

USS Fulton Association Newsletter - August 2026

Letter from the President

Greetings USS Fulton Shipmates, Spouses and Friends.

It's finally summer in Pennsylvania. In our mountains that means highs in the low 80's and lows in the 60's. We get a few 90's but it doesn't last long. It's also vegetable season here. Corn is in and is it sweet. We also get great beets, peppers and tomato's. But never fear, fall isn't far behind and winter will soon close in.

I have reached out to all members who need to pay their 2026 dues. If you have not yet paid, please send them to Jim Maisel, 254 Rampart Blvd, New Kensington, PA 15068. Annual dues are \$10. I would encourage you to upgrade to lifetime membership if you are able. Cost is \$150 for age 60 or less and \$125 for those 61 or over.

Planning continues for our 2027 reunion at the Fulton Steamboat Inn in Lancaster, PA. Jim Hoey is busy setting up activities for your enjoyment. I believe over 30 have responded that they are coming. And don't forget the auction. We will have a theme for this reunion. All I can say is M&M's and Christmas. It will be a blast.

Remember the Board voted to go to online news letters from this point forward. It will be posted on the Fulton website. That address is ussfulton.org. All important news will be available there. If you know of anything that needs to be added or corrected contact our web master Jim Hoey at webmaster@ussfulton.com.

Stay Well Shipmates and Friends

Craig Conklin

President 2025-2027

Chaplian's Corner

Hello all, I hope you are doing well. Was going over some things in my mind (what little is left) and reminded myself of how grateful I am with some of the little things that happened over the summer. Such as, over Memorial Day weekend I did a golfing marathon to help support a local veterans group here in the area. Those who pledged would pay a dollar (or however much they wanted) for every hole I golfed.

It was a Saturday, cold (I think a high of MAYBE 60), rainy and miserable. I got 72 holes in and raised a bit over \$1,100. My girlfriend rode with me for 63 holes. Another person lent me her golf cart that had a heater and a cover on it without which I am not sure I could have done 18 holes. Another GREAT friend came out to support my cause and golfed 52 holes with me, suffering alongside me just in support. Tho yes I could have done it by myself, but without them it would have been very easy to quit much earlier than 72 holes.

So look back and see how God was there with you in ways that may not have been obvious to see, and give thanks to him and those who cared for being there for you. Take care and remember that when someone may be doing something that they need help with, either physically or for support, you may be God's tool to be that helping hand.

Regards,
Tony Malone

Reunion Planning

Reunion planning is going ahead full steam all bells. We have 34 positive replies to who will be attending. This is a good start considering the reunion is 13 months out: September 7-8-9, 2027.

The 2027 Reunion Information Packet will be published in January. In it you will have complete information about registering to attend, hotel pricing & booking, meal choices, and choosing which optional tours you wish to participate in.

This reunion should be more efficient than past ones. We will not be paying ahead for visited venues until we see how many have signed up for the different options. You will have choices; you can attend all, some, or none. This includes our tour-day meals; you only pay for what you intend to eat.

Check-in for the reunion will begin on Tuesday, Sep 7th. You may arrive at the hotel days before if you wish but be aware that the 6th is Labor Day and the Inn will not be offering us a discounted rate for that weekend before we arrive.

Jim Hoey
Reunion Planner

Treasurer's Report

CD:

Balance \$ 26,813.33

Rate/APY - 3.20% / 3.25%

Maturity date 11/17/2026

Checking Account:

Beginning balance:

\$ 15,940.49

February deposit:

\$ 1,643.48

New balance:

\$ 17,583.97

April deposit:

\$ 85.00

April payment to Jim Hoey for reunion seminar.

Cost: \$ 370.00

New balance:

\$ 17,298.97

May deposit:

\$ 20.00

New Balance:

\$ 17,318.97

July deposit

\$20.00

New balance:

\$ 17,338.97

Regards

Jim Maisel

Treasurer

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 2026 Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Penhall, Roy White
- 2 Joanne Reid
- 3 Barbara Stazzone
- 8 Judith Kocinski
- 11 Agnes Angelo
- 13 Oliver Guthrie, Robert Heath
- 15 Louis Mauser
- 17 Joseph Bufano, Joan Kruzykowski,
Dottie Pere, Dale Robinson
- 18 Frank Canales
- 21 James Deponai
- 24 David Kampa
- 28 Tricia Tobin
- 30 Sue Gangle, Joan VanGundy
- 31 Nancy Lupiensi

July 2026 Anniversaries

- 4 James & Joan Gename
- 8 Arthur & Karen Kelly
- 11 Dick & Peg Pietrowski
- 13 Jerry & Doris King
David & Donna Kampa
- 14 David & Jeannette Ray
- 18 John & Barbara Erdmann
- 26 Peter & Nancy Shepert
- 27 Joseph & Carole Ringer
- 30 Marvin & Sybil Grossman

August 2026 Birthdays

- 3 Shirley Losby, Dorothy Tagatz
- 8 Barbara Houle
- 9 Ella Bowman, George Quick
- 10 Steve Metham, Dennis Vipond
- 11 Arthur Butterfield
- 14 Jimmy Bowman, Julia Eppen,
Debra Hawks
- 16 Julie Guhl
- 17 Donna Hay, Robert Matheson
- 18 Brian Besade
- 19 Richard Pere
- 22 Marty Cooley, Karen Kelly
- 23 John Groth, David Hartman
- 25 Catherine Eagan, Joseph Ringer,
Walter Workman
- 27 Rita DiMarzio, Guy Grimard
- 27 Jorja Matheson, Virgil Sherrell
- 28 Ben Leander, Eugene Schempp
- 31 Donna Breen, Lora Pasheilich

August 2026 Anniversaries

- 9 Ralph & Pauline Bowley
- 10 Ben & Sandra Bullock
- 13 Joe & Barbara Stozzone
- 14 Eric & Melissa Christensen
- 16 Steve & Kathy Metham
- 18 Walter & Marie Raney
- 24 Robert & Lora Pasheilich
Donald & Tyrene Schilke
- 25 Chuck & Alison Clanahan
- 28 Walter & Ramona Workman
- 30 James & Jeanne Hoey
- 31 Chris & Patricia VanInwagen

September 2026 Birthdays

- 1 Betty Heath
- 5 Dennis French, Roger Mills
Rod Rodriquez, Beverly Williams
- 6 Jerry Neville
- 7 Nancy Jermyn, Harold Matott
- 8 James Brunner, Linda Deponai
- 9 Katherine Adams, Dianne Condon
- 10 Marie Raney
- 11 Christine Banasiak, Dick Hartman
- 12 Connie Lindsey
- 13 Aline Pontes
- 17 Kathleen Wagher
- 18 Deane Cramer, Stephen Miglionico
- 21 Doris Dumont
- 22 William Lough
- 23 John Way
- 27 Skip Strangeland
- 28 Henry Banasiak, Ella Brunner
Norman Sterner
- 29 Arthur Lindsey,
William & Mary Wilding
- 30 Martin Wendel

September 2026 Anniversaries

- 1 Chuck & Roberta Micele
- 2 Alan & Sheila Koepke
- 6 Donald & Linda Camden
- 8 Robert & Jorja Matheson
Kris & Paul Padgett
- 10 Stanley & Julia Eppen
- 18 Raymond & Kathie Killoran
- 20 Bruce & Donna Hay
- 21 Russell & Donna Horgan
- 24 Gerald & Donna Wargo
- 29 Wilgus & Hazel Bowling

DECEASED SHIPMATES AND SPOUSES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Passing</u>
Robert Baker	22 May 2026
Ronald "Ron" Chapman	26 January 2026
Nicholas S. Curcio	3 March 2026
Francesco "Frank" DiPino	20 February 2026
Henry A.E. "Hank" Doescher, Jr.	17 November 2025
Raymond L. "Ray" Durling	23 April 2026
John "Jack" Foley	1 January 2006
William J. Henry	22 December 2020
William Homolya	26 March 2026
Wayne K. Irwin	3 April 2026
Douglas Alan McFarlan	2 March 2026
Roger Charles Mills, Jr.	13 April 2026
David Charles Nelson	23 January 2026
Rachel Page.....	5 August 2025
Richard W. Rice	16 February 2026
Ronald Joseph Richaud, Sr.	19 November 2025
Russell Shugg	22 April 2026
Walter G. Shull, Sr.	1 November 2025
William Jerome "Bill" Smith, Jr.	21 January 2026
Norman Grant Sterner	20 May 2025
Jacqueline S. "Jackie" Stout	24 June 2025
Rudolph "Rudy" Taborn	9 December 2025
DeWayne B. Waring, Sr.	15 November 2025
Donald C. Weikert	27 December 2025

USS FULTON AS-11 ASSOCIATION
Membership Application

Membership dues are as follows:

Annual/Associate \$10 per year, Lifetime \$150 under age 60, \$125 over age 60

Make your check payable to **USS Fulton AS-11 Association**

Please complete the following application and mail with your check to:

James Maisel
254 Rampart Blvd.
New Kensington, PA 15068

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Birthdates: (yours): _____ Spouse: _____

Anniversary: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

VERY IMPORTANT, we need this information for our tax-exempt status

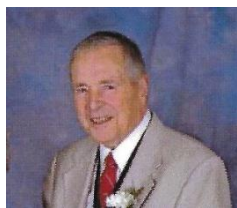
Dates of Service in US Navy: _____

Dates of service aboard USS Fulton: _____

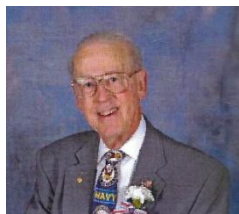
Rank or Rate: _____

Div. or Dept. _____

CURRENT AND PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION



Chuck Meyer 1988-1990



George Hager 1990-1991



Chess Laird 1991-1994



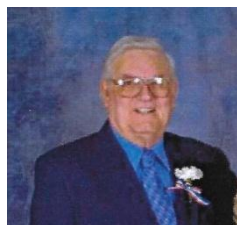
Richard Hageman 1994-1996



K. Dale Williams 1996-1998



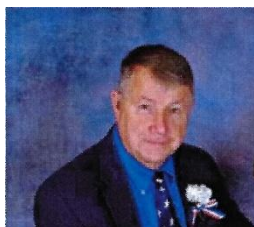
Ray Collins 1998-2000



Ray Wilson 2000-2001



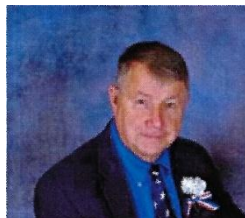
Woody Dawson 2001-2004



Ron Schwartzkopf 2004-2006



Richard Hartman 2006-2010



Ron Schwartzkopf 2010-2012



Bob Stout 2012-2014



Bill Guhl 2014-2016



Ray Collins 2016-2018



Danny Penhall 2018-2021



Ron Schwartzkopf 2021-2023



Craig Conklin 2023-2027