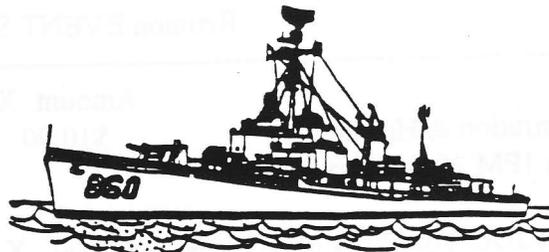


THE MIGHTY MAC'

★ NEWSLETTER ★



USS McCAFFERY DD-860

October 10, 1997

Shipmates, We are ready to get underway for Baton Rouge for Mighty Mac's 7th reunion, and "LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER" (Let the good times roll as they say in Cajun>

The event will be from 30th of April through the 3rd of May '98. Our survey showed a 50/50 split; so will hold our banquet on Sat. evening the 2nd of May and this should satisfy everyone (we try). The hotel will honor our rate for three days prior to and three days after our event, in case you want to come early or stay longer. With New Orleans within two hours you couldn't run out of things to see and do.

Enclosed is your reservation form; please make your reservation as soon as possible as the hotel has agreed to give us rooms in the main building close together "IF" they receive your reservation soon enough. You can call in the reservation or send them a days deposit (make sure they know you are with the McCaffery group). Be sure to get a confirmation number and the name of the person you confirm with. If you are flying into Baton Rouge be sure to make reservations to be picked up at the airport. Be sure to inform the hotel people of your flight information and again get a persons name who confirms the your pickup, other wise you will have to take a cab and this cost \$\$\$\$\$\$. This does not have to be done when you make the hotel reservation but as soon after you know your flight info.

Smooth seas and following winds,



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By last count there were about 70 members who have moved, left no forwarding address, and did not notify Ed Crowell or Harold Faulkner of their new address. It is time consuming and costly to try to find you again and most of the time the search is unsuccessful because it takes time for records to catch up. If this newsletter has been forwarded to you by the post office, the next one probably won't be delivered because forwarding orders expire. If your address has changed or will change, please call Harold Faulkner at 1-800-490-3180 or Ed Crowell.

HISTORY

BATON ROUGE, THE FLAVOR OF LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge - a name which reputedly refers to a red suck that once marked the boundary between two Indian tribes - owes more to the French than its unusual name, for it was the French who explored, developed and settled the region during its significant early years.

By the middle of the eighteenth century, the Acadian exiles from Nova Scotia began to arrive in the area, joining the other French speaking settlers. After a number of years wandering down the Atlantic Coast, the Acadians were welcomed in Louisiana and soon made their homes along the rivers and bayous of the state. Their culture and influence is still strongly felt in South Louisiana. Nineteenth century plantation life surrounds this area where all corners of Louisiana come together to make one rich, thick gumbo. The Mississippi River at our east and continues to shape our future as it shapes our past and continues to shape our future as it shapes our past plantations and attractions.

Baton Rouge's history is filled with interesting anecdotes. Learn why the Old State Capitol is called the "little sham castle," why the Sunshine Bridge was labeled a bridge that went "from here to nowhere" and why the Old Mississippi River Bridge, which Huey Long built, is impassable for large tankers.

Baton Rouge has it all. In these pages, we will show you how to explore this unique city. So come! You'll find you have never seen more beautiful sights or tasted better food than in Baton Rouge...the Flavour of Louisiana.

LOUISIANA GOVERNOR'S MANSION* B4
Built in 1963 in modified Greek Revival style as a replica of one of the state's plantation mansions.
Capitol Access Road. - 342-5855

"BAYVIEW ON THE BAYOU"

Experience first hand exotic Louisiana landscapes in the heart of Bayou Country. Bayview's rustic architecture compliments the area's rich bounty of flora and fauna. The covered, covered balcony overlooks Colyell and the boat launch for bayou tours.

"FAIS-DO-DO"

(...go to sleep...)

Fais-do-do is a Cajun dance party called "go to sleep." Because, when Cajun parents wanted their children to stop playing and dance they told their children to "go to sleep" ('go to sleep' in Cajun French). This special Cajun party with food, fun, and dance is today called a "Fais-do-do." Join the dancing or tap your toes while professional dancers demonstrate traditional Cajun dance.

BAYOU SETTING

CAJUN FOOD

LIVE MUSIC

AND DANCING

BELLE OF BATON ROUGE

CASINO AT CATFISH TOWN

SLOTS · CRAPS · ROULETTE · BLACKJACK
NO BOARDING FEES · FREE DRINKS FOR PLAYERS
FREE PARKING · CRUISES DAILY

THE LSU RURAL LIFE MUSEUM

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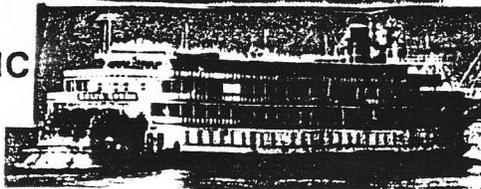
19th Century Outdoor Complex of Louisiana Plantation & Rural Structures

Museum With Hundreds of Artifacts

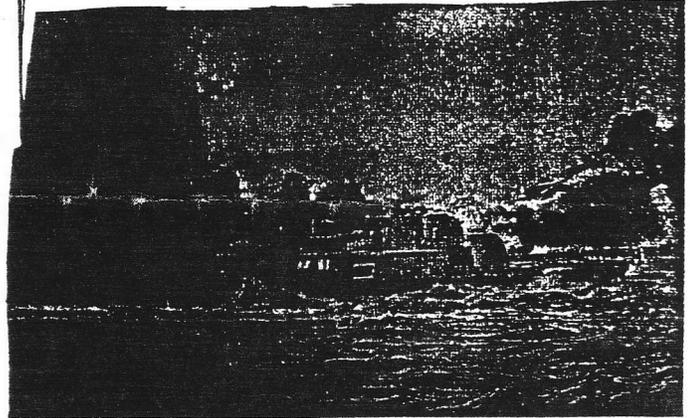
Windrush Gardens
25 Acres to Explore



LOUISIANA'S OLD STATE CAPITOL-Center For Political and Governmental History* B5
This Gothic Revival castle with unique architecture for a Louisiana building is called "Louisiana Castle." It stands on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River and was built in 1849, restored in 1882 and added to the list of National Historic Landmarks in 1976. The Capitol, Louisiana's Center of Political and Governmental History recently completed a \$16 million renovation and has reopened with educational and research facilities and emphasis on audio-visual, computerized and "hands-on" exhibits.



U.S.S. KIDD DD-661/NAUTICAL HISTORIC CENTER*
A World War II Fletcher Class Destroyer restored to its V-J Day configuration, which survived many battles including a Kamikaze attack. This 369-foot ship is berthed on the Mississippi River in a unique cradle which holds it "high and dry" when the river is low, but allows it to float when the river rises. Your tour will take you to over 50 of the inner spaces on one of the most detailed ship exhibits in the world. The adjacent Nautical Historic Center features model ships and a P-40 "Flying Tiger" aircraft, an extensive collection of finely crafted ship models and a corsair A-7 Jet and other special exhibits such as "Old Ironsides". A National Historic Landmark. 305 South River Rd.



A Japanese kamikaze flew directly into the USS Kidd in the Battle of Okinawa, killing 38 members of her crew.

NOTTOWAY PLANTATION INN & RESTAURANT

Circa 1859 Greek and Italian style plantation home with 22 massive columns supporting the front verandas. The home has 200 windows and 165 doors and retains many of the original appointments such as the hand painted door knobs and crystal and bronze chandeliers. A plantation home offering daily tours, candlelight tours, restaurant and bed and breakfast, facilities for weddings, receptions, meetings and private parties.



CAJUN WORLDS

BAYOU (by-you or by-yo) - a sluggish stream, bigger than a creek and smaller than a river.

ETOUFFEE (ay too fay) - Method of cooking something (usually shrimp or crawfish) smothered in chopped vegetables over low flame, tightly covered, until tender.

HUSH PUPPIES - A cornbread-type mixture, formed into balls and fried until crispy on the outside.

JAMBALAYA - Highly-seasoned mixture of any of several combinations of seafood, meat, poultry, sausage and vegetables, simmered with raw rice until liquid is absorbed.

JOIE DE VIVRE (zhwah duh viv-re) - "The joy of living," the attitude of our citizens which permeates our lifestyle.

LAGNIAPPE (lan yap) - An old Creole word for "something extra." Soup meat is the lagniappe from vegetable soup preparation.

LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER (lay-zay lay bawn tawn roulay) - "Let the good times roll," the motto of many Louisianians.

This page from Bill Maslak

- By last count we have over 500 members on the mailing list. In her 28 years of service, there has to be six or seven thousand McCaffery people out there. We need to locate more of them to insure the survival of the McCaffery reunion organization.
- If you would like to locate a particular shipmate, send me his full name including middle initial if you know it and the year aboard. I will try to get an address and/or telephone number for you.
- If you would like to write or call a few former McCaffery people to invite them to get on the newsletter list, I will provide names, addresses and telephone numbers for as many people as you would care to try to locate. Some could even be in your own state. I'm not prepared to work with 1972 or 1973 yet but may be in the near future. Send me a SASE and tell me what you are willing to do. Or, you can e-mail me at

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- If you change your address, please call Harold Faulkner at 1-800-490-3180 with your new address. Even if you are lucky enough to have one newsletter forwarded to you, in all likelihood the next one will not find you as forwarding orders do expire. It takes time, money, and extra work to find you and attempts are not always successful. In addition, we do not have a committee to do this work.
- I am ready to take orders for the McCaffery history, however, I am sorry to say, after checking with three printers, the best price I can get for printing and assembly is fifteen dollars. This price will include mailing. All 28 years of her service are represented from commissioning in 1945 to decommissioning in 1973 and finally to the scrapper's torch in 1974. Although the company which purchased McCaffery has been out of business for many years, I found the owner and person who actually salvaged her.
- For the next reunion I would like to put together a brochure of events which may have happened to you or which you know about (on board or ashore) while serving aboard McCaffery. They can be funny, serious, short or long, or anywhere in between. Don't worry about literary style, grammar, spelling, or anything else. This is not for "Book of the Month Club" and smart computers can do a pretty good job of "fixing up". If any story would be embarrassing for anyone, names would be omitted. I followed this policy in compiling the history. I have heard a few good stories mostly by telephone so jot them down swabbies and share them with your shipmates. I would like the brochure to be ready for the next reunion but will send a copy to anyone who wants one whether you attend the reunion or not.

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