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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.



**Welcome aboard to the following new members to the Alamo Association since the last newsletter:**

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



## Alamo Reunion Information

### 22nd-25th of October, 2026

### San Antonio, TX

#### Dec-Jan Birthdays

12/03 Danny Hicks  
12/05 Andrew Woodard  
12/08 Don Hall Jr.  
12/09 James Coleman  
12/13 Robert Haggerty  
12/15 Bruce Adams  
12/15 Jeffrey Daniel  
12/15 Jim Wartman  
12/19 Glen Stockinger  
12/20 Phil Woodard  
12/22 Antonio Robinson  
12/26 Richard Fraser  
12/27 Mark Hildebrand  
12/28 Tom McLuckie  
12/29 Michael Monaco  
12/30 Charles Dix  
12/30 Rick Robinson  
12/31 Mike Laughlin  
01/04 Tom Yeargin  
01/05 Jefferey Horash  
01/05 David Schack  
01/10 Mike Mayville  
01/11 Donald Black  
01/18 Bill Jones  
01/22 John Smith  
01/30 Dick Olson  
01/31 Tony DiFolco  
01/31 Paul Illig  
01/31 Tom Pearlman

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](mailto:mm3robinson@gmail.com)

The Alamo: [The Alamo](#)

The Hotel Info: [Historic Partner Hotel of the Alamo](#) | [The Historic Menger](#)

Rivercruise Info: [Narrated Cruises](#) | [Go Rio in San Antonio, TX](#)

**Please don't start making reservations for any of these places yet as Rick is still finalizing prices.**

# Deck Log of the Month

If you want to read the entire month of December of 1970, go to this link.

[Alamo \(LSD-33\) - December 1970](#)

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## DECK LOG BOOK

OF THE

U. S. S. ALAMO

LSD-33  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Attached to { SEVENTH FLEET Division,  
AMPHIBIOUS EXPEDITIONARY GROUP Squadron,  
SEVENTH FLEET Flotilla,  
SEVENTH FLEET Fleet,  
SEVENTH FLEET Naval District,

Commencing 0001 1 DECEMBER, 19 70  
(month, date and year)  
at 10-00N 100-11W  
(location)  
and ending 2400 31 DECEMBER, 19 70  
(month, date and year)  
at 10-30N 100-15.5W  
(location)

Approved by: C. H. Black Commanding  
C. H. BLACK  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH



## Chaplain's Corner

For more verses go to [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com): [A searchable online Bible in over 150 versions and 50 languages.](http://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.

### 2 CHRONICLES 14 2 Chronicles 14:11

"Then Asa cried out to the LORD his God, "O LORD, no one but you can help the powerless against the mighty! Help us, O LORD our God, for we trust in you alone. It is in your name that we have come against this vast horde. O LORD, you are our God; do not let mere men prevail against you!" King Asa did what was both pleasing and good in the sight of God in his leadership. He removed altars and shrines dedicated to false gods, and he commanded the people to worship only the LORD, and to only obey his laws and commands.

But notice here in V.11 the very short prayer that he prays, it's nothing flashy, and it's only one verse long. It's coming from a heart that is truly seeking the LORD with complete faith in the LORD. Asa had done all that God wanted him to do in his leadership, so he then goes to the LORD in prayer, acknowledging that they trust in him alone and they expect the LORD to give them victory. Asa didn't put limitations on what God could do in his prayer, nor did he feel like he had to pray a super long prayer to the LORD in order to try and get his attention. He knew that God was listening to his prayers, and he knew the power of God, so he just left his prayers request with the LORD and kept on living in God's will. This is what we need in our life, this sense of obedience and reverence for God that comes from a personal relationship with God, where we just send up a simple prayer to the LORD, knowing that he is our Father and he will do what is best.

# 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:** [\(2\) USS Alamo \(LSD-33\) | Facebook](#)

**Ships Webpage:** [USS alamo LSD 33](#)

**Ship's Store Notes:** To purchase items, go to [USS alamo LSD 33](#) . 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.

## The Ensign's Announcement

A new Ensign was standing watch when he received a message that Seaman Jones's mother had passed away. Unsure of the proper protocol, the ensign grabbed the ship-wide microphone and announced, "Attention all hands, Seaman Jones's mother is dead. That is all".

The Captain, furious, chastised the young officer for his insensitivity and told him he should be more subtle in the future.

Later, when another seaman's mother passed away, the Ensign, remembering the Captain's advice, assembled the seaman's division and announced, "Everyone whose mother is still living, take one step forward... Not so fast, Smith!".

# Crew Profile

Name: Rick Robinson

Where Do You Live: I live in Saratoga Springs, NY, Horse Racing central for most pf Ju;y and August.

Family (Spouse/Kids) I am married for 12 ½ years to Nancy Pettit. It is a second marriage for both of us. I have two sons who live in San Antonio ages 38 and 36, and one grandson in San Antonio, age 13 years. Nancy has three children, two sons, one each in Winston Salem NC, Telluride CO, and a daughter that lives just five miles away. Nancy has four grandsons, two in Winston Salem NC, and two here locally.

What do you do Now? I am currently retired. We spend our time [traveling](#), traveling to our regular doctor, traveling to the dermatologist, traveling to the bone doctors, traveling to the Kidney Specialist, traveling to the dentist... Other then that, we enjoy meeting friends for lunch or dinner and to play card, spending time with our grandsons, playing golf, and going to our camp up on the Schroon River 60 miles north of us,

When Onboard: I was only on board for about five months (May {arrived at the dry docks in Long Beach} through October) as I awaited Nuclear Power School.

Div/Rank: M Div, MM3

What did you do onboard? I worked in the best damn engine room on the ship, the forward engine room, also called Main Engineering. I quickly qualified on lower level, upper level throttles, just about everything I could qualify for in the five months I was aboard.

How Many Deployments: I was on zero deployments.

Favorite Port Visit: see above

Favorite Memory Of Your Time Onboard: Probably near the end of Ref-Tra, when the Lt. Asked me if I would stay aboard instead of going to Nuke School. I really didn't think I had a chance to stay aboard, but the fact that he asked me to stay said that he believed in me.

Your Crew (Friends): My friends were the guys in Main Engineering. MM2 Martin and I got along great. We set up our own "Uber" for when we came back in from a few days of "st-sea" training. I had a Volkswagen Beetle, and he would round up guys that would want a ride off base. For \$2 or a six pack of beer, I would give them a ride, return to the pier, and pick up another load. We did quite well, and were never thirsty.

Are you A Member Of The Association: Yes, indeed!

Top ten songs from each year of the Alamo. 1961/1962. What was your favorite?

## 1961

Tossin' And Turnin'	Bobby Lewis
I Fall To Pieces	Patsy Cline
Michael	Highwaymen
Cryin'	Roy Orbison
Runaway	Del Shannon
My True Story	Jive Five
Pony Time	Chubby Checker
Wheels	String-a-longs
Raindrops	Dee Clark
Wooden Heart	Joe Dowell

## 1962

Stranger On The Shore	Mr. Acker Bilk
I Can't Stop Loving You	Ray Charles
Mashed Potato Time	Dee Dee Sharp
Roses Are Red	Bobby Vinton
The Stripper	David Rose
Johnny Angel	Shelley Fabares
The Loco-Motion	Little Eva
Let Me In	Sensations
The Twist	Chubby Checker
Soldier Boy	Shirelles