



Newsletter of the USS BAINBRIDGE Association

Winter 2022

Message from your President



Charles Gilbert

Hello shipmates. I hope everyone is healthy and keeping safe. It has only been a few months since our reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada. We are already looking into hotels in the locations discussed at our business meeting for the next reunion which will be held in the spring of 2024. We will narrow down the pick lists and decide on the best value and location as soon as practical. We now have a new Secretary (Richard Goerner) and a new Newsletter Editor (Joseph Bisig and Charles Gilbert). We also have a new Chaplin (Bishop Garland). I have been keeping in touch with Richard and ensuring that he has the information needed for his new position. This newsletter is a collaboration of articles from both Joe and Myself. I sincerely hope you enjoy its contents.

Once more I would like to ask everyone to send us things you would like to see in the newsletter. If any shipmate, wife or other family member has an article, picture, joke or sea story please send it to us. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion. As those have said before me, I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Charles Gilbert

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Sea Stories from various shipmates

Reactor Scram

Does anyone remember testing how far the manual reactor scram switch could be turned before a reactor scram would occur? On both #1 and #2 reactor control panels there were pencil marks showing how far it turned?!

Well on our first west pac we were just steaming towards Australia when the watch standers put in \$25 to make a nice pot and each watch stander could take a turn rotating the switch to see how far! Well as luck would have it my turbine generator watch was in the EOS with his turn! Bang....Reactor Scram. During the investigation, it came out it was one of my MMS that "may" have turned it so a Captain's Mast resulted. My PO2 was worried he would get busted or something worse. I told him to tell Captain Almstead the truth as he hated liars.....so he did. Several things were put on hold for 6 months if he kept his nose clean. Whew!
JOHN.

PARTY IN PUSAN

If there are any shipmates still alive that were on the first Westpac after the 1976 refueling do you remember the "party" we had at a bar on Texas Street in Pusan Korea? Things were getting a bit tired after the refueling and all the workup to get on that WestPac so one of the MM1s in engine room #2 suggested we see if we could get a collection together and rent a bar to have a big party. Well, it seems that the M2 division had not used their welfare and rec funds for years and years soooooooo I checked and there was a lot of funds. We were going to go to Subic but got changed to go up to Pusan Korea. They have a "street" name Texas (had a sign at one end) where all the bars were. There was one that the owner said he would let us have the bar, all the girls, all the beer and snacks for xxxxxx dollars. Just so happens we could get that amount so I put in a request chit, the DO ok'd it, the engineer ok'd it and Suppo gave me a check. Took the boat over after getting all the watches covered and the bar owner had a limo waiting at the pier for us! One of my guys came a bit later with cold cuts, bread, Etc, Etc so we could eat since it was an "official" division party! The chief engineer, who was a mormon (I think) tried to cancel the check but it had already been cashed!!!! What a great time even though it was winter we had a very warm time with the beer and girls and food and I was surprised that most of the bar girls had never eaten sandwiches which made them so happy to get something new!
Probably couldn't do that in today's US Navy.....but it made some great memories!
JOHN

CHICKEN SWITCH

Gary Harper 79 - 83, there was a story about the Sec Control scram switch. We called it the "Hector Grahales chicken switch". As the story goes, the MM's told the young ET Grahales that he was chicken and wouldn't test the Sec Cont scram switch to see if he could turn the scram switch past the marks some joker had made for this prank. Well, poor Hector takes up the dare and tries turning the scram switch. That's when all the MM's left Sec Cont. Sure enough, he turns it a hair and scrams the aft plant! As the story goes, he went to Captain's mast and was de'nuked. It's a good story...

U S S Bainbridge DLGN/CGN 25

Memorabilia



"Full Power Run" U. S. S. Bainbridge (DLG(N)25)

There have been several photos, paintings and other depictions of the Bainbridge over the years. While going through some of my Navy files and other memorabilia I came across this picture which I had forgotten about. It was on some old postcards that I had kept from the 1969-1970 era when I was aboard. I believe this painting is not as common as some of the other pictures of the Bainbridge I have seen and thought it might be of some interest to our shipmates to see something from our ship's earlier years. I hope everyone is doing well and wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season.

Joe Bisig

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