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President's Message

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HOPE YOU ALL HAD A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Great news everyone, we have a new Editor for The Association life line, "The KEARSAGA" News Letter. I introduce Jack De Merit (a new member also) to you, his biography is included in this edition. All of your Association Officers were pretty excited (and relieved) when Jack stepped up and answered the General Quarters Bell. He was a LI 3 (Lithographer) on board Kearsarge and ultimately retired from the USNR as a LIC. He actually worked on the KEARSAGA staff as a young Sailor so he brings that experience with him from many years past.

I would be remiss if I didn't also tell you that John Elko (ATR 2, VAW 11, Det. "Romeo") also stepped up for the KEARSAGA duties. As Jack De Merit had already volunteered, John graciously deferred. Our Association is fortunate to have the great supportive "Ship Mates" of both Jack and John.

I have written in previous editions about our efforts to recruit Kearsarge LHD 3 sailors so here's an update. VP Barry has had communications with the LHD 3 "Face Book" administrator so we now have a new path to get the word passed on our Association. (The LHD 3 Captains column in this edition is a result of Barry's efforts.)

The KEARSARGE LHD 3 is currently on a long deployment in the Middle Eastern waters as well as the Mediterranean Area of Operations (AOR). She deployed shortly before Christmas with the "Cruise" length not published. Keep our Sailors and Marines in your thoughts and prayers please.

In the first week of May, VP Barry and I along with our wife's, (Lynda and Jan) are heading to Milwaukee (MKE) to plan and make our 2020 reunion arrangements. Your comments/suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated, after all, it's YOUR REUNION. I will provide 2020 reunion information as it develops beginning with the Summer 2019 KEARSAGA.
C.V.

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