

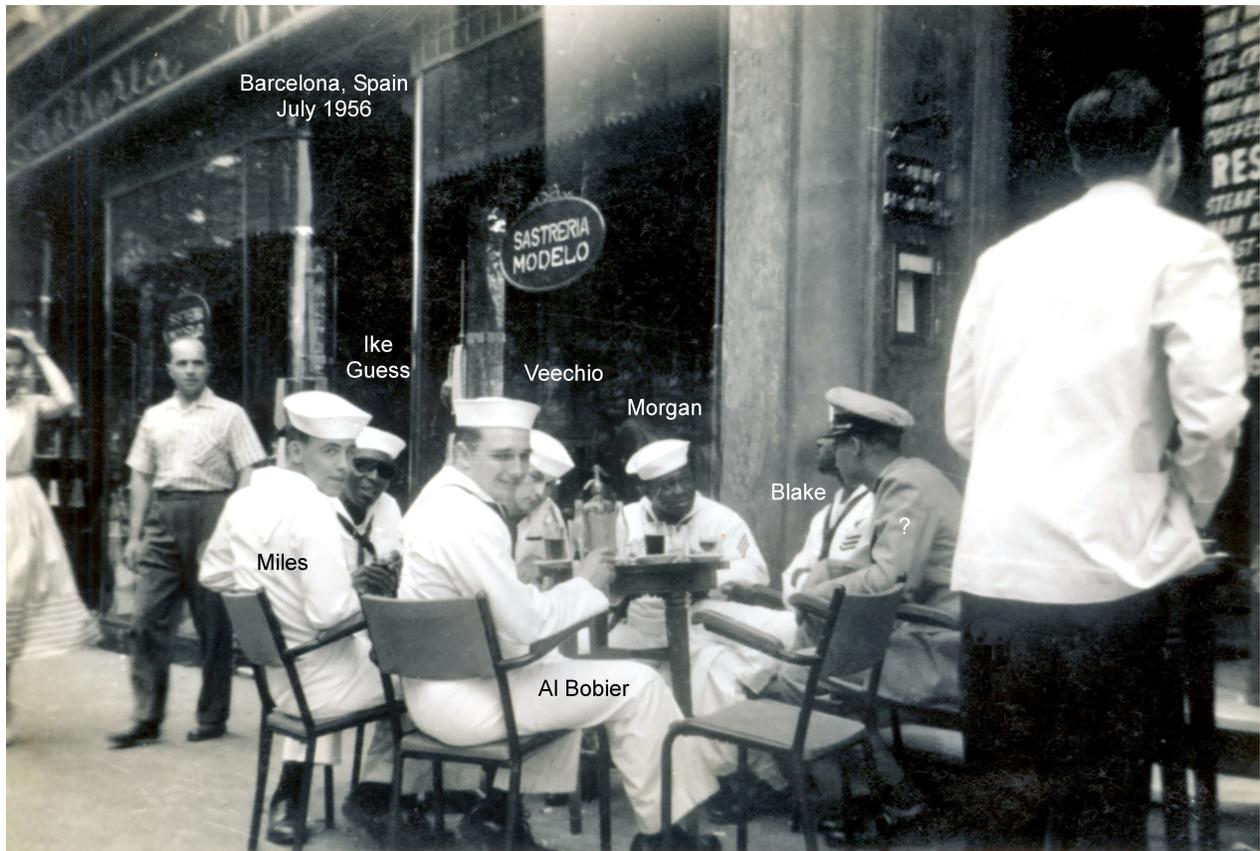
USS McCaffery DD/DDE- 860

Shipmates Association

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“The Roosevelt’s on fire!”

In the mid-1980s, I was serving on the Florida Committee for the Support of the Guard and Reserve. This self-deprecating story was told as a true story by a fellow committee member. I have no reason to doubt its veracity.

At the time of his story, he was a Lieutenant serving on a destroyer homeported at Mayport.

Early one Sunday morning while serving as the Command Duty Officer, he was awakened by the Messenger of the Watch with the report, “Sir, the Roosevelt is on fire.”

As it happened, the USS Roosevelt (FDR) was homeported at Mayport and was in-port at the time. The CDO instructed the Messenger to announce “Set the Sea and Anchor Detail and make preparations for getting underway” -- as Sailors know a SOP for assisting another vessel.

The LT made his way to the bridge as the in-port crew was being roused from their slumbers and making preparations for getting underway. As he reached the Bridge, a seasoned Senior Chief took the LT aside and whispered in his ear, “It the Roosevelt Hotel, sir.”

As those stationed in Mayport would know, the Roosevelt Hotel was a downtown landmark in Jacksonville. I do not recall how his CO reacted.

Submitted: J.D. Turk, CAPT, USN, Ret.

USS MC CAFFERY DD/DDE-860

SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION - SUMMER - 2022

REUNION INFORMATION



From The Editor: Hello shipmates, spouse's and friends of the McCaffery. Welcome back, Hope you all are well . In this issue you will find some interesting articles sent / phoned to me by shipmates about personal experiences before and while serving on the Mac. If any one has a story to tell, send it to me.

Respectfully, James Bell - Editor

From the President:

Hello shipmates. I hope you are all well, have been vaccinated, boosted, and wear face masks. After surviving Vietnam and other dangers of war, it would be terrible to be hurt by Covid.



The details for the Tin Can Sailor sponsored reunion in September in Houston TX are out. It will take place 25-29 September, will include optional tours to Houston Space Center, and Navy museum ships in Galveston, breakfasts, and dinners. I encourage you to ask for the info packet from TCS (508 677 0515), and sign up. You must register separately at the Hilton Houston North Hotel (866 577 1154). Ask for the TCS rate, (\$119.00) and mention that you are with the USS McCaffery reunion group so we can be roomed near each other. I hope we get a large group of MAC shipmates so we can qualify for a hospitality room. I am informed that there are more reunion ships than there are available hospitality rooms, so we need a large turnout to qualify. Please email or phone me when you sign up so we can have a head count of McCaffery folks. (Info on tab.)

BTW, the optional tours include duplicate trips to Houston Space Center and to Navy ships at Galveston on two consecutive days. In order that MAC shipmates can be together, I suggest that we sign up for the Space Center trip on the first day and the Navy tour on the second day. Of course, you don't have to, but it would be nice to be together.

Finally, be sure to buy your MAC shirts, hats, coffee mugs and belt buckles from Ron Trippett rather than from the vendors we see on the web. Ron's gear is much better, and it helps our Association. Looking forward to seeing you in Houston.

Best, Doug

PS: See the TCS registration forms included within. You do not have to be a TCS member to attend. Mail the completed form with a check to: The Tin Can Sailor, PO Box 100, Somerset, Mass 02726 (Sorry for the crooked forms.)

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If you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, connect with our caring, qualified responders for confidential help. Many of them are Veterans themselves.

[Call 800-273-8255 and press 1](tel:800-273-8255)

[Text 838255 Start a confidential chat](#)

[Call TTY if you have hearing loss 800-799-4889](#) Get more resources at VeteransCrisisLine.net.
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Listed below are the shipmates that have contributed to the publication of the newsletter. Your continued generous support is needed and greatly appreciated. When sending checks, **please make payable to James Bell , 763 East Gaines lane, Hernando , Fl. 34442** with McCaffery Association on the memo line.

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Shipmates, we have seen a drastic increase in the cost of preparing and shipping the Newsletter. We currently mail 742 hard copies with an additional 165 by E mail. This and future editions will be published in black and white to try to curb costs. Please contribute if you can afford to, even if you receive by E mail.

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Sailor's Creed "I am a United States Sailor. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me.

I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world. I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with honor, courage and commitment.

I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all "

More reunion :

If you are planning to attend the reunion in Houston, please fill out the form below. This info is needed for the gift bags etc. Send to Ron Trippett asap. **This not a reunion application**

USS McCaffery DD/DDE 860 REUNION

HILTON HOUSTON NORTH SETEMBER 25-29 2022 HOUSTON TEXAS (866) 577-1154

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____ RATE & YRS SERVED ON MAC _____
ADDRESS _____ STATE & ZIP _____ TEL # _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ TEE SHIRT SIZE _____

MAIL TO - RON TRIPPETT - 17 BAY VIEW CIRCLE - SALEM, MASS 01970 or E-MAIL - rontrippett@comcast.net

McCAFFERY MERCHANDISE : **Please disregard the adds on social media, get your items here.**

Blue Polo Shirts s-m-l-xl \$20.00, xxl \$24.00, xxxl \$26.00 , white T's at \$8.50 with pic , blue T's with Tin Can Pic on back \$20.00 (limited supply) , Pic's can be found on TCS web and Mac web.

Jackets \$35.00, xxl , \$38.00 Caps \$17.50 , Lic Plate Holders \$8.00 , Patches . Drive Them Into The Sea” & “Hedgehogs” \$5.50 each/two for \$10.00. USS McCaffery Shoulder Patches \$2.50. **Bumper stickers are 4 by 11” . Cost \$5.50 each or two for \$10.00.**



When placing an order, Send to: Ron Trippett 17 Bay View Circle , Salem Mass 01970. (rontrippett@comcast.net)



Note : The ships store will not be brought to Houston for the reunion, Please contact Ron early if you want an item.

Nebel Kenneth E. 69-72 LT

I served under Captain Martin when I arrived aboard the Mac in Liverpool England in 1969. I served as MDCC Officer, MPA & DCA. Commander Martin allowed me to serve as Engineer Officer without attending Destroyer School, an opportunity that exemplified Commander Martin's faith & confidence in the officers under his command. He was such a terrific skipper & I learned so much about the true meaning of leadership while serving with him. I would be grateful if you could share my thoughts with his daughter Leslie. Thanks!

Best, Ken Nebel
Engineer Officer 1969-72

Tin Can Sailors 2022 National Reunion

This form must be returned to the TCS office- Thank you!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FORM

(please print)

Name: _____ TCS Membership # _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____ Cell: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Spouse/Guest(s) attending:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Destroyers you served aboard (limit 3)

Ship Name	Hull Number	Years Aboard (i.e. 1952-56)
USS _____	_____	_____
USS _____	_____	_____
USS _____	_____	_____

Are you part of a Reunion Group? If so, please provide the Group name: _____

Please list any physical limitations or issues we should be aware of: _____

Emergency Contact (optional): _____

MEAL SELECTIONS

Monday Evening:

Wednesday Evening:

_____ : Chicken Cordon Bleu

_____ : Fresh Tilapia with lemon cream sauce

_____ : Broiled Texas Redfish with Buerre Blanc

_____ : Marinated Skirt Steak with Chimichurri sauce

Please let us know if you have any food allergies: _____

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REGISTRATION PAYMENT FORM (please print)

Name: _____

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee (per person) \$219

Total Registration Fee \$ _____

OPTIONAL TOURS

		Price <u>Per person</u>	Number <u>of people</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sunday 9/25	Old Town Spring	\$38	_____	_____
Monday 9/26	Houston City Tour	\$60	_____	_____
Tuesday 9/27	Space Center Houston Tour & Kemah Boardwalk	\$80	_____	_____
Tuesday 9/27	Seawolf Park Naval Museum & Historic Galveston	\$78	_____	_____
Wednesday 9/28	Space Center Houston Tour & Kemah Boardwalk	\$80	_____	_____
Wednesday 9/28	Seawolf Park Naval Museum & Historic Galveston	\$78	_____	_____

Total Tour Fees: \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AND TOUR FEES: \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

_____ Enclosed is my check (made out to Tin Can Sailors) in the amount of \$ _____

_____ Charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____ Sec. Code: ____

Billing address: (if different from mailing address) _____