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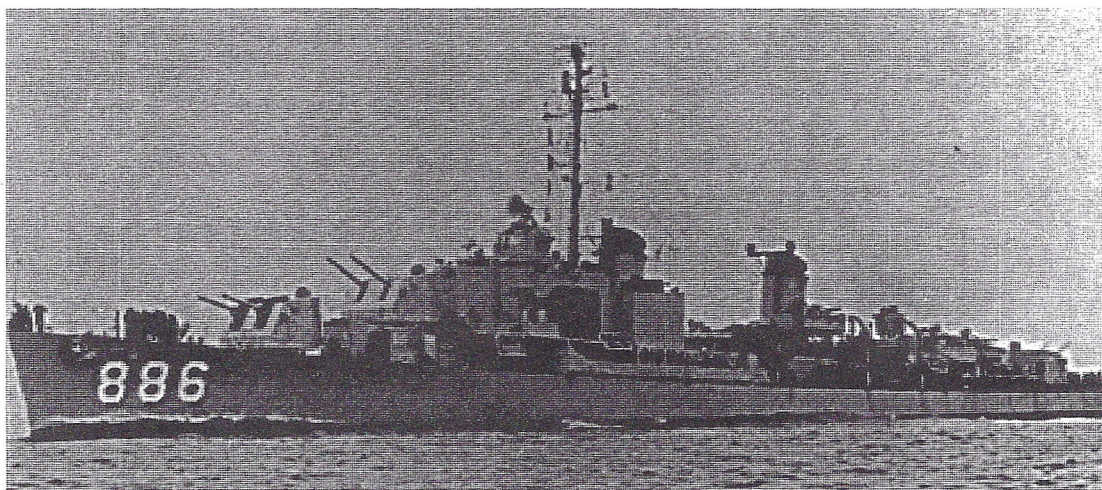
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## USS Orleck History Rescue At Sea

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Still Searching...

ON A DARK AND FRIGHTENING NIGHT OF 31 December 1942, a merchant ship, the S.S. LANCASTER, sent out her distress signals as she lay stranded on a reef off Point Hank at Casablanca, French Morocco. From the USS WAIN-WRIGHT that was in the vicinity air raid and general quarters were sounded. Enemy planes were attacking Casablanca and the skies were bright with the sight of search lights and firings from batteries on ships in the area.

"In spite of mountainous seas and exceptionally adverse weather, Ensign Orleck took charge of a motor whaleboat and crew of the U.S.S. WAIN-WRIGHT and successfully completed one trip to the stranded LANCASTER, bringing approximately twelve men to safety. Although his boat capsized during the second trip, he swam to another motor boat and continued directing rescue operations. As a result of his gallant action, twenty persons were saved." Citation that accompanied the presenting of the MARINE CORPS MEDAL to Lieutenant Junior Grade

Joseph Orleck. (June 7, 1943) We are all aware that Captain Orleck saw to it that all survivors from his command, the USS NAUSET, were transferred to rescue ships safely before he and his First Lieutenant went down with their ship.

The fact that Joe Orleck was involved in sea rescues seemed to have permeated the feelings of the men of the ORLECK. A number of them talked as if Lieutenant was an active member of the ward room and involved himself in the daily operations of the ship. A dramatic rescue of three persons in January 1982 in the cold gale driven waters off of Tacoma, Washington exemplifies these feelings. The ship for some unknown reason was not able to get out at its scheduled time. Failure to leave at the appointed time would require it to change its course because of a small boat race that was also scheduled to begin. The delay was for about two hours when ORLECK got underway. As stated the Captain had to take a course that the



*("Rescue"...Continued from front cover)*

ship would not otherwise have been on but for the failure of the ship to go. On this course the ORLECK came upon three persons adrift in the ocean with very little time left before they would have perished. Because of Lieutenant Orleck's past actions at saving men at sea, the officers and crew of the ship talked as if he was responsible for this rescue.

During gale force winds, the Destroyer ORLECK under the command of Commander H.A. Torok came around Brown's Point and Mark Wittenauer, the forward lookout, spotted the people in the water. They had been there for approximately 90 minutes and because of the cold water could not have lasted much longer. The individuals had had their 18 foot sailing

craft capsized when hit by high gusts of wind. It happened to be the last boat out of a Tyee Marina sailing association race and therefore, it was unlikely that anyone would be realizing before it would be too late that they had been lost at sea. But for the fact that the ORLECK came along on an unscheduled course, these persons would have drowned.

What a fitting involvement for a ship that was about to be decommissioned. It was almost as if Joe was saying that although we will be parting, remember me.

\*Excerpt taken from the USS Orleck (DD 886) The History Of The Ship, Her Namesake Lt. Joseph Orleck, U.S.N. And The Men Who Proudly Served In Her (1993) by Robert L. Orleck.

## **Bull Session Held In Anderson, California On March 24-27, 1994**

LAST THANKSGIVING SEVERAL ORLECKMEN GOT together on the phone and started to work on a USS ORLECK DD 886 Bull Session. They decided on March 24-27 at George Waddle's in Anderson, California. A total of 20 people which included wives attended and a great time was had. They came from Idaho, Washington, New Mexico and California. The weather cooperated and as George put it, "We did politics, sea stories, slides, photographs, TV tapes and ate lots of good food...They would arrive at 9 AM OR 10 AM every morning and leave at 10 PM every night.



Pictured in front from left are Leland Anderson, Joseph Llamas and Lloyd Metcalf. In the middle, from left, are Jack Thompson, George Cramer, George Waddle and Fred Worthen. In back, from left, are Jerry Watson, Tom French and Gus Smedberg.

salads and home made apple pie to go with the 2 freezers full of 'Waddle's Famous Home Made Vanilla Ice Cream.' The local newspaper turned out for pictures on Saturday and then all went to the awesome Shasta Dam and Lake. After a quick visit with Leland Anderson who served as

Chief Radioman on ORLECK from 1949-51 the crew returned to Anderson where they "continued drinking, eating, telling stories, laughing and I even saw a few tears rolling down some of those tough sailor's cheeks" said George. It was a fun, fun, fun four days."

Thelma did a real job on those fat bellies with baked ham, all kinds of

James Allison wrote to George about the Bull Session. "This is what this ORLECK associa-

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*("Bull Session"...Continued from Pg. 2)*

tion is all about. Old shipmates and friends from those days gone by, getting together, reminiscing old times, renewing old friendships, and having a great time. I can think of no better couple to

host this event than George Waddle and Thelma, or any better group to be with." We wish we could have been there. We will be in 1995.

## **California, Here We Come!**

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SAN DIEGO (JULY 27-29, 1995) AT THE Seapoint Hotel is the city, date and site of the 1995 USS ORLECK DD 886 50th Birthday Celebration Reunion. The Board of Directors of the USS ORLECK DD 886 ASSOCIATION, after taking into account all of your many written suggestions have decided that it is your desire and theirs that the reunion be held in San Diego. A tremendous thank you is owed Fred Worthen who on his own time and money drove from Albuquerque NM to San Diego and visited and videotaped many hotels. While there are many excellent hotels that would serve us well, Fred was particularly impressed by the Seapoint. Based on his assessment and other materials the board reviewed and conversations we had with other USS ORLECK sailors from the San Diego area, it was decided that this was the best deal for us.

We will be discussing the planned events in future SCUTTLEBUTTS as they develop. For this edition we will profile the hotel that will serve as our headquarters.

The spacious 237 beautifully renovated rooms at the SEAPOINT HOTEL and CONFERENCE CENTER at 4875 N. Harbor Dr. is just 3 minutes from the San Diego Airport. Located on Harbor Drive "fronting scenic San Diego Bay and across from the street from San Diego's famous sportfishing docks and marinas, the hotel boasts a fully equipped exercise room, spacious pool and spa, volleyball and shuffleboard. It is located just minutes from the world famous San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Seaport Village, beaches, dramatic parks, shopping centers, Old Town and just 30 minutes from the excitement of Mexico. The hotel overlooks San Diego Bay and is the perfect setting for a navy reunion.

And here is the great part. The room charges are

just \$62.00 single or double, 17 years of age and younger stay free and a 3rd or more adult in a room is \$5.00 each. And here is the great part. You get all the above and the following extra for this price:

- Free Shuttle from Airport or Amtrak.
  - Free Newspaper to your room each day.
  - Free in-room coffee.
  - Free HBO.
  - Free parking (even for an RV)
  - Free hospitality room for our gathering that overlooks the harbor and seats 110
  - A restaurant in hotel and none of the entrees are over \$10.00.
  - A banquet room for our use at no charge.
  - A toll free number to make reservations 1-800-662-8899.
- In San Diego call 1-619-224-3621.**

There are only 125 rooms that have been reserved. It is first come, first serve. You can make your reservations now by using the reservation card or by calling the toll free number.

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**Make reservations now  
at the Seapoint Hotel  
cut out the reservation card  
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## The Apple Pie Caper As told to Bob Orleck by Raymond (Doc) Powell

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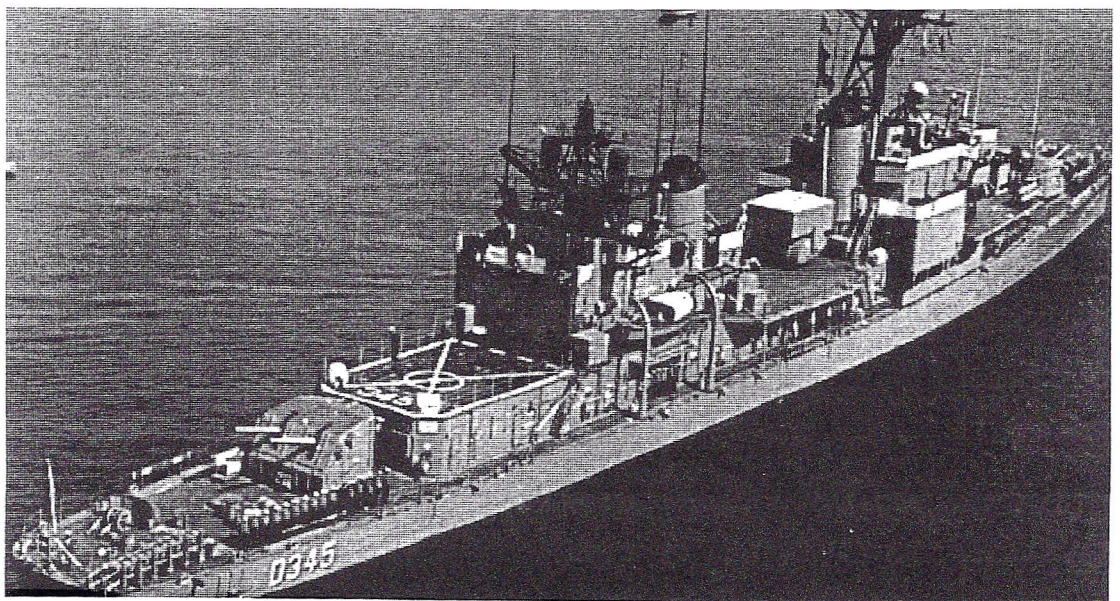
I was discharged from the service in June '59. The USS Orleck DD 886 will be in my life till I am gone. She feed me, gave me a job and a place to live for four years. She gave me a feeling that I will never forget. She was kind of like a mother. She made you proud to be a part of all that!

I was standing watch on the bridge one stormy night in the North China Sea with a shipmate, David McClendon. We were allowed fifteen minutes break to go to the head and to get a cup of coffee. I took my break first and came down to the fore and aft passageway. When I passed the galley, I noticed that they were baking dutch apple pies and letting them cool in the pantry across from the galley. I went back on watch and told Mac if he would give me his break, I believed I could get one of those pies for us. Mac loved apple pies so it didn't take much to twist his arm. Down I go again, this time all the way to the amidships, turn around, pulled my pea coat up with my right hand so it shielded my face and then as I shot past the gallery door, my left hand grabbed a pie and off I went out onto the main deck. I hung a left and then a right and then I am on the focsle.

Now on this night at 2 am this is the last place anyone needed to be. We are in a major storm with all that goes with it, sleet, beating rain and heavy seas. But, heck, I'm twenty years old with the world by the tail. Nothing bad can happen to me. I managed to get to #2 mount, went down through the shell hoist and hid the pie in the mess decks. Well, 4 am found me and my buddy Mac sitting under the dish washing machine drinking coffee and eating dutch apple pie.

About a year later, one of the cooks, George Shothard, was leaving the ship and I went down to say good-bye. I said, "George, did you all ever figure out who stole that pie last year." (I knew that he had chased me but had more sense than to follow me where I went.) George responded, "You know that has been a topic of conversation in this galley for over a year". I fessed up and George asked where I went and when I told him he just couldn't believe it. He likened me to a crazy idiot.

I simply replied, "George you just don't know how bad I wanted that pie"!



"TCG YUCETEPE D345 (ex-USS ORLECK DD 886)  
Decommissioned and transferred to Turkey in 1982  
and still serving."



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## Orleck Association In Convoy, That Gets The Reunion Word Out

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JAMES REPORTS THAT WE HAVE JOINED WITH several other reunion groups to get our reunion notices in all the daily papers in the USA. The notice that we sent has information about all 12 of the participating ship reunions. They are: USS BOYD DD 544, USS FRANK KNOX DDR 742, USS HAMNER DD 718, USS MCDERMUT DD 677, USS FLOYD B. PARKS DD 884, USS JOHN R. CRAIG DD 885, USS

FOOTE DD 511, USS EVERETT F. LARSON DD 830, USS ORLECK DD 886 AND USS PERKINS DD 877, USS THE SULLIVANS DD 537, and USS WEDDERBURN DD 684.

James among other things is searching for Skippers and Executive Officers by writing reunion associations of ships that these officers had served in. The effort continues.

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## Fred Worthen, One Of Our Directors

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USS ORLECK DD886 WAS A COLD WAR WARRIOR that saw a great deal of action in Korea and Vietnam. One of our Board of Directors, Fred Worthen, was a first-class gunner's mate aboard the ORLECK during the Korean War. The Albuquerque Tribune did a fine anniversary article, on "Remembering the Forgotten War" (July 30, 1993) By Carlos Salazar. In an interview for that article Fred said that "Our job with the fleet was to provide call fire for military units, all along the Korean coast. Our ship fired more than 25,000 rounds of 5-inch shells. We operated in both the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan. We also were on plane guard and sea-rescue call with fleet carriers. Wonsan Harbor was of primary importance to the North Koreans for it was used to transport munitions, supplies and troops. Fred recounted the "tough time" that the naval units which included

USS ORLECK, had in Wonsan Harbor attempting to take out the 8-inch enemy shore guns. "The guns were mounted on rails and were protected by steel doors, similar to what was shown in the movie 'Guns of Navarone'. The area took

a terrific pounding from B-29s and from the 16 inch guns of the New Jersey, but we never got confirmation that they were ever taken out."

Fred was aboard the USS ORLECK DD 886 when she hit the submarine carrying the troops in the bubble on the fo'c'sle forward of the bridge. He remembers when the ORLECK was sent to escort the 'Okla 45th' into Sapporo, Japan, in a blinding snow and Operation 'Miki. Fred was in Subic, PI for the filming of the

Tyrone Power movie that used the USS ORLECK firing her guns. He also remembers ORLECK's sign as 'Sophie Tucker'. Fred and his wife, Virginia, happily reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico and work hard for our Association in

many ways including preserving and sharing current ORLECK history with his VHS cam corder.



**Fred Worthen with James Allison at the bull session in San Antonio for the 1993 reunion**



# Thanks For The Gifts And For Paying Your Membership Dues

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LIST BELOW IS THE Association's way to thank you for paying your dues and giving for expenses. These gifts will insure that the SCUTTLEBUTT will go out regularly and will provide funds to continue the work toward the 1995 Reunion. For those who have not sent your dues, please do so. We want to be able to send out four SCUTTLEBUTTs a year until the 1995 reunion and it costs money to do that. Your dues are not only a way to insure the continuation of the newsletter, but also to show support for the efforts to have quality reunions. We will continue to list those contributing members in subsequent editions.

Please send your \$15.00 dues and other gifts to our treasurer, Robert L. Orleck and you will received a membership card in the return mail. Many have been making out your checks personally to the treasurer. Please eliminate the temptation to fund his dream trip to Hawaii and make your checks payable to USS ORLECK DD 886 ASSOCIATION.

## Dues Paying Members\*

James Allison	Capt Henry French
John W. Ambach	(USNR Ret.)
Edward A. Beam	Thomas French
Capt John J. Bepko III	Sam Fulford
Larry Bonwell	Dennis Gange
Lloyd Boyer	David B. Gilmore
Richard N. Britz	Kenneth C. Hachey
Don J. Burchfield	John F. Hanscom
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George W. Coker	Lester Horne
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Veto Crabtree	Donald R. Ivey
Joe M. Dillon	Frederick James
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Gustaf Smedberg  
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(USN Ret)  
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George English	(\$100.00)
Capt. Edward Heuer	(\$50.00)
Pete Long	(\$10.00)
Maj. M.W. McLaughlin	(\$10.00)
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Keith M. Ott	(\$11.00)
Robert Saxbury	(\$25.00)
Gustaf Smedberg	(10.00)
James L. Terry	(\$10.00)
Fred Worthen	(\$85.00)

\*List as of June 30, 1994. A great deal of effort has gone into making sure all gifts and dues are recognized. If you notice any or other errors please advise our treasurer.

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THAT FOR  
LT. JOSEPH ORLECK  
IS ENTITLED TO ALL THE  
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## Let's Preserve Our History

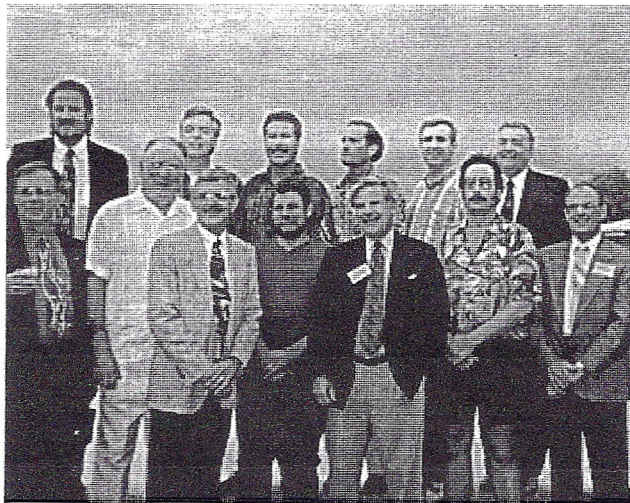
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BOB ORLECK IS CONTINUING THE PROCESS OF writing the history of the USS ORLECK DD 886 and needs you to send him information. Only a couple of you have responded since the last newsletter. One of those responding was Raymond "Doc" Powell who has written a couple of times telling of times when he was aboard. You can read about what he knows of the mysterious disappearance of a dutch apple pie from the galley of the ORLECK during a major storm at sea. Ray wrote that he will send some more and maybe that will encourage others to do the same. Men who served in USS ORLECK should search their minds, their files and attics and provide copies of any of these items. They are valuable and will add so much to what we already know and they will be shared. You will also notice that we do not have too many pic-

tures in this SCUTTLEBUTT. If you have any significant pictures of high quality we would love to have the negative or have you make a copy for us. I would like to encourage you to respond to the following things.

- If you know of an ORLECK sailor's name and address let us know who they are.
- If you have any special thoughts about your service aboard USS ORLECK DD 886 please jot them down and mail them out.
- If you have any historical information and significant photographs or drawings, we need copies of it to use in the history.
- If you have any items you would like included in subsequent SCUTTLEBUTTS, let me know.

**Deadline for information for the next one is October 1.**



Group photo taken by the pool at the San Antonio 1993 USS Orleck Reunion

### Thanks Ray

Thanks to Raymond "Doc" Powell for the fine job of arranging for the photographer and putting together the San Antonio Reunion Yearbook. It will be one of those treasures we will keep for almost forever. And good news for everybody. Ray will be arranging for the yearbook again in San Diego.

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## Searching For Former Orleck Crew And Officers

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There are over 550 known men on our roster but there have been thousands that have served in DD 886. Many of you know men who served in USS ORLECK that are not a part of that roster. If you are keeping in touch with any ORLECK sailors or know where they are, send their names and any information you have on them including address and phone to James Allison and/or Phil

Klotz. They both are doing crew and officer searches, an endless but rewarding job. We want to find as many as we can and you are the biggest source of the information. We will hopefully be printing the roster in the next edition of the SCUTTLEBUTT so you can check carefully if any of those friends you know of are included. If not, let's get them to San Diego in 1995.



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## Ever Wonder How James Allison Gets His Thrills

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JAMES LIKE PHIL ORDERED AND RECEIVED A COPY of PHONE DISK which lists 80 million names and addresses on a CD Rom disk but realized "...too bad I don't have a CD drive like Phil. Come to think of it, I don't even have a computer. That sounds like a serious problem." He solved the problem. Donated the disk to the University of Texas library and plans to go there and use it. So we now have two searchers of men with the best of technology.

James was talking to Don Rank of the USS SAMUEL MOORE DD 747 about finding shipmates. "Before closing, he told me about a ship-

mate of his from WWII (Edward Florio Talamantes) had lived in San Antonio, and that he had searched for him for years without luck. While he was on the line I double checked our phone directory, and found no listing. After he hung up, I went to my "Private Phone Directory", and in about 5 minutes had found Edward Talamantes in Kennedale Texas. I called him to verify the find, and he was elated to hear that Don had been looking for him. They were stationed on Guam together during WWII. I guess that's why I enjoy doing this reunion thing, its so rewarding when you do something like this."

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## Change Of Address Or Telephone

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IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, LET US KNOW RIGHT AWAY! Planning to move or change your mailing address? Make sure to let us know so we can keep track of you. Our mailings go out second class and we may never know that your SCUTTLEBUTT didn't reach you unless

you let us know. If for any reason you stop getting a newsletter, don't assume there haven't been any mailed. Drop a note and asked what the problem is. (By the way, if you read the first sentence and it made sense to you, you need a break before the reunion.)

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## News From The Mail Buoy

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IN FEBRUARY'S SCUTTLEBUTT, WE REPORTED ON information taken from the September 29, 1993 issue of the Leakey Texas "REAL AMERICAN", that Congress had authorized payments of insurance dividends to veterans. Apparently many are being fooled by this "bad joke" and we were no exception. We apologize for the hopes it created and for the work you might have gone to by applying. It was done in good faith with belief that it was legitimate. We apologize! (However,

James Allison feels worse than anyone and has offered to those wronged by our action, a weekend at his San Antonio ranch with all meals supplied as well as a guided trip to Mexico. Please make you reservations early before he uses up his vacation time on something else.) Again, all kidding aside, we do regret that we misled you. It was unintentional and was motivated by the desire that you all get a benefit to which you were entitled.

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## Congratulations to the New Chief

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Some of you may remember Lt. JG Mike Boorda, who while rising through the ranks to become a Four Star Admiral, served aboard USS

ORLECK's sister ship, the USS JOHN R. CRAIG. On 23 April, 1994 Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda relieved Admiral Frank B. Kelso as the



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*("Congratulations"...Continued from pg. 7)*

Chief of Naval Operations, the Navy's highest uniformed position, in a change of command ceremony at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Not only did Mike rise through the ranks instead of attending the Naval Academy, he was a high school drop out who lied about his age to join the Navy at age 17. But he is qualified by his knowledge of the Navy, his skill as a commander and his fine reputation. Admiral Boorda

has served as Commander in Chief of the US Naval Forces in Europe and commander of NATO Forces in southern Europe. Admiral Boorda is like family and we are all proud of his accomplishments and wish him success for our Navy in the years to come. He is just one more example of the quality that came from that wonderful destroyer fleet of days past.

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## How Much Longer Will She Last?

RECENTLY THERE WAS NEWS OF THE DECOMMISSIONINGS of Fast Frigates, USS DONALD B. BEARY FFT 1085 (May 20), USS AINSWORTH FFT 1090 (May 27) and the USS BOWEN FFT 1079 (June 3). This information is unconfirmed but still reliable since it was learned from the wife of a sailor on one of those ships. She said that these three ships plus eight more are scheduled to be transferred to the Turkish Navy. It is a sad thought that one of these ships might indeed replace TCG YUCETEPE D 345 (ex-USS ORLECK DD 886). Will she still be serving the world when we meet in San Diego. Lets all hope and pray that she is. We will keep you updated when we receive any information from the Turkish government.



Group at the 1993 San Antonio Reunion

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## On The Double A Note From The Editor

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCUTTLEBUTT IS TO PROVIDE a mechanism of communication for all who are interested in USS ORLECK DD 886. It is your newsletter and you can use it to communicate worthy information to everybody else. With good and relevant information the SCUTTLEBUTT will remain an interesting paper to get and read for years to come. So please send your stuff to me, Bob Orleck, USS ORLECK DD 886 ASSOCIATION as soon as you can but no later than October 1 for use in the November newsletter. He has to write the pieces and put the infor-

mation in usable form and then send it to Monica who will again be doing the computer layout. When she is done she sends it back for final approval. It then has to be printed and gotten to Phil who does the mailing with his mailing permit. So you can see it takes some lead time to get it all done. Please sit down right now and write.



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## Classified Section

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### USS Orleck Book

USS Orleck (DD 886) The History Of The Ship, Her Namesake Lt. Joseph Orleck, U.S.N. And The Men Who Proudly Served In Her, a 230 page bound book with color photographs is available for purchase. Written for the USS ORLECK (DD 886) first reunion by Robert L. Orleck, nephew of Joseph Orleck, the book can be purchased for \$34.00 (which includes the cost of mailing). This price will allow the USS ORLECK (DD 886) ASSOCIATION to keep about \$7.00 for each

book to go toward the costs of the next reunion in 1995. Get your copy by sending a check or money order payable to USS ORLECK DD 886 ASSOCIATION to our treasurer, Bob Orleck. NOTE: THERE ARE ONLY 45 BOOKS THAT REMAIN IN INVENTORY AND AFTER THESE ARE GONE THERE PROBABLY WILL BE NO MORE PRINTED. If you had planned to get one, you had best do it now.

### USS Orleck Caps

Orleck caps are available at a cost of \$7.50 + \$1.00 for shipping: Send you check to our treasurer and we'll get one in the mail to you. We now have the caps sent directly from the producer and the price of mailing is less in some cases.

The Veteran Cap Parade keeps our inventory of caps and at the request of our treasurer mails them out at a \$1.00 cost per cap. So if you buy one cap please send \$8.50 but if you buy two send \$17.00 and so forth.

### USS Orleck Revisited Video

Steve Hunt has put together what has to be described as a wonderful video of "ORLECK REVISITED". For only \$15.00 you can have almost 2 hours of what George Waddle would call "PURE PLEASURE". It is done! It can be ordered now! You will be so sorry if you don't buy one! It is an item you will put with your treasures! Steve took those DD 886 movies some of you took and saved over the years and combined them on one VHS video tape in what has to be described as a "labor of love". The video is complete with on screen titles and credits, a perfect selection of music and the sounds of battle as you experience USS ORLECK firing her 5" guns. In addition Steve has included footage of the 1982 Decommissioning in Tacoma and the 1993 San Antonio Reunion featuring the ceremony at the Alamo and the speeches given.

a great gift. This cannot make any money for Steve. He has done a work of love here and it really is a gift to you for the \$15.00 to cover costs. Send your check or money order for \$15.00 payable to Steve Hunt and mail to Steve Hunt, % Northwest Recording Co., 3720 Center Street, Tacoma, Wa 98409.

OK! Now that you have put the stamp on the letter to Steve, don't you feel better? You can read on now.

STOP READING THIS NEWSLETTER RIGHT NOW! WRITE STEVE AND ORDER YOUR OWN PERSONAL VIDEO TAPE! It could make

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**Support  
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## Request For Correspondence

BENNIE R. RAMER, WIDOW OF USS ORLECK crewman, Ferrell D. Ramer who died of lung cancer in 1992, wishes to correspond with other people who were involved in the atomic testing in the South Pacific. Her address is Rt. 1 Box 49-CC, Dozier, Al 36028

## A Sad Personal Note

Very sad news was received that one of our members, Joesph G. Harney passed away in his sleep a couple of weeks ago from a heart attack. His best friend of forty years, William T. Clendenen, remembers meeting Joe aboard the USS Orleck that many years ago. They had been often talking recently about plans to attend the 50th reunion and both were so very excited about it. "He was possibly the most devoted sailor and U.S. Navy person I ever knew. There wasn't a ship or body of water that he didn't enjoy." "...he was buried in the golf shirt that his wife made for him for the ship's reunion in San Antonio. This shirt had the outline (silhouette) of the destroyer in black with



1993 SanAntonio Reunion

the words 'USS Orleck' in gold. And in his hands were his U.S.S. Orleck ball cap and rosary. A true, more devoted Orleck sailor never was. He loved that ship and it was his fondest hope that she would be in San Diego for the reunion."

Our sympathy and prayers go out to his wife Mary Janet (Jan). Many of us are thankful that Joesph attended the 1993 San Antonio reunion so we were able to meet him and after that call him our friend. We will miss him! Joseph G. Harney served in USS Orleck from 1956-59.

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