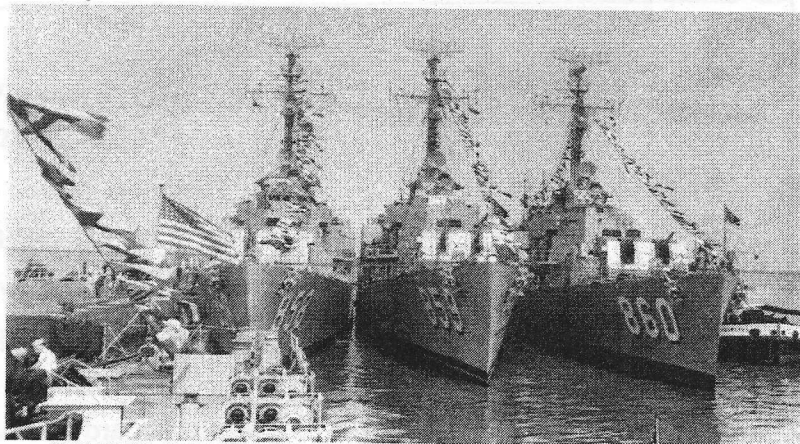


McCaffery Newsletter

FALL-WINTER

"2005"



USS FRED T. BERRY — USS NORRIS — USS MCCAFFERY

ALL DECKED OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

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"Happy New Year"



Shipmates!

Well, here we are in another new year. Can you believe it's 2005! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, and enjoyed it to the fullest with family and friends.

As we go into the New Year, plans are being formulated for our reunion in "2006". More details on page 2. This past year, we have witnessed many tragedies due to hurricanes in Florida and most recently, the devastation in South Asia caused by the tsunami. A tragedy of this magnitude has effected the world and has brought many together to aid these poor people. Through their contributions, we can only hope and pray that in time, they will be able to rebuild their lives.

Let's also remember, all our service men and women, who are on active duty, and pray that "2005", will keep them safe and out of "harms way"!

McCaffery's New Web Site Replaces "Angelfire"

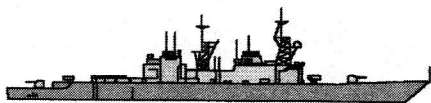
Check the new McCaffery Web site www.usdd860.com for your email address. If the address is wrong or missing, contact Bill Maslak at; usdd860@earthlink.net. A recent check of the site revealed that many members (about one hundred) have changed or canceled their addresses. It is time consuming to determine if the addresses have been changed (to get new ones) or have been discontinued.

I also, noticed that some email addresses in the TCS site are no longer valid. If you contact TCS, at www.destroyers.org they will help to correct them. While your in the site and if your not a member, you can ask for a complimentary copy of their newsletter, which is really a newspaper of about 40 pages dedicated to destroyermen. If you like the newsletter, you can subscribe.

Navy Christens "USS Bainbridge"

This past November, the newest Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer was christened in Bath, ME. Susan Bainbridge Hay, christened the ship named for her great-great-great grandfather. Commodore Bainbridge served in the Navy from 1789-1833. This is the 5th ship to be named in his honor.

Cmdr. John M. Dorey of Auburn, MA., a 1986 Naval Academy graduate, will be the ship's first C.O. The Bainbridge has accommodations for 380 officers and enlisted personnel. Built by Bath Iron works, the 9,200 ton Bainbridge, has a length of 511 ft., a beam of 59 ft. and a navigational draft of 33 ft. Four gas turbine engines will power the ship to speeds in excess of 30 knots.



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"McCaffery" History & Patches

The latest edition of the "Mighty Mac's" twenty eight year history is available at cost, which is **\$15.00**. This includes postage. Don't know where you were on any given day, while aboard the Mac? The ship can be placed somewhere in the world in just about any given day in the history.

McCaffery patches are also available. There are two to choose from: "Drive Them Into the Sea" (Bougainville) and the "Sea Horse Riding the Hedge-hog". Both are brilliantly colored and of excellent quality. They are **\$5.50** each, or both for **\$10**. They would look great on your Tin Can Sailor jacket. Shipmates who have ordered them, have been well pleased. Send your order and check for the history and/or patches to **Bill Maslak**.

"Mac" Shirts & Hats

Shirts & hats are still available. Shirts are Navy Blue (golf style) with the ships logo embroidered on the left side. Hats (one size fits all), are also Navy blue with the same logo. Prices include shipping. **Hats - \$12.00**
Shirts - M-XL \$15.00
Shirts - 2X-3X \$17.00

To order, please send check to:
Gordon Leiser

REUNION "2006"

Plans are underway for our 11th Reunion which will be held in Buffalo, N.Y.

At the last reunion, a meeting was held and it was voted that we go to Buffalo.

We have reserved the Holiday Inn Buffalo (Airport), for Sept 13-16, 2006. The Buffalo area has a lot to offer such as; the Naval & Military Park featuring the destroyer The Sullivans, and cruiser USS Little Rock plus, the submarine USS Croaker. The American and Canadian Falls are close by, plus, two casinos, one on each side of the border. These are just some of the highlights, so keep those dates reserved for another great reunion. As we draw closer, we will have more details for you.

"A Little Humor"

A man and his wife attended a marriage seminar on communication. They listened as the instructor declared; "It is essential that husbands & wives know the things that are important to each other." He then asked the man, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower? The husband leaned over, touched his wife's arm and whispered, "Pillsbury All-Purpose, right"?.....

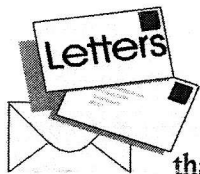


Welcome Aboard!



This column was launched in our last newsletter, and it's sole purpose is to list the names of recently found shipmates, who served on the "Mac". Thanks to the efforts of Bill Maslak, our roster keeps growing. The following, is a list of new shipmates who have just joined us..... **Welcome Aboard Mates!**

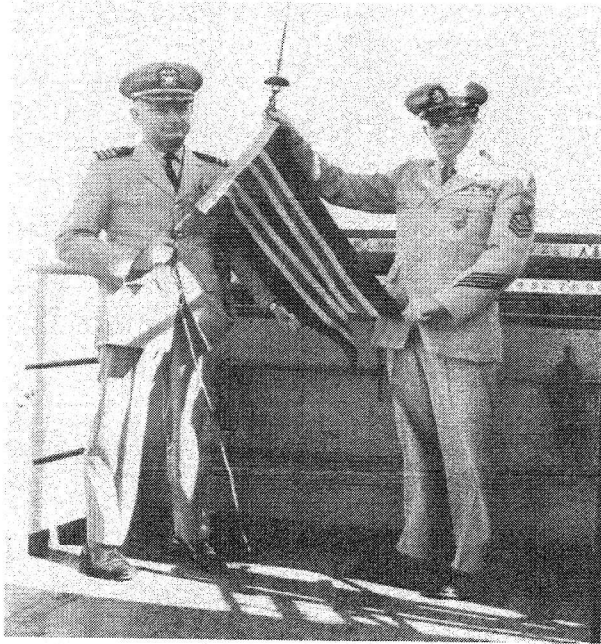
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"Mail Bag"

The following, is some news from former shipmates. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who took the time to drop me a line. Many shipmates really enjoy reading about their old buddies and what they've been doing since their Navy days. Now for some news.....

Tom Fox (AL) wrote to say, how he and his wife Margie attended their first reunion in Savannah, and how they thoroughly enjoyed it.....**Paul Lavallee (MA)** and his wife Ann, along with four of their relatives, took a trip to the Grand Canyon, and also, beautiful Sedona where they visited several Indian ruins. The trip ended at the casinos in Laughlin, where they made a donation. Paul said, "It was an most enjoyable trip for all them".....I also, got a short note from **Tom Heckert (PA)** saying how much he and his children Brandon & Danielle enjoyed themselves in Savannah.....**Ron Sturgeon (MI)** was surprised to learn that some of the guys from "S" division were on our roster. Perhaps some of you remember Ron, he was the guy to see, if you needed something pressed.....**Barto Balkcom (AL)** attended his first reunion, and wrote how he really enjoyed meeting with everyone, made a lot of friends, and felt all the activities were well planned and how they had a good time.....**Bill Harker (WV)**, was a BT from 61-65. Due to a bad heart, he is unable to travel, but wrote to say he would like to hear from some of his old shipmates. Contact me (Gordon) if you'd like his address. I'm sure it would brighten his day.....**Ken Farrell (FL)** and his wife Eileen I'm sad to say, lost their house and all their belongings, due to the hurricanes this past year. Until their insurance claims are approved they are temporarily living with Eileen's daughter. We hope 2005 is a better year for you. Keep your chin up.....**Deane Staples (MA)** ran the ship's post office, along with Don Merkle, from 55 to 56. After serving on several ships he retired in July of 73 as am RMC. When he returned to civilian life, he became a postman and retired in '95. Deane, went through radical prostate cancer in 2001, but has recovered and is back riding his motorcycle. Glad to hear your able to enjoy life again!.....(Continued on page 6)



MUC AWARD

The McCaffery, received the Meritorious Unit Commendation for service in Vietnam in 1967. Pictured above, are Capt. Watt W. Jordan and Chief Master-At-Arms, Walter E. Townsend, preparing to hoist the MUC Pennant.

All crewmen, serving aboard the McCaffery from 8 March through 20 August 1967, are authorized to wear the MUC ribbon. During this period, ships of Destroyer Squadron Sixteen, inflicted heavy damage on enemy troops, & contributed significantly to United States Strike Warfare Operations in the Tonkin Gulf, through their aircraft controlling efforts, early warning, search and rescue missions, The impressive record, achieved by Destroyer Squadron Sixteen, attests to the excellent training and professionalism of the Squadron's Officers and men and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval service.

All personnel, attached to and serving with Destroyer Squadron Sixteen, during the period designated above, are authorized to wear the MUC Ribbon. This was for Destroyer Division 161, Squadron 16 comprised of USS **McCAFFERY DD-860; USS BIGELOW DD-942; USS AULT DD-698 & USS ALAN M. SUMNER DD-692**



Recruits Receive New Book

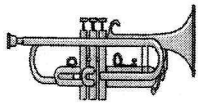
Sailors who complete recruit training, will receive a new book in their traditional Navy sea bag, that focuses on Navy heritage and tradition. The book entitled; "A Sailor's History of the U.S.Navy", takes a historical look at the Navy, from a different perspective- that of the individual Sailor - with stories of honor in battle, courage under fire and commitment in service. The author, uses short stories, about true events from throughout the Navy's history, to lay a fundamental plan of military conduct, professionalism and core values, for those who serve in today's volunteer Navy. The stories show sailor's, that every job however, minute or mundane it may seem, plays an important role in the overall mission of being successful, in battle at sea.

Recruits who complete initial training this year, will be the first to receive the book, as part of their sea bag, that they take with them to the fleet. Beginning in Feb 2006, the book will become an official part of the sailor's boot camp ditty bag, along with the "The Blue Jacket's Manual", which has been issued for years.

Fact Or Fiction.....

When we trace back the liquids used to christen ships, we find that today it is champagne. Yesteryear, it was red wine. Earlier, animal blood was the christener of choice, a sacrifice to the Gods. Before that, only human blood, so stained those ships at launching.....

Submitted by Don Moore - 55-56



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 recently deceased, please notify us, so that we can respond in an appropriate manner. The following, is a list of shipmates who have passed away some time ago, we learned of their passing just recently. Included, in this list are also, a few who have died this past year.....

Arnold, David	54-57	May, Marion	67-69
Battle, Lemuel	56-57	McGlensey, Don	51-55
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Cunningham, W.	45-46	Purdy, Harold	58-59
Deegan, William	49-52	Reagor, David	46-49
Farrell, Arley	45	Shulleeta, Tom	67
Gragg, Jack	67	Teague, Jack	45-46*
Haynes, Harland	45-46*	Townsend, Walt	66-68
Hazen, Harland	47-49	Wood, Willard	59-61
Larkins, Robert	56	Woods, Herschel	61-63

*Plank Owner

Tragedy strikes McCaffery shipmate.

A former shipmate, David Arnold, and his wife Mary Ellen, died from carbon monoxide poisoning in their home in PA. Dave, was found unconscious by his son, & was transported to a nursing facility, where he died, seven months later on March 13, 2004.

They were using a generator, after the Tropical Storm "Isabel" disrupted their electrical power. The generator was outside, but it was too close to the house and carbon monoxide, seeped in through the crawl space. It's unfortunate that this tragedy had to occur, because even though they had smoke detectors, had carbon monoxide detectors been installed, this tragedy could have been prevented.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Arnold family from the McCaffery crew.



The Lone Sailor!

The Lone Sailor statue represents all people who ever served, are serving now or who are yet to serve in the Navy. The Lone Sailor, is a composite of the U.S.Navy bluejacket, past present and future. He's called the Lone Sailor, yet he is hardly ever alone, standing there on the broad granite plaza, which forms the amphitheater of the Navy Memorial.

Visitors to the Memorial, are immediately drawn to him, to peer into his far seeing eyes, to admire him or size him up, to see if he's as tough or as gentle as he seems. Visitors find, that he is all that he seems and probably more.

The founders of the Navy Memorial, envisioned this Lone Sailor at 25 years old at most, a senior second class petty officer, who is fast becoming a seagoing veteran. He has done it all -- fired his weapons in a dozen wars, weighed anchor from a thousand ports, tracked supplies, doused fires, repelled boarders, typed in quadruplicate and mess-cooked, too. He has made liberty call in great cities and tiny villages, where he played tourist, ambassador, missionary to the poor, adventurer, souvenir shopper and friend to new lands. His shipmates, remember him with pride and tell their grandchildren stories, some of which, like him, are seven feet tall.....

Ever Wonder....

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why Doctors, call, what they do "practice"?
- Why Noah, didn't swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why sheep don't shrink when it rains?
- Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?
- Why you never see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why they sterilize the needle, for lethal injections?
- Why they call the airport, "the terminal" if flying is so safe?
- Why the man who invests all your money, is called a broker?



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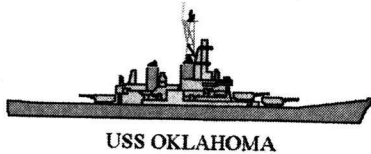
Since our last newsletter, the following shipmates have sent in donations, so that we can continue to send you the "Mighty Mac" Newsletter. Thanks guys, it really helps. At present, our mailing list is over 1,200, and that adds up to a lot of postage. If you haven't made a donation, please consider doing so. As I have mentioned previously, we have no annual dues or membership fees, so all donations are truly appreciated and are used only for the publication of the McCaffery Newsletter.

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"Mail Bag"

Columbus R. Ogle (TN) Was reminiscing about his earlier days aboard the Mac. He wrote that he served with Capt Alan Martin and also Capt Robert Briner. He said, they were great skippers! He made the Mid-East cruise in '71 but then was transferred to the carrier Saratoga CV-60 and made it to Viet Nam. Ogle, stated how much he loved the "Mac", and has a lot of good memories and stories to tell.....Heard from a good friend **Bob Bohn (CO)**, and his wife Grace. He was glad to hear that I was back at the helm, writing the newsletters. Bob, we missed you at the last reunion, and hope to see you and Grace in Bufallo in 2006!.....**Don Eagan (CA)** dropped a short note to say, that he got connected with the McCaffery newsletter a couple years ago.....and mentioned, how much he enjoys it. Don, served as an SO2 with Capt James Miller 55-56. Nice hearing from you.....**Don Turk (VA)**, wrote that it's been a long time since he walked off the McCaffery, as a YN3 in 1971. However, after 35 years of service in the Naval Reserves, he retired as a Captain in April of last year. Way to go Don!.....**Ed Sorel (MA)**, and his wife Phyllis, enjoyed the reunion in Savannah (their first). Ed said, "the trip home over the Blue Ridge Parkway, was excellent". Hope to see you at many more... Nice hearing from **John Tuft (MD)** who I met for the first in Savannah. John, who served from 60-63 mentioned, he looks forward to receiving the newsletters.....Thanks to all who wrote, to express their gratitude to the staff, for all their time and efforts in keeping the McCaffery memories alive. Please keep your letters coming.....



Battleship "Honored" 63 years Later!

Sixty-three years after the sneak attack, that plunged the U.S. into World War II, hundreds of men who died aboard the battleship USS Oklahoma, are finally, getting their own special tribute. This past December, a new exhibit of photos, artifacts and oral histories was unveiled to honor the 429 men, from the USS Oklahoma who died in the attack. That is the second-highest number of Pearl Harbor casualties behind the USS Arizona, where most of its 1,177 crewmen remain entombed, after the ship sank in the Japanese attack. While the better known Arizona, has a gleaming white memorial straddling its hull, the Oklahoma, has gone unrecognized over the years. Paul Goodyear, who heads the Oklahoma Survivors Assoc., along with four other survivors, were present, for the unveiling at the USS Arizona Memorial Museum.

Goodyear, who organizes an annual USS Oklahoma reunion, had lobbied for the exhibit at the Oklahoma State Capital. "The youngest of our survivor is already 80 years old, and if we don't do this now, these men will be completely forgotten", said Goodyear. When it sank, the Oklahoma was anchored off Ford Island on Battle- ship Row, in the middle of the harbor, next to the USS Maryland. The Oklahoma took the brunt of the torpedoes, leaving the Maryland, relatively intact. The Oklahoma, was sold for scrap after the war, but it sank in the Pacific, while being towed to California.



Honolulu Liberty 40's Style



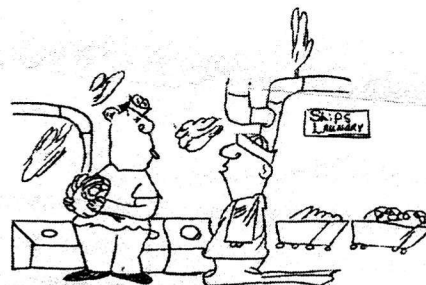
Not all McCaffery Sailors were on board for liberty in Honolulu. In the 40's, a pamphlet was handed out to the crew, on what to expect, and how to act while on liberty. For those who were --Do you remember?

1. Liberty in downtown Honolulu is not the swaying hula, waving palm trees, or the tropical moon deal you see in the movies. Dorothy Lamour, is not behind the next Bougainville bush.
2. Be prepared to stand in line, as the city is heavily populated due to the war. The locals don't like it either, so don't push people off the sidewalk.
3. Navy buses from Fleet Landing, charge 15 cents and Honolulu Rapid Transit, charges 10 cents. No problem in bound, but outbound could be a problem, as everyone is headed back to their ships. Be aware, the last bus out is 2145.
4. Careful where you cross the street, jaywalkers are handed tickets.
5. Be careful how much and which liquor you drink. Local booze is raw and leaves a terrible hangover. It's effects are quicker, due to the Hawaiian climate. The Shore Patrol is vigilant.

6. Some of the wahines (girls - one for every 60-75 men), are friendly. Remember, they have the last word. If you had all the money, these girls rolled from sailors wallets, when they weren't looking, you wouldn't have to worry about a post-war job.

7. Scenery and sightseeing are spectacular. There is a good selection of souvenirs at Navy facilities. Beware of the fly-by-night places, which are in business only to seperate the servicemen from their money.

Provided by John Bixby, 45-46



"I'd like to speak to SOMEONE IN CHARGE."