



USS McCaffery NEWSLETTER REUNION EDITION NOVEMBER 2010

McCAFFERY REUNION 2010

It was my pleasure and honor to host our 13th reunion held at the Sheraton Colonial Hotel in Wakefield, MA on the 21 -24 of September. A great time was had by the 150 shipmates and guests. We were honored by the presence of special guests Joe and Hugh McCaffery, nephews of Marine Lt Joseph Patrick McCaffery for whom the DD/DDE 860 was named.

The first day was spent checking in and reconnecting with old shipmates and getting caught up with each other's lives in our hospitality room.

Gordon Lieser's flag and certificate, showing the flag having been flown on the mast of the USS Constitution, was in presence at all times in the hospitality room and banquet hall.

The second day began as a beautiful sunny and warm day for our private tour of "Old Ironsides", The USS Constitution, in Boston harbor. Then it was on to Salem, MA for lunch on Pickering Wharf followed by a tour of the Salem Witch Museum. Another late night was spent in the hospitality room.

Day three started with a bus ride to the Gloucester waterfront for a stop at the recently dedicated World War II Memorial and laying a wreath to honor those who have served our country, a presentation was made by Michael Linquata, a WWII medic, POW, and driving force in creating this beautiful memorial.

The wreath was laid by former McCaffery Commanding Officer CDR Robert Fisher and RD2 Ed Crowell, both WWII veterans.

Following a bus tour of the rugged Gloucester shoreline, we proceeded to the famous Fisherman's Memorial for a special wreath-laying ceremony in memory of the 465 known McCaffery shipmates who have made their final voyage.

The wreath was laid by BT3 Carroll Schoen. A color guard consisting of LTJG Doug Hackett, LTJG Hollie Tiedemann and LTJG Richard Kuroski presented the colors. The names of all known departed McCaffery shipmates were read in unison by 23 shipmates while a ship's bell was struck by the McCAFFERY last Commanding Officer, CDR Samuel Coulbourn and plank owner MM3 Ken Deacon. The playing of Taps added to the solemnity of the service.

The afternoon was spent touring Gloucester Harbor with a salty captain and narrator, giving us the history and traditions of Gloucester and its fishing industry. We even got to pull a lobster trap with 4 live lobsters and learned that there are left-handed and right-handed lobsters (believe it).

Then on to the Gloucester House for a traditional waterfront New England Lobster Bake with "clam chowdah", home baked cornbread, corn on the cob, a tater, homemade strawberry shortcake and an animated lesson in "How to shell and eat a lobster" by the restaurant owner, Lenny Linquata. A third night was held at the hospitality room with a slide show by RM3 Jim Steiner.

Our final day began with the business meeting at which a new organization was adopted for the McCaffery Association.

LTJG Doug Hackett will serve in the new office of President, SH2 Don Hake as Vice President, YN3 Ron Trippett as Treasurer, YN2 Nick Donatiello as Secretary, and ETR2 Jerry Rose as Web Master.

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It was decided to hold the 2012 reunion in the Jacksonville, Florida area. GMG3 Jim Womble has agreed to be the reunion chairman assisted by IC1 John Shriver, MM2 Walter Word, YN3 Don Turk and GMG3 Art Schaffer. Also lending a hand will be SOG3 Winn Hayes and YN3 Ron Trippett.

The reunion concluded with an enjoyable banquet and sensational entertainment by "The Singing Trooper", Massachusetts state police Sergeant Daniel Clark.

Thanks to the Sheraton Colonial Resort Hotel and to Linn Parisi of Over The Bridge Tours for helping to make the reunion a 2010 a huge success.

Thanks to Ed Crowell for his guidance over the last two years and Larry Tormey for his assistance over the same time and especially for the coffee mess every morning during the reunion. Thanks also to my wife Lynn, who had to put up with me while I was doing this wonderful duty. Another thanks to the Sea Cadets of Nashua, NH who did the color guard duties and of course my cousin Norene who sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. Thanks to Tom Mezzatesta for handling the selling of the raffle tickets.
Submitted by Ron Trippett (Edited by Don Turk and Larry Tormey)

Contributions for the newsletter should be sent to Nick Donatiello. Make checks out to USS McCaffery. Your generous contributions allow us to publish the newsletter.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

De Forest Baker GMC 55-58
Raymond Basek SN1 45-46
John M. Bell LT 62-64
James Bell MM2 60-63
John Cernava RM2 65-67
Gerard Egan Jr SA 55-56.
William Fitts TM3 62-66
Richard Gleadall PN2 49-52
Robert Goodwin TM2 50-54
Doug Hackett LTJG 61-63
Roy Hammond FT3 56-58
Ken Hawkes DCFN 51-54
Lee Hendrickson BM3 71-73
Harold Hensler MM2 45-46

Enoch Huston SN 47-50
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Donald Lathrop SK3 54-56
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Jerry Nowicki DK3 53-55
John Patella MML3 51-52
Arthur Pielli FN 60-62
Carroll Schoen BT3 59-61
John Scott TM3 64-67
Claude Swanson BT1 54-57
Bobby Tison MM2 50-54

Contributions to Memorial Plaque

(Contributions to the Memorial Plaque were closed after the reunion)

Corrie Borst, BT3 61-64 Charles Liles, ETR2 61-64
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James Dunham SN 63-65 Tom Mezzatesta, DKSN 61-63
Don Hake, SH2 62-64 John Olszewski, FT2 53-56
Winn Hayes, SOG3 63-64 Don Ranson, FT3 51-55
William Fitts, TM3 62-66 Tom Riddering, SN 57-59

TAPS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families of our departed shipmates. If you know of a shipmate who is ill, hospitalized, or deceased, please notify us so that we can respond in an appropriate manner. The following is a list of shipmates who have passed away since our last newsletter.

Bailey, Jay K EMP3 58
Baker, De Forest GMC 55-58
Bendon, Richard J SN 59-61
Godown, John R BT3 59-63
Pliner, Martin FTG3 66-70

Rizk, William ENFN 51-52
Runnion, Fred BM3 51-53
Schultz, Lawrence FN 57-58
Spencer, Lenard E. SFP3 59-61
Wilcox, William MM2 58-60

Welcome aboard to Marquis, Kenneth E SN 57-59 & Melvin, Ronald (Larry) SFM3 62-64

IMPORTANT: We continue to seek shipmates that do not know about the McCaffery Association. Information on new members and changes to your address or email address should be sent to our Vice President Don Hake. It is important that we get the changes to keep you informed.

USS McCaffery (DD/DDE 860) 2010/2012 Reunion Survey

The 2012 USS McCaffery Association reunion is being planned for the Jacksonville, Fla., area. Please take a minute and help us plan for the 2012 reunion by answering a few questions about your interests for the 2012 reunion.

Have you attended previous McCaffery reunions? _____ How many? _____
Which reunion(s) did you enjoy the most and why? _____
Which activities did you participate in during the 2010 reunion?
USS Constitution tour _____ Salem Which Museum _____ Memorial service _____
Gloucester boat cruise and lobster bake _____ Hospitality Room _____ Banquet _____
Which activities did you like best _____ Was there an activity you did not like _____
Was the hotel satisfactory? _____ Did you find the cost of activities and hotel reasonable _____
Did you order a reunion CD? _____ Do you prefer a CD or reunion book? _____

Are there any specific activities you would recommend for the 2012 reunion?

Here are some examples:

_____ Tour Mayport Naval Station _____ Tour Jacksonville Naval Air Station
_____ Riverboat tour with lunch _____ Day trip to St. Augustine
_____ Evening Luau at old Mayport CPO Club _____ Museum / historical tours
_____ Anheuser-Busch brewery tour and tasting
_____ "Shipmates Banquet" – dinner and entertainment or dancing
_____ At the banquet, would you prefer entertainment _____/or a band and dancing _____
_____ Hospitality Room _____ Shipmate's / McCaffery Memorial Service
_____ Do you have any recommendations? _____

Recognizing that we will work to obtain the best hotel value possible, is there a hotel rate which would prevent your attendance? _____

Would you prefer a hotel on or near the beach? Yes, _____ no, _____ or it doesn't matter _____

Do you anticipate attending the 2012 reunion? _____

Please mail your reply to Jim Womble at P.O. Box 2007, Plant City, FL 33564.

SHIRTS, HATS, PATCHES, AND LICENSE PLATE HOLDERS.

Embroidered patches are still available and there are two types. “**Drive them into the Sea**” and the “**Sea Horse Riding the Hedgehog**” with a **Shamrock** background. These high quality patches are in brilliant colors. The cost is \$5.50 each or \$10.00 for both Price includes mailing.

McCaffery Shirts and Hats. Shirts are available in navy blue (golf style) with the ships logo embroidered on the left front. Shirts M – XL \$16.00 2X & 3X \$18.00. Hats are one size fits all and are navy blue with the dame embroidered logo. Hats are \$13.00.

License Plate Frames. High quality Black license plate frames are available for \$6.00 (includes postage).

Send a check or money order to Ron Trippett to order the above items.

Windbreaker jackets are also available. They must be purchased **DIRECTLY** from Phil Abate. His phone number is 732-846-6685 or 732-846-6687. The jackets are navy blue with USS McCAFFERY DD/DDE 860 embroidered in gold and the silhouette of the ship in silver on the left breast. As an example, 155 pound man would wear a medium.

Mail Bag Bill Maslak heard from Robert Panella, he has just had a hernia operation as well as a tumor removed from his prostate. He is home recuperating. **We are looking for more mailbag items for the newsletter.**

Emailing of the newsletter. As soon as we get the database set up to handle the change, we will be emailing the newsletter to those who would like to receive the newsletter that way. If you desire to receive the newsletter by email, send an email, with your name and email address, to Nicholas Donatiello email address NDonatiello@donatiello.net. I will keep track of those addresses until we are ready to start emailing the newsletter.

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