



USS MC CAFFERY DD/DDE-860 SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION SUMMER 2016 N/L

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello McCaffery Shipmates

Only a few more months and we will be meeting for our reunion in Chattanooga TN. October is a pleasant month in Chattanooga, and we have some very enjoyable events planned for our reunion. First, the fellowship of getting together is the best part. I really look forward to seeing shipmates and old friends with whom I served on the McCaffery. These friendships have lasted over the years, and are more important as time goes by.

The hotel that George Cromie has arranged sounds wonderful. The river cruises, and the tours of the Chattanooga area, a famous Civil War battle ground, are sure to be very enjoyable and worthwhile. We will have our traditional evening banquet, as well as a room to gather in and catch up with our shipmates. This will be an enjoyable and memorable get together. I urge every McCaffery shipmate to attend. It will be great to see you there.

On 22 March 2016, the USS McCaffery Shipmates Association presented to the Naval Historical Foundation in the Washington Navy Yard the builder's plaque that had been in the amidships passageway since the McCaffery was commissioned. The plaque detailed when, where and by whom the McCaffery was built, and was part of the McCaffery as she sailed throughout her career. The presentation was made by Doug Hackett, former LTjg when on the McCaffery, and president of the McCaffery Shipmates Association, and Lee Hendrickson, former BM3, the last crewmember to leave the ship when it was decommissioned, and who rescued the builder's plaque from being scrapped. The plaque was accepted by Dr. Jay Tomas an associate director of the Naval History Museum to be retained permanently in the Museum's holdings of U.S. Navy ship artifacts. In this way, the McCaffery will live on in the Naval Museum.

Which brings to mind the thought that cruise books and other McCaffery memorabilia may also be donated to the Navy Museum for use by future historians?

On a sad note: In the last Newsletter, I wrote that CDR Bob Fisher, a former Commanding Officer of the McCaffery, had remarked that he was looking forward to attending our reunion. I am sad to report that Capt. Fisher passed in March. He will be with us in spirit.

Doug

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Listed below are the shipmates that have contributed to the publication of the newsletter since the last issue. We appreciate their support, as well as yours, and will work hard to provide you a newsletter that you will enjoy. To that end, we encourage emails and phone calls on what has been taking place in your life. Contributions for the newsletter should be sent to Rich Kuroski (address is on the cover page). Make check payable to USS McCaffery. It is through your contributions that we can keep publishing the newsletter.

Last Name	First Name	Years	Rate/Rank
Caretti	Kenneth P	1970	GMGC
Guastella	Ross M.	60-62	SN
Lockhart	Bruce	69-70	SN
Jaworowski Jr.	William J.	59-62	ET2
Cernava	John M.	65-67	RM2
Brown	Robert F.	49-52	SK1
Ewen	Joseph E.	58-62	MM3
Willett	William R..	47-42	FT1
Trezza	Anthony J.	56-58	SK3

TAPS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of our departed shipmates. If you know of a shipmate that is hospitalized or deceased, notify Doug Hackett so he can respond on behalf of the association.

The following list is those for which we have been notified by the membership committee as being deceased. The list is in alpha order and we will continue to add shipmates to the list in future N/L's. If we have erred please let us know. ** Designates Plank Owner.

Last Name	First Name	Years	Rate/Rank
Achorn **	Richard L.	45-46	GMSN
Ahern	William G.	54-56	RD3
Antonini	Angelo J.	1953	TE3
Arnott	Willard J.	48-51	MM1
Aument**	John H.	45-46	S1/C
Babb	Verlin M.	54-58	BT3
Bartle	Joseph H.	59-60	CS2
Battle	Jay H.	57-58	MMFN
Bearden	Allen J.	50-51	ENS
Bechtold **	Fredrick H	45-46	MM1
Bell	Alan P.	1970	MM2
Belleisle	Lowell R	1953	MM3
Bishop	Edward L	70-73	YNC
Blair**	John A.	45-49	GM3
Bonavia	James E	1962	MM3
Bonner	Kermit	1946	SN
Brunner	James E.	56-58	FN
Buechler	Robert G	48-51	ENS
Burger	George C.	47-49	GM3
Burlew	Joseph	52-54	LTjg
Burnett	Lee R	47-47	EM3
Calef **	Gerald E.	45-46	TM2
Calentine	Charles R	1968	BT3

USS McCaffery DD/DDE860 Reunion Plan

We will be staying at the Chattanooga Choo Choo hotel for our reunion. Built in 1908, Chattanooga's Terminal Station served for decades as the city's grand first impression, welcoming visitors with a soaring central dome adorned with brass chandeliers. Over the years, the station welcomed the likes of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt. After closing in the 1970s, the depot was eventually transformed into the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the hotel has a marble-clad lobby under the old dome and retail shops in the gardens along the former rail concourse. A 19th-century steam locomotive is on display in the rail yard.

During Our Three Hour Cruise on the Southern Belle, we will travel down to the river gorge, or more commonly known as the "Grand Canyon of the South"! There will be live music, live narration, bingo for gift shop items, & a scrumptious lunch! Our one time through buffet style lunch features roast beef & rotisserie chicken, baby red potatoes, mixed vegetables, a salad, yeast rolls, dessert, sweet tea & coffee!

USS McCaffery DD/DDE860 Reunion Chattanooga, Tennessee October 17th through October 21st 2016

Make your hotel reservations before Saturday, September 16th
Call Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel, Chattanooga, TN (423) 266-5000
Option 2: reservations & Reference: USS McCaffery for \$92 per night room rate

Name: _____ Spouse or Guest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
Rate and Date(s) of service on McCaffery: _____
Registration & Hospitality Fee: \$30.00 per person No. of Attendees: _____ \$ _____

TOUR REGISTRATION

Tuesday October 18th - AM Tour 0830-1200 (8:30 AM to 12:00 PM)
or PM Tour 1230-1700 (12:30PM to 5:00PM)

Bus tour of Civil War Chickamauga Battlefield, National Cemetery, Point Park.

\$30.00 per person No. of Attendees: AM Tour _____ PM Tour _____ \$ _____
(Optional: ride Incline Railway up Lookout Mountain & rejoin bus at the top)

Wednesday October 19th - 1100-1500 (11:00 am to 3:00 pm)

The Southern Belle Fall Leaf Cruise of Tennessee River Gorge. Lunch buffet.

Live entertainment, free bingo, prizes. \$35.50 per person No. of Attendees: _____ \$ _____
(Optional: individual tours of the nearby Tennessee Aquarium)

Thursday October 20th - 1700- (5:00 pm --)

Banquet buffet - \$36.00 per person. No. of Attendees: _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Mail completed form with check made out to: George Cromie
1608 Gunston Hall Road
Hixson, Tennessee 37343

Do you wish to contribute an item to the raffle during the banquet? Yes ___ Maybe ___ No ___

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

The plan for the News Letter is to add two pages for a total of six pages. This will allow us to add a section on sea stories. On the issue of sea stories we have a quite a few stories thanks to Bill Maslak. We certainly would like to have stories

from you, our other readers, as well. In addition to more pages we would like to increase the frequency of publication from twice a year to four times a year. Doing so would make news items timelier.

USS McCaffery Merchandise

Ron Trippett has the following McCaffery merchandise for sale in the ships store:

Blue Polo Shirts s-m-l-xl \$20.00, xxl \$24.00, xxxl \$26.00

Jackets \$35.00 xxl \$38.00 Caps \$17.50 Belt Buckles \$12.50 License Plate Holders \$8.00

Patches \$5.50 each/two for \$10.00 “Drive Them Into The Sea” “Hedgehogs” Coffee Cups \$8.50

USS McCaffery Shoulder Arm Patches \$2.50.

Ron's address and email are on the first page