

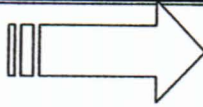
ALL AHEAD, FULL!

The unofficial, spontaneous & voluntary publication of the *Ens. John C. Butler Arizona Chapter Destroyer Escort Sailors Association*, meeting at the *HomeTown Buffet*, 1312 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona the 2d Monday each month at 1100. Paid for anonymously by a benevolent individual and distributed free of charge to all who may have a modicum of interest in our progress and projects. Or not!

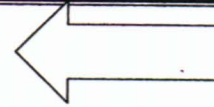
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Next Meet: 13 JUN 2011



OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AND TIP O' THE WHITE HAT TO OUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS AND FINANCIAL DONORS WHO MAKE OUR CARE PACKAGE PROJECT GO. WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND GENEROSITY.

"The Tree of Liberty must, from time to time, be nourished by the blood of patriots."

Lawrence N. Smith DD 497, 17 SEP 1915, Struble, Iowa – 29 APR 2011, Phoenix, Arizona. An astute, highly respected gentleman and loyal member of our association has *Crossed Over the Bar*.

It was strange not seeing Larry at our MAY meet. All of us will truly miss him and we will always remember his sharp mind and huge appetite. No doubt, HomeTown Buffet's margin of profit will show an increase from this quarter onward.

The Association was honored to be seated in the first three rows opposite the family at Larry's viewing. We numbered 14 members and 3 wives. The "Skipper" said a few words about Larry's participation and verbal contributions to the association over the years then gave a summary of Larry's participation at the Normandy invasion on D-Day 6 JUN 44. As a Chief Petty Officer on board USS Frankford DD 497, "The Hotdog," was written up as the DD That Saved D-Day by silencing the German guns that had stalled the landings at Omaha Beach. Other DDs followed suit. Larry was responsible for keeping all the electronics aboard in proper working order. In AUG '44 the "Hot Dog," twice, at the request of the USAAF, slowly steamed along the coast of Cherbourg attracting German gunfire so the USAAF could photograph the gun emplacements for a future attack on that port. This action helped make the Normandy invasion a total success leading ultimately to the suicide of Adolph Hitler and Germany's surrender in the Great War to End Tyranny.

If not for Larry and many others like him, the heroes who fought World War II, those Americans on the

eastern seaboard would be speaking German and we in the west would be speaking Japanese. Larry was conversant on any subject and a pleasure to talk with. To anyone's memory Larry may have missed only one meeting over the years as a loyal member. His physical being may not have been large, but he was "all man" in every other aspect.

The military gravesite ceremony at St. Francis Cemetery consisted of a rifle volley, the playing of taps, the folding and presentation of the flag to Larry's son, David, followed by parting words from a cleric. The association members present then formed a circle around Larry's casket rendering him a final silent, respectful, salute.

Well, old shipmate, the Sea & Anchor Detail has been set, the anchor is aweigh, the watch section is on deck and you are now underway on a straight course West with God as your pilot. You have earned the calmness of the seas with bright, sunny skies through all eternity. Until we meet again old sailor, in that great hall reserved for our nation's veterans, Bon Voyage.

The meet of 9 MAY 2011 got underway at 1100; Opening prayer by Chaplain Al Guier DDE 719; 21 members and associates present; **Guests, Ed and Julia Ward USS Wasp, WW II**, attended; Exec/Treasurer **Lloyd Brown DE 365** reports \$580.92 in the bank.

The Association agreed to have a brick with Larry's name installed at **American Legion Post 44**, of which Larry was a member. **Coe and Bob Mitchell, Associate Members**, volunteered to pay the cost of \$100.00.

We have received donations from **members and Larry's family and friends** amounting to **\$145.00** with a **pledge** for more donations. **At the JUN meet the association will discuss options to perpetuate Larry's name with the donations collected thus far.**

Herb Mauch DD 666 won the 50/50 pot of **\$70.00** donating his half to the treasury. Thanks Herb. We 'Preciate it.

Noon: meeting adjourned, chow for the crew.

Special Notice

Mr. Lambert Modder, a Pearl Harbor Survivor, will be our guest speaker at the 13 JUN meet.

Also attending will be the **father** of our member, **Joanna Burgan USAF**, who is visiting from **Oregon**. Most of us have met Joanna's dad, **Gunners Mate, Jack Burgan, USS Doyle DD 494**, who also was at **Normandy on D-Day** with our recently departed shipmate, **Larry Smith DD 497**. Both veterans saw combat with **DD Squadron 19**.

On **Memorial Day** the "Skipper" represented the association during ceremonies at the **National Cemetery** by presenting **our wreath** in respectful memory of our **fallen warriors**. Also present were **members, Joanna Burgan USAF, John Rusinek DD 808 with his daughter Lynda and Associate Member Randy Jones**. Thanks to them and any other of our members who were present at the ceremony as part of the huge crowd of patriots who paid their respects to all vets.

Calm Seas and Fair Winds

AFTER GLOW

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.



In Memory

*Dear members of the
Destroyer Escort Assoc*

*My uncle Lawrence
Smith thought the
World of all of you.*

*In his honor, please
use the enclosed
monies as you need.*

*Sue Ross + Les Ross
(niece)*

*Catie + Lloyd Kohn
(niece)*

*Julie + Glena Harris
(niece)*

*Larry Schatt (brother
in law)*