



USS McCAFFERY DD/DDE860

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello McCaffery Shipmates,

With a year to go, the next McCaffery reunion in Jacksonville in fall 2012 is shaping up to be an outstanding event. Elsewhere in this Newsletter is an article listing likely events in addition to our All Hands banquet. I don't know about you, but I haven't been back to Mayport (the MAC's homeport when I was aboard '61-'63) in over 46 years. It will be nostalgic to go back again, and very interesting to see the changes that have taken place. Many thanks to Ron Trippett and the others for stepping up to plan and run the reunion when health considerations put Jim Womble on the binnacle list. Make sure you put the reunion on your calendar for next fall.

I had a call from a shipmate recently who is a member and asked (arm twisted...) him to call 4 or 5 of his friends and get them to join. I ask this of all members. Track down several of your best buddies from days on the MAC, and get them to join and come to reunions. We all know how much fun these reunions are; let them know also. Even if they can't attend the reunions, they can get the newsletter.

I also suggest that you wear your McCaffery shirt and hat when out around town. You never know when you may run across someone who has also served on the MAC and you can then get them to join. It has happened to me at a post office once.

I went down to the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington DC for a U.S. Navy Band concert in the summer (really worthwhile) and took a look at the USS McCaffery plaque on the Wall of Honor. It looks great, and I hope that the next time that you are in DC that you can see it also.

Best wishes to all shipmates. I look forward to seeing you in Jacksonville.

Doug

PLANS ARE TAKING SHAPE FOR THE 2012 REUNION

The next reunion of the USS MCCAFFERY VETERANS ASSOCIATION will be in Jacksonville FL in October 2012. Events will include a banquet, a tour of the Naval Station Mayport, a ship tour of a modern Destroyer, and probably other events such as a river cruise, a bus tour to St Augustine, etc. Full details including the exact dates, the hotel, a list of events and a sign-up form will be in the spring 2012 McCaffery Newsletter. Plan now to attend, and mark your calendars

Unfortunately Jim Womble (planned reunion chairman) is having medical problems which would make it impossible for him to run the 2012 reunion in Jacksonville. Ron Trippett who was the committee chairman for 2010 in Boston will now chair the Jacksonville reunion along with John Shriver ICI, Walter Word MM2, Don Turk YN3, Winn Hayes SOG3, Art Schaffer GMG3 and Ed Crowell RD2.

IMPORTANT

If you believe you will be attending the reunion please let Ron Trippett know at mccaffery2012@Yahoo.com along with any suggestions you may have for things to do. You may also call him at 978 887 6315 if you do not have e-mail. You can also write Ron at the address on page 2. The more shipmates that let him know they plan to attend will give Ron more bargaining power when he makes arrangements for Hotels and Tours. Also by stating what you would like to do during the reunion will help him plan another great reunion.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE McCAFFERY ASSOCIATION

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Two of the most important jobs in the McCaffery Association are being held by Bill Maslak and Harold Faulkner. **FINDING REPLACEMENTS FOR THESE SHIPMATES IS AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY FOR THE CONTINENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION.** Bill keeps track of the members of the Association and researches many areas to try to find those who served on the McCaffery and are not on the list of shipmates.

A lot of the searching is done on the phone and on the internet and with the availability of sites for searching names the job takes tenacity. Computer programming knowledge is not required or necessary.

We also need two volunteers to maintain the program used to keep our reunion roster up to date. One volunteer will be the lead volunteer (do most of the work) and the other volunteer will be a stand-by to help in emergencies or to take over if the lead man is incapacitated. The database is the heart of the Association and Bill and Harold have done a magnificent job of maintaining the database over the years. We use a data base management system called Filepro, from Fp Technologies, to maintain our roster. Our roster contains one record per person. Each record contains as many fields as needed. The fields are: name, address, phone number, rank, years aboard, wife's name, etc.

The volunteers will have to know some sort of programming language. Fortunately, the program we are using uses a simple form of basic programming language, plus it has its own set of features. With this program we can, of course, add new members, make necessary changes as they occur, print any information we desire, sort the printouts by any field we choose (such as last name, state, zip code, etc.).

If you feel an obligation to the memory of McCaffery (DD860 DDE860), as we members of the committee do, please volunteer, WE NEED YOU!

If you can accept any of these two jobs please contact either Harold or Bill and Doug Hackett. Their information is in the box at the left on this page.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The ships company (those with email addresses) has been updated. It now contains additional information and copies of the newsletters. To add or change any information please notify Jerry Rose. (address at left). Stephen (Beaney) Brown has the MA license plate DD860. Any others out there with McCaffery significant plates? Sorry to hear from Don Allwine, s daughter that Don is in the VA Hospital in Grand Island NE with Alzheimer's. Don was an SN aboard 66-69.

Harold Futrell (ex Navy) wrote me to say he found a McCaffery lighter about 50 years ago in the back hills of Western Kentucky. He has been holding it for all this time. The lighter is in remarkable shape and is etched with "Junior" on the back side. He stated than he would gladly send it to anyone interested in having the lighter. He can be reach by email at: cheyt@bellsouth.net.

Ron Trippett lost his wife Lynn recently; our thoughts and prayers go out to Ron for his loss.

TAPS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families of our departed shipmates. If you know of a shipmate that is ill, hospitalized, or deceased, please notify Doug Hackett so that he can respond, on behalf of the association, in an appropriate manner. The following is a list of the shipmates who have passed away. We post the names when we are notified of their passing, this does not mean they have passed away since our last newsletter.

Barnes, Donald FT1 52-53

Jones, Elvin A MM3 51-54

Lipps, James G FA 48-49

Merritts, Ronald C. SN 62

Otis, (Otfinowski) Robert SO3 52-55

Page, James T. FC3 49-52

Rounds, Earnest E. FC3 47-51

Runnion, Fred L. BM3 52-53

Walts, Earl C. YNCS 61-62

WELCOME ABOARD

Barr, Walter L. FN 64-65,

Scull, Jack D. XO 61-63,

Strong, Elijah SN 70- 71

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Contributions for the newsletter should be sent to Nick Donatiello. Make checks out to USS McCaffery. It is your generous contributions that allow us to keep publishing the newsletter.

Ashforth, Donald MM2 54-56

Horn, Richard T CS3 62-63

Schilling, Gerald SN 45-46

Coultres, Richard IC3 49-57

Huston, Enoch SN 47-50

Shoemaker, William BT2 65-68

Donatiello, Nicholas YN2 57-59

Jankoski, Peter MM3 60

Sollosy, M SK2 56-57

Egan, Robert K. LT 57-61

Johnson, Kenneth R FTGSN 53-54 Tompkins, Myron J. BT3 56-59

Foster, Verne K. FTA2 55-58

Makoulis, James EM3 63-65

Turk, Donald YN2 69-71

Fulks, Morris (Tex) FN 50-54

O'Brien, Robert M TM# 61-62

Willett, Bill FT2 47-52

Hoaks, Leslie BT3 63-65

Raley, Larry RM3 59-62

McCaffery Association is Seeking Cruise Books

The USS McCaffery Association is seeking copies of the USS McCaffery's Cruise Books – those publications that helped chronicle the history of the ship's deployments in far off places around the world.

Do you have a Cruise Book you would be willing to copy and send for the McCaffery's historical files? If so, please contact Don Turk (e-mail: dturkx2@bellsouth.net, or telephone: 352-332-4555. Please do not send an unsolicited copy since we may already have a commitment for your book from another crewmember. We currently have copies of the following Cruise Books: World Cruise – 1950-1951; Mediterranean Cruise – 1954; Mediterranean Cruise – 1962; Mediterranean Cruise – 1963; LANTMIDTRARON – 1964; Mediterranean Cruise – 1965-1966; West Pac Cruise – 1967; STANAVFORLANT (NATO) Cruise – 1969; MIDEASTFORLANT (Middle East) – 1971; West Pac – 1972-1973.

Have You Sent in Your Biographical Questionnaire? Have you completed and sent in your biographical questionnaire that appeared in the Spring 2011 McCaffery Association newsletter? If not, please find your last newsletter (or get it on our web site) and fill out the questionnaire and send it to Don Turk (e-mail at dturkx2@bellsouth.net, or by USPS at 10320 SW 17th Place, Gainesville, FL 32607. If you've lost your newsletter, contact Don and he'll e-mail you a copy of the questionnaire.

Do you have McCaffery-related photos? Do you have photos or other USS McCaffery-related materials you would be willing to copy and share with the Association? We'd love to have them for the Association's historical archives. Please send them to Don Turk, 10320 SW 17th Place, Gainesville, FL 32607. Don can be reached at dturkx2@bellsouth.net, or at 352-332-4555.

McCAFFERY ITEMS FOR SALE

Caps \$15.00 **Shirts** (S-M-L-XL) \$20.00/ XXL Shirts \$24.00/ XXXL Shirts \$26.00

License plate frames \$6.00 - **Embroidered Patches** \$5.50 each or 2 for \$10.00 (Drive them into the San and Sea Horse Riding a Hedgehog).

Car window decal of the Memorial Plaque located at the Navy Memorial in DC

Exact duplicate 7" X 4" \$2.00 - Exact Duplicate 8" X 4" \$3.00.

Color enhanced version with explanation of picture below the ships picture \$4.00

All prices include mailing. Make checks payable to **Ron Trippett** (address on page 2).

McCaffery Jackets are also available directly from the Supplier Phil Abate (a Tin Can Sailor) his phone number is 732-846-6685

EMAIL DELIVERY OF THE NEWSLETTER We have had some response from shipmates who will be getting their newsletter through email. If you would like to get your newsletter through email, let me know at Ndonatiello@donatiello.net. Please include your email address.

MOVING If you are moving or getting a new email address, PLEASE let us know. We spend many hours tracing new addresses for our shipmates. If your postal address changes notify **Bill Maslak**. If your email address changes notify **Jerry Rose and Bill Maslak** Their postal addresses and email addresses are on page two of the newsletter.

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