

# USS Plymouth Rock (LSD29)

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Welcome to the USS Plymouth Rock Newsletter

The USS Plymouth Rock Newsletter is a publication issued every four months by the USS Plymouth Rock Ships Association. If you would like to contribute an article, a piece of Navy or Plymouth Rock history, photo, memory or anything that might be of interest to you or other shipmates, you can send it as an e-mail to:

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**Note from the Newsletter Editor**

I have decided to postpone my retirement as Editor, primarily because no one has volunteered to take over the job. I will publish a shorter/simpler version of the newsletter.

Bill Provencal, PN1



**Recent Address/E-Mail/Phone Numbers Changes to the Ships Muster List**

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**Known Deceased Shipmates**

For a complete listing of deceased shipmates, visit our Memorial Page in the ships website

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**Thank You's**

We would like to thank the following shipmates/friends for providing pictures, information and articles to the website, the Ships Association and newsletter.



## Ships Store Items

To view all of the items in the Ship Store go to the ships website at [ussplymouthrock.com](http://ussplymouthrock.com), select Ships Store Link



**E-Mail from Peter Nicoll, EM3, 77-79.** “It is amazing how much I was taken with the BTC Andersen’s photo of the BT berthing compartment. I was an EM, and slept just a few compartments up from them. I recently visited the USS Turner Joy, DD-951 in Bremerton. While aboard the Prock, I had the top outside bunk – various lines ran over it. Not only could I not hoist myself into that rack anymore, I could not fit into it. Nor the middle rack, nor the bottom rack. Yet when we lived aboard, and after a long long day, those racks were soooo comfortable! I’ve really gone downhill these last 35 years.”



## Tentative Reunion for 2018

**Newport, Rhode Island** some time around the week of September 25, 2018, if all goes well. More on this in future newsletters.



Here's what Joyce took for notes:

Business Meeting 10/1/16 called to order at 3:19

No flag for pledge

Report from Bill Haynie: Reunion went well. Wish more people attended.

Report from Treas. David Dortch: 129 dues paying members 23 members with no e-mail, concerned over losing members if we have no newsletter, \$4500 in account--paying reunion expenses, 26 people in attendance at 2016 reunion.

## Report from Ship Store Dennis "Shorty" Cyr

This years Reunion was the highest sales for ship store despite low attendance let him know about sizes need for clothing items. New members are sent hat pins free of charge. Thanked George for transporting ship store merchandise

Tom : New business

Norm has health problems no longer attending reunions. George Bierce agreed to be new ships Historian-transporting items

Reunion2018

Bill Haynie agreed to be the Reunion coordinator again for 2018

Dennis "Shorty " offered his help for 2018/ Newport RI. was brought up for next one & just about everyone raised their hands in agreement.

Branson, Mo. was also brought up with very little response.

Tom Wagner agreed to stay on as Pres.- No other nominations from floor..

Voted in

Bill Haynie- Vice Pres.- no other nominations from the floor. voted in

Dave Dortch- Treas.- no ther nominations from the floor. voted in

Dennis "Shorty " Ship Store

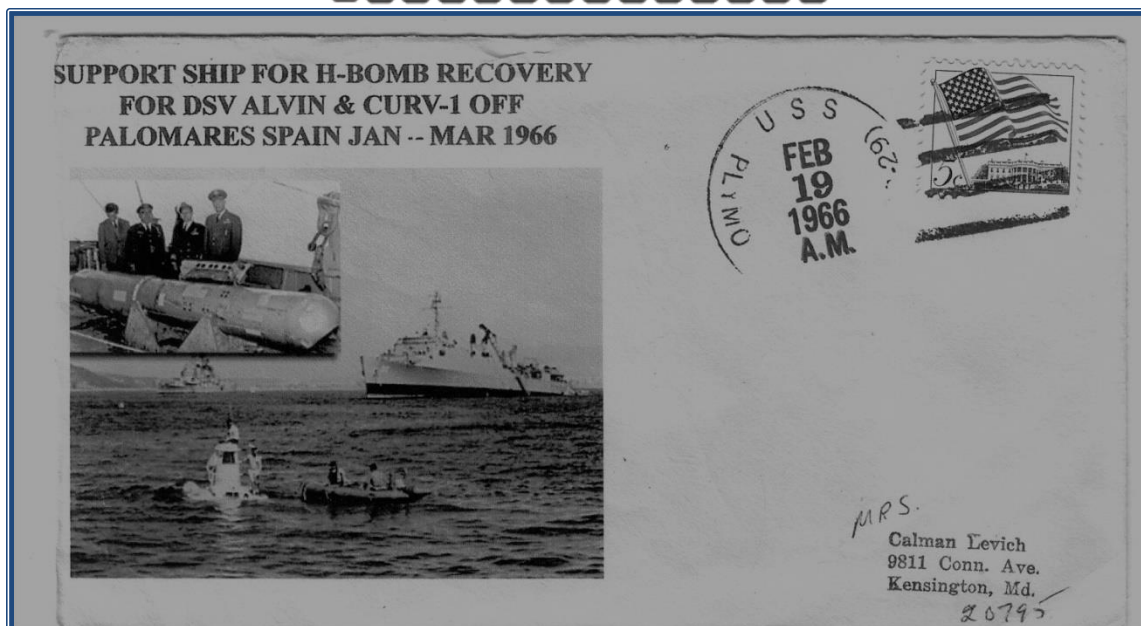
News letter discussed- out sourcing & paying also cutting size of news letter George Bierce olunteered to do newsletter & be Secretary

Tom stated he would discuss the newsletter with Bill Provencal and come to a decision.

Meeting adjourned

As far as info for the next Reunion when we get some we will send it to you but it probably will be awhile. Have to talk to Bill but looks like the next one will be in Newport RI. Saw on line the USS Yancey AKA 93 had a Reunion there in 2014. Going to contact some one who helped run it. Already checked a couple of hotels. One in Providence & a couple in Newport. By the way what happened to the sound of Boatswains whistle when you open our web site? If you need anything else let me know.

Thanks & talk to you later.



## Pictures from the 2016 Reunion





## PRES SEZ

As I watch the snow fall and see the temperature hovering at 33 here in Cincinnati, I remember the wonderful warm and mild days in Pensacola. We had great weather for the reunion, the side excursions and personal trips. It was a great venue.

The personnel at the hotel, Holiday Inn, did everything we asked to accommodate and make us welcome. There were truly a great bunch of people.

The reunion attendance could have been greater but for those of us that did attend, we had a great time.

The location for the reunion in 2018 is tentatively set for Newport, Rhode Island. An exact date has yet to be determined, but will be announced in a future news letter. Bill Haynie & Shorty Cyr will be gathering information on the area.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. May your holidays be joyful.

Tom Wagner



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