Enjoy Yourself, it’s later than you think!

The years go by as quick as a wink,
September 16th will be here in a blink!

Enjoy yourself, enjoy yourself. Come join us with a toast and a drink!

The Crown Plaza Hotel (Airport) In Milwaukee.

Previous reunion attendees enjoying!
Makassar Strait (NNS) -- USS Rushmore (LSD 47) rendered assistance to 65 people on makeshift bamboo rafts in the waters between the Indonesian islands of Kalimantan and Sulawesi June 10.

Shipboard lookouts spotted the distressed persons waving orange and white flags. Rushmore's commanding officer, Cmdr. Thomas Stephens, ordered the launch of a small boat with two search and rescue swimmers to provide assistance. Rushmore Sailors discovered 65 people on sinking bamboo rafts tied together with no means of propulsion, food or water.

Sailors and Marines brought all 65 people on board the Rushmore for medical attention and will coordinate with local officials for their well-being.

"This is an example of the Essex Amphibious Ready Group's professional maritime skill and ability to be where it matters, when it matters to offer assistance," said Capt. Clint Carroll, Commander, Essex Amphibious Ready Group.

Rushmore was transiting the Makassar Strait after having just completed a port visit to Manado, Indonesia. As part of the Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), Rushmore is in the Western Pacific en route to the Arabian Gulf for a routine deployment. Deployed with a Marine Expeditionary Unit, the ARG serves as a sea-based crisis response force capable of conducting amphibious missions across the full range of military operations.
Dear Shipmate,

By the time you read this issue of The Masthead, there’ll be only two months left before our Annual Reunion in Milwaukee. 60 days!

If you haven’t already done so, please promptly complete the Reunion Registration Form and mail it, with your check, to Treasurer Sam Saverine.

Also, please contact the reunion hotel, Crowne Plaza Hotel (Airport) at 414-764-5300 and book your room to ensure receiving our special discounted rate. Our dates are Wednesday, September 16 to Sunday, September 20. As mentioned in the previous issue of The Masthead, there is a free hotel shuttle bus to and from the airport….only about a mile.

**Reminder: If you haven’t paid your dues you are late you must be an active member (dues paid) to attend the reunion.**

If you’re one of the many, many shipmates reading this “breakthrough edition” of The Masthead on line, thanks for your help in reducing our Association’s operating costs.

Remember….if you’re like me, and still want to hold The Masthead in your hands, simply print it out from your computer. Thanks, also, if you have provided us with your e-mail address.

Besides access to our Association’s website, when necessary, you’ll be able to receive informative e-mail messages sent by officers and/or directors of the Association.

About this time, Membership Secretary, Dave Long, is preparing to transfer all the membership data to Treasurer, Sam Saverine. Sam will be assuming the newly coupled Association position of Membership Secretary/Treasurer. In doing so, this action connects your individual mailing and communications information with the dues payment and other financial transactions, such as the reunion payments….all going to the same Association officer.

Ladies, we haven’t forgotten about you; however, as of this writing, the plans for the annual Ladies Tea at the reunion have not been finalized. As soon as there is more detailed information about the afternoon event, an e-mail will be sent out. Stay tuned………..

Carol and I look forward to greeting you in Milwaukee this September! In the meantime, send in your registration and get your hotel room. See you there!!

Yours in service,

Ray Zall
Milwaukee

The largest city in the State of Wisconsin, the 31st most populous city in the United States, and 39th most populous region in the United States. It is the county seat of Milwaukee County and is located on the southwestern shore of Lake Michigan. According to 2010 census data, the City of Milwaukee has a population of 594,833. Milwaukee is the main cultural and economic center of the Milwaukee–Racine–Waukesha Metropolitan Area with a population of 2,040,498 as of an official 2013 estimate. This ranks the region as the 29th most populous Combined Statistical Area of the United States. In 2012, Milwaukee was listed as a gamma global city by the Globalization and World Cities Research Network.

Tour #1: Milwaukee Beer Barons Thursday - 9:30am-1:30pm
Milwaukee is known as "Brew City" and on this tour we'll give you a taste of how the beer barons influenced the city. Big names such as Pabst, Blatz, Schlitz and Miller are the beers that made Milwaukee famous. You'll see Miller Park, home of the Milwaukee Brewers, and Miller Valley where Miller/Coors is still producing 10 million barrels of beer a year. We'll see some of the homes of the Beer Barons and find out what has become of the former breweries, stopping at Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery for a look at the old brewery and a toast to the beloved beer baron, Captain Frederick Pabst. We'll have a German Sampler lunch at Mader's German Restaurant, offering great hospitality in Milwaukee since 1901. Cheers! $45 per person - includes lunch.

Tour #2: Milwaukee Overview – Friday - 2 hours - 9am-11am
This tour will give you a good overview of Milwaukee learning about the history as well as the current progress. You'll see how Milwaukee got its name from the Potawatomi meaning "Gathering Place by the Water" as we cross the rivers and see the Port of Milwaukee. We'll drive through the many different ethnic neighborhoods noting the influence the European immigrants had on the city as well as notable architecture such as Milwaukee City Hall and the many historic churches. We'll stop at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center on the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Memorials include the Honor Roll and Eternal Flame honoring soldiers of WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. From the deck of the War Memorial we'll have a great viewing area of the Milwaukee Art Museum to watch the brise soleil (moveable sunscreen) open at 10am. The building goes through a stunning transformation as 90 tons of steel open to the same wingspan of a 747 to resemble a bird in flight over Lake Michigan. We'll then continue along the shoreline of Lake Michigan seeing the beautiful parks and lakefront mansions. Milwaukee is a beautiful city sure to impress you! $35 per person - includes a snack.
Dear Shipmate,

On the cover label of this Masthead, there is an indicator about dues payment. On the chance that you have overlooked the beginning year notice that it is time to pay your Association dues....actually, it is now past due.....we ask you to promptly write a check and send it to our Treasurer. If you believe you have received this past-due notice in error; that you have paid your dues, please contact our Treasurer in order to correct our records. If you don’t see a dues payment indicator, our records show you have already paid your dues.

As you might imagine, any organization requires a steady flow of funds in order to operate and serve in a professional manner. Your USS Mount McKinley Association is no different. We must remain solvent if we are to continue as a patriotic and social organization, and as an information conduit to all our members and associate members. And that includes being able to conduct our Annual Reunions – this year being held in Milwaukee, WI from 16 September through 20 September. Additionally, for you to be an Active Member of the Association, it’s important your dues are paid when called for and in a timely manner.

Please do us a big favor….do your shipmates a big favor….mail your dues check today! Whether it’s the one year $12 check or two year $24 check, please get it in the mail today.

Mail to:  SAM SAVERINE, Treasurer 30 Westleigh Drive Harwinton, CT 06791

We look forward to you remaining an ACTIVE MEMBER of the USS Mount McKinley Association, and being with us in Milwaukee at our 27th Annual Reunion!

For all the Officers and Directors of the USS Mount McKinley Association, thank you.

Sincerely,  Ray Zall, President

P.S. If you have an E-mail address, please ensure that Membership Secretary, Dave Long, has it. It helps with better communications with you.

Russian scientist and a Czech scientist had spent their lives studying the grizzly bear.

Each year they petitioned their respective governments to allow them to go to Yellowstone to study the bears.

Finally their request was granted and they immediately flew to New York and on west to Yellowstone Park.

They reported to the ranger station and were told that it was the grizzly mating season and it was too dangerous to go out and study the animals.

They pleaded that this was their only chance and finally the ranger relented.

The Russian and the Czech were given portable phones and told to report in every day. For several days they called in, and then nothing was heard from the two scientists. The rangers mounted a search party and found the camp completely ravaged, with no sign of the missing men.

They followed the trail of a male and a female bear. They found the female and decided they must kill the animal to find out if she had eaten the scientists because they feared an international incident. They killed the female animal and opened the stomach to find the remains of the Russian.

One ranger turned to the other and said: “You know what this means, don’t you?” The other ranger responded:

“Of course...The Czech is in the male!”
This Newsletter is dedicated to all the men who served on these extraordinary ships in service to their country whether in times of war or peace.

Members and Non Members reported deceased since 3/31/2015

There are no deceased Mt Mac shipmates to report for this time period. OK!

New Members since 3/31/2015

#1212 Joseph E. Berry
E 4 ?? Div

# 1216 James Schway
SFM3 R DIV.

WELCOME ABOARD!

USS Mount McKinley Financial Statement June 30th 2015

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Total Assets: $ 27,768.44 + $ 3527.96 - $ 1,832.34 = $ 29,464.06

| Income          |               |           |              |               |
| SS Sales        | $ 51.00       |           |              | $ 51.00       |
| Annual Dues     | $ 888.00      |           |              | $ 888.00      |
| Life Dues       | $             |           |              |               |
| Donations       | $             |           |              |               |
| 2015 Reunion    | $ 2,580.00    |           |              | $ 2,580.00    |
| TD Interest     | $ 8.96        |           |              | $ 8.96        |
| Refund          | $             |           |              |               |

Total Income: $ 3,527.96

| Expense         |               |           |              |               |
| Office Supplies | $             |           |              |               |
| Masthead        | $ 1,499.34    |           |              | 1,499.34      |
| SS(Ship Store)  | $             |           |              |               |
| Postage         | $             |           |              |               |
| SS Shipping     | $             |           |              |               |
| Webb            | $             |           |              |               |
| Bank Charges    | $             |           |              |               |
| Reunion 2015    | $ 300.00      |           |              | 300.00        |
| Change SS Inv.  | $             |           |              |               |

Total Expense: $ 1,799.34 + $ 1,799.34

| Net 2014        |               |           |              | $ 1,726.62    |

| 2013 Adjust.    |               |           |              | 27,768.44     |
| Current Assets  |               |           |              | 29,464.06     |
Reunion Registration 2015

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 16th– 20th

Crown Plaza Hotel (Airport)

(Hotel Registrations made separately (rate $105.00 per night) call (414)764-5300)

Return this form with your payment on or before August 15th, 2015

Register the following for the 2015 Reunion. Print your name, guest name(s) Residing in.. City & State as you wish them to appear on the name badges.

______________________________________________________________________________________

Name ___________________________ City, State of residence

______________________________________________________________________________________

Name ___________________________ City, State of residence

______________________________________________________________________________________

Name ___________________________ City, State of Residence

If you wish your Name badge to include the Ship you served on, your rate/rank and actual years served aboard that ship (ex. 59-62) Please complete the following:

Ship name or Flag staff_______________ Rate/Rank_______ Yrs. Served______ (ex. 59-62)

Division_____ (ex OI, A, 1st)

Total # of persons Registered _____@ $80.00 Each........................................total $_____

Tours are optional

Thur. September 17th Tour #1 _______Tickets@ $45.00 Each......................total $_____ 

Friday September 18th Tour #2 _______Tickets@$35.00 Each..........................total $_____

Total amount enclosed (reunion+ tours)...........................................................Total $_____

Banquet meal choices

Prime Rib # requested____ Chicken Marsala # requested____ Tilapia # Requested_____ 

Vegetarian Selection # requested____

Mail To: USS Mt. McKinley Association Attn: Sam Saverine Treasurer

30 Westleigh Dr. Harwinton, CT 06791
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

Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 16-20
Airport Crown Plaza Hotel
Make your reservation ASAP!

When great symbols get together,
Great things happen! Don’t miss out be there!