Reunion September 2016 was Great!

Here are some examples:

- Marine with his Harem
- USS Wisconsin BB-64
- USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CVN-73
- 16 inch guns on the USS Wisconsin
- General MacArthur Museum tour
- Iconic symbols of MacArthur

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October 13th

Happy 241st Birthday!
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Navy News

60728-N-S1773-1967 PACIFIC OCEAN (July 28, 2016) Littoral combat ship USS Coronado (LCS 4) steams in close formation as one of 40 ships and submarines representing 13 international partner nations during Rim of the Pacific 2016. Twenty-six nations, more than 40 ships and submarines, more than 200 aircraft, and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC from June 30 to Aug. 4, in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2016 is the 25th exercise in the series that began in 1971. (U.S. Navy Combat Camera photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ace Rheaume)

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President’s Report

Fall 2016

Dear Shipmate,

WOW! What a Reunion. Attended by 83 shipmates, spouses and guests, the city of Norfolk was shown in full display. And if you hadn’t been there in fifty-plus years, as I, it was a shock! We enjoyed two wonderful, very informative tours, including boarding and touring the USS Wisconsin, visiting the MacArthur Memorial and Museum, and touring the Naval Station Norfolk, which is the largest such base in the world now that it has physically combined the Naval Air Station. We drove past our old, refurbished pier 7, got a view of the new, radically designed destroyer, USS Zumwalt, and were hosted for a lunch at the Breezy Point Officers’ Club. Some folks took time opportunities to drive out to Virginia Beach, on what is now an eight lane highway rather than the two lane road of 50s and 60s. There were many enjoyable sites, but, disappointingly, none of East Main Street. The Color Guard from Maury High School's Navy Junior ROTC unit honored our banquet gathering with the Presentation of Colors. Attendees enjoyed an evening of dining, dancing, prize drawings and long distance calls to missed shipmates Andy and Flo Ulichney, and Les and Sharon Mayer. Enjoyment was such that remaining partiers were asked to leave the banquet room sometime after 11 PM. When our gang is requested to leave at a late hour, you know it was a fun time! Now, while those fun memories and comradery fill your mind…………… THINK PHOENIX 2017 !

Some Business Housekeeping…he 2016 Business Meeting included the election of Directors for the service period of 2016-18. Due to the lack of volunteers at the time of seeking new Directors, two Directors, Tom Welch and Steve Schermerhorn, were carried over from previous terms. At the Board of Directors’ Meeting following the Business Meeting, a motion was made and voted upon affirmatively that the Director carry-over pattern must cease and new candidates must be sought. As such, newly elected carry-over candidates Tom Welch and Steve Schermerhorn volunteered to step down to be replaced by new volunteers Dan Moffett and George Betts. The action was voted upon and carried. George and Dan join earlier elected candidate, Al Sedler, as Association Directors for the service term 2016-18.

I would be remiss…it’s already belated…if I did not officially welcome our new Membership Secretary/Treasurer, WES BRUBACHER. Wes took over during the challenging period of late Spring with the influx of dues payments and incoming registrations for the Norfolk Reunion. He handled it expertly and, additionally, also enhanced the financial reporting system and documents. Big thanks, Wes (and Bobbi)! I look forward to working with you this year.

Carol and I send early wishes for a pleasant Thanksgiving. May you enjoy it with family, friends and thoughtful hearts.

Yours in service,

Ray Zall
‘Mister President, the Navy Will Not Let You Down’

Cuban Missile Crisis Naval History

By: Tom Allen

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Naval History Magazine October, 2012

From manning quarantine lines to flying reconnaissance missions to preparing for an invasion, the U.S. Navy played instrumental roles during the Cuban Missile Crisis 50 years ago.

On a tense day in October 1962, the USS *Allan M. Sumner* (DD-692) was about 500 miles off the northern shore of Cuba, trailing a Soviet freighter. President John F. Kennedy, after learning that the Soviet Union was sending ballistic missiles to the island nation, had proclaimed a quarantine against ships carrying offensive arms there. The Cuban Missile Crisis had moved from the White House and the Kremlin to the sea, and suddenly the crisis was focused on the *Sumner*.

“I was in the wheelhouse,” Quartermaster Third Class Bob Bourassa remembered. “The freighter was about 1000 yds. off our port side.” When the transport failed to respond to an order to stop, Commander William J. Flynn, captain of the *Sumner*, sent a handwritten message down to the radio shack “and after the first message was returned to him, he instructed the guns to be turned toward the freighter.” After a while, Commander Flynn sent down a second message. Before it was answered, “the freighter came to a stop . . . backed down for some time, stopped and then turned around and sailed eastward.”

That was the Navy on the quarantine line—ships ready for action and a command system that reached from the Pentagon and President Kennedy to destroyer captains and their crews. Before the crisis ended, the Navy would have more than 140 ships in the Caribbean and over 350 combat aircraft at area airfields. They were responding to a Cold War confrontation that had begun in September 1960 when the Soviet freighter *Atkarsk* arrived at Nikolaev, the Black Sea port used for exporting weapons and military equipment from the Soviet Union.

The National Security Agency, monitoring Nikolaev radio traffic, tracked the *Atkarsk* and several other cargo ships from the port as each sailed to the same destination: Cuba.

Strengthening his bond with Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was arming the country 90 miles from American shores less than a year after Castro had led a revolution that toppled the U.S. backed regime of dictator Fulgencio Batista. Eventually the arms transported to Cuba would include nuclear weapons, and the day would come when a wrong move by ships such as the *Sumner* could launch a nuclear war. Not since the Cold War had begun would so much depend on the ships and men of the U.S. Navy.

As the NSA tracked the *Atkarsk*, President Dwight D. Eisenhower responded to the rapidly strengthening Soviet-Cuban alliance by preparing to proclaim a trade embargo of Cuba, barring all exports except medical items and food. President Eisenhower’s decision came as Cuba was becoming a major issue in the presidential campaign of Vice President Richard M. Nixon and then-Senator Kennedy.

Soon after Kennedy won the election, a new Cuban chapter opened. The Central Intelligence Agency revealed to the president-elect that covert plans authorized by Eisenhower spanned “a range of possible paramilitary operations” against Castro, including a “combined sea-air assault by trained Cuban exiles coordinated with the guerrilla activity generated on the island”—a U.S.-managed invasion of Cuba.
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On 16–17 April 1961, some 1,400 Cuban exiles, mostly from the Miami area, landed on a swampy shore known as the Bay of Pigs in an amphibious operation doomed from the start. 6 Khrushchev, angrily reacting to the failed landing, told Kennedy that the Soviet Union would give Castro “all necessary assistance” to defend Cuba and urged the president to refrain from any future attacks to prevent “a conflagration which it will be impossible to cope with.”

That potential fire began to smolder in the summer of 1962, when the CIA picked up rumors in Miami’s Cuban émigré community that Khrushchev was deploying nuclear missiles in Cuba. The agency dismissed the rumors as expatriates’ propaganda. But in July 1962, as the seaborne flow of conventional Soviet weapons and military equipment steadily increased, CIA Director John McCone believed that “the buildup was a prelude to the deployment of nuclear missiles.” McCone was the successor to Allen Dulles, who had been forced to resign after the Bay of Pigs debacle. According to a CIA assessment of the time, McCone “was virtually alone” in his belief. 8

On 29 August, photographs taken by a U-2 spy plane revealed eight surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites under construction. When briefed on the U-2 photographs, McCone said: “They’re not putting them in to protect the cane cutters. They’re putting them in to blind our reconnaissance eye.” 9 The first shots of the looming crisis were fired on 30 August, when a Cuban patrol vessel fired at an unarmed U.S. S2F Tracker antisubmarine warfare plane flying over international waters. 10 By then there was no doubt that thousands of Red Army soldiers—“technicians,” said the Soviets—were pouring onto the island.

The Navy spotted a Soviet-built missile patrol boat off the Cuban port of Mariel, and photographs showed others moored nearby. When told of this, President Kennedy, a PT boat skipper in World War II, sent a memo to Secretary of the Navy Fred Korth: “I would like to get a report on the ability of our destroyers to deal effectively with the new motor torpedo boats of the KOMAR class that the Cubans now possess.” 11

On 9 September, a CIA U-2, flown by a Taiwanese pilot, was shot down over China by an SA-2 surface-to-air missile, providing policymakers with a reminder of how the Soviet SAMs in Cuba endangered U-2 overflights. 12 Consequently the spy plane missions over the island were halted. But, determined to get photographic proof to confirm reports that Soviet medium-range ballistic missiles (MRBMs) had arrived in Cuba, the National Security Council eased restrictions.

And, because the Kennedy administration wanted a military officer at the controls, a CIA U-2 was piloted by Air Force Major Richard S. Heyser when the spy plane took off from Edwards Air Force base in California near midnight on 13 October. Four and a half hours later, at 0731 on Sunday, 14 October, Heyser began his pass across a cloudless Cuba, 72,500 feet below.

Twelve minutes after that, he veered eastward to land at McCoy Air Force base (present-day Orlando International Airport), Florida. Two rolls of film were swiftly transferred to an aircraft, which flew them to the Naval Photographic Intelligence center in Suitland, Maryland, where the film was developed and positives made. The next morning, a Navy truck pulled up to a nondescript seven-story building in a run-down Washington neighborhood. Two armed Marines climbed out, and an armed Navy officer and two enlisted men removed a box from the vehicle. They carried it into the building, which had no outer sign that it housed the CIA’s National Photographic Interpretation center. 13

NPIC photo interpreters leaned for hours over light tables, peering at frames of the U-2 film through magnifying glasses and stereoscopic viewers. They were convinced they were looking at evidence that could prove the Soviet Union had delivered MRBMs to Cuba. Once operational, the missiles would be capable of hitting U.S. cities with nuclear warheads. On the morning of Tuesday, 16 October, CIA officers presented blowups of the photos to Kennedy and briefed him about the interpreters’ findings.

(Transcription of these historical events will continue in the next Masthead)
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Members and Non Members reported deceased since 06/30/2016

- Pat McDonald EM-3 E Div. Aboard Mt Mac ’54-’59 Last Residence New Haven, Mo
- Louis McQuaid L13 ’65-’69 Last residence Miami, FL Date passed 12/09 recent notification

Report for heavenly duty.

### USS Mount McKinley Financial Statement June 30th 2016

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**Military Chuckles**

"Artillery is the King of battle: the King cannot swim, however, which is why we need you guys."

(USMC arty specialist to a group of Navy officers in an Amphib Warfare Indoctrination course.)

A soldier stationed in Afghanistan recently received a letter from his girlfriend back home. It read as follows:

“Dear Ricky,
I can no longer continue our relationship. The distance between us is just too great. I must admit that I have cheated on you twice, since you’ve been gone, and it’s not fair to either of us. I’m sorry. Please return the picture of me that I sent to you.
Love, Becky………..”

The soldier, with hurt feelings, asked his fellow soldiers for any snapshots they could spare of their girlfriends, sisters or ex-girlfriends. In addition to the picture of Becky, Ricky included all the other pictures of the pretty gals he had collected from his buddies. There were 57 photos in that envelope.

along with this note:

“Dear Becky,
I’m so sorry, but I can’t quite remember who the hell you are. Please take your picture from the pile, and send the rest back to me.
Take Care,
Ricky”

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?
Soldier: Sure, buddy.
Officer: That’s no way to address an officer! Now let’s try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?
Soldier: No, SIR!
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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 to (commissioned) to March 26th 1970 (de-commissioned)

Norfolk, Thank you we had a ball!!

Shipmates, friends enjoyed the visit!

Banquet -Presentation of Colors

Conversations, memories shared, food, fun!

President Ray Zal addresses the banquet attendees