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Rear Admiral F. D. Foley, USN (Ret.)
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Dear Admiral Foley:

You won't know me, of course, but I served aboard the USS *Salisbury Sound* (AV-13) during your tenure as Commanding Officer from 1955 to 1956.

I remember my two and a half years aboard *Salisbury Sound* as some of the happiest and most exciting of my young life. I still have the book that you put together documenting our 1955-1956 Far Eastern Cruise. The poem you composed and sent to Captain Portlock during our harrowing trip up the Bangkok River, and his immediate reply in kind, are testaments to the professionalism and intellect required of a naval officer. I've followed your career since with interest and have always been proud, though not surprised, that my old "Skipper" would go on to achieve flag rank.

I loved the Navy and began encouraging my son, Steve, to explore a naval career early on. Steve entered the Navy nuclear program in 1992 after graduating from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and recently completed four years of duty as a JO aboard USS *Tunny* (SSN-682). He is currently on a shore duty assignment in San Francisco, recruiting officer candidates for the Navy nuclear program. I'm sure you'll understand my pride in him.

The germ for a novel began during my tour of duty aboard *Salisbury Sound*. After a long career as a corporate officer, I was finally able to write it. *Point of Honor* was published in hardcover last September and the paperback edition is just now hitting bookstores. The main character and several others in the novel were inspired by some of the characters I knew aboard "Sally," with the notable exception, I hasten to add, of the Queeg-like commanding officer of the fictional destroyer.

I recently joined the USS *Salisbury Sound* Association, saw your address, and thought that you might enjoy the book and this little story.

All best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,


Maurice Medland