Reunion in Phoenix
Was a Success
We missed some of you 😞
Hope to see You
September 2018

In
St Louis, Missouri
SAN FRANCISCO (Oct. 6, 2017)

The U.S. Navy flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels, perform during Fleet Week San Francisco 2017. Fleet Week offers the public an opportunity to meet Sailors, Marines, and members of the Coast Guard, and gain a better understanding of how sea services support the national defense of the United States and freedom of the seas. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kory Alsberry (Released) 171006-N-JO908-313
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Fellow shipmates;

I would first and foremost like to thank past president Ray Zall for his leadership and dedication for the past four years. His devotion, and affection for the association is something that we can all respect and appreciate. He encouraged participation from everyone in the association and continued to work to make this a great organization. So, because of all this, I would like to give Ray Zall a very hearty thank you.

With the Phoenix gathering, I have completed 15 years with the Mt. McKinley Association, and 11 years as reunion chairman. However, I don’t know that I ever thought of a time when I would be honored to serve as the president of such a great organization.

As of today, everyone has probably arrived home from the reunion in Phoenix. This reunion presented several challenges. Meeting rooms, snacks, food in general and of course, the drinks... alcoholic and otherwise. And then there was the heat.

But, the situation in Phoenix is one that we knew would face eventually and this was the year. From the feedback that I received, both tours were very good. Even though they were a little pricey, they were interesting and informative. The hotel did have a shuttle that took our members to various locations within their 2-mile limit which we thoroughly appreciated.

As far as I know, St. Louis will be something that we are more accustomed to. And with over 50 hotels and more than 100 attractions, it looks to be very promising. I have already contacted the St. Louis CVB and will be working with them to find the best hotel deal that will work the best for our group. I don’t see any problem in finding tours. So, with great hotels, good restaurants, numerous historic sites, and dozens of other attractions, I am looking forward to our next reunion.

We all know that there is a search going on for a webmaster who meets the qualifications that we need and who can take over the ship’s website. Ken Oxenrider has built a great presence on the internet and anyone who does an internet search on the Mt. McKinley will find a tremendous amount of information spread over several web sites. However, Ken is wishing to move away from the responsibility of taking care of this site. Vice President Steve Schermerhorn has volunteered to investigate some alternatives to our current website. At this time, he is looking at design, then will consider putting the design on a web page.

This is a process so it could take a while before we have anything that we can see, but Ken has also said that he is available for consultation and has offered any assistance needed. As the website stands now, it does take a set of skills that no one, except for Ken, in the association seems to have. Hence, a re-design may be in order.

In conclusion, I once again like to thank Ray Zall for his service and thank those who have volunteered once again to take us through the next two years. A listing of the entire board will appear in the next edition of the Masthead.

Thank you all again and let’s make St. Louis a great reunion.

David Long

Wish our new President Smooth sailing and following seas
The 1958 Lebanon Crisis, also known as Operation Blue Bat, is notable for being the first American invasion in the Middle East.

**Background Of The Crisis**

Lebanon was threatened by civil unrest between Moranite Christians and Muslims in 1958. Tension had been building between Lebanon and Egypt, and escalated further when President Camille, who was a pro-western Christian, failed to break diplomatic relations with the Western countries, namely including France and Great Britian who had attacked Egypt during the Suez Crisis. The Egyptian president, Gamel Nasser, was angered by President Camille’s action to the point that he was willing to do whatever it would take to sever his relationship with Lebanon. The tensions were further fuelled with President Camille’s support for the Baghdad Pact which was also pro-western and seen by President Nasser as a hindrance to the Arab Nationalism. In response to this threat, Syria and Egypt united to form the United Arab Republic with Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami supporting the Egyptian president. The Muslims in Lebanon demanded that the country join the UAR while the Christian preferred the country align itself with Western powers. President Camille’s reluctance to give in to the Muslim’s demand led to a rebellion by many Muslims with an allegation that the UAR, through Syria, was supplying weapons. President Camille reported Syria’s action to the UN Security Council who sent a team to investigate the claims. However, the team did not find any substantial evidence to the claims made by President Camille. The final blow to the embattled president was a bloody military coup in Iraq on July 14, 1958, in which Iraq’s pro-western king and prime minister were killed. President Camille was forced to call for American intervention.

**Operation Blue Bat**

President Eisenhower of the United States answered Camille’s request by forming Operation Blue Bat to intervene in the crisis. The aim of the operation was to protect the regime against the Muslim rebellion and any intended threats from Lebanese rivals. The strategy was to take charge of the Beirut International Airport, the port of Beirut and the areas surrounding the city. Operation Blue Bat included about 14,000 men made up of 8,500 US Army forces and 5,670 US Marine Corps. Robert D Murphy was sent to Lebanon by President Eisenhower to convince both sides to reach a compromise. Both sides were urged to consider electing a moderate Christian General Fuad Chehab to replace President Camille. However, the incumbent president served until the end of her term on September 22, 1958, which also marked the end to the crisis. The US forces departed the Lebanon at the end of October with one casualty. The installation of the new president ended the crisis with a death toll of about 4,000 people.

In January 1958, Mount McKinley deployed to 6th Fleet, operating with the Amphibious Ready Group in NATO and U.S. exercises. Due to return to the States in June, the ship’s departure was delayed due to increasing tensions in the Middle East. The ship served as an afloat headquarters for the Marine force landed in Lebanon during the crisis of July 1958. She returned to Norfolk 16 August.
This Newsletter is dedicated to all the men who served on this extraordinary ship in service to their country whether in time of war or peace

Paraprosdokians:

First time I heard about Paraprosdokians, I liked them. Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them).

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you..
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of Emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Sadly this is true!!! Spread the Laughter, Share the Cheer, Let's be Happy, while we're here!

Courtesy of our past President Ray Zall
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Report for heavenly duty

New Members since 09/31/17
Welcome Aboard!!

From your Membership Secretary –
As of 1 January 2018
some of you will be owing dues for 2018. Watch your email or USPS mail the end of December or early January for a notice.

Thank You!

Shipmates,
Wes Brubacher
P.O. Box 376
Geyserville,

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|                             | 2016 Y/E                   | ADDITIONS                  | SUBTRACTIONS                | YTD BAL           |
|                             | 1/1-9/01                  | Since 9/01                  | 1/1-9/01                    | Since 9/01        |
| **Assets**                  |                            |                            |                            |                   |
| Wells Fargo Checking        | $6,604.93                 | $7,743.00                  | $1,355.75                  | $787.03           | $11,914.10        | $3,002.55          |
| Wells Fargo Money Mkt       | $17,224.95                | $3.44                      | $.37                       | $                 | $17,228.76        |                   |
| Ship Store Inventory Net    | $2,160.87                 | $                           | $560.03                    | $264.00           | $695.00           | $1762.17          |
| Total Assets                | $25,990.75                | $7,776.44                  | $1,916.42                  | $1,051.03         | $12,609.10        | $21,993.48         |
| **Income**                  |                            |                            |                            |                   |                   |
| Ship Store Sales            | $264.00                   | $695.00                    |                             |                   | $959.00           |
| Ship Store Shipping         | $                       | $25.00                     | $107.75                    |                   | $132.75           |
| Annual Dues                 | $769.00                   | $125.00                    |                             |                   | $894.00           |
| Life Member Dues            | $                       |                             |                             |                   |                   |
| Raffle/Door Prize           | $198.00                   |                             |                             |                   | $198.00           |
| 2017 Reunion                | $6,185.00                 | $130.00                    |                             |                   | $6,315.00         |
| Wells Fargo Interest        | $3.44                     | $.37                       |                             |                   | $3.81             |
| Donations                   | $500.00                   | $100.00                    |                             |                   | $600.00           |
| Total Income                | $7,746.44                 | $1,356.12                  |                             |                   | $9,102.56         |
| **Expense**                 |                            |                            |                            |                   |
| Office Supplies             | $                       | $                       | $                       |                   |                   |
| Masthead Print/Postage      | $489.58                   | $                       | $                       |                   | $489.58           |
| Ship Store                  | $606.30                   | $                       | $                       |                   | $606.30           |
| Postage                     | $                       | $                       | $                       |                   | $                       |
| Ship Store Shipping         | $105.00                   | $127.75                   | $132.75                   |                   | $                       |
| Website                     | $119.70                   | $59.85                    | $179.55                   |                   | $                       |
| Bank Service Charge         | $                       | $                       | $                       |                   | $                       |
| Reunion 2017                | $72.75                    | $11,166.20                | $11,238.95                |                   | $                       |
| Total Expense               | $782.07                   | $11,914.10                | $12,701.13                |                   | $                       |
| **Net 2017**                | $                       | $                       | $                       |                   | $(3,997.27)        |
| Change In S/S Inventory     | $560.30                   | $264.00                   | $695.00                   | $(398.70)         |
| **Total 2016**              | $                       | $                       | $                       |                   | $25,990.75         |
| **Total YTD 2017**          | $25,990.75                | $7,746.44                 | $1,916.42                 | $1,051.03         | $21,993.48         |
Your smile for the day.

(Goofy Headlines)

MAN KILLS SELF BEFORE SHOOTING WIFE AND DAUGHTER

This one I caught in the Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible! They put in a correction the next day.

SOMETHING WENT WRONG IN JET CRASH, EXPERT SAYS

Really?

POLICE BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO RUN DOWN JAY-WALKERS

Now that’s taking things a bit far!

PANDA MATING FAILS; VETERINARIAN TAKES OVER

What a guy!

“Stay!”

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically,

"Now you stay. Do you hear me?" "Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me a strange look and said,

(this is going to hurt read on)

"Why don't you just put it in 'Park'?"
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 to (commissioned) to March 26th 1970 (de-commissioned)

St. Louis, Missouri, our next Reunion location! Hope to see you there, Shipmates

Reunion Phoenix, AZ Banquet Pictures

Left to Right, Carol Zall, Color Guard, Miguel & Simon our hospitality room servers, Dave and Darlene Long, Tom Hempfer and guest Tom Czlicki, Lynne DeBo and Shirley Lepeak