

The Big Nickel Website

Use and Navigation

Accessing the site on the Internet

- You can use the browser of your choice: MS IE, Firefox, Opera, Chrome, etc. I am unable to test every browser out there, so if you use one that doesn't work, let me know and I'll investigate. I'm also unable to test for a Mac so if you're running a Mac and would like to do some QA for me, let me know.
- In the address bar, enter: <u>https://thebignickel.navy</u> or https://ussclaudevricketts.navy
- Entering either address will take you to the site.
 The USSClaudeVRicketts.Navy is a redirect to TheBigNickel.Navy.

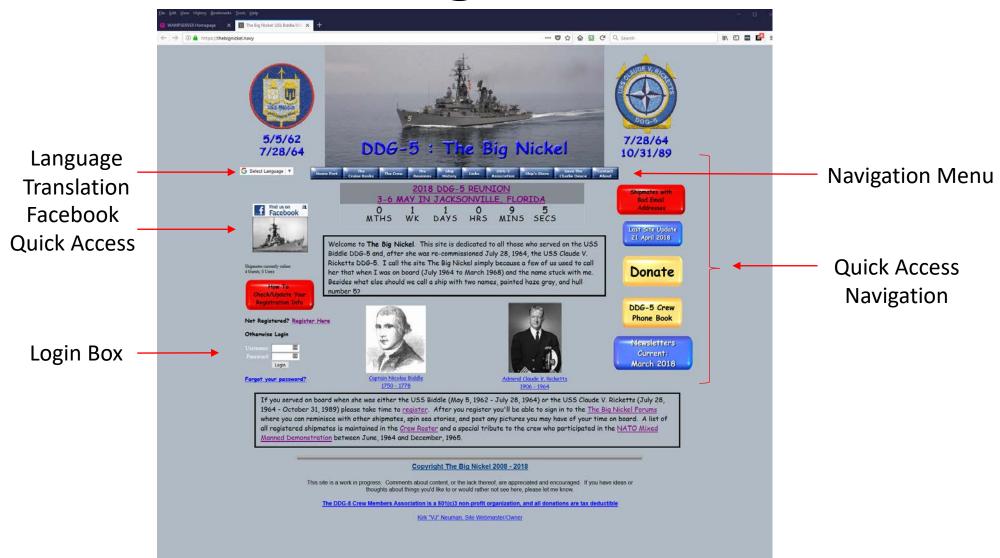
Secure Connection Indicators



The Home Port Page

- Unless you have another page bookmarked as TheBigNickel.Navy, you will taken to the Home Port page
- At the top of the Home Port page, under the heading, is the Site Navigation Menu bar
 - Hovering over some of the Site Navigation Menu buttons will result in a drop down of additional Navigation buttons related to the top-level button
- On the right side of the Home Port page are the Quick Access Navigation Buttons
- On the left side of the Home Port page is the quick link to the DDG-5
 Facebook group and the site login box

The Home Page (Home Port)



The Navigation Menu Bar



 Hovering over certain top-level buttons will result in a drop down button selection

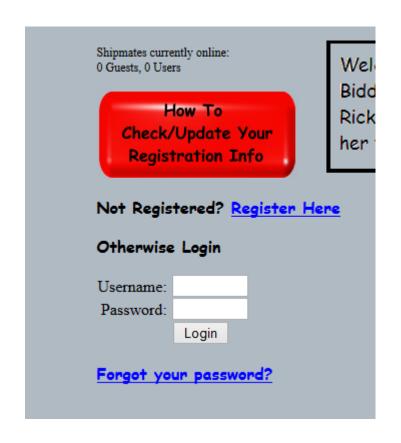




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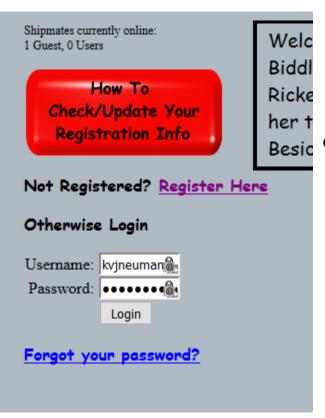
Clicking on a Quick Action button will take you to that page

Login Section



- Enter your username/password that you submitted when you registered on the site
- If you haven't yet registered, click the Register here link to be taken to the Registration page
- If you've forgotten either your username and/or password, click the *Forgot your password?* link to retrieve them. You will need the email address you submitted when you registered.
- If your email has changed since you first registered you will have to contact me, Captain.Kirk@TheBigNickel.Navy

Login Section (2)



 Once you enter your username/password, click the *Login* button

Login Section (3)



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Kirk VJ Neuman

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• When you are logged in you should see something similar to this

Login Section (4)

- You can also log in from The Big Nickel Forums
- Hover over the Crew Navigation Menu button and select Crew Forum in the drop down



Login Section (5)

The Big Nickel Forums

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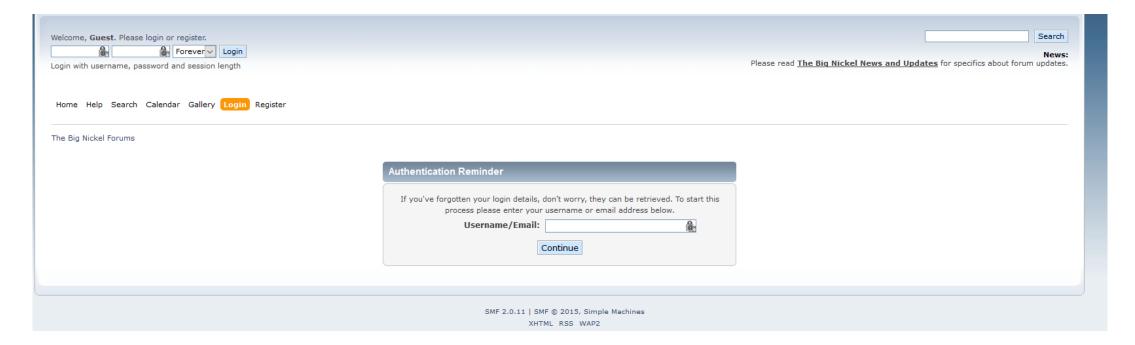
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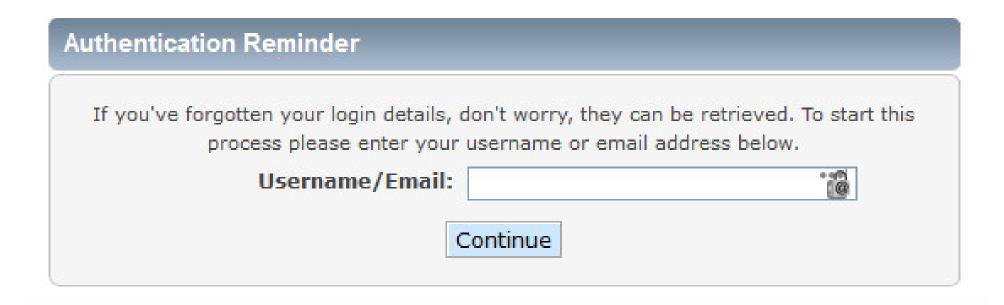
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- This is the page that is displayed when you click the Forgot your password? on the Home Port page
- Enter either your username or the email address you entered when you registered



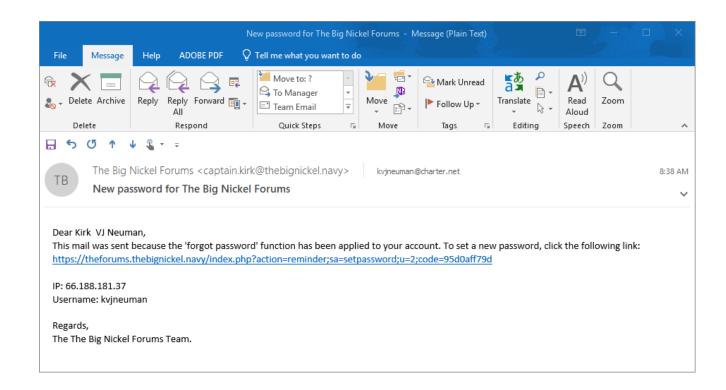
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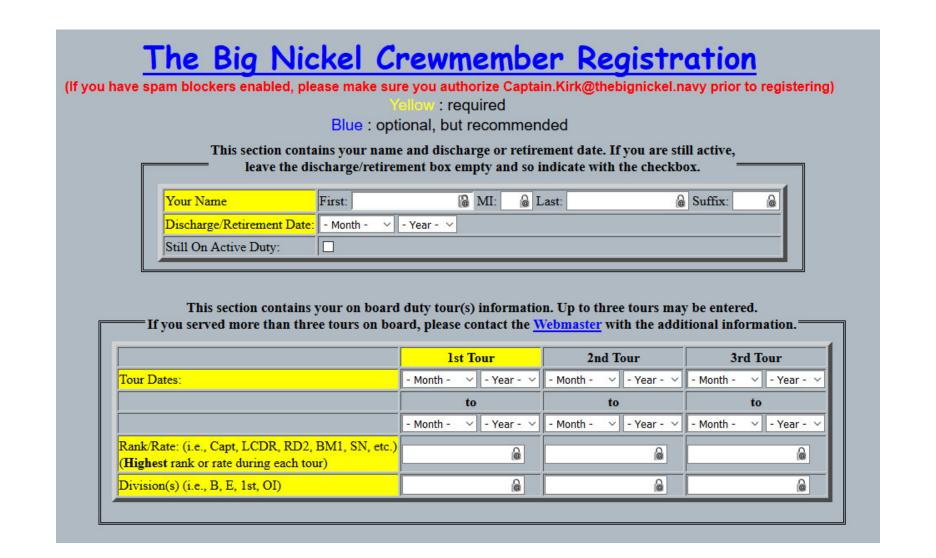
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Registration Page (Middle 1)

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Registration (Middle 2)

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| City: | |
| State (if not US, enter country): | |
| Zip/postal code: | |
| Home phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): | |

Registration (Bottom)

| Your username/password will automatically register you for The Big Nickel Forums, allow you to modify your information and allow you to contact other shipmates through the site. Username (minimum 8 characters): Password (minimum 6 characters): |
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| Enter any comments you'd like to make about your time on board. Currently there is a limit of 800 characters for your comments. |
| You have 800 characters remaining for your description |
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The Crew Roster

The Crews of DDG-5 USS Biddle/USS Claude V. Ricketts DDG-5

Below are the names of the men that, together, made up the crews of the USS Biddle and USS Claude V. Ricketts during her 27 year career. The names below represent those who have registered on this site and do no comprise the whole of the men who served on board the DDG-5 during her career. It is estimated that at least 4000 men served on board the DDG-5 during her lifetime. If you were a crew member of either the Biddle or the Ricketts and you have not yet done so, you can register here.

| Last Name | First Name | Last Tour | Division | Rank/Rate | MMD Crew? | Country | Comment | Deceased? |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------|---|-------------|
| <u>Acosta</u> | Carlos | March 1977 To June 1979 | Supply | SK3 | No | US | Started out in Deck along with Angel Mendez, Ruben Barcelo, Carrico, Aguilar. Went to Supply Div, after making SN with SKC Pullen, SK1 McDaniel, SK1 (LCDR) Joe Sarimento | |
| Adams | Michael | November 1973 To June 1977 | В | BT 2 | No | US | I had a great time on the Claude V. Ricketts three Med Cruises, a Ship Yard Overhaul, Battle Refresher Training in GITMO, Belknap rescue, Transited the Suez Cannel, crossed the Equator and was privileged to served with the best. "My Shipmates". | |
| Alexander | George | Febuary 1965 To July 1967 | Е | Em3 | Yes | US | I came on boaard to replace one of the Turks Feb 65. best move I've made. Came off Shanandoa AD 26 and wanted to travel!!! Great move. Made good friends, would love to hear from anyone from MMD. | |
| Allison | Gregory | July 1962 To November 1964 | R | RM3 | Yes | US | Was an honor serving on the USS Biddle/Claude V. Ricketts. Placed her into commission both times and was in the Cuban crises too.Was blessed to serve under my skipper and friend | |
| Amundson | Mark | June 1976 To September 1979 | E | IC2 | No | US | | |
| Anderson | Ted | Febuary 1970 To Febuary 1971 | E | ICFN | No | US | My time was short because I asked for and recieved a humanitarian transfer to WestPac.I served aboard the USS Ticonderoga CVS 14 and made IC2. I most remember our trip down to the carribean and to Gitmo on a training cruise after our stay at the ship | |
| armstrong | rex | January 1962 To November 1966 | М | MM1 | Yes | US | looking to meet up with old shipmates | |
| Armstrong | David | March 1985 To June 1988 | AS | STG1 | No | US | | |
| <u>Ash</u> | John | May 1980 To June 1984 | ASW | LT | No | US | | , 2° 2° 2° |
| <u>Babin</u> | James | December 1967 To March 1971 | ос | RM1 | No | US | Great ship, great crew and great memories! | Back to Top |

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| Comment StaNa | ed up the Ricketts in Philadelphia Naval Shipyard Dry Dock #2 on 1/2/1978. Sailed on her through the gulf in '79 and with lavForLant until my EAOS in 7/81. I have one of your missing cruise books. One of my grandsons has signed up for JRNROTC suse of my career that was cut short in '84. Maybe someday he'll join me at a reunion. | | | | | | | |

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Shipmate Detail When Not Logged In

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Shipmate Detail When Logged In

Email Window

- This is the email window displayed when clicking on a shipmate's name
- Your email address is displayed, the shipmates address is not
- Emailing a shipmate presumes his email address is up-to-date.



Access the <u>Crew Forums</u> by hovering over The Crew on the Navigation Menu Bar, then select the Crew Forums button.

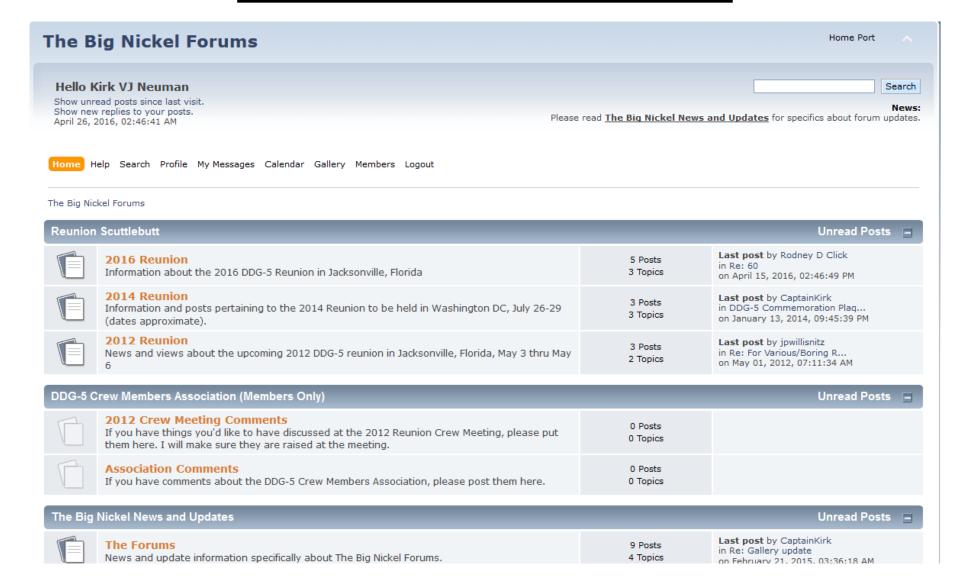
Once in the forums, you may read any post and post (if you are logged in)

To return to the **Home Port** page, click on the **Home Port** link in the upper right



The Big Nickel Forums

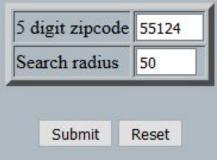
The Crew Forums



The Crewmate Finder

- Access The Crewmate Finder by hovering over The Crew on the Navigation Menu bar and selecting Crewmate Finder (Beta)
- Enter a zip code, a search radius in miles and then Submit

Enter your zip code into the following table, enter the distance in miles that you want to search and hit **Submit**. You will get a listing of crew member names, their city, state and zip code that reside within the range you selected. The distances are approximate to within a few miles. I am working on allowing you to email those crew members that come up, but that won't be available for a while yet.



Crewmate Finder Results

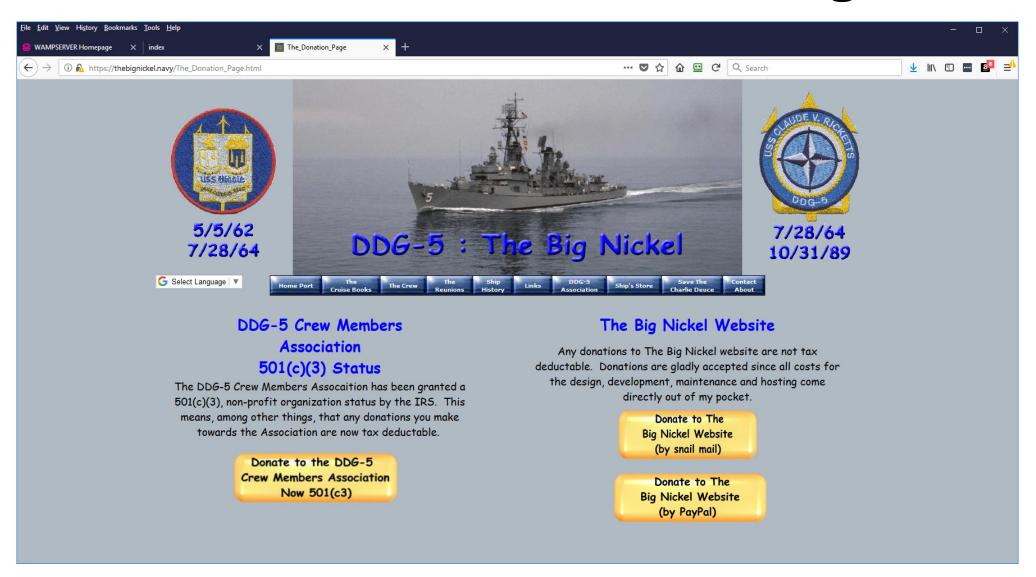
- Once displayed and if you are logged in, you can click on a shipmate's name to send email as described earlier
- If you are logged in, the shipmate's name will be colored blue. If you aren't logged in, it will be colored black.

| Back to Crew Mate Finder Beta Page | | | | | |
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| Number of registered US crew memb | pers: 485 | | | | |
| Shipmate | First Tour | City | State | Zip code | Distance (miles) |
| Kirk VJ Neuman | July 1964 - March 1968 | Apple Valley | MN | 55124 | 0 |
| Daniel Rogers | Oct 1968 - Oct 1969 | Lakeville | MN | 55044 | 6 |
| <u>Dan Heesch</u> | Mar 1977 - Sept 1980 | Saint Paul | MN | 55107 | 14 |
| John Steen | January 1984 - October 1986 | Hastings | MN | 55033 | 17 |
| Ron Featherston | January 1977 - August 1979 | Victoria | MN | 55386 | 24 |
| Edward G Willson jr | - Month - 1968 Month - 1971 | Belle Plaine | MN | 56011 | 29 |
| Jim Miller | Fall 1971 - Feb 1973 | Blaine | MN | 55434 | 29 |

<u>DDG-5</u> <u>CMA</u> 501(c)(3) Status

- The DDG-5 Crew Members Association is now a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization
- This means that any donations made to the DDG-5 CMA are tax deductible
- Since The Big Nickel website supports the DDG-5 Crew Members Association, I have made available a page with donation buttons available
- Donations towards The Big Nickel website are not deductible, but are welcome non-the-less.

DDG-5 CMA Donation Page



DDG-5 CMA Donation From

<u>DDG-5 Crew Members Association</u> <u>Donation Form</u>

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| City, St, Zip |
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| Donation Information |
| Donation |
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| I wish my donation to remain anonymous. |
| Signature |
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| Make checks payable to: DDG-5 Crew Members Association |
| Send to: DDG-5 Crew Members Association c/o Michael Margeotes 49 Columbia Blvd. |
| F Stroudsburg PA 18302 |

DDG-5 Ship's Store

The Ship's Store page presents those DDG-5 items that are available for sale

The Ship's Store inventory includes:

- Denim Shirts
- Polo Shirts
- Hats
- Cups
- Ship's Patches
- Challenge Coins
- Ship's History



Order Form

(Adobe PDF Reader required)

(External Order Items)

Coffee Cups: \$5

I have a very limited supply left. Once they're gone, they're gone.













Polo Shirt (Blue)

Order with or without pocket. See Order Form for latest prices.

I have a limited number of ship models available for sale at \$20 each. Fair warning, these are pretty small models (1:700) when finished. I've added the model to the Order Form so use that to order.



Hats (one size fits all): \$16







Click here for information on these hats



Challenge Coin: \$12





Front

Back

Ship's Patches: \$10





Ship's Store Page (Top)

Polo Shirt (Blue)

Order with or without pocket. See Order Form for latest prices.





Denim Shirts Short Sleeve Lone

Long Sleeve

See Order Form for latest prices.





Shirts come with ship name, DDG-5 and ship sillouette over the right pocket. Monograms are available on the right side of the shirt up to 4 lines.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the Ship's Storekeeper.



Make checks out to:

DDG-5 Crew Members Association

Send orders to:

DDG-5 Ship's Store

c/o Kirk Neuman

141 Strese Lane

Apple Valley, MN

55124-9337

If you would like to pay via PayPal, <u>use this link to find out the additional PayPal fee</u>, then click the button below and enter the amount. Send a copy of your order form to the Ship's Storekeeper.

DDG-5 Ship's Store PayPal Payment

Ship's Store Page (Bottom)

Ship's Store Ordering

Open the Ship's Store Order Form at the top of the page

The order form is in PDF format so you will need (at least) Adobe Reader

Fill in the quantity of the item(s) you are ordering

The total cost will be filled in automatically along with order total and shipping costs

Note that shipping costs are for US only and are actually variable, depending on the type and amount of items being ordered

Ship's Store Ordering (continued)

Payment can be made by check, money order or via PayPal

Payments by check or money order should be sent to the address on the Ship's Store page along with your payment

Payments made by credit card should have the card information filled in and the order form sent to the address indicated.

Payments made via PayPal will require an additional fee, determined by clicking the link, Please use this page for currency conversion and additional PayPal fee found near the mailto address

Ship's Store Order Form

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Ship's Store Mailing Address

Make checks out to:

DDG-5 Crew Members Association

Send orders to:

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c/o Kirk Neuman

141 Strese Lane

Apple Valley, MN

55124-9337

If you are an non-US MMD shipmate please use PayPal for payment. Please use this page for currency conversion and additional PayPal fee.

Once your order is processed and shipped, I will notify you of the total cost (order + shipping).

DDG-5 Ship's Store PayPal Payment Currency Conversion and PayPal Fee Calculator

