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Thursday, Sept. 8th

A Day in Historic Charleston

9:00 AM to 3:00PM.

Tour Charleston, one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the South. Her stately homes with their lovely gardens, her magnificent public buildings and her majestic churches will enchant you. As you tour you will see the College of Charleston, Harleston Village (one of the early suburbs of the city), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and of course our famous Battery with its elegant town houses built by planters and merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. Spend some time shopping and browsing in the Old City Market and have lunch on your own at one of our fine restaurants.

Friday, Sept 9th

Patriots Point Tour

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Tour Patriots Point, the world’s largest Naval and maritime museum. Visit the Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the submarine CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy’s last diesel powered submarines; and the Coast Guard Cutter INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989.

Patriots Point also has a true-to-scale exhibit showing the living conditions and operational areas utilized by Vietnam support base veterans. Included are a 31 foot River Patrol Boat, ammunition bunker, combat information center, 24 foot gun and observation tower, Huey UH1H Medivac helicopter, displays, artifacts, and authentic weaponry.

Also on site is the Medal of Honor Museum. Explore the true life heroics of our nation’s most gallant fighting men. You’ll see several actual Medals of Honor, artifacts, memorabilia.
Donations to the Associations

Thanks to these members for their donations to the USS Mount McKinley Association

During the second quarter of 2005

Frank Abbate, Donald Frankel, Daniel MacGilvray, William Ryan, Charles Schack, Charles Warner

Donations for the quarter $114.00

Total Donations for the first 6 months $271.58

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USS Mount McKinley Association
Statement of Financial Condition
As of June 30, 2005

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| Reunion Expenses -2005 | 56.00 |
| **Total Income Year to Date** | 3433.98 |

| Cash January 1, 2005 | 24435.95 |
| Net of allocated dues 2005 of $655. | 3301.05 |
| Ships Store Inventory January 1, 2005 | 3433.98 |
| Add Income as of June 24, 2005 | 851.00 |
| **Total** | 32021.98 |

| Cash-Bank Of America (See Note 1) | 9496.36 |
| Cash-Zurich Money Market | 18270.60 |
| **Total Cash June 24, 2005** | 27766.96 |
| Ships Store Inventory, June 24, 2005 | 4255.02 |
| **Total Assets** | 32021.98 |

Note 1, Includes prepaid life dues of $6071.00 not available for operations
Will be allocated to dues income over life expectancy period.

Submitted By: William K. Ellis, Treasurer
With just two months left before the next reunion, I find myself thinking more and more about it and anticipating the good times we will have at Charleston in September. Come prepared for another outstanding reunion put together by Dennis Pilny, our Reunion Chairman. In addition to the scheduled tours being offered this year, there are many other interesting things to see, so you might want to stay a couple of extra days this year to take these in.

Remember to bring your Mt. McKinley memorabilia for the "Show & Tell" time Saturday morning. It's OK to bring the same things that were shown at previous reunions as we always have new people attending that are interested in seeing them. Many of us like to (need to) refresh our memories and it is also often hard to see everything that is displayed during that time. At the Annual Business Meeting we will be electing and voting for all Officer positions and for 3 Director positions to guide the Association for the next two years. If you are willing to serve the Association by standing for one of these positions or know someone you think might be willing to stand for an elective position, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairman Les Mayer (e-mail--lmayer888@comcast.net). Or you can contact any other Officer with your information for forwarding to the Nominating Committee. Getting involved and becoming part of the team overseeing the Association is fun, not a lot of work and you will make friends with members you might not otherwise get to know.

Hoping to see you at Charleston in September. Dwight Janzen

Just found the site. I was in COMPHIBGRU ONE (1964-1965) and was aboard Mt Mac for a six-month period during that time. I was later assigned to ship's company (1967-1969). Would love hearing from any of the old hands that were aboard during these periods. Don Angstead rhino718@intergate.com

I SERVED ABOARD THE MAC FROM AUG.54 THRU JAN 57. I WAS A FP2. I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO MIGHT REMEMBER ME. OTHERS IN R DIV. AT THE TIME WAS, SAM WHITE, BILL LOWERY, ARCHER, PRESSLER, JOYNER, CLOER, YOUNGBLOOD, LOPEZ AND MANY MORE. WALT JENNERICH WALT2001@PTD.NET

My grandpa was a sailor on the USS Mt. McKinley during world war II. His name was William Barron (Bill, for short) and I am wondering if anyone has heard about him and what he did while in the navy. I need the information for a paper, this would mean a lot to me, thanks. Nate Ballivian

I received the following message with a dues payment from our member Bob Ball. Thought some of you would be interested in his comments.

"There is something I haven't heard mentioned before. I do not know just where we were anchored, anyway, due to the impossibility of relieving each other, we stayed in place during GQs. I was on the fantail, off duty (radio man) and did not move immediately since I was not in the way although I had to leave the area.

As I left I looked where the 5" gun crew were aiming. A Jap plane was coming as though down an aisle between other ships, directly toward us. The 5" went off and the plane disappeared. I heard that a Destroyer was credited with the kill."

Hope you enjoyed this remembrance from one of our shipmates. Bill Ellis
I smile because I don’t know what is going on.

Dick Armstrong has been keeping our membership data base for over 16 years. Without this position, we wouldn’t know who are members are or where to mail their newsletters.

Officer Elections

Once again, at the Association Reunion in Charleston, we will be holding elections for all of our Officers positions. As most of you are already aware, several of our positions have been held for some time by some very special & dedicated people. While they are always willing to give their time and effort to keeping the association running smoothly, they also know that at times we need new fresh blood to step forward and provide us with new idea’s and way’s of doing things.

Bill Ellis has been our Treasurer for some time now and feels that his position needs a fresh approach, and some of that younger blood. Here is what he wrote for this article:

“Shipmates, I have been honored to serve as your Treasurer for the past 5+ years. I do not want to become a permanent fixture as I am sure there may be several others who would want to serve as the Association’s treasurer. So the position is open to any and all interested members. Election for this and other officer positions will be held at the reunion in September. If you have some interest and want more information, contact me and I will try to fill you in on the various duties.

Bill Ellis”

When I was talking to Bill about this, I also thought about the fact that someone else may be interested in taking over the duties of newsletter editor. While I have, and continue to truly enjoy this position, I also think a new and fresh approach would be a good thing. If anyone has any interest in taking over the newsletter, I would be happy to help with anything I can.

Now! For the biggy! We have a guy that has given his time and energy since the beginning of this Association that feels he also needs to step down. This position doesn’t have the up front prestige as does my job, or even Bill’s, but it is a vital and very important part of our Association. Dick Armstrong has been keeping our membership data base for over 16 years. Without this position, we wouldn’t know who are members are or where to mail their newsletters. This position desperately needs someone who is familiar with computers and data base software. Dick also acted as our official members ambassador, and personally knows EVERY member. He made it a point to greet and talk to every new reunion attendee at ALL the reunions. I have worked very closely with Dick since becoming the newsletter editor and I will sorely miss his dedication and love of the Association.

Another very important position is for Vice President. David Nelsen will be stepping up to assume the Presidents job after the September elections. We really need a good man who is willing and able to assist in the running of the Association. A

These are only four of the positions that need to be filled. Please think about stepping forward and taking over a position. The Association is only as strong as those who are willing to put forth the effort! If you are interested in volunteering for one of our openings, just contact Les Meyer, our nominating committee chairman. You can call Les at home at (303) 278-0148, or any officer can also help.
WOW! What happened to summer? I waited all winter long for summer to get here and, Puff! It’s half over already.

The only good part of that is, we are only two months away from Reunion 2005. I can’t tell you enough about how much I’m looking forward to this reunion. I’ve never been to Charleston, but it looks to be a great place to visit.

The Reunion Registration and POD are inserted with your Masthead. Make sure to fill it out and get it back to Bill Ellis by the assigned date. It really messes us up when we get the annual late registrations. It’s very hard to plan on menu’s and tours without knowing the actual numbers.

Since the Harbor Cruise is available to anyone through local agencies, we have not included it in our tour packages. Anyone wishing to book this nice tour should call SpiritLine Cruises at 843.722.2628, or on-line at www.spiritlinecruises.com.

Another great tour is the Fort Sumter National Monument and it’s also offered by Spiritline.

Make sure to read the tour descriptions in this issue so you know what tours are being offered at this reunion.

In August, Bill Ellis and I are going to attend a three Cruise Ship seminar to see if we can schedule a nice four day cruise for a future reunion. We have been assured the cost will be very comparable with what we currently spend.

We’ll be visiting four ships and getting valuable information about a cruise reunion. These are becoming very popular.

I’m hoping to see a lot of new faces in Charleston, and of course all my old friends. Everything is all set now and I feel this is going to be one of our best reunions. We’ll see you in Charleston!

Pops

Plan of the Day

Plan of the Day for Saturday 21 June 1958 LIBERTY PARTY NOTE
The political situation in Greece is quite tense, especially with Turkey concerning Cyprus and to a lesser degree with the Greek Communists concerning Lebanon. The following points are for all hands.

1. Do not discuss where we have been operating, how long, or with whom. This is no ones business but ours. If it is impossible to avoid answering a polite direct question, merely say that we have been operating with the Sixth Fleet. As for our future operations all we know is that our next port is Athens.
2. The fact that our own press and radio have made certain statements concerning the situation in this area neither authorizes us or requires us to confirm or further those statements. Also, even those subjects which have appeared in our own unclassified messages are not to be discussed.
3. Stay away from isolated streets and alleys and always travel with a small group. If any native agitators start a demonstration against us, walk politely away.
4. In summary, keep the big fat mouth shut and enjoy Salonika as much as possible. Keep in mind the fact that one man’s thoughtless actions can embarrass the whole United States and NATO. Hit the liquor lightly and act sensibly.

I’m not a complete idiot. Some parts are missing!
The galley and bake shop had oil fired ovens. One of my jobs was to provide the fuel oil. One day I'm in the galley and a cook is making spaghetti sauce. The chief comes in and tastes the sauce and tells the cook the sauce is not "spicy hot" enough. The cook explains the recipe calls for one pound of cayenne pepper and as the sauce cooks the "spicy hot" intensifies. The chief said, "Put in another pound." The cook protested, the chief insisted. The cook adds the second pound of cayenne pepper. The chief tastes the sauce and said, "Now its good." When the chief left, the cook adds the third pound of cayenne pepper. At supper, the howls reverberated in the mess hall. No one could eat the spaghetti except a Mexican American crew member who said, "It was just right." Best regards to all Frank.

Some people are alive only because it’s illegal to kill them.
New Members

1000 Edward L. Moreau Jr.
SKSN, 5 Div., 1963 - 65
6210 Wiles Rd #5-104
Coral Springs, FL 33067-4306

1001 William Geroski
BMSN, 2nd Div., 1961 - 64
2413 Umbrella Tree Dr.
Edgewater, FL 32141-4921

1002 William H Sutherland
CPL, USMC Det, 1956 - 57
P.O. Box 606
Keuka Park, NY 14478-0606

1003 Ralph W Herbert
MM3, M Div., 1955 - 62
23064 C Highway 20
Okanogan, WA 98840-8243

1004 Donald E Angstead
LTJG, Deck, 1967-69
100 Hillcrest Dr.
New London, IA 52645-9000

1005 Donald R VanDever
SK3, Supply, 1960-62
2017 Willis Lane
Keller, TX 76248-3155

1006 James F Harlan
SHSN, S1 Div., 1950 - 52
1905 Spring Circle
Carrollton, TX 75006-5854

Roster Plea

Dick Armstrong & Bill Ellis have asked me to include this request. PLEASE!
Help us keep the roster up-to-date by passing along any changes in your personal
information. If you change your e-mail, or move, please let us know about it. If your
on-line you can also make the appropriate changes yourself on the Association web
site. If you make the changes, the web site will let us know about it.

Lest we Forget,
These former shipmates who departed us this past quarter:

We offer our sympathy’s to the families
of these shipmates.

S1 Howard Ellingworth #061C
Died Jan 20, 2005
Sgt (USMC) John Berg #355
Died May 13, 2005
WT3 Ralph McLain #101C
Died July 5, 2004
RD2 Billy Horesky #620
Died Dec., 2003

Fred Augustine #769
Died June 30, 2005
EM3 Damon Floyd #204
Died 2005
MOMM3 George David #695
Died October 4, 2004
MM3 Harry Herbert
Date unknown

Avis Rent A Car Systems, Inc. has contacted me and is offering special reunion pricing to our members attending the Charleston reunion, September 7 – 11, 2005 for anyone wishing to rent a car. Avis has assigned a specific discount number for our event. The Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) Number is J994240.
Please, if you would like to take advantage of this special pricing use this AWD number when calling Avis directly at 1-800-331-1600 to receive the best car rental rates available.
Recollections of **My Mac Duty** by: Andrew B Ulichney

The war with Japan ended August 14, 1945. In late August, 1945 the Mount McKinley boarded a Far Eastern Commission, and set sail for the Post of Sasebo, Japan. This commission was to govern the Occupation of Southern Japan. The original plan was to be the invasion of Sasebo on Sunday November 1, 1945, with the USS Mount McKinley as Flagship for the Sasebo area. The code name was “Olympic”. These plans were changed from invasion to occupation. Our ship arrived on Sept. 22, 1945 at Sasebo.

The Mighty Mac returned eligible (point system) military to the states for discharge to civilian status. We made 3 or 4 trips. She sailed to Kore, Kure, Hiroshima, Wakazama, Yokosuka, Yokohama, and Tokyo, Japan. During our adventures, of course, Japanese Women were “Off Limits” to all personnel. I walked through Hiroshima, Japan in late September 1945. The city was “flattened, total destruction”. The site was awesome.

In January 1946, I would be eligible to be discharged with enough service points, before Operation Crossroads. On January 30, 1946 I received a telegram from the Red Cross, through Captain Wayne Gamet’s office that my mom was gravely ill with a terminal tumor. My assigned duty at this time was Yeoman Second Class in Captain Gamet’s office.

I immediately requested a transfer to a ship or Naval Station on the East Coast. Captain Gamet denied my transfer request but he ordered me to prepare my own Emergency Leave travel orders. The ship was scheduled to depart Tokyo for the States shortly.

Captain Gamet explained, that he wanted my service because he could not get a replacement for me. Even though I had enough points for discharge he informed me that since I was the Captain’s Yeoman, he was required to hold and keep me in the US Navy for a six months extension, because the Mount McKinley was the Flagship for the Atomic Bomb test at Bikini Atoll, Pacific Ocean, July 1946, code named Crossroads.

I told the Captain that at one time I considered making the US Navy a 25-30 year career, but because he would not transfer me to a ship of station on the East Coast when I was notified in late January that my mother was terminally ill, I decided NOT to make the Navy a career.

Captain Gamet sailed the Mount McKinley from San Francisco, Calif. On May 7, 1946 to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He took me aboard with him on the trip. Upon arrival at Pearl harbor on May 14th, he transferred me to the Receiving Station, US Navy, Pearl harbor. Later I received travel orders to report to the US Navy Base, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York. After returning to California by ship, then by railroad across country, I finally received my US Navy Honorable Discharge on June 10, 1946 at Lido Beach, New York.

Andrew still served the Mount McKinley after the war by acting as one of our Vice Presidents in the Association, and is a “regular” at our reunions.

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A typical Helo landing somewhere on Yankee Station in the South China Sea. While in Vietnam, this was a very common experience. Our helo crew brought aboard various dignitaries, and most of all daily trips into Da Nang for the mail runs.

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“Since I was the Captain’s Yeoman, he was required to hold and keep me in the US Navy for a six months extension, because the Mount McKinley was the Flagship for the Atomic Bomb test at Bikini Atoll, Pacific”

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Your just jealous because the voices only talk to me!
I worked hard because millions on welfare depend on me!
1. **Mount McKinley Golf Shirt** (new design) 100% pre shrunk cotton...
   Price: $25.00

2. **Mount McKinley Golf Shirt** – Blue, White Short-Sleeve w or w/o Pocket
   Sizes: SM, MED, LG, XL...
   XXL + $1.50, XXXL + $2.50
   Price: $23.00

3. **Mount McKinley Baseball Caps** – White w/war on Back, Vietnam era only...
   Price: $18.00

4. **Mount McKinley Baseball Caps** – Blue or White, plain back
   Price: $15.00

5. **Mount McKinley T-Shirts** – Navy Blue or White, w/Blue, White or Gold, Screenprint Lettering on Shirt Front
   Sizes: SM, MED, L, XL...
   XXL, XXXL, add $1.00
   Price: $10.00

   *Due to reduction of stock on t-shirts & golf shirts a substitute color will be supplied if your selection is no longer available in your size*

6. **Assoc. Logo T-shirts** (only available in L & XL)
   Price: $10.00

7. **Mount McKinley Ship’s Patches**
   - 3 3/4” Mountain Patch
   - 5” Association Mermaid/Turtle Patch
   - 6” Diesel Gang Patch, Snipe Force Patch, Task Force 90 Patch, Gator Navy Patch
   Price: $8.00

8. **Ship’s Pin**
   Charm’s only...
   Price: $4.00

9. **Ship’s Photos** 8 x 10’s (specify with/without helo deck)
   Price: $5.00

10. **Decal**
    - $3.00 ea. or (2) $5.00

11. **Official Assoc. Mouse Pad**
    Price: $5.00

12. **Laser Engraved Key Tags**
    Price: $5.00

13. **Laser Engraved Pencils**
    - one for $1.00/6 for $5.00

14. **Master Rosters:** (listing of all years)
    Red 1944-70...
    Price: $26.50

15. **Blue 44-49, Yellow 50-59, Gold 60-70**
    Price: $16.50

16. **Ship’s Bell**
    Price: $31.00

17. **Laser Engraved Plaque**
    Price: $65.00

(Please call Steve to receive a special order form for the Plaque)

18. **Ken Boenitz book, Cruising in the Mac**
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The State of Alaska officially refers to the mountain by its local Indian name “Denali” (the high one). A white gold prospector named it in 1896 for then President William McKinley. The U.S. Government compromised in 1980 by calling the National Park “Denali” and the mountain “Mount McKinley”. It is the highest mountain in North America. The highest peak is 20,320.

The day we forget about the sacrifices our Nations Veterans have made for the Freedom we now enjoy... Is the beginning of the end of that FREEDOM! Don't forget, take those lessons to our children...... they NEED TO KNOW!

Dick & Viv Armstrong"

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