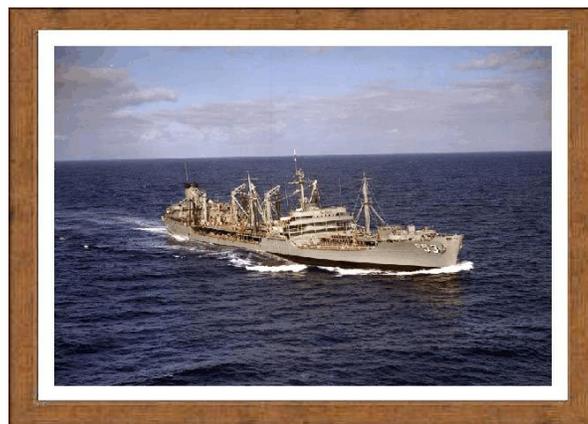




USS Caliente Association



USS CALIENTE AO 53

PIPELINE

September 2008

Hello Shipmates

This is the last newsletter before the reunion. If you are planning to go and haven't signed up yet, now is the time. I need your sign-up sheets by September 25th, so I can make the final arrangements.

I am negotiating a tour for Saturday, October 11th, that is not on the sign-up sheet. Here is a description of the tour.

"The Best of San Antonio Tour". Pickup at 1100. First stop will be at the San Antonio Shoe Factory which is built like a 1910 General Store, full of antiques, a car collection and old time soda fountain, everyone loves this store. Our next stop is at the Spanish Mission Concepcion which has very little walking but still a lot to see. The Mission was started in 1731 and holds historic art and a wonderful story of Colonial Spain. On we go to the famous "Alamo" mission fort with its long barracks and Chapel. Lunch is on your own at the historic Menger Hotel buffet or at the River Center Mall food court. Our last stop is at the Mexican Market and back to the hotel by 4PM. cost of tour is \$30 per person.

If you are interested in this tour, let me know. The guy conducting the tour needs to know how many to plan for. If you have already signed up and want to go on this tour, let me know. You can pay when you get to the reunion. If you get to the reunion and haven't made prior arrangements with me, you may not be able to go on the tour. The guy needs to know how many will go on the tour, so he can arrange for transportation. I need let him know by October 1st.

For the past few months, **Pat Hurton**, **John Creedon** and I have been looking at changes to our By-Laws. A copy of the proposed changes is attached for you to look over. We will be presenting these changes at the business meeting for discussion and a vote. They are being presented now, so those that are in attendance at the business meeting will have time to think about the changes, prior to the meeting. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let one of us know.

At the present time (9/14) there are 48 signed up for the reunion and 2 signed up as guests at the banquet. If anyone wants to attend the banquet only, the cost is \$50.00 per person. You will be welcomed at the banquet and business meeting only. Just fill out the sign-up sheet and indicate "Banquet only".

Sad News

Email received 7/1/2008 from **Ed Wentar**

In great sadness, I would like to inform the Caliente Association, that my Buddy, Ex Shipmate, **George Fick**, Passed on, June 25 2008, from Prostate Cancer.

Loss of a Good Sailor.

August 11 email received from **Donna Schaub**

Bob,

I am **James (Jim) Schaub's** wife/widow. He passed away Friday Aug.8,2008. He had been battling esophageal cancer since November 2007. I don't know if you are the correct person to notify and if not could you please pass this email on to the correct person. He was in the Navy for 4 years during the Viet Nam War.

Thank You, **Donna Schaub**

(Note: Donna has been added to the HLM list)

September 10 email received from **Warren Froscheiser**

Al Peters' wife passed away. She was 59 years old. In the last Pipeline I mentioned that Al had gone to Iraq to earn enough money for his wife's care. Al was able to be at his wife's side when she passed.

Member News

7/10 Received this note from **Ann Murphy** regarding the reunion.

It was with her reunion sign-up sheet.

I'm looking forward to it. I would like to see more HLM's attend.

They would certainly be made as welcomed as I've been welcomed.

Love to both of you.

Email received 6/28/08

Hi Bob –

Received the June Pipeline. Very interesting as always. Have not been a member for long, about May or so of 07, and have attended only one reunion so far. However, even with my short time in the association, it is obvious that you have done a great leadership job. It is also obvious that a lot of work and effort is required to do this job. The last reunion far exceeded my expectations and are looking forward to San Antonio. I'll make a few calls well before the reunion to encourage some other shipmates to attend. Thanks again for your hard work and dedication. Hope we have some candidates with the passion and capabilities to carry on successfully.

Sincerely, **Ed Fordyce**

Email received 6/28/08

THANKS FOR THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON THE PIPELINE FOR ALUMNI OF THE CALIENTE. NOT MANY OF WE OLD ORIGINAL CREW LEFT. WE SEEM TO LIVE ON MEMORIES IN THESE DAY OF BEING ALMOST NINETY NOW. STILL ABLE TO EAT THREE MEALS A DAY. I TOLD MY PHYSICIAN THAT IF MAYO CLINIC HAS ENOUGHT PARTS I WILL LIVE FOREVER. THANKS AGAIN

BILL DUNNETTE ex CRT

Email received 6/28

Received newsletter and printed it out O.K. At this point I don't think I'll be at the reunion in Oct. I'd love to, but I've spent my "wad" this year in doing a lot of redecorating around the house. And with the price of gas it is almost prohibitive for me to make such a long trip. I'm sure if Douglas were still alive we would be planning to go. He loved his experiences and guys he shared them with aboard the Caliente.

My greetings to all! **Gayle Andersen**

Email received 6/28/08

Hi Bob, We received the much anticipated Pipeline and needless to say all work stopped until we read it cover to cover. You always do a great job and some of the personal stories from years past make it that much more enjoyable. We have had so much fun making calls and reaching the surprised folks on the other end. Reaching out to find them to let them know they are being thought of really makes them feel good, and that has been such a reward to us. The membership committee has been on their toes and as a member I hope we can find as many as possible. Wouldn't it be absolutely great to find every brother (or their family) who served on that ship. We visited with a wonderful gentleman who served on board in 1943. He was an absolute hoot and boy did I have a history lesson. Just wish we could have talked more. Another Case in point: I spoke to the daughter of **Ray R Aparicio** who lost her father with Alzheimer's a couple years ago. She knows some things but for the most part he was a very quiet man. She would love to hear from anyone who may remember her dad. It would mean so much to her. We visited quiet awhile and we offered to help her however we can so if there is anyone out there who wishes to connect please do. Keep up the great work Bob
Will talk to you soon. Take care, **Clyde and Lori Goodhue**

Email received 6/30/2008 from **Bob Kubarek**

Hello Bob, I just received the June Pipeline. I sure enjoy them. Reading the names of shipmates brings back fond memories. The sea stories are great and like the rest of us I have quite a few too. Someday I will send you a couple. It was good to see **Bill Lawler** and **Jim Locke's** name in the Pipeline. They were my Gunnery Officers when I was onboard from 1969 to 1973. **Larry Stratton** was the other Gunnery Officer during that time period. I think their main function was to keep me and the rest of third division out of trouble. They did a good job too, most the time. The gung-ho no fear days are pretty much gone for me now. Although my wife says I have my moments now and then. I sure would like to come to the reunion but planned projects at work will make it difficult for me to get time off. I will try. Keep in touch Bob. Be safe and take care. Bob GMG3

Email received 7/1/08 from **George Bateman**

I received your June Pipeline fine and very nice job again!! Very interesting reading and I see you received an e-mail from **Jed Stone** and he explained we have been e-mailing each other thanks to your posting his information on the Caliente web site and I also contacted **Kenneth Walsh** using your ship web site information. I would say that **Norm Street** and his researcher's have done a great job locating new members and grown the Association with a very nice membership? (Note: **Norm Street** posted the information on the Caliente website)

With another very busy spring and summer year I'm sorry to report we will have to again turn down your invitation to attend the ships reunion celebration and in Texas where my oldest step-son lives and races Porsche cars in Houston Texas and once worked in Austin Texas for a bio-tech company .

We have to put on a wedding for my step-daughter in August so you know where the extra money is being spent this year maybe the next reunion as my wife retires this October and find out money wise where we will be with the household budget very tight with the price of everything and the hope of better things to come with the new President??

In June I received 2 back to back stents in the left descending Artery on the outside of my heart that was 95% closed and they ballooned others plus the 1 I had done almost 10 years ago and this week have to get blood tests to find out if I have to take medication for elevated sugar that flags came up during the stent tests. During the stress testing they made some medication additions which proved again there are certain medication my system will not tolerate and I thought they had 1/2 killed me with the weakness , muscle weakness and pain , couldn't fight myself out of a paper bag if I had to .

Completely no energy or desire to do anything and one medication was suppose to raise your sugar? Tomorrow will try to explain to my doctor there is still some medication causing symptoms that's very hard to tolerate each day let alone for a extended period of time!! Wish me luck??

Well **Bob Howard** you enjoy another great Navy Day and thanks for your time

Shipmate.

George Bateman 64-67 BT2

Email received 7/8/2008 from **Joann Welch**

Hi Bob; Thanks for the Caliente newsletter. I received it and enjoyed reading it although probably not as much as Jim always did. He was always proud of his Navy days and all the good guys he served with. I think you're doing a great job of keeping the gang together by your newsletter. Keep up the good work and thanks again. Joann Welch (wife of Jim)

July 10. Pipeline sent to **Ed Ruimerman** was returned as not deliverable. I verified the address on the internet. I called his home number and it had been disconnected. If any of you know Ed and know his whereabouts please let me, or **Pat Hurton** know.

I spoke with **Joe Benziger** on the phone. They will not be able to attend the reunion because of other commitments. Joe reminded me of the USS Caliente plaque that is at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Association purchased that plaque and presented it at the Washington, D.C. reunion. If any of you get to D.C., stop by and take a look.

New Members

Welcome Aboard

Art Arachikavitz 65-67 E4 He lives with his wife Deborah in Louisville, KY

James D. Bentz 65-67 EN2 He lives with his wife Susan in San Diego, CA

Henry N. Britt 65-66 HMC He lives with his wife Lenora in San Diego, CA

Joe Broski 71-72 EN3 He lives with his wife Karen in Troy, MI

Bill Buchanan 63-64 MMC He lives in Baxley, GA

Dave Buerk 69-72 SN He lives with his wife Gale in Saint Marys, PA

Terrence Cairns 56-57 YN3 He lives with his wife Alexis in Deltona, FL

Cesidio Cola 51-52 CS3 He lives in Rochester, NY

Jim Coope 45-47 S1c He lives with his wife Dora in Spring Hill, FL

Mike Copeland 71-73 SK3 He lives in Muncie, IN

Mike Darany 64-66 RMSN He lives with his wife Deborah in Huntington Beach, CA

John V. Doty 63-65 MM3 He lives with his wife Debbie in Portland, OR

Anthony Doyle 70-71 SN He lives in Brockton, MA

Louis J. Falcone 52-55 SH2 He lives with his wife Rosemarie in East Norwalk, CT

August Fiorie 68-72 BT3 He lives with his wife Vivian in Long Beach, CA

Johnnie Freeman 56-59 MEFA He lives in Steens, MS

Gene T. Fujimoto 71-73 LTjg He lives with his wife Marie in Middletown, RI

Dennis E. Grenz 65-66 EN2 He lives with his wife Debby in Dickinson, ND

Dan Grasser 65-67 EM3 He lives in Stratton, CO

James M. (Jim) Haffey 71-73 LCDR He lives in Denver, CO (Last C.O.)

Chris Hendricks 70-73 MM3 He lives with his wife Rita in Marysville, MI

Charles E. Hine 70-72 CSC He lives in Douglassville, PA

Ed Hughes 70-72 SN He lives in North Highlands, CA

Richard C. Irwin 62-63 DC3 He lives with his wife Tonie in Springfield, MO

Dennis W. Janson 61-64 CS3 He lives in Sioux City, IA

Jake Kanzelmeyer 56-60 FA He lives with his wife Lillie in Winnemucca, NV

Ralston M. Lucas 71-73 OS1 He lives with his wife Ann in Richmond, CA

Dewey Lynch 71-73 ETRSN He lives with his wife Peggy in Decatur, AL

Donald A. (Don) McGuinness 72-73 CAPT He lives with his wife Shirley in Poway, CA (C.O.)

Kevin P. O'Brien 69-72 BT3 He lives with his wife Valeria in Pleasanton, CA

Kurt Page 66-67 GMG3 He lives with his wife Linda in Pasco, WA

Rene Pellet 56 ET2 He lives in Gilroy, CA

W. Greg Perett 69-72 LTjg He lives with his wife Diane in Arlington, VA

James T. (Jim) Rawlinson 71-73 CS3 He lives with his wife Jean in Indianapolis, IN

Dan L. Reddington 62-65 ETN2 He lives with his wife Lianne in Vidor, TX

Henry Redmond 51-54 CS He lives in Saucier, MS

Allen Schwartz 72-73 LTjg He lives with his wife Dolores in Murrell's Inlet, SC

Gary Smith 64-66 EM2 He lives with his wife Leslie in Bernice, OK

Robert J. Stadlman 71-73 BM3 He lives with his wife Carolyn in Mundelein, IL

Thomas Tarkington 61-62 SN He lives with his wife Karen in Pocola, OK

Robert W. Tribble 54-58 SN He lives with his wife Glenda in Warrensville, NC

James C. (J.C.) Van Deusen 61-65 SFC He lives with his wife in Betty Glendale, OR

A little Humor

Submitted by **Jed Stone**

An old prospector walks his tired old mule into a western town one day. He'd been out in the desert for about six months without a drop of whiskey.

He walked up to the first saloon he came to and tied his old mule to the hitch rail. As he stood there brushing some of the dust from his face and clothes, a young gunslinger walked out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old man and laughed, saying, 'Hey old man, have you ever danced?'

The old man looked up at the gunslinger and said, 'No, I never did dance. I just never wanted to.'

A crowd had gathered by then and the gunslinger said, 'Well, you old fool, you're gonna' dance now,' and started shooting at the old man's feet. The old prospector was hopping around and everybody was laughing.

When the gunslinger fired his last bullet, he holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old man reached up on the mule, drew his shotgun, and pulled both hammers back making a double clicking sound. The gunslinger heard the sound and everything got quiet. The crowd watched as the gunslinger slowly turned around looking down both barrels of the shotgun.

The old man asked, 'Did you ever kiss a mule's ass?'

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, 'No. But I've always wanted to.'

The lessons from this story are:

1. Don't waste ammunition.
2. Don't mess with old people.

I just love a story with a happy ending..

Bumper Sticker

Land of the Free, Because of the Brave.
(nice)

The USS Caliente Association Reunion in San Antonio, Texas Oct 9 – 12, 2008

Location

Holiday Inn San Antonio Downtown-Market Square, 318 West Durango Blvd

It is about 5 blocks from the Riverwalk, but transportation to the Riverwalk is just across the street from the hotel.

It is a really nice hotel with a very large swimming pool, excellent banquet facilities and a very professional staff. They just completed a big remodeling project.

The room rate for us is \$115.00 per night, plus 16.75% tax. I have reserved a block of 30 rooms for the reunion, with 5 rooms for 2 days before and 5 rooms for 2 days after. With all the new members, we may need more rooms. **Get your reservation in early if you think you might be able to attend.** You can always cancel if you need to. The hotel reservation deadline is September 7th. Call 800-972-3480 or 210-225-9005 to book your reservation. Our rate code is UCA.

Reunion Outline

Thursday, Oct. 9 Registration and reception, 3:00 to 10:00PM Food and Beverages

Friday, Oct. 10 8:30AM to 4:00PM Bus tour of San Antonio, then to Fredricksburg to the Nimitz Museum, the Bush Museum and the Museum of the Pacific. Lunch on your own. There are several restaurants in the area.
6:00 to 7:00PM Social Hour, Photos (Bar service 6:00 to 10:00)
7:00 to 11:00PM Dinner and Entertainment (The Banquet is on Friday instead of Saturday, because of a wedding dinner on Saturday)

Saturday, Oct 11 8:00 to 9:30 Business meeting. Afternoon and evening free.
(See note on Page 1 about the optional tour)

Sunday, Oct 12 Farewells

Banquet Entrée Choices:

Chicken Altrusa. Breast of Chicken stuffed with Lon Grain Wild Rice and Sauteed Mushrooms, served with a Creamy White Sauce.

Filet Mignon. 8oz Charbroiled Filet Mignon wrapped with Bacon and cooked to perfection

All dinner selections include Tossed Green Salad, Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls, Desert of the Day, Iced Tea and Coffee.

USS CALIENTE (AO-53) ASSOCIATION REUNION 2008

Sign-Up Sheet

Please return by September 25, 2008

Send to:
Robert Howard
USS Caliente Association
2674 Buena Vista Ave.
Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2547

I/We will be attending the reunion. Enclosed is a check for \$140.00 per attendee. _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Please make checks payable to Robert Howard

Name tag data:

SELF: _____ to _____
Name Years served on the Caliente

SPOUSE: _____
Name

GUEST: _____
Name

Please indicate your choice for dinner at the banquet.

Chicken _____ Mobility problems _____

Filet Mignon _____ Arriving early _____

Signed _____ Date _____

In the event you need to cancel, a refund will be made up to 3 weeks prior to the reunion (Sept 18)

Comments:

By-Laws of the U.S.S. Caliente Association (Original)

ARTICLE 1: NAME

Section A: The name of the organization shall be: The U.S.S. Caliente Association.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section A: The purpose of the U.S.S. Caliente Association is to assist former shipmates, who served aboard the U.S.S. Caliente (AO-53) to meet and communicate with each other and to preserve the accurate history of the ship.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Section A: A business meeting of the U.S.S. Caliente Association will be held on the date and in the city designated and voted on by the members present and voting at the business meeting of the previous reunion.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section A: Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Editor, Treasurer and Chaplain. No Officer shall receive any compensation or other benefit of material value.

Section B: The officers will be elected at each reunion business meeting by the members present and voting.

Section C: The duties of the President shall be to preside at the reunion business meeting, protect the general welfare of the Association and render assistance to the Association officers as required. The President working with and through the Treasurer shall account for all monies and pay all bills associated with the reunion. Excess monies from the reunion will be turned over to the Association Treasurer. The President and Treasurer will submit a reunion financial report to the Secretary/Editor for inclusion in the first newsletter after the reunion.

Section D: The duties of the Vice President are to assist the President and to assume all duties of the President in the absence of that officer. He will render assistance to the other Association Officers as is necessary.

Section E: The duties of the Secretary/Editor shall be to record the proceedings of the business meeting; respond to or refer any correspondence to the proper officer; gather and prepare material for, publish and mail to each member a newsletter periodically.

Section F: The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all monies of the Association; maintain any bank accounts that may be opened by the Association; pay all authorized bills; report quarterly to the President and provide a financial statement at the regular business meeting, recapping all receipts and expenditures of the Association.

Section G: The duties of the Chaplain shall be to provide the opening invocation; prayer for the departed shipmates and the closing benediction.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Membership in the U.S.S. Caliente Association shall be primarily, but not limited to, those persons who served aboard the U.S.S. Caliente (AO-53) while the ship was in commission and their spouse and relatives.

Section B: Active membership consists of those persons who are currently paid-up on their yearly dues.

Section C: Honorary memberships may be granted by the Association to those persons who have directly or indirectly contributed their time, talent or assistance to the Association and to the widows of former shipmates. Honorary membership may be granted by being recommended by an active member in good standing and upon a simple majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting of the Association. No yearly dues payment is required for Honorary members.

Section D: Life membership shall be granted to any Association member who pays a one-time fee of one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or if over eighty (80) years old on the dues date, the sum is fifty dollars (\$50.00). Life membership may be granted to other persons by a majority vote of members present at a regular scheduled business meeting of the Association.

Section E: Active members who have failed to pay their dues by January 1st of any calendar year, will be notified and will be placed on the inactive membership roster. Inactive members may be reinstated to the active list by paying the current year dues. If the member is not reinstated after two (2) years on the inactive membership roster, he will be removed from roster.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

Section A: The annual dues amount will be determined at the regularly scheduled business meeting. A majority vote of the members present will determine what the dues will be for the coming year.

Section B: No dues are required of a life member.

Section C: No dues are required from Honorary Members.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section A: Amendments to these by-laws shall be made by majority vote at the regular business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: FINIS

Section A: When the time should come when the members of the U.S.S. Caliente Association decide that to continue to exist as an organization is no longer practical, the following rules shall apply:

The decision to disband can be decided at a regular business meeting by a vote of the majority of the members present.

All monies and property belonging to the U.S.S. Caliente Association, in the event of a decision to disband, will be donated to the Navy Memorial in Washington D.C. as determined by the voting members. Monies shall be donated only after all outstanding bills have been paid in full.

A notice of action taken, shall be sent to all surviving members whose current address is on file.

ADOPTED: DATE: _____
 PRESIDENT: _____
 VICE-PRESIDENT; _____
 SECRETARY: _____
 TREASURER: _____
ADOPTED: CITY AND STATE: _____

The following changes to the U.S.S. Caliente Association By-Laws are recommended by President **Bob Howard**, Treasurer **Pat Hurton** and **John Creedon**

The Association has been successfully operating over the past seven years but the By-Laws have not kept up with of how the Association has operating. As a result the minor changes detailed below can be summarized as minor changes that merely reflect the past seven years of operation.

Recommending the elimination of the Chaplain's position as an officer reflects the fact that his position is meant to augment the Association activities and is not meant to be instrumental in its operation. It does not diminish the services our Chaplains have performed for us.

The deletion of Pipeline editor from the secretary's duties reflects the difficulty we have had in getting one person to sign up for both responsibilities. This year we have had a person come forward and be willing to fulfill the duties as Pipeline editor and another person willing to be Secretary. Separating the two duties will increase the number of persons involved in the Association's operations. Something we have been striving for.

The following are full details of the changes and a full copy of the revised By-Laws

Article 1: NAME: - Added "hereinafter know as the Association" after U.S.S. Caliente Association.

Reason: Helps shorten the reference in future paragraphs.

Article II: PURPOSE - Changed "the accurate history" to "to enhance the history of the ship through the preservation of stories provided by members"

Reason: The history of the ship is maintained by the naval archives. The Association should gather and preserve stories from Association members.

Article III: MEETINGS –

- a) Changed Section A to refer to the business meeting as part of the reunion.
- b) Added the business meeting at which the next reunion is set
- c) Added how officers are elected
- d) Establishes rules for meetings and the conduct of business

Reason: To reflect how the Association has been operating

Article IV: OFFICERS –

Section A:

- 1) The Chaplain has been deleted as an officer and has been made an appointed position
- 2) New last sentence.

Reason: To reflect how the Association has been operating

Section B:

Removed reference to how officers are elected.

Reason: Article VI on Voting details the "how" officers are elected

Section C:

No substance changes. Slight wording changes.

Reason: To reflect how the Association has been operating

Section D: No change

Section E:

Deleted - "the editor of the Pipeline" as a responsibility.

Reason: To allow for the inclusion of additional people who assist the organization and distribute the workload

Section F:

Added sentence regarding signature authority.

Reason: As of now the treasurer is the only one on the bank account. Although we don't need two signatures we do need two persons who can access the account in the event of the incapacitation of the Treasurer

Section G:

Deleted the chaplains duties

Reason: we are recommending he no longer be an officer

New Section G

Added a paragraph regarding appointed positions

Reason: Allows for the appointment of persons who wish to assist in the operation of the Association to be appointed by the President

New Section H:

Covers replacement of an officer.

Reason: Allows for the other officers to ask for the resignation of an officer who cannot perform or is neglect in his duties.

Article V MEMBERSHIP –

Section A) Sentence structure change

Section B) Sentence structure change

Section C) 1st sentence – deleted "by the Association" – unnecessary wording as the process is spelled out in the balance of the paragraph.

Section D) No change

Section E) No change

Article VI NEW ARTICLE ON VOTING: Covers voting procedures for the Association.

Article VII: DUES Used to be Article VI. - Slight wording change. No substance change.

Article VIII: EXPENDITURES - New. Needed to cover various situations regarding payment of obligations

Article IX AMENDMENTS - Slight wording change.

Article X: FINIS - Slight wording changes.

**By-Laws of the U.S.S. Caliente Association
Proposed Revision**

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ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Section A: Periodic reunions of the members shall be held. The goal is to hold a reunion approximately every twelve to eighteen months.

Section B: As part of each reunion, a business meeting shall be held. At the business meeting the location, and approximate date, of the next reunion shall be determined.

Section C: As part of each business meeting officers shall be elected.

Section D: Robert's Rules of Order shall define any items not delineated herein regarding meetings and voting.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section A: Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. No Officer shall receive any compensation or other benefit of material value. The Association officers are the only persons who can conduct business in the name of the Association.

Section B: The officers shall be elected at each reunion business meeting.

Section C: The duties of the President shall be to preside at the reunion business meeting, protect the general welfare of the Association and render assistance to the Association officers as required. The President will co-ordinate the arrangements for the reunion for which he is elected. The President, working with and through the Treasurer, shall account for all monies and pay all bills associated with the reunion. Excess monies from a reunion will be turned over to the Association Treasurer. The President shall ensure that a final reunion report is included in the first Pipeline that is distributed following the reunion.

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Section G: The President, with the concurrence of the majority of the other officers, shall be able to appoint positions that will assist in the running of the Association. Such positions can include, but not be limited to; a Pipeline editor, a membership chairman, a webmaster, historian and chaplain.

Section H: The Association officers may ask for the resignation of any officer who is neglect in, or cannot perform, his duties. If the officer resigns the other officers can appoint a temporary replacement. The position will come up for vote at the next business meeting of the Association.

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ARTICLE VI: VOTING

Section A: Only active members shall participate in voting

Section B: Voting for Officers; a majority vote must be obtained to elect any candidate to office. If a majority is not obtained, and there is more than one candidate, there will be a runoff vote between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Section C: Voting on other actions (except Amendments – see Article VIII);

If there is more than one item being voted on, the item receiving a plurality (the most number of votes) shall be deemed the winner. If there is only one item being voted on a majority vote, of the active members voting, is necessary to carry the item.

ARTICLE VII: DUES

Section A: The amount of annual dues shall be determined at the business meeting. A majority vote, of the active members voting, shall determine the dues amount for the coming year.

Section B: No dues are required from life members.

Section C: No dues are required from Honorary Members.

ARTICLE VIII: EXPENDITURES

Section A: The Treasurer and/or the President are responsible for payment of any debts of the Association. Normal debts include, but are not necessarily limited to;

- 1) Bills associated with production and distribution of the "Pipeline",
- 2) Bills associated with mailings to members regarding dues i.e.,
 - a) renewal confirmation
 - b) new memberships confirmation
 - c) past due notices to members who have failed to pay their dues.
- 3) Bills associated with recruiting,
- 4) Bills associated with reunions but not covered through member payments for the reunion,
- 5) Bills associated with the purchase of U.S.S. Caliente shoulder patches and ship's patches or other memorabilia as appropriate.

Section B: The Treasurer and the President, in concurrence, shall be authorized to make other expenditures of up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Any such expenditure must be specifically presented to the members present at the next reunion business meeting.

Section C: Incurrence of any other liability shall have the concurrence of the President, Vice President and Treasurer prior to the liability being incurred. Given such concurrence, the liability may be incurred and payment then made. Any such expenditure must be specifically presented to the members present at the next reunion business meeting.

Section D: U.S.S. Caliente memorabilia shall only be purchased with the concurrence of all the Officers of the Association. The sale of memorabilia shall be through the President or the Treasurer, with the goal of not making or losing money. If the sale results in profit the funds shall be placed in the Association bank account.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section A: Amendments to these by-laws shall be made by a majority vote of active members voting at any business meeting.

ARTICLE X: FINIS

Section A: When the time should come that the members of the Association decide that to continue to exist as an Association is no longer practical, the following rules shall apply:

1. The decision to disband can be decided at a regular business meeting by a majority vote of the active members present and voting at that meeting. In the event it is not practical or desirable to have a regular business meeting all active members shall be notified of the intention to disband and shall be polled with regard to their individual desire. The majority vote, of those choosing to vote, shall prevail.
2. Any outstanding financial obligations of the Association shall be identified and paid.
3. All remaining monies and property, belonging to the Association shall be donated to the U. S. Navy Memorial in Washington D.C.
4. A notice of action taken shall be sent to Association members who have current regular or email address on file.