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Portland, OR.
Sept. 18th to Sept. 22nd

This is our 25th “Silver Celebration” Reunion

Let’s Travel!

Registration form inside this issue (page-4)

Lynne and I are currently residing in a 30’ motorhome as I am composing this Mast-head. We are in upstate New York at the Sylvan Lake Campground with two Grand-daughters (Parents visit occasionally) until June 27th. We will unplug & unhook then and head for Michigan to stay from June 29th thru July 29th staying in Brighton, MI at Bishop Lake for three days then to Tawas, MI at Brown’s Landing on the beach of Lake Huron, and Finally to Portage, MI Markin Glen County Park to visit many Siblings, Children, Grandkids, and Great Grandkids (7 Children, 10 Grandkids, 3 Great Grandkids). Then onward to Wisconsin for a short visit with shipmate Tom Hempfer then West toward Oregon, stopping many places to sightsee, visit more relatives etc. The good Lord willin’ and the creek don’t rise we’ll see those of you attending the all important 25th Annual Mount McKinley Association Reunion. We hope to see you there!

Continue sending all Checks and Registrations to:

Bill Ellis
504 Sandy Oaks Blvd
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Navy News

130621-N-PD773-008 SOUTH CHINA SEA (June 21, 2013) Sailors assigned to USS Freedom (LCS 1) clear the flight deck of debris prior to launching an MH-60R helicopter for an amphibious assault exercise off the coast of Malaysia. Freedom is in Malaysia participating in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2013. CARAT is a series of bilateral military exercises between the U.S. Navy and the armed forces of Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Timore Leste. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Cassandra Thompson/Released)
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President’s Report

This will be my last report to you. It has been an honor to serve you as your President. It has been easy because of those who do the heavy lifting for us. These include Mike DeBol who acts as treasurer and newsletter Editor (with heavy assistance from his wife Lynne); men like Dwight Janzen and Lee Temanson who serve and have served as Secretary; Al Sefcik Member Chair and Ken Oxenrider Webmaster; Dave Long reunion Chair, Bob and Mary Ruth Halas Ships Store and morale (Mary Ruth has become our unofficial cheerleader/morale officer); Tom and Carol Welch, Hospitality Room & Tom Hempfer Reunion Packets. The list could go on if space permitted, thanks to all of you who pitched in when help was needed, very much appreciated.

I tend to be a pessimist as you may have gathered, but I want to leave you with two optimistic goals of mine. My short term goal is to have this year’s Silver Anniversary Reunion be the best ever—that cannot happen unless you show up. My long term goal is for this Association to last at least ten more years that can’t happen unless all of you take care of yourselves and hang in there.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Don King

Humor (Ah—say that’s a joke, son)

Sex and Good Grammar
(For English Majors)

On his 74th birthday, a man got a gift certificate from his wife. The certificate paid for a visit to a medicine man living on a nearby reservation who was rumored to have a wonderful cure for erectile dysfunction.

After being persuaded, the man drove to the reservation, handed his ticket to the medicine man, and wondered what he was in for.

The old man handed a potion to him, and with a grip on his shoulder warned, "This is a powerful medicine. You take only a teaspoonful, and then say '1-2-3.' When you do, you will become more manly than you have ever been in your life, and you can perform as long as you want."

The man was encouraged. As he walked away, he turned and asked, "How do I stop the medicine from working?"

"Your partner must say '1-2-3-4'" he responded, "but when she does, the medicine will not work again until the next full moon."

He was very eager to see if it worked so he went home, showered, shaved, took a spoonful of the medicine, and then invited his wife to join him in the bedroom.

When she came in, he took off his clothes and said, "1-2-3!" Immediately, he was the manliest of men.

His wife was excited and began throwing off her clothes, and then she asked, "What was the 1-2-3 for?"

And that, boys and girls, is why we should never end our sentences with a preposition, because we could end up with a dangling participle.
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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

Mail to Attn: Bill Ellis, Past Pres.

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E-mail billi1000@aol.com

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A Sailor Passed Away (author unknown)

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.

Of a war he once fought in and the deeds that he had done
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And ’tho sometimes to his neighbors his tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly for they knew of where he spoke.

But we’ll hear his tales no longer, for old Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer for a sailor died today.

He won’t be mourned by many, just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family, going quietly on his way;
And the world won’t note his passing, though a sailor died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a sailor goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country and offers up his life?

The politician’s stipend and the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate, to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary sailor, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with some medal and perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politician with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for is the freedom that our country now enjoys,

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out, with his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a sailor his home, his country, his kin,
Just a common sailor who would fight until the end.

He was just a common sailor and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict, we find the sailor’s part,
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he’s here to hear the praise
Then at least let’s give him homage at the ending of his days

Perhaps a simple headline in the paper that might say,

Our Country is in Mourning, a Sailor Died Today!
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Members and Non Members reported deceased since 04/30/13

Klutz, Glen # 909 ETRC OE Div. 55-58
West, Don # 960 BM2nd Div. 48-52
Stroup, John # 179 SN 2nd Div. 51-52

There will be a ladies tea at the reunion on Friday afternoon from 3:30PM – 4:30PM ladies, bring your ideas for cards, rememberances, get wells for those members infirmed, etc. and unable to attend the reunion.

Mary Ruth Halas will take your suggestions.

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PORTLAND REUNION PLAN OF THE DAY

**Wednesday Sept. 18th...** 1:00PM-6:00P  Check-in, reception, and early registration

*(registration continues daily)*

6:00 PM-? Deli/buffet in Hospitality Room (Columbia Room)

**Thursday Sept 19th...**  7:00 AM-11:00AM Coffee, etc.  Hospitality (Columbia Room)

10:00AM busses leave for Columbia Gorge Tour

3:00 PM Tour busses return

Hospitality Room (Columbia) open all day thru 11:00PM

**Friday Sept 20th.........** 7:00AM-11:00AM Coffee, etc. Hospitality (Columbia Room)

10:00 AM Tour busses leave for Evergreen Aviation Museum

3:00PM Busses return from Evergreen Museum Tour

Ladies Tea ...3:30 PM-4:30PM  (Room TBA)

3:30 PM-4:30 PM Board of Directors meeting (Room TBA)

Hospitality Room (Columbia) open all day thru 11:00PM

**Saturday Sept. 21st...** 7:00PM-11:00AM Coffee, Share and Tell

*(Items of interest from Shipboard days)*

12:00 PM General association meeting (election of officers, directors new Business Etc.)

1:00 PM– 5:00 PM free time

6:00PM Cocktails (cash bar) Banquet Dinner /Dance, Presentations - (Clackamas/Columbia rooms)

**Sunday Sept. 22nd...** 7:00AM– 10AM Farewell Breakfast (Sandy /Willamette room)

**Happy 25th Reunion!! Hope we’ll see you there!**

**POD is subject to change**
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.

# 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