Reunion Time!!!

Join your shipmates

In Jacksonville

In Jax, you can experience a different side of Florida, combining both relaxation and adventure, and letting you choose just how active you want to be. Enjoy our beaches, extensive park system, world-class fishing, historic neighborhoods, street arts scene, creative coastal cuisine, vibrant nightlife and so much more!
190627-N-NO101-0001 WASHINGTON (June 27, 2019)
A graphic representation of the future Independence-variant littoral combat ship (LCS), the future USS Oakland (LCS 24). (U.S. Navy photo illustration/Released)
June 27th, 2019

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Fellow shipmates;

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Finding ways to beat the high temperatures and humidity can be challenging, but living in Ohio, we are fortunate that all we have to do is think about the snow that we will see in the next 5 or 6 months and it makes us appreciate summer a little more.

All of the plans for the reunion have been finalized and everything is in place and ready to go. Information on the tours along with registration forms will be included in this newsletter. Like other reunions, I am looking forward to seeing everyone again and to enjoy some sightseeing.

I know that the 4th of July weekend will have passed by the time that everyone reads the newsletter, but I just want to remind everyone who may have some leftover fireworks to please use caution when using them. Every year we read or hear about someone who is injured by fireworks. So for those who like to light their own fuses, use caution and enjoy yourself.

And along with the holiday, there will be a variety of activities to celebrate. Someone actually figured that there are around 150 million hotdogs consumed over the holiday. I will clearly do my part to maintain that number. However, when observing this holiday, we also remember it purpose. The United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states. So a happy birthday to America and I hope that everyone has a very enjoyable and safe holiday.

Mary Ruth Halas has informed me that Joan Sefcik (and Al) will be doing some traveling over the next few weeks and will be unable to make the shirts that she has been doing for us. So, Mary Ruth is looking at someone who does this kind of work and she is going to see what she can do to get us shirts. She will have more detailed information at the reunion. We will be keeping our fingers crossed that she will be able to get something.

Lastly, just want to say once again that I am hoping for a great reunion with a good turnout. Please send in your registrations to Wes as soon as you can.

See you all in Florida!!

Dave Long
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**From your Membership Secretary -**

With the advent of this issue of the Masthead we have the final figures on the costs for this year's reunion. And with that comes a request that you send in your registration as soon as possible, certainly before 10 August. Out here in California we are already seeing the effects of climate change in the form of wildland fires of unseen proportions until the last five years. Two years ago I was evacuated for nine days with one of the fires almost to my back door. I need time to process the registrations and get the attendance numbers to those who need the information for their part of the reunion. But I can't do my job if I don't have your registration and I'm not home. So, please, make your reunion payment check out to the "USS Mount McKinley Association", not to me, and send it to me at the address listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Current contact information is needed for all members. If you move, change email address or change your phone number, please send me the updated information. Thanks.

Think Jacksonville and we'll all meet there in September!

Wes Brubacher, Mt Mac '60-'61
Reunion Registration 2019

Jacksonville Florida September 11th-15th

Crowne Plaza Hotel 14670 Duval Rd.

Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Reservations made separately

Phone (904) 741-4404

(Mention our group USS Mt McKinley Association)

Return this form with your payment on or before August 12th 2018

Register the following for the 2019 Reunion. Print your name (s) Residing in.. City & State as you wish them to appear on the name badges

__________________________________________________________________________
Name City, State of residence

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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 Sept. 12th, # 1 Jacksonville Tour ____ Tickets@$45.00 Each...........total $______

Friday Sept. 13th, # 2 St Augustine Tour ____ Tickets@45.00 Each...........total $______

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

Banquet Meal Choices (choose desired meals)

Chicken Parmesan ____ Beef Medallions ____ Vegetarian selection____

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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**Pest Control**

A woman is having a passionate affair with an Irish pest-control inspector. One afternoon they were in the bedroom and the husband arrives home unexpectedly. “Quick “she says to the inspector “into the closet”! She pushed him in the closet, stark naked. The husband became suspicious, and discovers the man in the closet. “who are you” he asks, “I’m investigating a claim about moth infestation” he says, “and where are your clothes?” asks the husband. The man looks down at himself, and says, Why those little buggers”
Tour # 1 September 12th, 2019 USS Mt McKinley Association
Tour of Jacksonville, $45.00 per person

Your Tour Guide will meet you at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Thursday September 12th for your tour of Jacksonville. Travel to Downtown to hear the exploits of the city’s namesake, Andrew Jackson, and the famous architects who descended upon the city after the Great Fire of 1901. Tour this period by stepping inside the architecturally rich St. James Building that was once the center for commerce and is today’s City Hall. Your journey then pauses outside the historic Florida Theatre made famous by Elvis Presley. Next, a stop at the Veterans Memorial Wall, were you will disembark for a more personal experience. The tour continues in the nearby Riverside/Avondale area that was ranked by APA as a “Top 10 Great Neighborhood in America” to see historic houses with their varied architectural styles. The area is famous for chocolate covered popcorn so a stop for the tasty treat is always a hit! Return to the hotel after a wonderful tour of Jacksonville.

Tour # 2 USS Mt McKinley Association Tour of St. Augustine, $45.00 per person

Your Tour Guide will meet you at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Friday September 13th in period dress for your tour of St Augustine. Travel to St Augustine and tour all the major sites which includes the Fountain of Youth, Spanish Mission Grounds, City Gates, Spanish Plaza, Cathedral- Basilica, Spanish Government House, Flagler Memorial Church, and the old Ponce de Leon Hotel from the comfort of the Motor coach. Disembark at the Castillo de San Marcos, the stone fort that guards the entrance to Anastasia Bay and was never captured by enemy forces in battle. Depending on availability, this tour will also stop at the old 1888 Alcazar Hotel or Flagler Memorial Church with time to explore. Lunch stop on your own today along with free time for shopping and exploring the Historic District before returning to the hotel in Jacksonville.
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 (decommissioned)

Crowne Plaza Hotel 13670 Duval Rd. Jacksonville, Fl. 32218 Phone (904)741-4404

Elvis Presley’s appearance in Jacksonville Florida theatre, caused a minor scandal— as noted in an excerpt from Look.

Look Magazine
August 1956
But Presley is mostly nightmare. On-stage, his gyrations, his nose wiping, his leers are vulgar. When asked about the sex element in his act, he answers without blinking his big brown eyes: “Ah don’t see anything wrong with it. Ah just act the way ah feel.”

Veterans Memorial Wall Jacksonville

Ponce De Leon St Augustine Florida

Castillo De San Marcos St Agustine Florida
Old Spanish Fort

St Augustine