

TO ALL CONNIE SHIPMATES – OCTOBER 2023

October 22, 2023

Hi Shipmates,

We had quite a reunion in Dallas this year! I believe everyone had a great time. We saw parts of Dallas and Fort Worth that one doesn't often see. Watch the website for upcoming photos and comments about the events and activities.

For those of you who haven't heard, I was elected by our membership at the general membership meeting to be your President for the next two years. Bob Beese was elected to be Vice President, and Sidney Rodgers was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer.

My name is Richard Swain, and I sailed with Connie from 1963 to 1966. I was an FTM2 in the Fox Division of the Weapons Department. From my acceptance speech in Dallas...

"I am aware of the responsibilities that come with this position, and I promise to lead with transparency, integrity, and an open ear to all members' voices. Together, we will work tirelessly to achieve our shared goals, foster unity within our community, and drive our organization to even greater heights. Your support is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I am excited to collaborate with each one of you to make our organization the best it can be."

I will continue to be the Webmaster for our website, and plan on expanding the website to include additional information and capabilities. Check out the Sailor's Sea Stories page, and think about adding your own story from your time on board Connie. Also check out the Our-Fallen page. This page memorializes the fallen crew members of the Constellation. If you know of any Connie crew member who has passed away, (Ships Company, Air and Marine) please forward the information to me so I can add them to our "Wall". I will also continue to be the Membership Chairman.

I will be communicating with you both here through the web site as well as by email and in a few cases, by US Mail. If you have recently changed your email address or moved, please send me an update so I can update our records.

The leadership of organizations such as ours can only do so much. It requires help and input from each one of you to make it flourish.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

May you enjoy bright sun, fair winds, and calm seas,

**Richard Swain, President
USS Constellation (CVA/CV 64) Association**