

## Presidents Message

The 2018 USCGC Duane reunion was a big success, we had 11 Duane shipmates onboard. A good time was had by all. We hope to get together somewhere sometime in the future. Please stay abreast to our web site for future announcements.

Well shipmates, it has been fun and so many good times have been had by all the crew members who have joined us at all the reunions over the years. Starting with Baltimore as the first reunion under my direction after having taken over the helm from Paul Turner and all the way from Rockland, Maine to Disney World and most every port in between. At this year's reunion at the Merry Manor in South Portland, we as a group and by unanimous vote have decided to disband the USCGC Duane Association due to the fact that we are not getting any younger which makes it hard to participate, lack of new members and the fact that in order to cover cost of setting up a reunion, mailing out "The Helm" and ships store items having almost doubled in price and the lack of dues we feel it is time to put the USCGC Duane Association into dry-dock.

If in the future we (I) get notice that we might have a crew of 20 to 30 who would like to have a get together, I would be very happy to organize an event where ever. I have already heard from Branson and of course they would love to have us.

I would appreciate it very much if all of you would keep me informed as to your address, phone number, e-mail address and your status as it would be great to have a get together in your area sometime in the future.

I would like to thank all of you who come onboard most every year, you know who you are. I also would like to thank Paul Turner for all his advice, Tom & Vicki Grabowski for their dedication, Jay Schmidt for all the great work he has done for us over the years in the production of "The Helm", Don MacEachern and Jeanne Haviland for filling in after Bob passed. Rick Bogdan for his time spent maintaining our web site. I plan to maintain the web site to keep everyone informed as to any future doings. I would like to thank Tony Cangelosi for his untold difficulties in mailing out "The Helm" both with snail mail and e-mail. If I have forgot anyone I apologize, thank you.

If any of you have pictures, stories, or just would like to add a comment, please send them to me as the Duane history folder will forever be open. Stew Graham will maintain our history as best as possible. Thanks Stew.

This will be the last printing of The USCGC Duane newsletter "The Helm".

May Fair Winds and a Following Sea be with you!  
Happy Trails to you till we meet again.

The ships store is closed indefinitely. If you would like to place an order, e-mail me your wish list and I will your order and have it sent directly to you. The ships store is out of stock.

Stan Barnes (Past President USCGC Duane Association)