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74 Days until
Shipmate Stories
Some New, Some True

Phoenix, Arizona
Bring your stories,
Join the fun
See you there!
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**Navy News**

**USS Gabrielle Giffords Commissioned in Galveston**

**170610-N-N0101-001 GALVESTON, Texas (June 10, 2017) The littoral combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords (LCS 10), the Navy’s newest littoral combat ship, was brought to life by her crew before a crowd of nearly 2,500 guests at Pier 21 at the Port of Galveston. In 2012 the Secretary of the Navy announced the future ship’s name and USS Gabrielle Giffords became the 16th ship to be named for a woman and only the 13th ship to be named for a living person since 1850. The ship is commanded by Cmdr. Keith Woodley, a native of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, who leads the core crew of 50 officers and enlisted personnel. The 3,200-ton Gabrielle Giffords was built by Austal USA in Mobile, Ala. The ship is 421 feet in length, has a beam of 103 feet, and a navigational draft of 15 feet. The ship uses two gas turbine and two diesel engines to power four steerable waterjets to speeds in excess of 40 knots. USS Gabrielle Giffords will depart Galveston and begin her transit to her homeport at Naval Base San Diego. (U.S. Navy video frame grab/Released)**

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**Additional important positions**

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| Ken Oxenrider            | (position open)   |
| webmaster@ussmtmckinley.com |               |
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**Proclamation**

This Newsletter is dedicated to all the men who served on these extraordinary ships in service to their country whether in time of war or peace.
Dear Shipmate,

By the time you receive this issue of The Masthead, there will be only two and a half months left until our 29th Annual Reunion in Phoenix, Arizona! If you haven’t mailed your Registration Form and check to Treasurer, Wes Brubacher, please do so promptly. Also, please contact the Phoenix Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel to book your room while our reduced group rate is still in place. Call Laura at 602-683-9416 and tell her you’re with the USS Mt. McKinley Group. An exceptional room rate, free breakfasts, free airport shuttles, exciting tours of Phoenix and the region – with lots of laughs and a fun time! Sign up now!!

WANT ADS …The association is still in need of a Webmaster to take the reins from current Webmaster, Ken Oxenrider. As stated in previous reports, Ken will train and work with you in a logical time frame for a smooth transition and to ensure integrity in our website. This is a priority need of our Association! If you have knowledge and experience in website management, programs and development, or know of someone who does, please contact any Association Officer or Director.

The Association also needs to fill the position of Historian to keep and maintain historic printed material, photos and donated items associated with the history of USS Mount McKinley and our Association. Again, contact any Officer or Director indicating your interest in this position.

FAREWELL……In closing, as this is my final report as your Association President, I have many Officers, shipmates and spouses to thank for their work, guidance and support during the past four years. There have been a few Treasurers and Secretaries, and many Directors since 2013. Our Department Chairs…Reunion, Ship’s Store, The Masthead, Chaplain and Webmaster have held true to their responsibilities in the Association. To all of them, I say thank you!

We also experienced changes during these four years: The Officers and Directors initiated and utilized computers and electronic voting for development and implementation of Association action plans; we successfully transitioned our quarterly newsletter, The Masthead, to be sent electronically to our e-mail members, which has saved our Association almost 80% of previous printing and mailing costs; with the changes in the Treasurer position, we successfully transitioned banks and banking systems three different times; and, we separated the Country into six zones from five in order to reduce members’ time and costs in multi coast-to-coast traveling to reunions.

Lastly, I realize you understand our Association is an organization structured upon volunteerism. If you have not yet served, or, possibly, served many years ago in some capacity, I personally invite you to consider volunteering; to step up and help our Association successfully, vibrantly continue its path. Whether it’s taking on one of the current or future open positions or volunteering to be a Director, your help is needed! The viable future of the Association…your Association…depends upon it!!

To you, member and shipmate, thank you for your support during the past four years. Carol and I look forward to seeing you and being with you for all the fun at our Reunion. See you in Phoenix!!

Yours in service, Ray Zall
This Newsletter is dedicated to all the men who served aboard these extraordinary ships in service to their country whether in times of war or peace.

**Ship Store Information**

T-shirts for the phoenix reunion will have a Green cactus with a sunset behind the cactus (behind the Mount Mac logo). If you would a special color or size let Mary Ruth Halas know as soon as possible.

If you would like a shirt, but can’t make the reunion, it can be sent to you. Again contact Mary Ruth Halas. The Ship store has a Navy hat that plays “ANCHORS AWEIGH” cost $20+ $5.00 shipping.

The t-shirts and hats will be available at the reunion.

Ship Store contact:

mrhalas2001@yahoo.com

440-396-3992 or 440-934-0565

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**Special T-shirts are being made for this Reunion**

The pictures here and on the back page are not the final design, they are displayed to give you a general idea of what they may look like.
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Phoenix Reunion Information

The reception (included in Registration) will be in the atrium at (in the plan of the day) with sandwiches and beverages.

The Hospitality room will have a bar (with bartender) and snacks available (included in your registration.)

Tours (Separate cost) will have busses pick up tour participants in the AM at the Hotel, Thursday and Friday.

The Banquet and dance (included in registration) will be Saturday evening in a room to be designated in the plan of the day.

Sunday Morning will be the traditional farewell breakfast (also included in your registration cost.)

Extra Entertainment Idea

Ray Zall and Dave Long have an idea for some extra entertainment for one of the evenings during the reunion. It will involved hiring a bus for everyone for transport to Mesa, AZ (not far from Phoenix) to the Organ Stop Pizza. It is a pretty large restaurant that serves mostly pizza and they have someone who plays a very large Wurlitzer organ. I would like to see how many people would be interested in going on maybe Friday evening, or late afternoon.

Here’s the Webb site for Organ Stop Pizza, https://www.organstoppizza.com/

Looks like a fun place!

If you’re interested contact Dave Long so that he may keep track of those who like the idea so arrangements can be made. Contact Dave Long at : E-mail.. davidlong1944@msn.com Or Phone #440-292-7839
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Members and Non Members reported deceased since 03/31/17
None reported

New Members since 03/31/17
#1226 Lee Hauswirth 5/1/17 On board MM ‘61 OS1, OI Div.
#1227 Donald C (Jake) Blitsch 5/29/17 On board MM ‘67-’70 SM2, CS Div.

Welcome Aboard!!

“If you received a 2017 Association dues due notice via email or USPS mail from our Membership Secretary back in January and have not paid your dues, they are still due and payable. Your dues must be current to attend the reunion in Phoenix. If you have any questions about your dues, contact the Membership Secretary.”

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SHIPMATES!

USS Mount McKinley Association Financial Statement second Quarter 2017

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Sea Adventure Story

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. Unlike ships today, she carried no evaporators (i.e. fresh water distillers!).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid upon the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February, 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whiskey, and 38,600 gallons of water.

GO NAVY!

You know you’re getting old when you stop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you’re down there. -George Burns

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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)

Phoenix, Arizona our next Reunion location!

The reunion hotel is: Double Tree Suites by Hilton ($99.00 nightly) call: 602-683-6496 ask for Laura for hotel registration only.

PHOENIX TOUR INFORMATION

Tour #1 - Thursday:
An Across Arizona Tours guide will give your group a scenic tour of Phoenix and Scottsdale, a place we call “The Valley of the Sun”. Phoenix was built right in the middle of the Sonora Desert and all of the beauty and lushness that it holds. The highlight of the tour is a stop at the world famous Heard Museum of Native American Culture.
The Phoenix, Scottsdale and Heard Museum Corporate Tour lasts approximately 4 hours.
cost will be $50 per person

Tour #2 - Friday.
The Phoenix Tour with a stop at The Taliesin West Museum (museum ticket $36.00 included in the tour cost). The tour showcases the unique and Southwestern influence of the architecture throughout the city. Many of the buildings in downtown Phoenix have very distinctive style adding to the beauty of the city. The State Capitol features a beautiful copper dome to reflect the copper industry that once thrived here.
Cost will be $65 per person.
Reunion Registration 2017

September 13th-17th

Hotel Registrations made separately Double Tree Suites by Hilton call Laura (602) 683-9416

Return this form with your payment on or before August 15th, 2017

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.

______________________________________________________________________________________
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 Division

Total # of persons Registered @ $65.00 each................................................total $______

Tours are optional

Thursday September 14th Tour #1 Tour Tickets@ $50.00 Each........................total $______

Tour # 1-The Phoenix, Scottsdale and Heard Museum Corporate
Tour lasts approximately 4 hours.

Friday September 15th Tour # 2 Tour Tickets@ $65.00 Each........................total $______

Tour # 2 -The Phoenix Tour with a stop at Taliesin West Museum showcases the unique and Southwestern influence of the architecture throughout the city.

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

Banquet meal choices

Sliced Bistro Fillet # requested Rosemary Roasted Chicken # requested
(with cheddar Mashed Potato & Broccoli) (with baby baked potatoes & fried Brussel Sprouts)

Tomato and Artichoke Tart (w/ Mozzarella cheese & Red pepper Hummus)# requested

Make Check to : USS MT McKinley Association

Mail To: USS Mt. McKinley Association Attn: Wes Brubacher P.O. Box 376 Geyserville, CA 95441