

USS SALISBURY SOUND

ASSOCIATION



To: USS Salisbury Sound Association
From: Dave Day, Association President
Subject: February Newsletter

Maurice Medland, the immediate past president, decided last summer it was time to pass the torch. I just want to say “Maurice, job well done”. You handled the position as well as anyone could, and we had some good reunions as a result. At the next reunion in Nashville, shake his hand and tell him thanks. The last newsletter mentioned the 2022 Branson reunion could very well be the last one. At the business meeting in Branson, a vote was taken, and the results said “let’s have another”. We will take this vote again, at the next reunion.

Please take note, this newsletter is the last newsletter that will be sent in hardcopy format via the Post Office. Everything going forward will be sent email only. If you do not have an email address and you wish to continue receiving newsletters, you need to get one set up. The cost of the hardcopy mailing is right at \$250, and the only source of income for the association the past few years has been dues.

As of now, total carried names on the roster are 490. Of that 490, 40 are paid up thru 2022, with 343 considered non-members. A non-member is anyone who has not paid dues within the past 5 years. If you know of someone on the roster that is no longer with us, please let our Secretary know so we can move his name to the Taps list.

To pay dues, Please make the check out to Salisbury Sound Association, and mail to:
Victor Fischer, Secretary
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The 2023 reunion will be in Nashville, Tennessee from Monday October 16 thru Thursday, October 19. We are using a different reunion planner this time. Just too many glitches with Gatherings Plus, from scheduling a tour of a venue that had facilities closed, to not following thru on items specifically asked and agreed to. We’ve contracted with The Reunion Brats. They have been in business over 30 years, and the only thing they do is schedule military reunions.

When selecting a Hotel to host the reunion, it is a matter of choices. What will the hotel give in return for the booked rooms. The last reunion in Nashville was held at the Radisson Airport Inn. They were not willing to give us anything close to the same contract we had in

2018. The reunion hotel this year will be The Inn at Opryland. The number in the attached flyer is central registration for all Marriot hotels, so make sure you indicate when you make your reservation that you are with the USS Salisbury Sound group. The room rate is \$169 per night. That rate is good 2 days prior and 2 days subsequent to the reunion dates.

The hotel does have a full restaurant, just not open for breakfast. But it does have something they call a 'grab and go'. However, across the street from the hotel is a Cracker Barrel, with some 14 other eateries within easy walking distance of the hotel. The deciding factor in choosing this hotel was that they were the only hotel that would comp us the hospitality room provided we fill 64 room nights across 8 days. October 14 thru October 21.

Monday the 16th will be pizza night at 6:00 pm. Tuesday at 4:00 pm we will depart the hotel for a dinner at The Sante Fe Cattle Company followed by The Grand Ole Opry. At this time, they do not yet have the entertainment scheduled for October. By the next newsletter this summer we will most certainly know and that will be in the newsletter. On Wednesday we will be touring Andrew Jackson's home, The Hermitage. Depart at 10:00 am. Should put us there by 10:30. Tour for 2 hours, lunch on your own at the newly opened cafeteria, then depart for the hotel at 1:30. On Thursday, We are going to follow the dinner with some entertainment. It was a hit in Branson, so we will try that again, but as with the Opry, it is too early to try to schedule. Will have that nailed down also by the next newsletter this summer. Hope to see all of you in Nashville.

TAPS

Jerry Burch, 52-55, 2nd Div. (11/14/22)

John W. Little (52-55) 9/29/22

For quite some time, John and Sally were a big part of the Sally reunions.

John Wendell Little
8/17/1933 - 9/28/2022
Newcastle, CA (As written by my Dad himself, this is how he wanted it to read)
"Born in Missouri raised in California, has kicked the bucket, bought the farm, bit the dust, passed on due to the fact that I was old. I decided

some years back to have a living wake, so I could party with everyone before I died. We had quite a shindig. Sorry if you missed the party. There will be no services, donations, flowers, just a have a drink and smile for me. When I die, do not bury me in the cold ass ground of a cemetery. Just burn my old bones, put them

in a sack and throw them somewhere in the country out back. When there is no point in life, just slip me a Micky and let me go. I was blessed with a loving wife, Sally and 4 great children and their spouses, Jennifer and Mark Lowe, Jason and Monica Little, Margaret and Daniel Toothman and Joshua and Reinette Little. I have 5 grandchildren that mean the world to me, Kyle and Zach Lowe, Avery and Arry Little and Audrey Summers. We are a family who loved each other and had many wonderful friends from all walks of life. I was a Brick Mason, Fire Fighter, Lover, Fighter, Wild Horse Rider and Fixed Wind Mills on the Side. Oh Yes.. and a Bull Shiter. I'm looking forward to seeing that old

gang of mine. Here's looking at You Sweetheart... Johnnie"
That about sums up our Father and Husband's personality. He was a Navy Veteran and he retired from Carmichael Fire Department / American River Fire District. He was serious, funny and loved with his whole heart and soul. He loved the birds, trees, his property and everything made with rock and brick. His family and friends meant the world to him. He was the best neighbor anyone could ask for. He never lied and instilled that in each one of his children. He sang from the top of his lungs when he did his chores and could break into song at any time. He will be forever missed.....

