

USS Powerful Ladies August 2018

Once again we had such a good and fun time in Portland, Maine with the USS Power shipmates and families including children and grandchildren. At our reunion we had new faces from the USS Power and 3 other ships. The USS Shannon DM 25, USS Fraser DM 24 and the USS Remey DD 688. Our reunion was a success because of John & Kay Pinto's careful planning. I think we should try and recruit other ships to join us for the next reunion.

I had a nice chat with Mr. Bill Giacalone who is 95 years old and a plank owner on the USS Shannon. I hope the new shipmates enjoyed our reunion, tours and the food. The shores of Portland were beautiful and rocky with so many lighthouses. It was interesting to see the islands where people were allowed to live there only from April to October only as all power is turned off for the winter months. Ed had a great tasty whole Maine lobster in Freeport and then we did some shopping at LL Bean.

We had a good turn out with bingo as all money goes back to the players. A special thank you to Lisa Burnham for helping with the bingo game. I think the guys loved it when the ladies sang "Sailor Boy" and "In the Navy" The Wall of Honor got a little bigger with new photos but we still need your husband's photo. Please have your husband call, write or email his former shipmates and invite them to our next reunion. We can send the newsletter "Blackbird" to them so they can read what is going on. Also thanks to Julia Goricki for taking minutes for the ladies meeting.

Our next reunion was voted by the membership to St. Louis, Mo. The Gateway Arch is 630' tall and is a symbol of the westward expansion. It is the nation's tallest national monument and is beside the river called the "Father of Waters". Please bring your photo albums to our next reunion and do you promote patriotism every day? Our theme for the "Welcome Aboard" dinner in St. Louis is the 1960's, so wear hippie clothing, flowers in your hair and peace sign necklace with your tie dyed t-shirts. See you in St. Louis in the Fall of 2019.

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