“Goin’ to Kansas City, Kansas City here I Come!”
We got a crazy little reunion there, and boy, we want YOU to come!

All hands on deck! Mount McKinley and All AGC
WWII era Shipmates
Korean era Shipmates
Vietnam era Shipmates
Decommissioning Shipmates
We want you there enjoying the camaraderie and Fun!

Reunion Hotel
Downtown Kansas City

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Navy News

Commissioning Of The USS Manchester LCS-14

The future USS Manchester, designated LCS-14, is the twelfth littoral combat ship to enter the fleet and the seventh of the Independence-variant design. The ship is the second naval vessel to honor New Hampshire’s largest city. The first, a light cruiser, was commissioned Oct. 29, 1946. During nearly 10 years of commissioned service, the ship completed numerous deployments, including three combat deployments in support of operations in the Korean conflict during which she earned nine battle stars. The ship was decommissioned June 27, 1956, and stricken from the Navy list April 1, 1960.

LCS is a modular, reconfigurable ship, designed to meet validated fleet requirements for surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare and mine countermeasures missions in the littoral region. An interchangeable mission package is embarked on each LCS and provides the primary mission systems in one of these warfare areas. Using an open architecture design, modular weapons, sensor systems, and a variety of manned and unmanned vehicles to gain, sustain and exploit littoral maritime supremacy, LCS provides U.S. joint force access to critical areas in multiple theaters.

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Fellow shipmates:

Once again, we have celebrated Memorial Day with a variety of ceremonies to remember those who gave their lives in service to this country. Memorial Day began many years ago, but the specific origin of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear. The custom of honoring ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition. In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics. After the Civil War, America’s need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decoration of soldiers’ graves were held in towns and cities throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday by an act of Congress; it is now celebrated on the last Monday in May. As veterans, we all fully understand that there is more to Memorial Day than picnics or parades or fireworks. We pause to remember and to honor those who sacrificed so much.

More reunion information. You will note that the tours in the last Masthead were priced at $55 each, but then on the registration form, they were $55 and $50. The prices on the registration form are correct. Also, and more importantly, when you contact the hotel to make your reservations, please contact Trish at 816-801-5285. That way, you will be given one of the rooms that have been blocked for our group. Further, if you want to stay for either three days before or three days after the reunion, your room won’t change, and your rate won’t change. So, please contact Trish to make your reservation.

Again, this quarter, Wes Brubacher is continuing his efforts to add more members and to remind others to get their dues in. Current dues will ensure your eligibility to attend reunions. Dues are only $12 per year.

As everyone knows, the association has been actively seeking someone to take over the responsibility of webmaster. Kenny Oxenrider has agreed to do what he can to maintain the website until we find someone. To complicate matters, Ken’s doctor has recommended that he pull back on the work that he has been doing on the website to avoid unnecessary stress which is affecting his health. Yet, his affection for the association and his dedication to making the website the best it can be, he continues to make himself available to help whenever needed.

A few months ago, I received an email from Wes Brubacher saying that he felt that Ken should get some recognition for his work. Since great minds, etc…. I agreed and said that I had been thinking the same thing and that I had been looking into various designs of some sort of an award for him. A design was found, and the order was placed. Ken had already said that he would not be at the Kansas City reunion, but most definitely would be in Jacksonville in 2019. I felt that it would be best to present the award to Ken at the 2019 reunion. But we all know that many times we make plans for something and, well, life happens. Plans sometimes change. Since we were vacationing on a beach in North Carolina, it wasn’t much of a drive to go to Savannah, GA to present the award to Ken in person. So, this past Sunday, June 3rd, 2018, we sat over lunch on the patio of a coffee shop in Savannah and I presented the award to Ken with six of us present. He expressed his thanks several times, so I think we surprised him.

Unfortunately, my friend who was taking photos was hospitalized when we returned home. So, I wasn’t able to get the photos until today. I have posted a couple on the ship’s Facebook page and I sent the rest to Ken. Hopefully, it will be in enough time to get one or two of them in this edition of the Masthead.

Looking forward to seeing everyone once again in Kansas City. So please send your registration forms to Wes and let’s have a great turnout.

Yours,
Dave Long
From your Membership Secretary -

A couple of reminders -

Membership dues are well past due for those of you who received notice via email or USPS mail in early January and have not already sent them to me. Because of the low dues rate the Association doesn't collect much in money each year but what we do collect helps to fund the activities for the year, including the Masthead. If not paid by 1 April, or within a couple of weeks after the Spring edition of the Masthead hits the streets, and according to the Association By-Laws, your membership should be transferred to inactive status. This means you would not receive the Masthead or be eligible to attend the reunion in Kansas City, MO, in September. 'Nuff said!

If for any reason you change your contact info - address, email, phone - be sure to tell me either via email or USPS mail!! My addresses are here in the Masthead.

When making a payment to the Association, whether dues, Ships Store or other, be sure to make your check out to the USS Mt. McKinley Association, not me.

We are still receiving inquiries and applications about/for membership in the Association. If you come in contact with any former shipmates whom you find out are not Association members, tell them about the Association and ask them to go to the website and fill out an application, or give them my email or USPS mail address and ask them to contact me directly.

One of the benefits of being Membership Secretary of the Association is the interaction and contact I'm having with former shipmates and crew members. I would encourage each of you to "reach out" to any of those you knew when you were on the "Mount Mac". You can obtain their contact info either via the Mount Mac website or by contacting me. As I have discovered, you may very well "make someone's day" and the contact will be much appreciated.

Wes Brubacher, Mt Mac '60-'61
This Newsletter is dedicated to all the men who served on this extraordinary ship in service to their country whether in time of war or peace.

Reunion Registration 2018

Kansas City, Missouri

September 12th-16th

Hilton Hotel Airport Registrations made separately

Call 1-816-801-5285 Ask for Trish and mention Mt. McKinley Reunion

Return this form with your payment on or before August 15 2018

Register the following for the 2018 Reunion. Print your name(s) Residing in City & State as you wish them to appear on the name badges

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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:

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Total # of persons Registered ______ @ $65.00 Each............................................total $_____

Tours are optional

Thursday September 13th
Tour ____ Tickets@ $55.00 Each......................total $_____

Friday September 14th
Tour ____ Tickets@ $50.00 Each......................total $_____

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

Banquet meal Buffet style

Buffet: Baby greens Salad served with chef’s choice of creamy and vinaigrette dressings, Dinner rolls and butter, Hickory smoked pork loin, BBQ sauce, BBQ glazed Chicken with mango relish, bacon mashed potatoes, Crispy green beans with shallots & hickory smoked bacon, Chef’s choice dessert.

THURSDAY TOUR: National WW1 MUSEUM & KC BBQ

FRIDAY TOUR: HARRY S. TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & FORT LEAVENWORTH

BOTH TOURS INCLUDE LUNCH

Make Check to : USS MT McKinley Association

Mail To: USS Mt. McKinley Association Attn: Wes Brubacher P.O. Box 376 Geyserville, CA 95441
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**Report for heavenly duty**

**No new members since 4/30/2018**

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### USS Mount McKinley Financial Statement as of June 2018

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**Thank you!**
Subject: 10 Humorous Golf Quotes

1. These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow.
   ~ Sam Snead

2. I was three over today: One over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool.
   ~ George Brett

3. Actually, the only time I ever took out a one-iron was to kill a tarantula And I took a 7 to do that.
   ~ Jim Murray

4. The only sure rule in golf is - he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie.
   ~ Mickey Mantle

5. Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you're not good at them.
   ~ Kevin Costner

6. I don't fear death, but I sure don't like those three-foothers for par.
   ~ Chi Chi Rodriguez

7. After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye.
   ~ Chi Chi Rodriguez

8. The ball retriever is not long enough to get my putter out of the tree.
   ~ Brian Weis

9. Swing hard in case you hit it.
   ~ Dan Marino

10. My favorite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered.
    ~ Lord Robertson
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)

Kansas City, Missouri Reunion this September 12th to 16th 2018 Hotel information

Kansas City Missouri, Hilton Hotel Airport 8801 Northwest 112th Street Kansas City, MO 64153 -call 816-801-4006 or toll free 1-800-445-8667 for hotel reservations.

Tour information

**Tour # 1 National WW1 Museum/Kansas BBQ** Day tour includes round trip motor coach transportation entry tickets and lunch. Depart Hilton hotel 9:00AM – 9:45 AM arrive WW1 museum 10:00AM– Noon guide tour of the museum 12:15-1:00PM lunch group # 1(if there are 2 groups) 2nd group lunch 1:00PM to 1:45PM. 2:15 depart for Hotel 3:PM arrive at hotel. Lunch will be served on the premise in the “Over There” Café you will have plenty of time to enjoy the tour, the galleries, the memorial buildings and BBQ. Tour cost $55.00 per person.

**Tour # 2 Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, Independence, MO** Film and guided tour. Lunch at Ft. Leavenworth Conference Center, and step on tour and visit to the Frontier Military Museum at Ft. Leavenworth (Kansas) tour is all inclusive. 9:15AM depart Hotel for Independence and the Truman Library. 10:00AM to 11:45 AM at the Truman Library. 11:30AM to 12:30 PM ride to Ft Leavenworth, Kansas. Lunch at the Solarium Restaurant 1:00PM to 1:45 PM Conference Center. 2:00PM on post at Ft Leavenworth with historian John Riechle. 3:45 depart for hotel. 4:30 PM Arrive at Hilton Hotel Airport.

Cost $50.00 per person all inclusive.