The Place: Portland, OR.
The Dates: Sept. 18th to Sept. 22nd
The Hotel: Monarch Hotel
The Tours: Sept. 19th & 20th
Details this issue.. All we need is you!
This is our 25th “Silver celebration” Reunion
Registration form inside this issue(page-4)

Get ready to Travel!

The Masthead Editor’s, Mike and Lynne DeBol, will be “On the road” from June 1st to November 1st and will not be home to receive your registrations, or other correspondence. Bill Ellis (Past President and past treasurer) has graciously agreed (thank you Bill!) to receive the registrations in my absence.

After April 15th, 2013 send all Checks and Registrations to:

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**NAVY NEWS**

130306-N-CJ186-273 CORONADO, Calif. (March 6, 2013) - Rear Adm. Gerard P. Hueber, commander of Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 3, and Brig. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, commanding general of 1st Marine Logistics Group and 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, tour the amphibious landing site at Green's Beach during exercise Brilliant Scepter 2013. Brilliant Scepter is an amphibious exercise that trains the Navy and Marine Corps' joint capabilities to load and offload military equipment and units to deployed ships without the ship needing to return to shore. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Torrey W. Lee/Released).

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President’s Report

I hope this finds you as well as we can hope to be in our age group. I want to clarify a remark in my last report which could have been misconstrued. I have not become uneasy about the direction of our country only recently. I have always been a student of history and a worrier. That’s a bad combination. When I left active duty and the Mount McKinley in December of 1968, at the ripe old age of twenty-six, it was clear to me the country had begun a steep moral and cultural decline. I lament how right I was. Anyone who cares about the future of his grandchildren has to be somewhat concerned about such things, but to brood over them excessively, as I have always done, is not healthy. I have to give myself frequent pep talks. My wife and I make a list of fun diversions. You could call it a bucket list; I call it my sanity list.

One of the things that has helped me cope in recent years is looking forward to and attending our annual reunions. I urge those of you who haven’t attended a reunion to give it a try; I think you will find it worthwhile. We know travel and hotels are not cheap, but Dave Long and the rest of us try to keep expenses under control as much as possible. This year is our silver anniversary reunion. We hope to make it special. A good turnout will help make it so.

USS Mount McKinley Association

*Dues Notice for 2013-Due for (January 2013)*

Must be received no later than April 30th 2013

*Dues* in the address box of this Masthead indicates you are due for 2013

(If you have paid or are a “life” member *Dues* will not appear)

Membership cards are available on request from Member Secretary Al Sefcik

Dues are $12.00 yearly (2 years preferred-$24.00)

Make checks payable to: USS Mount McKinley Association

c/o Michael DeBol, Treasurer

5219 Harper Valley Rd.
Registration Reunion 2013

Monarch hotel and conference center

(Hotel registration made separately. Call 1-800-492-8700)

Return this form with your payment by or before August 15th, 2013

Register the following for the 2013 Reunion. Print your Name(s), City & State as you wish them to appear on the name badges:

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Total number of persons registered @ $72.00 Each. .................................................total $ _______

Banquet Menu Choices. Select one per person:

- Chicken Cordon bleu - # of meals
- London Broil - # of meals
- Filet of Swai - # of meals
- Veg. Stir fry - # of meals

Optional Activities

- Thursday, Sept. 19th, Columbia Gorge, Multnomah Falls tour............... ______ tickets @ $15.00 each= $ _______
- Friday, Sept. 20th, Evergreen Aviation Museum................................. ______ tickets @ $38.00 each= $ _______

Total amount enclosed (reunion + tours) =$ _______

Make Checks payable to: USS Mt. McKinley Association

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NORFOLK (NNS) -- With an estimated crowd of more than 5,000 on hand here today, USS Arlington (LPD 24) was commissioned and officially joined the U.S. Navy's fleet.

The ship is named for the county of Arlington, Va. and honors the first responders and the 184 victims who died when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001.

"LPD 24 bears a name of great significance to our Navy and Marine Corps team," wrote the ceremony's keynote speaker, Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Amos, in his congratulatory letter to the ship.

"LPD 24 will forever represent the courage, devotion and teamwork that characterized our military and first responders on that modern day of infamy."

Arlington is the eighth in the Navy's San Antonio class of ships, designed to be the most survivable amphibious vessels ever put to sea. The ship combines 21st century amphibious shipbuilding and warfighting technologies to support current and future Marine Corps aircraft and landing craft, capable of transporting nearly 1,200 Sailors and Marines into harm's way.

"As a son of a history teacher, I always teach our Sailors about our heritage," said Arlington Commanding Officer Cmdr. Darren Nelson. "We are here to make sure no one ever forgets those who lost their lives that day giving us our name. It is our duty to have the strength to fight terrorism, honor those that have gone before us and maintain the fortitude to continue the fight as long as necessary."

On display during the ceremony and follow-on tours, the ship's 684-foot flight deck boasted a Marine MV-22 Osprey, UH-1 Huey, AH-1 Cobra and CH-53 Sea Stallion. Arlington's bow, brow and lifelines were adorned with red, white and blue bunting, and on the pier, more than 100 Sailors and Marines stood at attention in full service dress blue uniforms.

The highlight of the commissioning occurred when Arlington's sponsor, Mrs. Joyce Rumsfeld, ordered the Sailors and Marines to "Bring this ship to life!"

"Aye, aye, Ma'am!" they roared back in unison, before running single file up the brow to man the rails from the flight deck to the forecastle and render a salute to the ceremony's attendees, and to America.

Arlington is at their service.

"Not only does this vessel reflect the longstanding and vital relationship between our sea service and the Arlington community, it also carries on a tradition of naval excellence, forged by the crews of the two ships to bear the name previously," Amos noted. "As the Saipan-class Light Aircraft Carrier AGMR-2 and the Cape Johnson-class transport AP 174 did before her, this new amphibious transport dock will write her chapter in our nation's illustrious warfighting history."

The ceremony was attended by more than 50 members of the USS Arlington (AGMR 2) Association, nearly 200 first responders (and their families) who performed emergency medical, police and firefighting services at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and 30 family members of those who perished that day.

Radioman 1st Class (Ret.) Ken Cox, the skipper of the USS Arlington (AGMR 2) Association, described the commissioning in a single word: "Outstanding."

He recalled reading a newspaper article, nearly a decade ago, that described the eventual addition of three 9-11 commemorative ships to the Navy's inventory, including the USS New York (LPD 21), USS Somerset (LPD 25) and one to be named Arlington.

"I wrote a letter to the secretary of the Navy, stating that our association would like to create a strong bond between the crews of the Vietnam-era Arlington and the new Arlington," he said. "I never dreamed it would actually blossom into this."

Built by Huntington-Ingalls Industries shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss., Arlington's keel was laid on May 26, 2008, and she was christened on March 26, 2011. With a projected service life of 40 years, she was delivered to the Navy on Dec. 7, 2012.
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Members and Non Members reported deceased since 12/31/12

Jackson, Rockwell #1054 LTJG Ships Doctor 51-52
O'Brien, Rodger #670 RD2 OI Div. 62-66
Barton, Guy #097C SS3-(Barber) 52-54

The Ship Store is Closed until 6/30/13

Man gets a call from his wife at work, asked if he will pick up some groceries. He reminded her it was golf league nite and would be glad to stop after playing golf.

After golf he stops at the store and gets two bags of groceries. He walks to his car (Cadillac) and is finding it difficult to get his keys out of his pocket to open the trunk.

He sees a woman (gorgeous) nearby and asks if she will help by getting the keys out “no problem” she said.

She pulled the keys out and two tees fell out, she looked at them and said "gee what are these” He said “to keep my balls off the ground when I’m driving”. She said “ boy, those Cadillac people think of everything.”

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| Total Assets 2013 YTD        |         |         | $32679.03  |
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A friend of mine opened his wife’s underwear drawer, and picked up a silk paper wrapped package:

“This,” he said, “isn’t any ordinary package.”

He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box.

“She got this the first time we went to New York eight or nine years ago.”

“She has never put it on, saving it for a special occasion”

“Well, I guess this is it”

He got near the bed and placed the gift box next to the other clothing’s he was taking to the funeral house, his wife had just died. He turned to me and said:

“Never save something for a special occasion, every day in your life is a special occasion”

I still think those words changed my life, now I read more and clean less.

I sit on the porch without worrying about anything.

I spend more time with my family, and less at work.

I understood that life should be a source of experience to live up to, not survived through.

I no longer keep anything, I use crystal glasses every day, I’ll wear new clothes to the supermarket if I feel like it. I don’t save special anything for special occasions, I use special things anytime.

The words “someday” and “one day”...are fading away from my dictionary.

If It’s worth seeing, listening, or doing, I want to see, listen, or do it now.

I don’t know what my friend’s wife would have done if she knew she wouldn’t be here the next day, this no one can tell. I .. Think she may have called old friends to make peace or renew acquaintance.

I’d like to think she would go out for for Chinese, her favorite food .

It’s these small things that I would regret not doing, If I knew my time had come.

I would regret it, because I would no longer see the friends I would meet, letters...letters I wanted to write “One of these Days” would be gone I would regret I didn’t say to my brothers and sons, and daughters, enough at least how much I love them. Now I try not to delay, postpone or keep anything that could bring laughter and joy into our lives.

Each morning I say this could be a special day.

Each day, each hour, each minute is special.

This will be our 25th reunion! (Silver Celebration) Join your friends and shipmates.

You won’t regret it!
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

Reunion tours 2013 In Portland, Oregon

25th “Silver Celebration” Join us. It will be Memorable!

# 1 Tour – Thursday Sept. 19th.. Will be a bus tour to the Columbia Gorge with stops at Multnomah Falls and The Bonneville Dam promising spectacular sights of Oregon’s natural beauty. The cost will be $15.00 per person.

Columbia Gorge from Portland Crown Point

# 2 Tour – Friday Sept. 20th… A bus will deliver participants to the Evergreen Aviation Museum where the “Spruce Goose” is on display (along with many other aviation artifacts). The tour will include admission to an I-Max movie and a Box Lunch @ $38.00 per person

The “Spruce Goose”