

# Happy Birthday, USA!



*Bismarck Remarks*  
July 2007

## From the Guest Editor:

David “Dooger” MacDonald, our Chief of Communications and Newsletter Editor has begun a new battle with his cancer. He is currently staying at Hawthorn Glen Nursing Center to build up his strength for the next round of chemotherapy. Though he does have a laptop at his bedtime, he hasn’t strength recently to work on the newsletter. Therefore several different guest editors will be publishing *Bismarck Remarks* until Dooger is ready to resume his duties. Please send all article submissions to [newsletter@ussbismarck.org](mailto:newsletter@ussbismarck.org) to ensure receipt by the guest editors.

Please continue to pray for Dooger and visit him as often as you are able. Hawthorn Glen is located just off of Hwy 4 northbound, just south of Hwy 63. Take Hwy 4 south from Hwy 63 and make a U-turn at the traffic light south of the former Americana. The side street is Lesourdsville West Chester. Dooger is in Room 203 which is on the first floor, right wing.

This issue was edited by Captain Kevin Johnson and printed and mailed by Lt Will Crespo.

## Quartermaster’s Report

The new *Bismarck-E* shirts arrived at the beginning of June. However there were some problems with the order. The Quartermaster has been working with Shumsky’s to get everything corrected. We’ll be switching to a better quality, poly/cotton blend, men’s shirt. These shirts will also have the metallic thread for our logo. We anticipate that the cost for these shirts will be \$27 for sizes S-XL and \$30 for sizes XXL+. If you want a shirt with a pocket, add \$8. If you want your name on the shirt, add \$5. Orders will be taken in mid-July. Payment must be made at time of order.

New lapel pins will be available in August for \$7 each. Due to the expense, the only free pins we can hand out are our old *Bismarck-D* pins.

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## From the Captain:

It has been, and will continue to be, a busy summer. Away Teams have already traveled to Columbus for MARCON, Indianapolis for FADM Don Dailey's memorial service, and Kentucky for Kentucky's RenFair. July will have missions to InConJunction in Indianapolis and Vulkan in Columbus.

Our annual summer picnic will be at Caesars Creek again, but will *not* be at the day lodge. The exact shelter location will be announced in the immediate future. Food will be served around 11:30 AM. There will be a promotion/awards ceremony for several officers immediately following lunch.

As mentioned previously, please keep Dooger in your prayers. He's still having some serious medical problems. He'll be at Hawthorn Glenn Nursing Center at least until the middle of July. He'd sure love visitors.

RenFair is coming up soon. Please read the article later in this newsletter for more information.

At the June General Meeting the crew voted to make Andy Sams, Pat Stanley, and Sarah Sundstrom honorary members of the *Bismarck-E*. We also had one new member sign up! Gene Terk, Ruth's brother, is entering the Academy as an Engineering Cadet. Welcome aboard, Gene!

For all of you, thank you for all you do in showing how strong a family the *Bismarck* is. The *Bismarck* had the largest contingent at FADM Don Dailey's memorial service on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. I'm very proud and honored to be your CO. I know the Admiralty Board is well aware of the high level of excellence we all strive hard to maintain.

Captain Kevin Johnson

## Countdown to RenFair

by Captain Kevin Johnson

The 2007 Ohio Renaissance Festival opens in less than 2 months. I hope everyone is ready for 19 days of bad British accents, fruit smoothies, and colorful costumes.

RenFair is open eight weekends from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct 21<sup>st</sup> plus Labor Day (Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>) and two student days (Wed, Sep 26<sup>th</sup> and Thurs, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>). It takes *all of us working together* to make RenFair a success. Please sign up for as many days as you can. We need 9-10 people every day!

We realize that not everyone knows their work schedule this far in advance. However, we do need people to sign up **NOW** so we know how many subcontractors we need. Last year we gave over \$1100 to subcontractors. *The more subcontractors we need, the less money we'll make!* Bismarck members need to be on-site by 9-9:30 AM so reinforcements can be called, if necessary. *We do need our full compliment on-site and up-front by 10:30 AM!*

Our Management Team has changed slightly. The Saturday Manager is Richard Hatfield, assisted by Audra Blais. The Sunday Manager is Rick Pinsky, assisted by Jack Barr. Our floating managers and RF liaisons are Anthony Day, Lisa Johnson, and Kevin Johnson. George Stanley has stepped down as manager this year. We thank Stan for his 8 years of fine management and mentorship. We are grateful that he'll still be helping us on the student days.

Just like in years past, there are Bismarck rewards based on the amount of hours you work. For every hour you'll work, you'll earn 0.3 promotion points (rounded at the end of the season). For every 7 hours worked (about one RenFair day) you'll earn 3 BisBucks which can be used to pay for annual dues, Away Team Mission expenses, gas cards, charity donations, or be put towards the next Bismarck Vacation. Work more than 28 hours (about 4 RF days) and have a say on how the 2008 charity budget will be allocated. And, of course, there are bonuses for the Top 5 workers. Everyone is eligible!

Thanks in advance for making RenFair such a successful event!



# *Love is a Beautiful Dream*

## *2007 Masquerade Ball*

*Sponsored by the USS Bismarck, NCC-1797-E*

**Price:** \$5 per *Bismarck* adult, \$15 per non-*Bismarck* adult  
\$3 for children (per family)

**Time/ Date:** Saturday, August 11, 2007, at 6:30 PM

**Location:** Middletown Masonic Temple,  
1301 S Marshall Road, Middletown, Ohio

**Attire:** Formalwear requested,  
Business Formal required (Coat and tie)  
Masque requested but not required

*Light refreshments and babysitting are included.*



Advance ticket purchase is required by July 31, 2007.  
For ticket purchase or further information, please email  
[audra@ussbismarck.org](mailto:audra@ussbismarck.org) or visit our website at  
<http://www.falconeio.com/home/bismarck/Masque/>

## After-Mission Report – Kentucky RenFair

By Captain Richard Hatfield

On June 9, four members of the USS *Bismarck* took an Away Mission to check on the progress of the people of Eminence, Kentucky (KY Renfair). It is set in the reign of Robert de Bruce just after the Scottish Victory over Edward Longshanks. It was interesting getting there as we had a detour around a festival in New Castle, KY. We found some roads unused for quite a while. After stopping for directions from local inhabitants we arrived at our destination.

It still has 2 towers to go through to gain entrance to the village. They have made quite a lot of improvements to village. The town hall and pub are all finished now. The prices have dropped since their victory, and we enjoyed quite a feast. There have been some significant changes as all the merchants are now in the wooded area as you go through the gates. It was also Greyhound Rescue Day so they had the one field roped off to keep the dogs penned in. We arrived just as the parade was going by us and we met Professor KABOOM and his catapult. He is a mysterious figure and we attended his show later in the day. We wandered thru the merchants in the woods amazed at the variety of goods that they had added since our visit last year. They now have medal stamping, lots of clothing vendors, artisans and performers.

We went to the 1:30 show of Professor KABOOM and arrived early so Scott and Dennis could talk to him. Well boy, he surprised us as he is a mud man at the Ohio Renfair. His show was really amazing. Lots of flame, a Genie, catapulted eggs, word fun, and just lots of audience participation. Scott and Dennis stayed after to talk to him while Jen and I went to the Bird show. It was interesting. He had a new bird he had helped raise several years ago. The bird was at a park in Florida, but the park closed so he got the bird back. We then had lunch and returned for a closer scrutiny of merchant area. We then left and returned home.



## July 2007

4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	InConJunction Indianapolis, IN Sat 8 PM: FADM Don Dailey tribute Sun 10 AM: SFC MidYear Meeting POC: Kevin Johnson
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Vulkon Columbus, OH POC: Rick Pinsky
20 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Poltrone's Birthday
21 <sup>st</sup>	Dennis Gilbert's Birthday
21 <sup>st</sup>	Picnic and Luau Lunch begins 11:30 AM Caesars Creek State Park POC: Mike Payne

## August 2007

4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Hatfield's Birthday
11th	Second Annual Bismarck Masquerade Middletown Masonic Temple Middletown, Ohio 6:30 PM POCs: Liz Wegner and Audra Blais
25 <sup>th</sup>	Clean-up day at RenFair 9 AM at Peasants Orchard
25 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting at 7 PM Bethlehem Lutheran Church Middletown, Ohio <i>Refreshments provided by Command</i>
31 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Johnson's Birthday

