This is a picture of the culprit responsible for cancelling our annual reunion

Better known as the Coronavirus

We are all in the same boat,
But, if we pull together, this will pass, and we’ll get together in San Diego next year, 2021
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**HELP WANTED**
*(Contact Ray Zall Elections)*

**For positions of:**

**ASSOCIATION SECRETARY**

**ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS**

**For service periods**

*And 2020-2021*

*And Webmaster*

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**USS Oak Hill (LSD 51) returns to homeport Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek Fort Story July 15th, 2020 after a seven month deployment in support of maritime security operations and theatre security cooperation in the US 2nd, 5th and 6th fleet.**

*(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Griffin Kersting/Released)*

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Dan Moffett, President

Fellow Shipmates,

First of all, I hope you and your families are well and staying safe during this Covid-19 Pandemic. It sure has been a challenging and unfamiliar time for all of us.

As I am sure you know, the Board of Directors were polled on whether or not to postpone this years Association meeting. The results were a unanimous vote to postpone the reunion until September 2021. The reunion committee, which consists of myself, Ray Zall, and Wes Brubacher, will be providing the details for next years reunion early in 2021. It is still being planned for San Diego, California. Hopefully, we will be through dealing with the Coronavirus as well as the recent civil unrest that seems to be reaching levels that I have not seen since the late 60"s. I am going to miss seeing all of you this year but it will make next years reunion even more special.

Most of us have been impacted these last three months with having to visit with family and friends via Zoom calls. Our grandchildren's school graduations have been done virtually or not at all. We are all wearing masks when we go outside of the house and I am sure some of you have made some creative design's to your homemade masks. It seems like were living in a new normal, which I hope does not remain as the norm.

I pray that you and your families stay safe and well.

Yours in Service

Dan Moffett, President
Why I wear a mask

- I want you to know that I am educated enough to know that I could be asymptomatic and still give you the virus.
- No, I don’t “live in fear” of the virus; I just want to be part of the solution, not the problem.
- I don’t feel like the “government is controlling me;” I feel like I’m being a contributing adult to society and I want to teach others the same.
- The world doesn’t revolve around me. It’s not all about me and my comfort.
- If we all could live with other people's consideration in mind, this whole world would be a much better place.
- Wearing a mask doesn’t make me weak, scared, stupid, or even “controlled.” It makes me considerate.
- When you think about how you look, how uncomfortable it is, or what others think of you, just imagine someone close to you - a child, a father, a mother, grandparent, aunt, or uncle - choking on a respirator, alone without you or any family member allowed at bedside.

#iwearamaskforthegoodofhumanity

From Masthead editors Lynne and Mike DeBol —-

Shipmates;

During these very difficult and never before experienced times,

We hope and pray you and your families stay as healthy as is possible.

May any negative consequences you experience be minimized quickly.

The Good Lord willing we will get through this, and with great expectations, get together again next year in San Diego.
Books?? How do they work?

“No joystick? No mouse? No keyboard? How do you turn the pages?”

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text: “If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!” The husband, typically non-romantic, replied: “I am on the toilet. Please advise.”
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U.S.S. Mount McKinley Association Financial

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**Assets**
- Wells Fargo Checking $6,879.97 $928.00 $678.62 $235.93 $7,145.42
- Wells Fargo Money Mkt $9,238.75 $0.64 $0.23 $9,239.62
- Ship Store Inventory Net $2,814.43 —— $134.00 $48.00 $2,632.43
- Total Assets/Expenses $18,933.15 $928.64 $252.23 $812.62 $283.93 $19,017.47

**Income**

**Ship Store Sales**
**Ship Store Shipping**
**Annual Dues**
**Life Member Dues**
**Raffle/Door Prize**
**2020 Reunion**
**Wells Fargo Interest**
**Refund**
**Donations**

**Total Income** $-

**Expense**

**Office Supplies**
**Masthead Print/Postage** $-
**Ship Store**
**Postage**
**Ship Store Shipping** $--
**Website** $-
**Bank Service Charge**
**Reunion 2019**
**Reunion 2020** $-

**Total Expense** $- $- $-

**Chkgs - to/from MM** $-
**MM - to/from Chkgs**
**Change In S/S Inventory** $-
**Net 2019**
**Total 2018** $18,933.15
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We are super-social creatures

Psychologists and researchers have been saying this for many, many years—we have a deep innate need to be around other people and share experiences, and indeed our lives. All the research shows that people who are more connected are happier and healthier in the long run. And while many people knew this, now we really know it. Social distancing—now intentionally changed to physical distancing by the WHO, for just this reason—has been excruciatingly difficult as a way of life. We’re doing it, but it’s not natural or pleasant. But having done it will perhaps help us in the future realize how critical the “village” is, and how lovely it is to interact—the shake hands, to hug, snuggle, and all the other acts of social closeness that make us human.
Membership Secretary’s Message

From your Membership Secretary -

Who could have imagined that 2020 would be the year that it’s been so far. Hopefully all of us are staying healthy even while getting more than just a little “cabin fever”. Hang in there and do the right things to stay safe and healthy. Remember, you’re not alone during this COVID-19 pandemic. And it doesn’t hurt to reach out and talk to friends– if nothing else it helps to pass the time.

I still show a fair number of our members who haven’t come up with the $12 for this year’s dues!! Is this just an oversight? You know who you are. The workings of the Association continue and so we need your support too.

Same song, another verse. Current contact information is needed for all members. If you move, change email and/or USPS mail addresses or change your phone number, please send me the updated information. A special emphasis on updating contact information is needed for all Life Members.

As evidenced during the last three months, there are still former shipmates who are interested in joining, or reactivating their membership in, the Association. Encourage any former shipmates you know to contact me about becoming an active member. And if you know of anyone who has dropped out but is still interested encourage them to get active again.

Wes Brubacher, Mt Mac ’60-’61

Due to the quarantine I’ll only be telling inside jokes

THE WORLD HEALT ORGANIZATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DOGS CANNOT CONTRACT COVID-19. DOGS PREVIOUSLY HELD IN QUARANTINE CAN NOW BE RELEASED. TO BE CLEAR, WHO LET THE DOGS OUT.

I’ll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you’ll have to wait two weeks to see if you get it.

Finland has just closed it’s borders.
No one will be crossing the finish line.

I ran out of toilet paper started using old newspaper, times are rough.
(jokes courtesy of Wes Brubacher)
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)

No reunion 2020 looking forward to 2021

Beautiful picture of our ship’s namesake Mount McKinley
Now renamed Denali. Changing the name of the mountain has not changed the significance Of the USS Mt. McKinley AGC-7. It will always be known as the “Mighty Mac.”