



The Owens' Ping

SERVING THE MEN WHO SERVED ABOARD

USS ROBERT A OWENS DDK, DDE, DD 827

WINTER 2022 - EDITION

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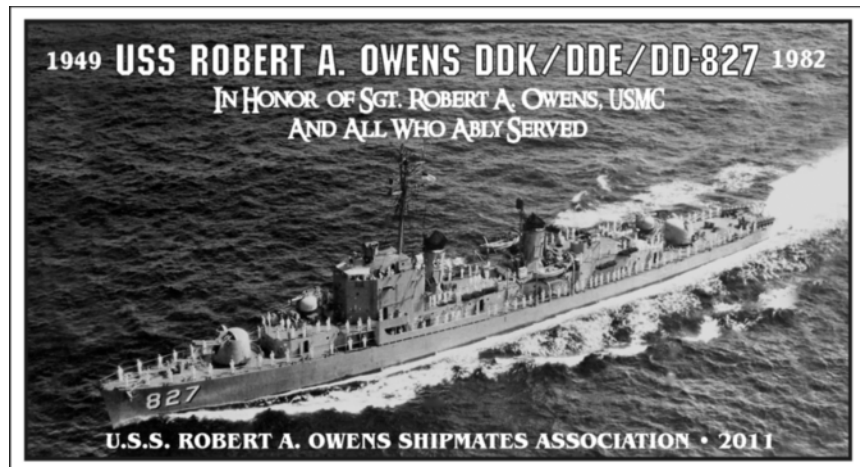
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SECTION 1: To further the remembrance of the deeds of the USS Robert A. Owens (DDK/DDE/DD-827), and all of the officers and enlisted crew members who served in her during the vessels thirty-two years of U.S. Navy service.

SECTION 2: To promote the bond of friendship between all of the crew members who served in her during the years of commissioned service through newsletters, web site, Internet, and reunions..



Winter in the Grand Teton Mountains, Wyoming



Commissioned
1949

Decommissioned
1982



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Presidents 2022 WINTER Message

Greetings to everyone and here's hoping you are getting ready for a wonderful upcoming holiday season! By the time you read this the Fall leaves will have already fallen and many of you will have already had snow. In fact, I'm writing this in mid-October and the past couple of days there's already been small snowstorms in the North, particularly in Michigan and Wisconsin. Halloween is rapidly approaching (they've been advertising it on TV now for over a month) and many people are already making plans for Thanksgiving. With all the shortages of various kinds of food and the threatened raise in the price of turkeys, I guess that's not a bad idea. Makes me wonder why there's so many shortages and how many of them are man-made and contrived just to get more money out of us!

I'm still working on the next reunion scheduled to be in Mobile, AL. I've never had this much trouble making reservations, getting contracts and getting some firm commitments from so many people. It's made me pretty disgusted with some of them, like they're not even interested if anyone comes or not. I've Faxed all our information twice to the same place only to not hear one word back from them – and the FAX has been at their request. Because of all this, I have nothing concrete to report to the membership regarding the next reunion. What I'll do, when I finally get something in writing and get some contracts signed, is work with Jerry Jackson to send out a special reunion edition of the Ping that will have information and reservation forms included. So, work has been ongoing on my end with little to show for it. I'm about ready to tell them to forget it and look somewhere else, but really don't know where that would be. Stand by, more to come.

I got a contract to do a couple of weeks teaching at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, the last two weeks of October. A lot of work, on my feet all day every day. It's getting close to being the last time as every time seems a little harder than before. However, the drive up there was absolutely beautiful. The route is through Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and Western Maryland, all throughout the mountains and the scenery was great. A long, uneventful drive but a pleasant one. There is so much beauty and wonder in nature that we need to enjoy and appreciate all throughout our great country. I sincerely hope all of you can take the time to see it in your neck of the woods.

To all you former sailors out there, happy birthday!! The Navy turned 247 in October. I had forgot the date until a dear friend of mine emailed me with well wishes. He's a former marine and said it pained him to do it, but thought I'd appreciate it! We play golf together quite often and there's never a lack of banter between us!! But there's one thing we share and that's respect for one another for serving.

On behalf of Ellen and myself, I want to wish each of you a very Happy thanksgiving, Blessed and Merry Christmas and all the best for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023!!

Larry McCoskey



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PING EDITOR AND WEB MANAGER

TO ALL MEMBERS WITH COMPUTERS: Prior to the last reunion, I put out the word on “virtual attendance” at the business meeting using Zoom. It would allow members that for whatever reason, couldn’t attend the reunion to at least be present at the business meeting.

I received no responses from the membership and so I alone attended the business meeting this way during the 2021 Reunion. I learned a lot, was able to participate in the proceedings a little and felt a part of the Business meeting itself. I felt it was well worth the time and effort to sit in front of my computer for 45 minutes and really be part of the organization.

In the last PING I put out this same invitation for anyone in the membership that might want to join me in attending the next business meeting in 2023 via ZOOM, to please let me know. Once again there was zero (0) response.

So I am canceling out the invitation for the Zoom meeting participation at this time. Possibly in the future we will make another attempt at it.

Remember, this newsletter is for members, by the members, with participation for all.

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On a different note, anyone trying to find the rosters (other than Honor Roll and Plank Owners Roster) on the web site will only find a remark that they will not be listed there. Network Solutions, the company that we use to set up the web site charges us per year however when something goes wrong (this is the third time the password protection has dropped) they want to charge the association more money to fix it . It is less expensive for us to just remove it from the web and if you have a question about someone on the roster, currently you can contact me and I will respond with the information. Once we have a Secretary again, I will pass the current updated rosters to them and you will be able to contact them for the information.

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Ships Stores Current Inventory & Prices Effective 20 October 2022
See Christmas Sale prices on Order Sheet



Blue Collared Shirts
(3) Med, (5) L, (13) XL, (5) 2X, (3) 3X



Black T-shirts
NONE IN STOCK



White Collared Shirts
(12) XL, (3) 2X, (3) 3X



T-Shirt with Pocket
(10) S, (9) M, (6) L, (10) XL



Winter Hat
(18)



Summer Hat
(32)

See highlighted SALE prices on order sheet



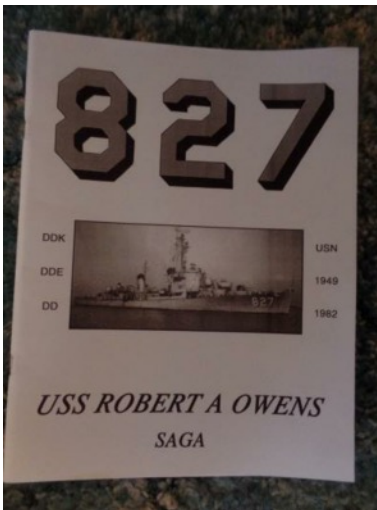
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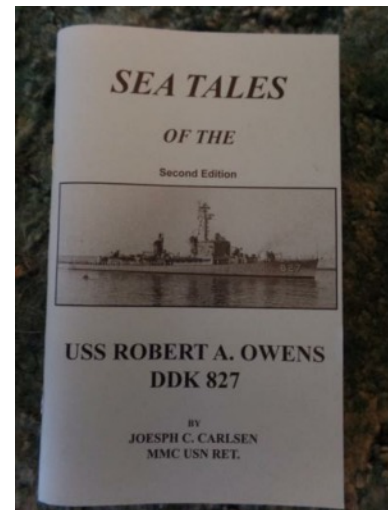
Challenge Coin
(42)



Ships Patch (1964-1982)
(29)



Owens Saga Booklet
(90)



Sea Tales of the Owens
(6)



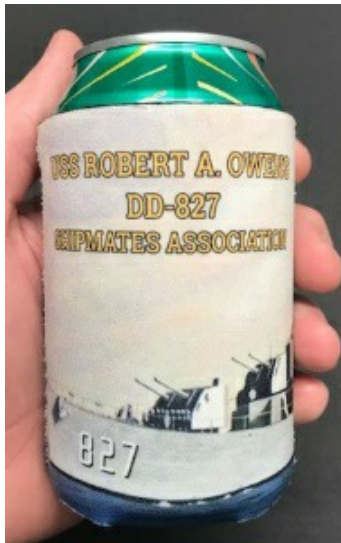
Coffee Mugs (4)



See highlighted SALE prices on order sheet



“Owens” Bumper Sticker (45)



“Owens” Koozie Front
(42)

Koozie Back

Koozie Bottom

These Items have been added to the order sheet for your ordering pleasure.
Contact Bill Miller for more information.



USS ROBERT A. OWENS SHIPS STORES

CHRISTMAS SALE

CHRISTMAS SALE RUNS FROM 15 Nov 2022 thru 31 Jan 2023

Please use the highlighted prices during this period

ITEM - DESCRIPTION	SIZE	IN STOCK	COST	SALE PRICE	# ORDERED
Shirt, Polo, Golf, Blue	Medium	3	\$28.00	\$15.00	
Shirt, Polo, Golf, Blue	Large	5	\$28.00	\$20.00	
Shirt, Polo, Golf, Blue	XL	13	\$28.00	\$20.00	
Shirt, Polo, Golf, Blue	2XL	5	\$28.00	\$20.00	
Shirt, Polo, Golf, Blue	3XL	3	\$28.00	\$20.00	
Shirt, Polo, Golf, White	XL	12	\$13.00	\$10.00	
Shirt, Polo, Golf, White	2XL	3	\$13.00	\$10.00	
Shirt, Polo, Golf, White	3XL	3	\$13.00	\$10.00	
Shirt, Tee, w/Pocket, Blue	Small	10	\$8.00	\$5.00	
Shirt, Tee, w/Pocket, Blue	Medium	9	\$18.00	\$8.00	
Shirt, Tee, w/Pocket, Blue	Large	6	\$18.00	\$12.00	
Shirt, Tee, w/Pocket, Blue	XL	10	\$18.00	\$12.00	
Cap, Baseball Style, Winter	Adjust	18	\$20.00	\$15.00	
Cap, Baseball Style, Summer	Adjust	32	\$20.00	\$15.00	
Ships Patch, 1964-1982 Era		29	\$3.50	\$2.00	
Coffee Mug (12oz)		4	\$10.00	\$8.00	
Challenge Coins		42	\$10.00	\$5.00	
Owens Bumper Sticker		45	\$4.00	\$2.50	
Owens Drink Koozie		42	\$4.00	\$2.50	
Booklet, "Owens Saga"		90	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Booklet, "Sea Tales"		6	\$5.00	\$4.00	

Name of Person ordering: _____

Address of Person ordering: _____

Phone number-Person ordering: _____

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