

USS WILHOITE DE/DER 397
Association Newsletter



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2019

Dear Shipmates

This is my first attempt at a newsletter and it is my hope that it gets better in the coming months.

It is my honor to be the secretary of the USS Wilhoite Association. My husband, John, served on the ship from 1964 to 1968. I have come to realize that this ship also introduced me to Navy life as well as how to be a Navy wife.

Inside this newsletter you will find a list of our officers and how to contact each of them. Please feel free to do so anytime. You will also find a copy of the Minutes from our Business Meeting in Boise, Idaho. Please take time to read them.

If you have something you would like to be put in future newsletters, please email/mail to me. It is my hope that the newsletter be informative for all.

In the next newsletter you will be able to have a registration form for the 2020 reunion in Buffalo, NY hosted by Ray & Donna Rott. They have really worked hard on this and it is sure to be a fun time.

We are fortunate that the members of USS Finch will be joining us in Buffalo. Our reunion in Boise, Idaho hosted by Robert Piazza of the Finch, was fantastic. Please check our website [USS Wilhoite.org](http://USSWilhoite.org) or our Facebook page for pictures from that reunion.

Just a reminder that our membership dues are now due. It goes September to September. Please send \$25 per member to our Treasurer, Dana Alcorn and make checks payable to USS Wilhoite.

Till next time

Connie Mauldin, Secretary

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Minutes of Business Meeting

USS Wilhoite Association

Sept 28, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 4:07pm

Old Business

1. Proposal for auxiliary members to become full voting members
Mike Alcorn moved, second by Pete Silhan,
2. Proposal for wives/partners to be full voting members & pay dues.
John Mauldin moved, second by Mike Alcorn.

Treasure report by Tom Morrissey

\$6,050.00 in treasury.

Approximately \$1,000.00 owed for Albuquerque reunion 2018

\$200.00 for 2020 reunion in Buffalo

Election of Officers

President – Tom Morrissey nominated

Nominations closed

Passed by voice vote

Secretary – Connie Mauldin nominated

Nominations closed

Passed by voice vote

Treasurer – Dana Alcorn nominated

Nominations closed

Passed by voice vote.

New Business

2020 reunion to be held in Buffalo NY, hosted by Ray & Donna Rott

USS Finch has not decided on 2020 reunion. Recommend waiting until after their membership Meeting to see if they will plan 2021 reunion. If not, Connie Mauldin will send out request for for input.

USS Finch has requested Wilhoite e-mails exchange.

President Tom Morrissey lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting adjourned at 4:26pm

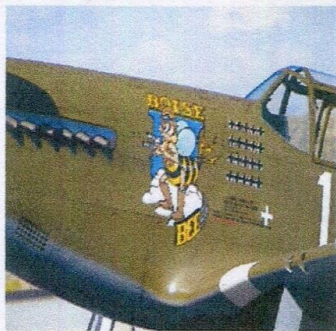
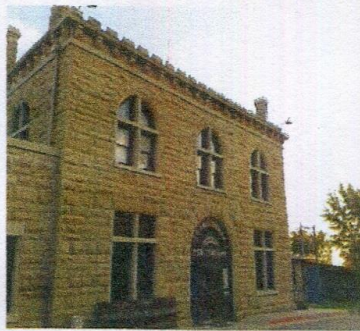
Our 2019 reunion in Boise Idaho was a success.

We now have new friends to share our reunion with. The shipmates of USS Finch were friendly and hospitable to say the least.

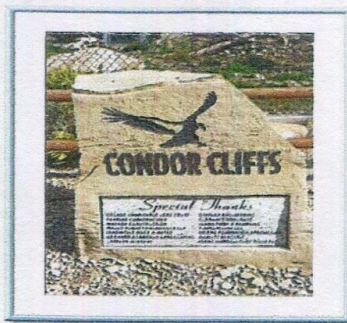
We visited the State Capitol Building and met Governor Brad Little. He took the time to welcome us, thank our vets and shake our hands. The guide for the tour was very knowledgeable and answered any & all questions. I don't think I have ever seen so much marble in one place in all my life.

We also visited the old State Penitentiary, Birds of Prey & the War Hawk museum. If you can, please check our website or our Facebook page for the pictures.

Thank you again USS Finch for hosting a great reunion of two great ships.



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The Navy Turns 244

October 13 marks the birthday of the U.S. Navy, which traces its roots back to the early days of the American Revolution. On **October 13, 1775**, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset British sea power.

490 ships

The **United States Navy** has approximately **490 ships** in both active service and the reserve fleet, with approximately 90 more in either the planning and ordering stages or under construction, according to the Naval Vessel Register and published reports.

7 Things You May Not Know About the U.S. Navy

(taken from History channel)

- 1. George Washington was the father of the Navy.**
- 2. The Navy was disbanded following the Revolutionary War.**
- 3. The Navy was brought back largely to fight pirates**
- 4. The Navy was outnumbered about 40 to 1 in the War of 1812**
- 5. The Navy (haphazardly) fought the slave trade even as slavery continued.**
- 6. The Navy produced six future presidents during World War II**
- 7. The Navy won history's largest maritime battle.**

As of this year, there are currently 328,186 active duty members in the U.S. Navy. Of that number, there are 54,713 officers, 268,987 enlisted members, and 4,486 midshipmen. That's a lot of bravery!

Did you know that the term "Field Day" comes from the early 1800s when military men would attend parades in their honor?

"Anchor's Aweigh" was written by Lt. Charles Zimmerman, who was the Musical Director of the Naval Academy in 1906. Naval students and Navy members alike still proudly sing the anthem today.