

USS Plymouth Rock (LSD29)

Newsletter January - April 2003

Welcome to the USS Plymouth Rock Newsletter

This is our Third Ships Newsletter to be created in this format. 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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Our website is found at www.worldpath.net/~billinp/index.html. The website is maintained on a daily basis by Bill Provencal, Webmaster USS Plymouth Rock Association.

Newsletter Information

This is the third issue of the Plymouth Rock newsletter. We will publish a newsletter every 4 months (3 times a year). Our plan is to e-mail the newsletter to all Crew Members who have e-mail and to mail the newsletter to all paid association members. The newsletter prior to the reunion date, we will mail the newsletter to all Crew members either by e-mail or regular mail. **If you change address or e-mail address be sure to let me (Bill Provencal) know so we can update our Crews List.** My e-mail is billinp@worldpath.net

It would help us if those of you who receive the mailed copy of the newsletter and have e-mail to let me know what your e-mail address is.

Association Dues

As you can imagine any group or association such as ours requires funds. Our primary source of revenue are the bi-annual dues of \$20.00. Please be advised that dues for 2001-2002 are due prior to the reunion in June 2003. Anyone who wants to pay their 2003-2004 dues in advance, Bob Nichols assures me that they will be gladly accepted. For those of you who are not paid Association members, any support in the form of dues would be appreciated. To become a member of the USS Plymouth Rock Association complete the Application for Membership which can be found in the Ships Website on the Links Page and mail to Bob Nichols.

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Any paid Association members (2001-2002) who are not on this list and who have paid their dues, please contact Bob Nichols.

Makes You Believe in Mankind Again
contributed by BTC Harry T. Andersen, USN, Ret

This is an e-mail from a young Ensign aboard USS Winston Churchill (DDG-81) to his parents after the events of September 11. (USS Churchill is an Arleigh Burke class of AEGIS Guided Missile Destroyer, commissioned March 10, 2001, and is the only active US warship named after a foreign national)

Dear Dad, "We are still at sea. The remainder of our port visits have all been cancelled. We have spent every day since the attacks going back and forth within imaginary boxes down in the ocean, standing high security watches, and trying to make the best of it. We have seen the articles and photographs, and they are very sickening. Being isolated, I don't think we appreciate the full scope of what is happening back home, but we are definitely feeling the effects".

"About two hours ago, we were hailed by a German destroyer, Lutjens, requesting permission to pass close by our port side. Strange, since we're in the middle of an empty ocean, but the captain acquiesced and we prepared to render them honors from our bridgeward. As they were making their approach, our conning officer used binoculars and announced that Lutjens was flying not the German, but the American flag. As she

Amphibious Group at sea, 17 April 1964

The ships are USS *Hermitage* (LSD-34) in left foreground, USS *Francis Marion* (APA-249) in center, USS *Plymouth Rock* (LSD-29) in the left rear and USS *Yancey* (APA-93) in the right rear. Three UH-34 helicopters are flying in formation over the *Francis Marion*.



Photograph received from USS *Francis Marion*, 1964.

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

Our Upcoming Reunion, a Few Thoughts
Bill Provencal, Webmaster/Secretary



I received this photo from Clem Schultz, ETR2, a crew member of the USS Fort Snelling (LSD30). Clem took this picture while his ship was operating along side the Plymouth Rock some time in 1965. I was very fascinated by the picture and decided to include it in the January-April newsletter. I would also like at this time to thank publicly those individuals who have taken the time to send me pictures of the Plymouth Rock so that we could include them in the website and newsletter. Without your help, the website would not have the wonderful pictures that we have. Again thank you. These shipmates are:

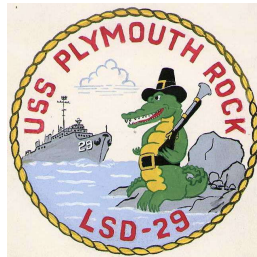
Thomas W. Hickson	Gerald Holden
Earl Boyer	John Muse
Clem Schultz	John Muse
John McAvoy	James Ziemba

Being able to locate individuals who have served on board the Plymouth Rock and to talk to them through e-mail has been very rewarding. I do hope at this next reunion that many of you who I have talked to will be able to make the trek to Waukegan. It will be good to see new faces at the reunion. I do hope that each of you will contact each other and keep this association alive and well. I hope that those of you who have never attended a reunion will come to the fourth reunion in Waukegan in the spring of 2003. I know you will meet up with some of the greatest guys you will ever meet.

Bill Provencal
Webmaster/Secretary



Ships flight deck loaded with cargo, notice the ships pickup. Picture contributed by John Muse



Website

A lot has changed on our ships website, check us out at

www.worldpath.net/~billinp/index.html

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