REUNION 2016 NORFOLK, VA.

NORFOLK, Virginia  Naval Station Norfolk, Home Port for the “Mighty Mac” mid 50’s to mid 60’s

Naval Station Norfolk's mission is to support and improve the personnel and logistics readiness of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. The Norfolk naval base provides seaport, airport, and squadron facilities, quality of life, and personnel management services.

Naval Station Norfolk, the world's largest Naval Station, occupies about 4,300 acres of Hampton Roads real estate on a peninsula known as Sewell's Point. Port facilities extend more than four miles along the waterfront and include some seven miles of pier and wharf space.

75 ships and 134 aircraft are home-ported here. When they are not at sea they're alongside one of the 13 piers or inside one of the 11 aircraft hangars for repair, refit, and training to provide the ship's or squadron's crew an opportunity to be with their families. Naval Station Norfolk is homeport to aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, large amphibious ships, submarines, supply ships, airplanes and helicopters.

Norfolk is an independent city in the Commonwealth of Virginia, United States. At the 2010 census, the population was 242,803. In 2015 the population was estimated to be 247,189 making it the second-most populous city in Virginia, behind neighboring Virginia Beach.
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160331-N-KL526-359 ARABIAN SEA (March 31, 2016) A cache of weapons is assembled on the deck of the guided-missile destroyer USS Gravely (DDG 107). The weapons were seized from a stateless dhow which was intercepted by the Coastal Patrol ship USS Sirocco (PC 6) on March 28. The illicit cargo included 1,500 AK-47s, 200 RPG launchers, and 21 .50 caliber machine guns. Gravely supported the seizure following the discovery of the weapons by Sirocco's boarding team. This seizure was the third time in recent weeks international naval forces operating in the waters of the Arabian Sea seized a shipment of illicit arms which the United States assessed originated in Iran and was likely bound for Houthi insurgents in Yemen. The weapons are now in U.S. custody awaiting final disposition. (Official U.S. Navy Photo/Released)

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President’s Report

Dear Shipmate,

Three months of 2016 have passed by and if you haven’t yet paid your dues, you are really late! With non-payment of dues a couple of things happen: You are dropped from Active Member status and you are no longer eligible to attend the Annual Reunion, this year being held in Norfolk, Virginia. So if the dues payment just slipped by you, please consider this note as a REMINDER……WRITE YOUR CHECK AND MAIL IT to Treasurer Sam Saverine.

Speaking about the Reunion, you’ll find all the details and the Registration Form elsewhere in this edition of The Masthead. And it sounds like it’s going to be a terrific, fun time experience. How can it not be?…..visiting our one time “home away from home”….NORFOLK!

Once again, our Reunion Chairman, vice president Dave Long, has done an outstanding job locating a convenient, affordable hotel, Holiday Inn Airport (including free breakfasts). He has lined up two exciting all-day tours; one tour to traverse Norfolk and the surrounding area; the second tour to include visiting the Naval Base. I probably won’t recognize a thing. Personally, this will be my first time returning since being transferred off the Mount McKinley in February 1959, so I’m truly looking forward to this year’s event!! Of course, our SOP continues: A Wednesday evening Welcoming Buffet and our Hospitality Room with snacks and beverages. All this and a Registration Fee less than the past several years!! Please make every effort to be there with your shipmates!

During this Spring and continuing into the Summer, our Association’s Webmaster, Ken Oxenrider, will be performing a long overdue, major overhaul of the Association’s website. This will include new programs, new server and new “tools” for ease of manipulating around the website. Having read Ken’s proposal, the work is not for the faint-of-heart (I won’t even consider getting into the computer lingo). If you know your way around computers, you know this will be a tedious, step by step procedure. When completed this Fall (fingers crossed), it will be announced to the Association’s membership.

OK. Now it’s up to you………..review the enclosed Norfolk Reunion information, complete the Registration Form, mail it with your check to our Treasurer, Sam Saverine, and contact the Norfolk Holiday Inn Airport to make your reservation. I look forward to seeing you in Norfolk!

Yours in service,

Ray Zall
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# Reunion Tours

## Tour # 1 Thursday September 15, 2016 9:30 AM– 3:00 PM

This tour begins with a visit to the Nauticus Museum, with such attractions as, “old” Navy equipment, interactive exhibits 3D HD Film in a 250 seat theatre, and aquariums with marine life. Next the Hampton Road Naval Museum (same building) contains highlights of Naval Battles, exhibit's of detailed models, and Artwork. Next outside a self-guided tour of the Iowa class Battleship USS WISCONSIN, which saw action in WW11, Korea, and the Persian Gulf War. Lunch will be on our own at the nearby MacArthur Center, with full service restaurants, and a quick service food court. Will then board busses for a ride in Norfolk’s Historic District spanning 3 colorful Centuries. Then on to Doumar’s home of the worlds first Ice Cream Cone Maker. The Cone was created by Abe Doumar for the St Louis Worlds Fair 1904. We will watch cones being made and be treated to an Ice Cream Cone.

Tour cost $52.00 per person

## Tour # 2 Friday September 16th 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

We will board the bus with our guide and head for a visit to the MacArthur memorial. We will see some of our country's history along with the life and achievements of Douglas MacArthur. There will also be a short film about the general's life.

We will then get back on the bus and head for the naval station. As we know, Norfolk is the largest naval installation in the world. Norfolk is home to 78 ships ranging in size from submarines to aircraft carriers, 26 aircraft squadrons comprised of 133 aircraft, and headquarters of the Atlantic fleet. The base is about 8,000 acres in size and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel. A naval guide will board the bus and escort us past 14 piers, through the air station and the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown exposition on "Admiral's Row". Lunch will be included in one of the clubs on the base for the group. Tour cost $55 per person.
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**Reunion Registration 2016**

**September 14th-18th**

Holiday Inn 1570 N Military Hwy Norfolk VA.

( Hotel Registrations made separately call (757) 213-2231)

Return this form with your payment on or before August 15th, 2016

Register the following for the 2016 Reunion. Print your name(s) Residing in.. City & State as you wish them to appear on the name badges.

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If you wish your Name badge to include the Ship you served on, your rate/rank and actual years served aboard that ship (ex. 59-62) Please complete the following:

Ship name or Flag staff_______________ Rate/Rank_______ Yrs. Served______ Division_____

Total # of persons Registered ____@ $65.00 Each..............................................total $_______

Tours are optional

Thursday September 15th  Tour ____ Tickets@$52.00 Each..........................total $_______

Friday September 16th  Tour ____ Tickets@$55.00 Each..........................total $_______

Total amount enclosed (reunion+ tours)..............................................................Total $_______

**Banquet meal choices**

Roast Sirloin of beef # requested____ Chicken Chasseur # requested____

Parmesan Tilapia # requested____ Vegetarian selection # requested____

Mail To: USS Mt. McKinley Association Attn: Sam Saverine Treasurer

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Members and Non Members reported deceased since 12/31/2015

Edwin Hays RMC OC Div '49-'51 Life member past away 3/11/2016
Report for heavenly duty.

New Members since 12/31/2015
Fred Brunetti
Ron Stanke RD3 OI Div '60-'63

WELCOME ABOARD!

Reminder: If you have personal remembrances from your time on the Mighty Mac. That you wish to share, please send them to me for consideration in the MASTHEAD.

Mike Debol editor to: Archangel.debol51@gmail.com

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### USS Mount McKinley Financial Statement March 31st 2016

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Oh, I see...

The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves is that they don’t speak the same language. For instance, Take the simple phrase ?secure the building?. The Army will post guards around the place. The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors. The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters. The Air Force will take out a 5 year lease with an option to buy.

*Marines, well what can you say?*

A crusty old Marine Sergeant Major found himself at a gala event hosted by a local liberal arts college. There was no shortage of extremely young idealistic liberal ladies in attendance, one of whom approached the Sergeant Major for conversation.

Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man.. Is something bothering you?

Negative, ma'am. Just serious by nature.

The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, It looks like you have seen a lot of action.

Yes, ma'am, a lot of action.

The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said, You know, you should lighten up a little. Relax and enjoy yourself.

The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner. Finally the young lady said, You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when was the last time you had sex?

1955, ma'am.

Well, there you are. No wonder you're so serious. You really need to chill out and relax! I mean, no sex since 1955! Come with me.

She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to relax him several times.

Afterwards, panting for breath, she leaned against his grizzled bare chest and said, Wow, you sure didn’t forget much since 1955.

The Sergeant Major said in his serious voice, after glancing at his watch, I hope not; its only 2130 now
USS Mt McKinley Association Our Purpose:
To Promote Patriotism and Camaraderie among those who served on board the USS Mt McKinley during that ship’s 25 years and 10 months active service to the U.S. Navy from May 1st 1944

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Holiday Inn Breakfast Buffet

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