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QUESTION OF THE DAY

When was the “Rough Rider” patch originated and when did the “Shield & Anchor” come into being.

Send your entry to USS Frank Knox 585 Sky Harbor Dr. #125, Clearwater, FL 33759

Received from Bob Summers:

Edd Vitagliano Memorial

Shipmate and dear friend of many, Edd Vitagliano, of Brookline, MA died on March 4, 2014 at the age of 67. Edd served aboard USS Hopewell and USS Frank Knox as Yeoman Second Class from 1967-68. He enjoyed a long career as an architect following his graduation from the University of Massachusetts. He died of complications from prostate cancer. Shipmates Bill Atkinson, Lee McClanahan, Ken Roberts and Bob Summers had visited him in Manomet, MA this past February along with many of his other friends. He is survived by his wife Rooyen and three daughters Alexandra, Liz and Cate as well as their mother Roberta Vitagliano and two blessed granddaughters.

Our apology to his shipmates for the lateness of this article due to computer problems. A message of sympathy was sent to the Vitagliano family by the association.

NEWS FROM PLANK OWNERS CONCERNING THE “ROUGH RIDER” PATCH:

Heard from Plank owner Irv Eisenberg RM2, Great Neck, NY he recalls the Rough Rider being drawn by Signalman Jack Glickman and getting permission from skipper Commander Joel Ford to hang it on the bridge.

Also heard from Plank Owner Bob Beachkofski SKD1, Menasha, WI who believes the Rough Rider came into being by Ken Caplan. I looked at the roster from 1944 but did not find a Caplan or a name closely resembling.

Plank Owner Gerald Harms TM1, Clatskanie, OR was the next to call, unfortunately he couldn't shed any additional light on the origin of the Rough Rider but it is always good to hear from our Plank Owners. He asked to be remembered to his former shipmates and to wish them good health.

Received letter from Plank Owner William P. Gray RD2, Hatfield, PA with startling news. He remembers the patch being designed by the brother or uncle of Ken Caplin, a Radioman. The uncle or brother went by the name of AL CAPP, creator of Li'l Abner, Daisy Mae and a host of other comic strip cartoon characters! Do any of you other Plank Owners recall this incident? Anyone remember Ken Caplin, Caplan, Kaplin?

The 24th Reunion is now HISTORY. . . . we met at New Orleans, LA September 17 – 20 staying at the Holiday Inn Downtown-Superdome. Meeting with old friends and shipmates is always a pleasure. Attending this year were GREG & DIANE ARATA, Novato, CA, BILL ATKINSON, Houston, TX, HARRY & JOY CHANDLER, Prescott, AZ, DON & NANCY CRITZ, Prairie Home, MO, STEVE CROSS,

LaJolla, CA, BILL & CAROLE FELL, Riesel, TX, DON GREER and granddaughter DANIELLE JOHNSON, Happy Valley, OR, JIM & SUE HEALY, Chicago, IL, RUSS & JACI JUDAH, South Padre Island, TX, ORV & NANCY KRIEG, Clearwater, FL, VAUGHAN & CAROL KRUGER, Seattle, WA, DON LANDERS & BETSY WILSON, Fort Worth, TX, SUZANNE McCLANAHAN, Pompano Beach, FL, LARRY & BETTY PORTER with sister, LUELLA HORNSBY, Cambridge, MA. LIONEL & SHARON PRICE, Panama City, FL. ED & TONI REID, Calhoun, GA, BILL RHODES, Atlanta, GA, HAROLD RINGSTROM, Murfreesboro, TN, GARY RUSCH & JOAN BELKE, Plymouth, MN, DON, LOLITA & DONNY SNIDER, Portland, TN, BOB SUMMERS & DONNA SCUITTO, Foster City & Novato, CA, BRION SELLINGER, Fayetteville, NY, MIKE & MARGARET WATSON, Corvallis, OR, and BOB & CORAL WOODARD, Sacramento, CA.

Unfortunately we had some cancellations for various reasons, Joe Dempsky, Mike & Yung Mei Haloski, Charles & Toni Read and Tom Soltis. We hope they may join us next year with the **7-DAY NEW ENGLAND/CANADA CRUISE** (*more information at later date.*)

LIONEL PRICE gave us more information on the progress of his book on the Pratas Reef incident and also talked of his other publishing experience. That book is available and many members had the book autographed by the author.

BOB SUMMERS, STEVE CROSS and ORV KRIEG presented to the attendees the prospect of "PAID UP FOR LIFE" membership in the organization. It breaks down as to age.

60+ \$300

70+ \$200

80+ \$100

There is also discussion about a "non-member transaction fee" that would be an added benefit to joining the Association.

Highlights of this reunion were the PADDLEWHEEL MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE on the CREOLE QUEEN going up river to the Chalmette Battlefield, site of the 1815 BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS including the Malus-Beauregard House and Chalmette Monument on Thursday.

Then on Friday we visited the WORLD WAR II MUSEUM. To me this is the best museum we have ever visited, *but* you do need more than one day to visit. Much of the tour was narrated by TOM HANKS movie "Beyond All Boundaries" and "Final Mission" the USS TANG submarine experience. Lots of "hands on" experience and viewing. It's worth the trip to New Orleans.

One of the highlights of the reunion has to be the winning of the afghan made and donated by JENNIFER CHAMBERS, Kingman, AZ. The Chambers were not able to attend this year and Jennifer once again made a beautiful afghan/blanket for which we sold raffle tickets. The lucky winner this year was JIM and SUE HEALY of Chicago, IL

Again a big THANKS goes to Jen and Gene Chambers and we hope they will join us for the 7-day New England/ Canada cruise.

It was noted that the annual bazaar of items brought by members from their home state brought in \$1,048.00 and Jennifer Chambers afghan brought \$195.00 all going into the coffers helping keep us operating in the black. Thanks to the generosity of our members.

The annual banquet held Saturday evening opened with the MIA/POW ceremony with Nancy Krieg presenting the table setting followed by the necrology report with the reading of the names of those members no longer with us. This year there are 20 shipmates listed ALBERT J. GUILLEMETTE, SN. JOSEPH B. PEARSALL YNSN. JOSEPH F. DOLAN ENS. ARMANDO ALTAMARINO, S1. ALBERT J. SMITH, RD1. WILTON L. ATKINSON, LTJG. HENRY CHAN, JR. SHC. Plank Owner JOHN R. O'BRIEN, RDC. JAMES PORTER, UNK. ROSS KENNEDY, RD3. DAVID E. RANDALL, BM3. Plank Owner FRANK M. INGEROWSKI, RMC. LARRY A. MODLIN E-6, GILBERT N. ROUPE, FC3. EDWARD VITAGLIANO, YN2. MATTHEW GUNDERSON, MM1. HOWARD C. MORRISON, SN. ORLIN NEIL PUTMAN, CDR. MICHAEL ANDERSON, SM2. ALBERT E. GRITZ, BM3 and BRUCE Y. THOMPSON, DC2. I was informed by Harold Ringstrom that Bruce Thompson was missing from the list read at the reunion.

Our speaker of the evening was Mr. JOHN BRENKE, Director of Strategic Planning at Huntington Ingalls Industries' Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, MS. A native of Ocean Springs and Vancleave, MS, John is a second generation shipbuilder who has worked at Ingalls for 16 years. He leads a team that focuses on understanding the nation's security environment and the role that US warships play in it; tracks US government shipbuilding programs and the budgets that support them; stays abreast of shipbuilding industry, including other shipyards, weapon systems integrators and major suppliers; and finally forecasts the impact of technology and other forces on ships. John is an avid reader, has a keen interest in history and loves a good story or debate. He is married to the former Kelly Ellis of Vancleave, and together they have four children: Victoria, Kate, John and Max. John and Kelly live in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Mr. Brenke's talk was well received and most interesting.

STEVE CROSS brought us a message on the Ship of the Year together with a gift to the attendees who were aboard at that time and then a photo of those crewmembers as taken for later presentation. The gift is a **new** Frank Knox coin with the Rough Rider *in color* and the ship on the reverse. The coin is now available in the Ship's Store, \$10 each. Contact Orv.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE and most importantly inform ALL of your shipmates to also look at the website. They just **MIGHT want to join a great association.**

Due to increased United States Postal Rates we have had to raise the price of the Frank Knox Ball Cap to \$20 and the Name Badges to \$12 each effectively NOW.