



Fleet Fox Report

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U.S.S. JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG-16) ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Spring 2022

Hello Fellow Strauss Shipmates, family members and friends. To say that the last 2 years have been challenging cannot be overstated. The many false starts and other trials and tribulations due to the Covid Pandemic has hit everyone hard, including your Association. Many of you have posted on social media about how covid directly affected you or a loved member of your family or a neighbor. We will miss our shipmates that have passed on due to Covid.

What was expected or hoped for to be over in a few weeks or months turned into a long ordeal with many unexpected twists and turns. The 2020 Vancouver reunion had to be canceled, and although we had hoped that the 2021 reunion could go forward, sadly that didn't happen. A few of our members (about 20) gathered together last September in Myrtle Beach, SC for an informal "get together" at the Beach Cove Resort, literally at the water's edge in Myrtle. It was good to see dear friends again, but sad that others were unable to attend. Things began to look promising last fall only to have more Covid variants (Delta and Omicron) once more burst the bubble. This year, after considering all of the various issues, we held a conference call with the Association officers to discuss whether or not to go ahead with this year's reunion. It was decided to poll our members as to whether or not to hold a formal reunion at Myrtle Beach this year. The Poll results indicated that enough members were in favor of attending so we turned the burners up on high and have gone at flank speed to re-plan the reunion.

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Bob and Leona Wilson along with co-hosts Bill and Vicki Smith have been hard at it planning this reunion and the Myrtle Beach sign-up sheet is included in this newsletter. Mel and Cheryl Levy along with Sherman and Rosie Mosley are busy planning a ship's reunion at Mount Rushmore outside of Rapid City, South Dakota in the early fall of 2023. Chuck and Vicki Broward are planning our 2024 west coast reunion and you may be very surprised at the destination.

2022 Reunion --- Myrtle Beach, SC

We all missed not getting together for our Strauss 2020 and 2021 Reunions. COVID-19 is real and the cities just could not accommodate all of us as a group and meet the COVID-19 restrictions.

Bob and Leona Wilson and Bill and Vicki Smith are hosting the 2022 Reunion in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We have a contract with the Beach Cove Resort in North Myrtle Beach with an unbelievable room rate of \$108.64 per night including tax and resort fees, this would normally be in excess of \$200. The actual Reunion will run with check-in on Sunday September 18th and check-out Thursday morning September 22nd. We also have the same room rate guarantee for the three nights before the reunion (starting Thursday September 15th) and three nights after the reunion (ending with check-out on Sunday September 25th). So come for just the four day reunion or up to ten days of ocean front vacation. Each room has a kitchen and a balcony facing the ocean. We chose not to include breakfast in the room rate, but you can add that if you want to for \$10.95 per person per day. Check out this amazing resort and all they have to offer at www.beachcove.com

Reservations may be made by the individual guests making their own reservations by calling 1-888-974-5531 and refer to "USS Joseph Strauss Reunion". A first night's stay deposit is due at the time of making your reservation. All reservations must be made with the Beach Cove Resort by August 1, 2022. After this date, the reserved block of rooms will be released and reservations will be based on availability only and is subject to best rate available. The best rate available will be more than the group rate and will continuously increase as occupancy increases.

We will run this reunion a little different from the reunions in the past. We are not planning any daytime excursions to the surrounding areas. In your welcome bags will be maps, coupons and advertisements for local attractions that you can attend in smaller groups as we do not want to predict what the COVID-19 group sizes will allow local attractions to accommodate.

We are planning several meal opportunities so that we can have that wonderful time together that we so enjoy. The Beach Cove Resort has informed us that they can accommodate our group size with the current COVID-19 restrictions as they have allocated all of their banquet rooms to us instead of the 1/2 to 2/3 that they would normally have given us.

Our planning to date includes a Welcome Reception with buffet and a cash bar outside around the pool (weather permitting) on Sunday night September 18th. We will work with Joanie Halfman and have an evening meal planned for Monday September 19th. Our Theme Dinner will be on Tuesday September 20st at the Beach Cove Resort, which will be followed by the auction. We will have our business meeting, Ladies Auction and the joint business meeting on

the morning of Wednesday September 21nd. Our Banquet will also be at the Beach Cove Resort on Wednesday evening September 21nd and that will be followed by the raffle. We will have an optional Farewell Breakfast on Thursday September 22rd before Check-out.

We were quite lucky to have found a place that really wants to honor the great veterans of this nation and have dedicated their facilities to us being able to hold our reunion even in the face of some COVID-19 restrictions. So come one, come all and pray for a vaccine that is effective and reliable, and then we can get back to something more normal even if we can't make it all the way back to full normal

2023 Mt Rushmore Reunion

Mel and Cheryl Levy, along with co-hosts Sherman and Rosie Mosley, have been busy planning our 2023 reunion to be held at Mt. Rushmore outside of Rapid City, SD. Tentatively set for September, 2023. We have a tentative agreement for hotel rooms at approximately \$110 per room, all fees and taxes included. Current planning is for a 6 night period, a longer reunion than usual, but, the Black Hills covers over 8,000 square miles and 1.2 million acres. It takes a minute to see it. Activities will include multiple bus tours and visits in the Black Hills to monuments and parks. Group trips to Deadwood with dinner, and group attendance at the lighting and flag lowering ceremony at Mt Rushmore. This ceremony is very moving and is held at dusk which in South Dakota is after 8pm.

2024 Pearl Harbor Reunion

Aloha Shipmates. Get ready for a very special reunion the second week of September 2024. The Strauss boys and girls are off to Hawaii...specifically Honolulu, where we will dock at Waikiki Beach! Wow, can you believe how long it has been since we were all together at the Strauss' homeport! So get those Aloha shirts dusted off, and get ready for the time of your lives. Too early to discuss a full itinerary, but a visit to Pearl with a memorial at the Arizona is definitely part of the plan. We are hard at work getting the best possible pricing for a hotel and our activities. So save the date...and your pennies for the airfare, as we can't wait to see you at our reunion back in Hawaii. Chuck and Vicki Broward are looking forward to being your host and hostess for this memorable reunion.

Thanks, Vicki

Association Financial situation

Our treasury remains solvent with reserves in place to cover unplanned contingencies. The bulk of our finances are raised through our reunions from our raffles and auctions. Individual donations and dues provide the remaining funds. Without holding reunions our treasury funds have held steady as we have not published newsletters in 2021. For 2022 and beyond we will no longer publish a printed and mailed version. We plan to email the newsletter to those who provide us with their email address and we will post a version on our website. This change will result in roughly a \$1,200 cost avoidance to our treasury. And lastly, our Treasurer, Billy Joe, has developed an extensive financial accounting system to accurately and completely oversee our funds. Please review his report in the following paragraphs.

Treasurer's report – Amended 2022 update

Bill Cooper has been appointed interim Treasurer and has prepared an updated 6-year summary of our financial position.

- In accordance with the requirements of our By-laws an audit/review of our financials was conducted by the Officers and the chart below depicts our current financial state.
- The financial review included all transactions and accounts dating back to 2016.
- As part of the review, a Chart of Accounts was established and two primary Accounts were established, General Account and Reunion Account, to segregate income and expenses accordingly.
 - The General Account is for all income and expense line items needed to manage and sustain the Association regardless of whether we hold a reunion or not. Dues and donations are the primary sources of income for this account.
 - The Reunion Account is for all income and expense line items specifically related to holding a reunion.

As of 4/21/2022 all accounts have been reconciled and balanced and detailed exhibits have been provided to all Officers and Directors.

2021 – Year End, Officers & Directors Financial Summary

- We have a positive net income of \$1,679.69 for the year.
- We have received dues payments from 61 members, out of a roster of over 800 members, in 2021 totaling \$2,324.20 which is net of PayPal fees of \$20.36.
- We have also received donations of \$265.00.
- The only deposit we did not get returned for Portland is \$100.00 which has been written off as uncollectable.
- All obligations have been met and we have no outstanding items.
- In total, we have \$35,958.64 available and no encumbrances at this date.

2022 – 1st Quarter, Officers & Directors Financial Summary

- YTD 2022 we have received dues and donations from 2 members totaling \$120.00. See Dues Summary below.
- This is substantially behind where we were at this time last year.
- Our 2021 990 was filed on 04-07-2022
- In total, we have \$35,258.72 available and no encumbrances at this date. See Annual Consolidated Summary below.
- We have a negative net income of \$699.92 for the year.
- All financial disclosures are reconciled and balanced with asset accounts at Chase Bank and Paypal.
- Any Director or Officer wishing to review our Annual Financials can send me a request and I will send them a thumb drive with complete files.

Respectfully, Bill Cooper

Summary of Financial Position

Annual Consolidated Summary									
	As of	As of	As of	As of	As of	As of	Portland As of	Myrtle Beach As of	Myrtle Beach2 As of
Association Financial Summary	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	4/21/2022
	San Fran 2014	Branson 2015	South Bend 2016	Reno 2017	Annapolis 2018	Nashville 2019	Corona 1 2020	Corona 2 2021	Myrtle Beach 2022
Checking	13,469.55	14,349.51	15,685.06	30,510.99	15,815.86	12,406.91	14,486.72	14,904.88	14,164.91
Savings (reunion reserve)	439.24	439.44	439.56	439.68	20,000.71	20,006.73	20,010.43	20,013.57	20,014.06
CD	10,010.00	10,012.01	10,013.01						
Paypal	1,936.59	2,708.30	368.75	1,170.29	1,636.69	95.89	350.62	1,040.19	1,079.75
Association Balance	25,855.38	27,509.26	26,506.38	32,120.96	37,453.26	32,509.53	34,847.77	35,958.64	35,258.72
Credit card balance					2,572.98	8.00	568.82		
Net balance							34,278.95	35,958.64	35,258.72
Association Net Income/Loss for year		1,653.88	(1,002.88)	5,614.58	5,332.30	(4,943.73)	1,769.42	1,679.69	(699.92)
Association Account Summary									
General Account Income		7,730.12	6,224.67	7,638.57	7,525.94	9,351.29	2,978.46	3,300.48	161.99
General Account Expenses		(7,680.96)	(8,364.58)	(4,135.82)	(6,864.37)	(9,307.18)	(959.04)	(1,620.79)	(861.91)
Net		49.16	(2,139.91)	3,502.75	661.57	44.11	2,019.42	1,679.69	(699.92)
Reunion Account Income		28,744.00	21,286.00	27,917.50	30,466.00	40,174.00			
Reunion Account Expense		(27,139.28)	(20,148.97)	(25,805.67)	(25,795.27)	(45,161.84)	(250.00)		
Net		1,604.72	1,137.03	2,111.83	4,670.73	(4,987.84)	(250.00)		
Gross Income		36,474.12	27,510.67	35,556.07	37,991.94	49,525.29	2,978.46	3,300.48	161.99
Gross Expense		(34,820.24)	(28,513.55)	(29,941.49)	(32,659.64)	(54,469.02)	(1,209.04)	(1,620.79)	(861.91)
Net income/loss for the year		1,653.88	(1,002.88)	5,614.58	5,332.30	(4,943.73)	1,769.42	1,679.69	(699.92)
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Footnote: Sustainable general expenses include: Web site - \$1,000, Memorials - \$200, postage and shipping - \$200, newsletter - \$600 each publication. The generosity of our Reunion planners and hosts by donating their time and expenses has saved a reasonably estimated cost of \$2,500 each year.

Summary of dues collected since our request went out in November 2020. As you can see, a number of members paid for multiple years.

Dues & Donations			Nashville 2019	Portland 2020	Myrtle 2021	Myrtle 2022	Rapid City 2023	2024+	Donations
Deposit MM/YY	# members paid	Amt Paid	Dues Paid	Dues Paid	Dues Paid	Dues Paid	Dues Paid	Dues Paid	
01-Nov-20		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-Dec-20	23	710.00	20.00	380.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	40.00	30.00
01-Jan-21	24	865.00	20.00	220.00	385.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	160.00
01-Feb-21	16	915.00	-	120.00	320.00	20.00	20.00	420.00	15.00
01-Mar-21	3	120.00	-	60.00	60.00	-	-	-	-
01-Apr-21	2	120.00	-	20.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	-
01-May-21	7	230.00	-	-	140.00	-	-	-	90.00
01-Jun-21	3	100.00	-	-	60.00	20.00	20.00	-	-
01-Jul-21		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-Aug-21		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-Sep-21	1	20.00	-	-	20.00	-	-	-	-
01-Oct-21		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-Nov-21	3	140.00	-	-	60.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	-
01-Dec-21	2	79.20	-	39.20	20.00	20.00	-	-	-
01-Jan-22		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-Feb-22	1	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	-	-	-
01-Mar-22		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-Apr-22	1	100.00	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	60.00	-
Total	86	3,419.20	40.00	839.20	1,225.00	240.00	180.00	600.00	295.00
2020 total	23	710.00	20.00	380.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	40.00	30.00
2021 Total	61	2,589.20	20.00	459.20	1,105.00	140.00	100.00	500.00	265.00
2022 Total	2	120.00	-	-	-	40.00	20.00	60.00	-

*Footnote: Donations were allocated based on specific requests of members.

Officer Elections

Association elections will be held at the next reunion and all positions are open. Our VP Gene Baker has asked to be replaced. The VP volunteer should also be ready to move into the President position as it is time for me to move on. Our Treasurer, Bill Cooper, continues to provide clear concise financial accounting for us. Bill has been doing double duty by also filling the Secretary office. To lighten Bill's responsibilities I have appointed Sherman Mosley as interim Secretary until such time as we can hold elections. Our CMAA remains Gerry Halfman, Chuck Broward remains our webmaster, and Bill Parker remains our Chaplin. Our Ship's Store operator remains vacant. The Ship's Store will remain closed until someone volunteers to operate it. All director positions are also open.

If you would like to volunteer to help run the Association, please email Rod Keith at rodkeith73@gmail.com. Rod also needs two volunteers to assist him in nominating shipmates to the open positions. So, as you can see there are plenty of opportunities to participate in your Association.

Association Dues

The Association strives to provide a newsletter to all known Joseph Strauss shipmates and family members twice a year. Your annual membership provides the funds needed to continue our newsletter. The annual membership fee of \$20 is used to fund the general costs of the association. These costs include: newsletter printing and postage; web site hosting; charitable donations and ship store inventory. Our annual membership fee is only \$20 per year. We are a charitable organization recognized by the IRS and your donations to the Joseph Strauss Association are tax deductible. The newsletter costs run about \$1,200 per year for 2 mailings to about 650 members. Web site maintenance fees runs about \$900 per year. Our dues collections average \$1,500 per year and are primarily received from reunion attendees.

Dues for year 2020, 2021 and 2022 can be paid now. Please support the Association by sending a check or money order payable to the USS Joseph Strauss Association in care of William "Billy Joe" Cooper, Treasurer; 1132 Lake Point Dr.. Westerville, OH 43082.

We thank you in advance for your contribution and continued support. Our goal as always is to keep the memory of the USS Joseph Strauss and its crew alive in the hearts of our shipmates and their loved ones.

Current contact information

We have around 300 bad US Mail addresses on our roster and are missing about 500 email addresses. Most bad addresses stem from moving and not sending in a change of address. Starting with this newsletter we will migrate to an **email only form of newsletter distribution**. That means that you should send a "hello" email to jazhansen@msn.com so I can add your preferred email address to the roster. We will also post the newsletter on Facebook and our Website.

Myrtle Beach Reunion Registration Form

18-22 Sept 2022

Beach Cove Resort
4800 S Ocean Blvd
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

IMPORTANT: You must make your own hotel reservation: Call the hotel at 1-888-974-5531 and refer to "USS Joseph Strauss Reunion". The rate is \$108.64 per night including tax and resort fee. The room rate is available 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion, based on availability.

Deadline for hotel and reunion registration at this rate is August 1, 2022

Reunion Fee (required per person) \$ 15.00 x ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Sunday, Sept 18

Welcome Reception Buffet \$ 40.00 x ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Monday, Sept 19

Do you plan to attend Joan's Dinner at TBD ____yes ____no self pay

Tuesday, Sept 20

Southern theme Buffet and auction \$ 44.00 x ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Wednesday, Sept 21 - Evening Banquet

Chicken Bruschetta \$ 42.00 x ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Prime Rib \$ 55.00 x ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Grilled Salmon \$ 50.00 x ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Thursday, Sept 22 - Departure Breakfast

\$ 25.00 x ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Reunion Memory Book \$ 30.00 x ____ Book(s) = \$ ____

2020 Association Dues (or you may pay at the business meeting) \$ 20.00 = \$ ____

2021 Association Dues (or you may pay at the business meeting) \$ 20.00 = \$ ____

2022 Association Dues (or you may pay at the business meeting) \$ 20.00 = \$ ____

ID Badge (Shipmates and spouse/guest, or for replacement) \$ 10.00 x ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Grand Total: \$ ____

Name on Shipmate ID Badge: _____

Division (s): _____ Years 19__ to 19 __

Name on Spouse/Guest ID Badge: _____

Expected date of arrival at the reunion: _____

Registrant's Name: _____ (Spouse/Guest): _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cell phone (____) ____ - _____ Spouse E-Mail Address _____

PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: _____

Relationship: _____ Telephone No: (____) - _____ - _____

I am interested in holding a reunion in: _____

To register for the reunion activities please complete this form and mail it before August 1, 2022 along with your check or money order payable to the **USS Joseph Strauss Association**.

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Chief Bart may be gone but he still keeps an eye on his shipmates!

CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send address and email corrections/updates to jazhansen@msn.com

We welcome any questions or topics that you would like to have presented in your newsletter.

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