

USS GREGORY DD-802 ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Minutes of April 14, 2019 Meeting

The meeting of the USS Gregory DD-802 Association, Inc. was called to order by President Walt Neumann at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, 2019 on board the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines Vision of the Seas. After the welcome by President Walt, the attendees said the pledge of the flag followed by an opening prayer. The names of the shipmates who have passed away since the last reunion were read and Vice President Loy Buley rang the ship's bell two times for each one. This was followed by a moment of silence to honor the shipmates who are no longer with us.

The minutes of the April 2018 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report: there is approximately \$7,000 in the treasury. Ship's Store Manager Ed Richardson reported that he has license plate holders for \$4.00 and anyone interested should contact him. He brought six license plate holders to the Reunion which five were raffled off and one given to Ken Boyer as he has attended the most Reunions of the Association – 18 of the 19 Reunions.

Discussion on where the Association goes from here. Unanimous decision by members to not break up, stay together until "last man standing" as Ron Ludolph pointed out, we're like family! A motion was made to change the by laws for the Reunions to be anywhere in the United States not East, West and Central as it has been due to there not being any shipmates from the East Coast attending any more. Gary Johnson made a motion, Ken Boyer seconded it to change the by-laws. Ed Richardson brought up the idea of having Gregory Reunions in conjunction with the Tin Can Sailors National Reunions. Don Johnson brought up the idea of joining another ship association for Reunions. It was voted on by the members to stay independent and have our own Reunions. Walt suggested (and it was agreed upon by the members) to not have "structured" Reunions but to pick a city and a hotel for a meeting place but tours/sightseeing is up to the individuals. Kathy Buley volunteered to check out hotels in the designated city. Suggestions for the next Reunion location were: Sedona AZ, Branson MO, Lake Tahoe NV, Rapid City SD, San Antonio TX, Long Beach CA. After voting, Long Beach was the winner so the next Reunion will be in the Spring of 2020.

Election of officers: All officers agreed to accept their offices again. Walt Neumann – President, Loy Buley - Vice President, Ken Boyer – Secretary. Treasurer Bill Laing did not attend the Reunion. Walt will contact him to see if he will continue in his office. If not, Gary Johnson has volunteered to take the Treasurer's office. Ken Boyer will continue to send out newsletters and update the website information.

A recommendation was made by Ken Boyer to lower the price of yearly membership from \$12 to \$5 due to our large treasury balance and also to hopefully encourage more membership. This was approved by the members.

Thanks from Walt and the members to Loy and Kathy Buley for setting up the Reunion and for Ken and Gloria Boyer for taking care of all the correspondence and paperwork connected with the Reunion and throughout the year.

After a closing prayer by Walt the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Boyer, Secretary  
USS Gregory DD-802 Assoc., Inc.