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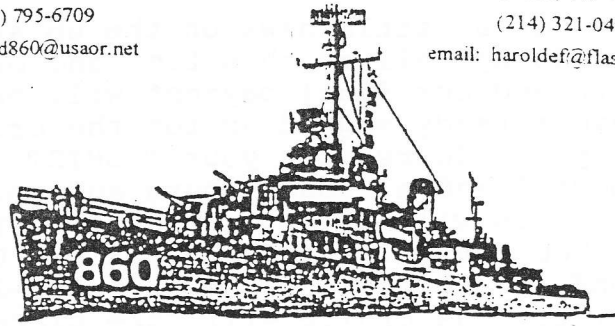
THE MIGHTY MAC

NEWSLETTER

Shipmates, this news letter will not be of the quality that you have seen in the past due to the fact that Gordon Lieser has been very ill and has had four operations so I have taken this over so that we can continue to have one out every six months in order to protect our mailing list. Gordon has now been transferred to a rehab center and it would really be great if you could drop him a card. His home address is 417 Adirondack Ave., Spotswood, NJ 08884. I am sure it will be a big lift to his spirits.

Hey Guys, we are still having trouble with keeping up with your moves. Please help us by dropping us a line with your new address. If we don't get your new address the good old PO charges us 50 cents and we have a tough enough time with our mailing fund as it is. So please send your new address to Harold Faulkner at 10211 Vinemont St., Dallas, TX 75218. Harold has kept our master muster list for many years and provided us with mailing labels at no expense to our fund.

I want to tell you also that Bill Maslack still has a few copies of all of the deck logs that he has been able to find down in DC at the Navy records bureau. He put them in book form and will send you one for just the cost of printing them including the postage. So if you would like one send him a check for \$15.00 at 859 Hamill Rd., Verona, PA 15147. Bill had to make many trips to DC to do this and he has never asked us for any funds.



USS McCaffery DD-860

If you change e-mail or U S mail addresses please let us know. It is a waste of time and money to send out the newsletter only to have it returned; then to spend more time trying to relocate you.

Now comes a topic I'd rather not bring up but it is a must. Shipmate Gordon Leiser's wife June sent me the mailing fund and it is running thin and will not cover this letter so I have to ask you for your help. As you know we do not ask for yearly dues so we put these letters out by your generosity. *Please help us in any way you can, even a few stamps help.* The cost of printing, envelopes and postage pushes close to a \$1.00 per letter so please help as much as you can so that we can keep the Mighty Mac roster growing. Even if you can't make the reunion at this point in your life, the day will come when you will want to find an old shipmate and get together with him again. I want to assure you that we will only use the the donated funds for the news latter.

I started this letter just prior to leaving for the Holidays and I only returned yesterday. I was glad to learn that Leiser and Kuhr are both out of the hospital and home for convalescence. Therapy and determination will put them both back on their feet. Thoes cards I mentioned will still be a big help.

Now for a little news on the up and coming Reunion Cruise. We are doing well at this time and our next payment is due on Jan 10th and our final payment will be on March 10th. Now if you have already signed up for the cruise be sure Kathy of Vacations, Trips' & Tours gets your T SHIRT size. These are really something special and although yours and your guest are getting one free , extras will be available at cost if you want others. ALSO IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED ON FOR THE CRUISE IT IS NOT TO LATE TO COME ABOARD. Call Kathy at 1-800-262-1598 for a application & info. The cruise will take place out of Miami Fla on 15th May 2000.

By the way Harold Faulkner and a number of other guys are arriving in Miami the night prior to the cruise and he is arranging a *special dinner* for anyone that wants to join the gang. Call him to make reservations, His phone number is (214)-321-0494.

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The national organization The TIN CAN SAILOR puts out a great quarterly newsletter (really a newspaper) about destroyers. They will send a complimentary copy just for the asking. Take a look at it and if you like it, sign on. If you are not interested, nothing more need be done. The address is The TIN CAN SAILOR - P O Box 100 - Somerset, MA 02726-0100 A post card will do. The request can also be made by telephone 508-677-0515 or fax number 508-676-9740 You can also request a copy on the internet www.destroyers.org/choose.htm

One last thing. Bill Maslak has a vedio of the Mac refueling at sea. If any of you have good pics; 8 or 16 MM film or vedios we would like to make one whole vedio by combining them. We will send you back anything you send us. However May will come fast so please send anything you have ASAP. Send it all to Maslak



May this New Year be a great one!

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