REUNION is Getting Closer Register... ASAP!!

WHERE: NORFOLK, Virginia Holiday Inn Airport Near the Naval Station Norfolk.
Home Port for the “Mighty Mac” mid 50’s to mid 60’s

WHEN: September 14th Through September 18th, 2016

WHO: All Mt Mac’s Ships Crew from 1944 to 1970 are invited

WHAT: Get-together for shipmates yearly, for Camaraderie and fun.

WHY: Why not?

Naval Station Norfolk’s mission is to support and improve the personnel and logistics readiness of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. The Norfolk naval base provides seaport, airport, and squadron facilities, quality of life, and personnel management services.

75 ships and 134 aircraft are home-ported here. When they are not at sea they’re along side one of the 13 piers or inside one of the 11 aircraft hangars for repair, refit, and training to provide the ship’s or squadron’s crew an opportunity to be with their families. Naval Station Norfolk is homeport to aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, large amphibious ships, submarines, supply ships, airplanes and helicopters.

Norfolk is an independent city in the Commonwealth of Virginia, United States. At the 2010 census, the population was 242,803. In 2015 the population was estimated to be 247,189 making it the second-most populous city in Virginia, behind neighboring Virginia Beach.
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Navy News

Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group Enters US 6th Fleet

160602-N-CL027-025 ATLANTIC OCEAN (June 2, 2016) Ships assigned to the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group ( Ike CSG) conduct a replenishment-at-sea with the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Big Horn (T-AO 198). Ike CSG is deployed to the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts. The Ike CSG includes USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (Ike), Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 26 and ships USS San Jacinto (CG 56), USS Monterey (CG 61), USS Stout (DDG 55), USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), USS Nitze (DDG 94) and USS Mason (DDG 87). (U.S. Navy photo by Seaman Janweb B. Lagazo/Released)
June 2016

Dear Shipmate,

Parts of our Country have been ravaged with severe storms, flooding, and tornados. I pray this communication finds all is well with you, your family and your home.

I am fortunate and blessed to be able to travel the world. Recently, Carol and I had the opportunity to be in the Mediterranean Sea. Thinking back to the Mount McKinley’s 1958 Med cruise, among other ports, our recent cruise visited Gibraltar, Barcelona, Mallorca and Malaga. Departing our cruise ship in Malaga is when it hit me. Walking past the port’s old lighthouse, I saw the beach on our right. I paused and asked Carol to hold up. I wanted to walk out onto the beach…it was the same beach on which the Mac’s crew played a softball game and had a cookout in early May 1958. I bent over and picked up a small rock from the beach and put it in my pocket. Carol understood. She understood the work routines and challenging times we had aboard the Mac; she also grasped the memories I had of so many good, fun times the crew shared during liberty.

I’m anticipating similar memories flashing back upon our return to Norfolk. Like the coast of Spain, much of Norfolk will be changed. However, I’m sure much will look the same. I can see the pointing fingers as we travel in the tour bus. The dockage, the base buildings, that street, that bar. Norfolk definitely will be bringing back memories, great stories (some true), and lots of laughs! Above all, it will be a fun time!! As has been his record over the years, Reunion Chair, Vice President Dave Long, has lined up a terrific week….convenient hotel priced right, and two exciting bus tours that sound equally terrific! Couple all that with seeing shipmates who are making a special trip this year to be there… to be at the east coast home base of the Mount McKinley, and you have all the makings for one great time!!

If you haven’t already done so, fill out the Reunion Registration form and mail it, along with your check made out to USS Mt. McKinley ASSOC., to our NEW Treasurer/Membership Secretary….

WES BRUBACHER, P. O. BOX 376, GEYSERVILLE, CA 95441

Please remember to make you hotel reservation. The Association has a block of rooms at a special price. Get your room while that rate is still available.

In closing, I can’t let this opportunity go by without reminding and pleading with shipmates who haven’t yet paid their 2016 dues. Please, please write your dues check. +

Make it out to USS Mt. McKinley ASSOC., and mail it to Wes, today.

The officers and directors of the Association are looking forward to seeing you in NORFOLK !

In your service,
Ray Zall
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**Reunion Tours**

**Tour #1 Thursday September 15, 2016 9:30 AM– 3:00 PM**

This tour begins with a visit to the Nauticus Museum, with such attractions as, “old” Navy equipment, interactive exhibits 3D HD Film in a 250 seat theatre, and aquariums with marine life. Next the Hampton Road Naval Museum (same building) contains highlights of Naval Battles, exhibit's of detailed models, and Artwork. Next outside a self-guided tour of the Iowa class Battleship USS WISCONSIN, which saw action in WW11, Korea, and the Persian Gulf War. Lunch will be on our own at the nearby MacArthur Center, with full service restaurants, and a quick service food court. Will then board busses for a ride in Norfolk’s Historic District spanning three colorful Centuries. Then on to Doumar’s home of the worlds first Waffle Cone Maker. The Waffle Cone was created by Abe Doumar for the St Louis Worlds Fair 1904. We will watch cones being made and be treated to an Ice Cream Cone.

Tour cost $52.00 per person

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**Tour #2 Friday September 16th 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

We will board the bus with our guide and head for a visit to the MacArthur memorial. We will see some of our country's history along with the life and achievements of Douglas MacArthur. There will also be a short film about the general's life. We will then get back on the bus and head for the naval station. As we know, Norfolk is the largest naval installation in the world. Norfolk is home to 78 ships ranging in size from submarines to aircraft carriers, 26 aircraft squadrons comprised of 133 aircraft, and headquarters of the Atlantic fleet. The base is about 8,000 acres in size and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel. A naval guide will board the bus and escort us past 14 piers, through the air station and the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown exposition on "Adimiral's Row". Lunch will be included in one of the clubs on the base for the group. Tour cost $55 per person.
Reunion Registration 2016

September 14th-18th

Holiday Inn 1570 N Military Hwy Norfolk VA.

( Hotel Registrations made separately call (757) 213-2231)

Return this form with your payment on or before August 15th, 2016

Register the following for the 2016 Reunion. Print your name (s) Residing in.. City & State as you wish them to appear on the name badges.

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Name                                      City, State of residence

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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_______

Division_____

Total # of persons Registered ____@ $65.00 Each…………………………………………total $_______

Tours are optional

Thursday September 15th          Tour ____Tickets@ $52.00    Each………………total $_______

Friday September 16th            Tour ____ Tickets@$55.00    Each………………total $_______

Total amount enclosed (reunion+ tours)………………………………………………………Total $_______

Banquet meal choices

Roast Sirloin of beef # requested____  Chicken Chasseur # requested____

Parmesan Tilapia # requested____   Vegetarian selection # requested____

Make Check to : USS MT McKinley Association

Mail To: USS Mt. McKinley Association Attn: Wes Brubacher P.O. Box 376 Geyersville, CA 95441
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Members and Non Members reported deceased since 03/31/2016

Hueftle, Eldon Passed 4/7/2014
Lucas, Arthur passed 10/18/2014

Edwin Hays RMC OC Div '49-'51 Life member went to his reward 3/11/2016

Report for heavenly duty.

New Members since 03/31/2016
Fred Brunetti
Madden, William L L3 Div. '67

WELCOME ABOARD!

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### USS Mount McKinley Financial Statement June 30th 2016

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Reminder: If you have personal remembrances from your time on the Mighty Mac. That you wish to share, please send them to me for consideration in the MASTHEAD.

Mike Debol editor to: Archangel.debol51

Thank You.
A man is stranded on a desert island, all alone for ten years. One day, he sees a speck in the horizon. He thinks to himself, "It's not a ship." The speck gets a little closer and he thinks, "It's not a boat." The speck gets even closer and he thinks, "It's not a raft." Then, out of the surf comes this gorgeous blonde woman, wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She comes up to the guy and says, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette? "Ten years!", he says. She reaches over and unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag, and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!"

Then she asked, "How long has it been since you've had a drink of whiskey? "He replies, "Ten years!"
She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on her right sleeve, pulls out a flask and gives it to him. He takes a long swig and says, "Wow, that's fantastic!"
Then she starts unzipping a longer zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him, "And how long has it been since you've had some real fun?"
And the man replies, "Wow! Don't tell me that you've got golf clubs in there!"

A young man who was also an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in nine holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him.

To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - and directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall."

After a particularly poor game of golf, a popular club member skipped the clubhouse and started to go home. As he was walking to the parking lot to get his car, a policeman stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the sixteenth hole about twenty minutes ago?" "Yes," the golfer responded. "Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?" "Yes, I did. How did you know?" he asked.

"Well," said the policeman very seriously, "Your ball flew out onto the highway and crashed through a driver's windshield. The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do about it?"
The golfer thought it over carefully and responded...
"I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."
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)

Norfolk, Va. Home Port to The Mt McKinley from mid 1950’s to mid 1960’s & location for 2016 Reunion!!

Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport

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Holiday Inn Norfolk Banquet room

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