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THREE-MINUTE UPDATE: USS Indianapolis Legacy Organization

Hello Indy Family!

Take a speed-read through this email to get the latest on Legacy in three minutes or less...

Membership Renewal—In a Flash

It's membership renewal time, and you can now renew your membership in less than 5 minutes. Click on [USS Indianapolis.org/membership](https://USSIndianapolis.org/membership) and use your debit/credit card to join or renew today.

CA-35's African-American History

Jane Gwinn Goodall is working on an exciting project with the families of three Stewards and Stewards Mates: Jeanette (Gina) Pitts, niece of LAS Albert Rice); Arlene Taylor and Janice Allston (niece and grandniece of LAS Henry Jackson); and Jackie Dugan (niece of LAS Magellan Williams). This working group will be researching the history of the African-Americans who served aboard CA-35 and will publish their findings in February 2021 to commemorate Black History Month.

Hearts to Help

Many of you who responded to the Survey Monkey questionnaire last month said you enjoy working behind the scenes. Others said you'd be willing to do "anything" that's needed. We are now forming a program that we're tentatively calling "Legacy Volunteers" to do just that. Legacy Volunteers will be a team of folks with hearts to

help whenever and wherever needed. If you are interested in serving as a Legacy Volunteer, please email Lynn Vincent: Lynn@LynnVincent.com.

Growing the Legacy

A big thank you to our new membership chair, Julie Rutherford Haas! Julie will be working closely with our previous membership chair, Earl Henry, to grow Legacy's membership. We're especially excited that Julie is looking to establish a junior membership program. Julie and Earl could use your help. To volunteer to help with general membership or with the junior membership program, please email Julie: Julie.haas@bruceoakley.com

New Resources for Sharing the Story

If you enjoy telling the Indy story, two projects are in development and we would love your help!

Presentation for Speakers: Our mission as Legacy members is to keep the story of USS *Indianapolis* alive for the next generation. The Education Committee is developing a PowerPoint slide-show to be used to present the Indy story to groups. The presentation will also include a fact sheet; frequently asked questions and answers; and guidelines for presentations. You are invited to join our mission! If you are interested in helping develop these materials, please email Marilyn Henry: bmcp56@att.net.

Classroom ZOOM Meetings: Learning occurs best through firsthand experiences. Therefore, the Education Committee is also developing 3-4 live ZOOM classroom meetings for high school students. Each meeting will host several presenters with knowledge of the history of *Indianapolis*. Additional resources for research and Indy-related projects will be listed on the USS *Indianapolis* websites. We welcome volunteers with ZOOM experience. Volunteers are also needed to develop lists of Indy resources for students. No teaching experience needed. To volunteer for this project, please email Marilyn Henry: bmcp56@att.net

The Money People

Thank you so much to Legacy members who volunteered to serve on Legacy's Finance Committee! Finance Chair Jennifer Brunson will be working with members Ryan Haas, Tony Raymond, Carole Daley, and Mark Burke. Bonnie Buckett will serve as [Ex Officio](#).

Virtually Fantastic

In the spirit of the Survivors, the 2020 reunion team chose to “Never Give Up” when faced with the reality that COVID-19 was going to disrupt our plans to hold the annual reunion in Indianapolis. By virtue of going virtual, we reached more people than ever before. Over the 3-day event, we had over 205,000 views of the various content, reaching Indy families and friends across the country and around the world.

Picture This

A special pictorial 75th Anniversary Commemorative book is available for purchase at <https://store.bookbaby.com/book/USS-INDIANAPOLIS-CA-35>. The book tells the history of Indy, her beginnings, battles, and final mission, and pays homage to her final sailing crew with photos and biographical information. The 158-page book also covers the 75 years since the tragic sinking, the rescue and recovery of surviving men, Survivor reunions, namesake ships, and her discovery decades later. All proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the Legacy Organization.

That’s it for today’s Three-Minute Legacy Update. If you have any questions or input, please email me at Lynn@LynnVincent.com or Admin@USSIndianapolis.com

Blessings!

Lynn :-)

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