



## USS McCAFFERY DD/DDE 860

### NEWSLETTER SPRING 2012

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#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Shipmates,

After the outstanding reunion that we had last time in Salem, I was thinking that it would really be a tough act to follow. I am pleased to say that the upcoming reunion in JAX in October looks to be even better! Thanks to the great work done by Ron Trippett and his committee (especially Art & Millie Shaffer), we have a great hotel, a tour of NS Mayport with a ship visit, a dinner cruise on the St John's River, a tour of St Augustine, and a great McCaffery Shipmates Association Banquet. Make plans now to attend. I guarantee that you will enjoy this reunion.

The best part of our reunions, and the McCaffery Shipmates Association itself, is the fellowship and fun of seeing shipmates from years past and catching up. To help foster that, again I ask that every member contact a buddy or two from active duty days. Ask how they are, and invite them to join our association and participate in the reunions. The best recommendation is word of mouth. Please do it.

At the reunion business meeting, we will be asking for volunteers to fill leadership positions in the association. Without the help of all hands, we will fade away, and I don't want that to happen. We will provide a list of jobs that need to be filled and the responsibilities of those jobs at the reunion. (For folks who can't make the reunion, we can provide an email listing those jobs, and also post it on our web site.) Please see the article in the Fall 2011 Newsletter on page 2 about the important positions.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the reunion in JAX.

Fair winds and following seas,  
Doug Hackett

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Biegan, Robert J. FTG2 71-74  
Bohn, Robert M. FT1 56-60  
Boniberger, Gene EBFT2 48-52  
Buell, Byron LTJG 61-62  
Cernava, John M RM2 65-67  
Deacon, Ken\* MM3 45-46  
Despathy, Ralph R SFP3 58-61

Hackett, Doug LTJG 61-63  
Kakowski, Norbert Z EM3 63-65  
Keup, Richard L. QM1 53-56  
LaCascia, Frank RM2 58-62  
Lavaliee, Paul A IC3 61-64  
MacKay, George W LTJG 60-63  
Mehl, Edward-Norris Shipmates Assoc  
Overman, George (Dick) SOG 49-50  
Rogers, William H DK3 62-63

Schiavo, Thomas A. SN 66-66  
Shoemaker, William BT2 65-68  
Strickland, Mickey BT2 66-68  
Thomason, John Ship Serv. 66-69  
Tiedemann Jr., Hollie J LTJG 60-63  
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Ahoy Shipmates

This year's reunion of the USS McCaffery Shipmates Association is being held in Jacksonville October 11-15, at the Embassy Suites - Jacksonville - Baymeadows.

Art and Millie Schaffer and I made several on site tours in the Jacksonville Area and felt the Embassy was the best choice for our reunion. It is well located for our tours and other nearby sites. All the other hotels offered the same rates, but some wanted charges for parking. Included in your room rate of \$89.00 is a full course breakfast (a savings of over \$15.00 per day) along with a free cocktail session every evening. A great advantage of the Embassy Suites is that each suite has two rooms - one which has a sleep sofa and TV thus making parties of three or more very comfortable.

Our first tour (Friday) will be of the Mayport Naval Station, the McCaffery's homeport for many years, and includes a tour of a ship and lunch at the former Officers Club.

After a few hours rest at the hotel, we will depart for a private River Cruise and Dinner with a stop at the Veteran's Memorial Wall where we will conduct a memorial service for our deceased shipmates. The cruise boat has a capacity of 155 so please sign up early so you would not be left out.

On Saturday, we will tour historic St. Augustine with lunch on your own and plenty of time for shopping.

The banquet on Sunday evening will conclude our reunion and I have again enlisted DAN CLARK to perform for us. Those who attended the Boston reunion can verify what a great experience he was and those who did not are in for a real treat.

For those of you who play golf, and are arriving Wednesday or early on Thursday, Don Turk has volunteered to arrange a McCaffery golf outing if there is sufficient interest. If you'd like to play a round of golf with shipmates, contact Don at [dturkx2@bellsouth.net](mailto:dturkx2@bellsouth.net).

**DO NOT FORGET** to reserve your hotel room by August 20, to be included in the drawing for 4 NIGHTS FREE at the hotel.

Arrangements have been made with EZ Shuttle for transportation to and from the airport. Contact them @ 904-741-3740 or [EZShuttle.net](http://EZShuttle.net) for arrangements and prices.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in October  
Ron Trippett



Our thoughts and prayers go out to 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.

Bare, Charles 58-59 MM3  
Brown, Robert N 53-57 BM2  
Eagan, Robert K 57-61 LT  
Swanson, Claude A 54-57 BT1

Bigham, Madison (Paul) 69-70 SN  
Desper, Charles W 65-66 BT1  
Nelson, Alfred (Pete) 53-55 SN  
Whitaker Jr, Ralph W 45-46 LTJG

**USS McCAFFERY DD/DDE 860 Reunion – Jacksonville, Florida**

Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> through Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Make your hotel reservations by logging into our web site USSdd860.com  
Then clicking onto Reunions > Jacksonville. Or call direct Embassy Suites - 800-362-2779**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Rate on Board McCaffery \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Served On McCaffery \_\_\_\_\_

Registration & Hospitality Fee: \$30.00 PP No of People \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOUR RESERVATION FORM**

Friday: 8:30 AM (back by 2:00 PM)

Naval Station Mayport Tour and Lunch \$67.50 PP No of People \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Private River Cruise and Dinner \$61.50 PP No of People \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Depart 5:00 PM – return 9:30 PM

Saturday: 9:15AM (back by 4:30 PM)

St. Augustine Historic Tour \$57.50 PP No of People \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday: 6:00 PM Banquet \$45.00 PP No of People \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check out to:** RON TRIPPETT  
**Mail to:** 36 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
TOPSFIELD, MASS 01983

If you wish to purchase Mac Shirts or Hats please indicate below and I will try to have it at the reunion.

Hat - # \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt – Size Sm \_\_\_\_\_ Md \_\_\_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_\_\_ X-Lg \_\_\_\_\_ XX- Lg \_\_\_\_\_ XXX LG \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you wish to contribute to the Raffle during the banquet: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am now the source for McCaffery jackets. I have to order 6 or more at one time so I will have to wait until enough shipmates order them before I place my order. Currently I have two each of Large and Extra Large selling for \$35.00 each. First come, first serve.

## 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).

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**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](mailto: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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