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ALAMO NEWS

USS Alamo Association Newsletter



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Hello and welcome to the ALAMO Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the Alamo Association and related people up to date with information and tidbits, along with upcoming events and news. We hope you enjoy reading this. Suggestions for this are appreciated. **All website links, you need to copy and paste into your browser to open up as I can't get the hyperlinks to work.**



Welcome aboard to the following new members to the Alamo Association since the last newsletter: Johnny West, Dennis Boynton

You can join the Association by going to <https://www.ussalamo.net>



Alamo Reunion Information

22nd-25th of October, 2026

Feb-Mar Birthdays

04/02 Ray Borque
 04/03 Paul Duvall
 04/08 Mickey Kulp
 04/14 Darrell Gillett
 04/22 Mark Costa
 04/26 Brian Kendall Sr.
 04/26 Dorian Pew
 04/30 Jeffrey Hall
 05/01 Greg Bryant
 05/06 Bob Herkes
 05/07 Donald Szulist
 05/08 Patrick Skinner
 05/09 Hugh Kinsey
 05/10 Stephen King
 05/10 Leslie Roberts
 05/12 Bernard Beene
 05/13 Mark Vantassel
 05/18 Ron Fitzgarrald
 05/19 Curtis Davis
 05/19 Carlos Heredia
 05/19 Jim Nunely
 05/20 Rick Casaday
 05/20 Steve Lyons
 05/20 Bruce Hickman
 05/30 Bruce Johnson

San Antonio, TX

The biennial USS Alamo Reunion where we gather and remember our life and times aboard our home away from home. We will begin Thursday evening at the hospitality room, break for dinner, and reconvene casually afterwards for BYOB and storytelling. Tours of The Alamo will be scheduled (advance tickets required), as will a guided River Cruise (advance tickets required) for Friday or Saturday. There will be a sit-down dinner on Friday or Saturday (advance tickets required). Saturday evening, there will be a closing meeting where we will select the Reunion site for the 2028 Reunion.

There will be an auction of an original USS Alamo lighter still in the box, as well as a bosuns knife (not original to the Alamo). Challenge Coins will also be available for sale if you want to save on shipping charges.

While the hotel has been set, the details of the above events and costs are still being finalized. If you wish to be placed on the email list for updates or to order tickets, email: mm3robinson@gmail.com

The Alamo: <https://www.thealamo.org>

The Hotel Info: <https://www.mengerhotel.com>

Rivercruise Info: <https://www.goriocruises.com>



Deck Log of the Month

If you want to read the entire month of April of 1975, go to this link.

<https://www.catalog.archives.gov/id/454971384>

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SHIP'S DECK LOG

OF THE

U. S. S. ALAMO

LSD 33
HULL NUMBER

Attached to { Division,
APB-10305 SQUADRON SEVEN Squadron,
Flotilla,
THIRD Fleet,
ELEVENTH Naval District,

Commencing 0211 0000 01 APRIL, 19 75,
(month, day and date)
at PIER B, BERTH 31N, U.S. NAVAL STATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,
(location)
and ending 0701 2000 30 APRIL, 19 75,
(month, day and date)
at PIER B, BERTH 31N, U.S. NAVAL STATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,
(location)

Examined and Certified to be correct: R. E. SMITH, LT, USN
(Name, Grade and Signature of Portpurser)

Approved By: R. E. KUCERA, CDR., USN
(Name, Grade and Signature of Commanding Officer)

THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN CHANGE OF COMMAND OCCURS:

Approved by: _____
(Name, Grade and Signature of Relieving Commanding Officer)

Date of Change of Command: _____

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH
REPORT BUPERS 200-1



Chaplain's Corner

For more verses go to <https://www.biblegateway.com>

Let Charly know about any illnesses or deaths so he can let everybody know.
You can find him on the Alamo Facebook page or on the Alamo website.

“COME, see the place where the Lord lay.” Surely ye need no argument to move your feet in the direction of the holy sepulchre; but still we will use the utmost power to draw your spirit thither. Ask me the greatest man who ever lived—I tell you the man Christ Jesus was “anointed with the oil of gladness above his fellows.” If ye seek a chamber honored as the resting-place of Jesus, turn in hither; if ye would worship at the grave of holiness, come ye here; if ye would see the hallowed spot, come with me, Christian, to that quiet garden, hard by the walls of Jerusalem.

C. H. Spurgeon, Daily Help, (Baltimore: R. H. Woodward & Company, 1892), 95.



Notes and Upcoming Events

Needed: Ships Store

Ships Historian

Newsletter Editor

We need somebody for these positions so that everything is not on just a few people.

Please remember it takes a crew to make this Association work. So, if you have the time and can volunteer to help, please don't hesitate to let us know as there are only a few people doing this right now.

Let Rick Robinson or Charles (Tom) Thomas know you are interested.

Ships Reunion: The next ships reunion will be held in San Antonio, TX Oct 22nd-25th, 2026. Contact is Rick Robinson. Details will be released as they are finalized. Please make plans to attend.

Ships Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140116430133>

Ships Webpage: <https://www.ussalamo.net>

Ship's Store Notes: To purchase items, go to <https://www.ussalamo.net>. Remember all paying members of the association receive one free Challenge Coin. If you want more, you will need to contact Rick Robinson and order them. There is also t-shirts and plaques on the ships store site also so far.

Alligators

While sports fishing off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft. Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any gators around here?"

"Naw," the man hollered back, "they ain't been around for years!"

Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore. About halfway there he asked the guy, "How'd you get rid of the gators?"

"We didn't do nothin'," the beachcomber said.

"Really?" said the tourist.

The beachcomber added, "The sharks got 'em."

Crew Profile

Name: Andrew Woodard

Where Do You Live: Massachusetts

Family (Spouse/Kids) Married with 2 kids

What do you do Now? Work for DPW

When Onboard: Dec 82-Jun 85

Div/Rank: 3rd Class Petty Officer/SH3

What did you do onboard? Ran ships store

How Many Deployments: One

Favorite Port Visit:

Favorite Memory Of Your Time Onboard:

Your Crew (Friends):

Are you A Member Of The Association:

Top ten songs from each year of the Alamo. 1969/1970. What was your favorite?

1969

Sugar, Sugar	Archies
Aquarius	Fifth Dimension
I Can't Get Next To You	Temptations
Honky Tonk Women	Rolling Stones
Everyday People	Sly & The Family Stone
Dizzy	Tommy Roe
I'll Never Fall In Love Again	Tom Jones
Build Me Up Buttercup	Foundations
Crimson And Clover	Tommy James & The Shondells
One	Three Dog Night

1970

Bridge Over Troubled Waters	Simon & Garfunkel
Close To You	Carpenters
American Woman	Guess Who
Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head	B.J. Thomas
War	Edwin Starr
Ain't No Mountain High Enough	Diana Ross
I'll Be There	Jackson Five
Get Ready	Rare Earth
Let It Be	Beatles
Band Of Gold	Freda Payne