

USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN/SSN-601)
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2010 ARE NOW DUE:

We are actively encouraging everyone that has not renewed their membership dues to please do so as soon as possible. If you are not sure if you are active at this time, please send me an e-mail at: joewi@sbcglobal.net. At this time we have 225 shipmates who have re-upped for 2010. Your dues allow us to do much more than send out newsletters, rosters and set up reunions. As our crew ages, having funds available to honor our shipmates as they go on Eternal Patrol and set up tributes at memorials and museums to our boat and her crew means a lot to all of us. On behalf of your board, Jim Stewart, Chuck Horvath and myself, we sincerely thank each and every one of you for your continued support and involvement in the Lee Association. To renew your dues, just go to our web site: **www.ssbn601.com** and on the left hand side you will see the button to join the Association. Just follow the instructions and we will update your membership as soon as we receive your \$10.00 Annual Membership Fee.

REUNION DATES AND PLACE:

As many of you know, we will be holding our next reunion in Newport News, Virginia on April 29-May 1, 2011. This will be one of the most exciting places to visit and hold a reunion for many reasons. Many of our shipmates have been to Newport News and lived in this area at one time. and of course as we all know the Lee was built at the Newport News Shipbuilding Company and commissioned on 9 September 1960. This is a wonderful opportunity to re-visit the location that started it all and maybe re-visit some old familiar places. We will be providing more information in the months to come as we start to put together the details of the reunion, but for now if you are even thinking about coming, please go to the web site at www.ssbn601.com and sign up for the reunion and put that date down on your calendar. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2010, please go ahead and send in your \$10.00 to Chuck Horvath's attention. Please make the check out to the Robert E. Lee Association and you can find Chuck's mailing address on the website under (Join Association Tab) or use the convenient form below.

NEW ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

The task of incorporating the USS Robert E. Lee Association required us to draft bylaws which more completely define the standards, duties and rules of the membership for the officers, regular and associate

SSBN 601 ASSOCIATION ENLISTMENT FORM

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members, and a newly formed board of directors, than was previously provided for by our original Charter. In keeping with that, this administration has consulted with the original founders of our Association and the previous elected officers to formulate a unique Bylaw document, which we will present to the general membership for formal approval and adoption.

The effort consumed considerable time and attention since our last meeting in San Antonio, but we have high expectations that you'll be pleased with the results. We've modeled the format on USSVI's Groton Base bylaws, but with the entire content scripted to reflect the purpose, values and spirit of our own original organization and Charter. We hope you'll notice our determination to ensure openness and fairness in all the procedures and policies, and to minimize unnecessary ambiguities.

As a test of the practicality of these new bylaws, Joe, Chuck and I have agreed to hold ourselves answerable to these standards immediately and until the reunion, insofar as there is no conflict with our Charter. We intend a policy of sincerity and transparency that allows any member the opportunity to question, challenge or inspire the elected leadership body.

A preview of the Bylaws document is available from me upon request at the following email address: raro428@hotmail.com or call 360-608-7117. We plan to eventually post it on the website too, prior to the Newport News Reunion. We hope you'll take the time to read and study it, and then vote your informed approval at the next business meeting. See you in Newport News!

Submitted by:

Jim Stewart
Vice President, Robert E. Lee Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

If you have any questions concerning our current financial situation please contact our Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Chuck Horvath at: cdhorvath@comcast.net.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President this past year and I look forward to seeing all of you soon in Newport News and from our Officers and Directors I wish each of you smooth sailing and keep a zero bubble.

Joe White, President
Robert E. Lee Association

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