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Greetings Shipmates and Associate Members,

I'll start out with a reminder that I haven't included in awhile and that is that all associate members are welcome our reunion events even if it's only to come to the hospitality room for an hour or two.

We've had a couple of changes Geoff Bender is working with the website. George Christenson has taken over the ships' store and has included a flier that is enclosed with this newsletter. The biggest change is that Frank Crouse has resigned as association treasurer and transferred all the funds to me. I'd like to thank Frank for all his years of service. So we are looking for someone to step up and volunteer to take Frank's place. As for DUES IT'S DUE NOW. The dues remains the same \$25.00 for a year and \$125.00 for a life membership. Checks should be made out to the USS Basilone Association and mailed to me Philip E. Poplaski 113 Old Liverpool Rd Liverpool, NY 13088.

We have lost the following shipmates this year Andrew Brown, David Sanders, Steven Beers, Frederick Boyd, Andrew Hemberger, Jack Mozley, James Reed, Norman Dibble, Alvin Willis, Richard Gittings, Jim Nordquist, Richard Cochrane, Harold McGowen, Leonard Lafemine, Robert Beverly, Tracy Garvie, Lon Kemp, Donald Cobb, Curtis Borden, Leon Purchase, Alvin Brown, Fred Boyd, Harold Withrow, Robert E. Johnson, John Hall, Joseph Nevitt, David Kruske, John Dickerson, Edward Harrison, Benjamin Bishop, Larry Gill, Richard Hampshire, Hugh Wingo, Robert Nagel, William Allen, Stanley Waszkiewicz, Ken Salo and Edward Butler.

We have done a little better at finding shipmate we've been looking for and they are G Wayne Palmer 73, Lee Stein 63-66, William Cobb 70-71, Willard E. Towne 55-58, Charles Jacks 72-75 and Milton Wescoat 72-73.

A big thanks to Frank Cowling for being our host for the reunion this year in Santa Fe. Now I must apologize to Frank As I have misplaced our reunion itinerary. The first day was registration. Day 2 was a tour of Santa Fe, which was highly informative. I believe we also went to a national park and viewed a movie, had lunch and toured an old abandoned church. We had an off day to do whatever we wanted. Next we went to Los Alamos and toured there and stopped at the Science Museum there. We also made a side trip to a scenic overview in a town called Whitehall, I believe. It was spectacular. Finally we went to another national park that allowed you to climb up into the cliff sides and look into the cliff dwellers caves. Then we had one of the best dinners I have had in

a long time at the Culinary School of Santa Fe. They even did a cooking demonstration for us. The Memorial Service and business meeting were held at the hotel.

The business meeting was relatively short. There is nothing much to report on the website except that Geoff Bender is now working with the website. George Christenson has taken over as the ships' storekeeper. The ships memorabilia has been increased thanks to Frank Stepka who gave us some POD's and and some new videos from the second around the world cruise. Both of them should be available for viewing. The titles are Singapore and Royal Sailors Rest and USS Basilone. They are not on the website, if you have questions I might be able to guide you to them. We approved the usual donations. John Basilone Foundation \$500.00, John Basilone Parade \$100.00, Tin Can Sailors \$100.00 and the US Navy Memorial \$100.00. We voted to have a reunion next year and Rich Papersca and his wife Joanne have stepped forward and volunteered to host the reunion next year in Wilmington, North Carolina either the last week in September or the first 2 weeks in October. Reunion packets should be going out sometime in March or April. I hope to see you at the next reunion.

Your Shipmate,



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CUPS \$6.00



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Shipping Charges (if applicable)				

TOTAL _____

Call for shipping charges
410-757-2313

Pick up at reunion _____

Send by USPS _____ (SHIPPING CHARGES APPLY)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____

Make check payable to: G. L. Christenson
Place: USS Basilone Ships Store in Memo

Signature _____

Questions: 410-757-2313 or
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Ships Store Items Available

Article	Size	Price
Shirt Polo White - DDE (no pocket)	M/L	\$35.00
Shirt Polo White - DDE (pocket)	XXL	\$35.00
Shirt Polo White - DD (no pocket)	M/L	\$35.00
Shirt Polo White - DD (pocket)	XL	\$35.00
Shirt Polo White - DD (no pocket/no ship)	XXL	\$35.00
Shirt Polo Blue - DDE (pocket)	M/L/XL	\$35.00
Shirt Polo Blue - DD (pocket)	M/L	\$35.00
Shirt Polo Blue - DD (no pocket)	XXL	\$35.00
T' Shirts	L/XL	\$25.00
Hats - DDE		\$15.00
Hats - DD		\$15.00
Cups - DDE		\$6.00
Cups - DD		\$6.00
Coins		\$6.00
DD Patch		\$10.00
DDE Patch		\$10.00
36 Patch		\$10.00
12 Patch		\$10.00
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