCM (Ret) Rick Pittenger from the Sea Chaparral Program to our active ranks.

May you Have Fair Winds and Following Seas!

Jim Smith

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TCSA Phone: (508) 677 0515 (Annmarie)

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TREASURERS REPORT:

Received \$4.13 in interest income last year.

Expended

- \$720 for internet services (maintenance of the website)
- \$35 for office supplies
- \$50 Bank fees
- \$30 for software lease (Quicken)
- \$5 electronic tax filing fee (CA)
- \$1,172 Newsletter printing and postage

Bank Account Balance at the end of 12/31/2021 was: \$ 45,328

We anticipate spending funds this year to print and mail two newsletters and \$1,000 for a PARKS social room at the Tin Can Sailors reunion in Houston.

We have 229 “Active” and 13 “Honorary” members as of today.

I still show the following as living plank owners:

Maurice Salamy, ET2

George Price, FC3

William Short, Officer

Phil Scarfo, SN

John Sindy, SN

If anyone knows of any other living plank owners, please advise me.

Dennis Allion, Treasurer



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