



USS McCaffery DD/DDE 860

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2012 REUNION ISSUE

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have just enjoyed in Jacksonville, FL what may have been the best USS McCaffery reunion ever. There were 179 people registered for the reunion. We stayed at the Embassy Suites in SW Jax, an excellent hotel, very reasonably priced with a free happy hour and full breakfast included. On Friday we had a bus tour of NavSta Mayport and lunch at the former officer's club. The base has few ships now but will have several cruisers, many DDs, and a CVN in the next few years. That night we had a dinner cruise on the St John's River that was very enjoyable, especially the city lights from the river after dark.

Saturday we took a bus to St Augustine to tour the old city, fort, and other attractions, with time to wander the streets and have lunch (Ever hear of Scarlet O'Hara's? colorful with good food).

Saturday night was free time so friends could get together for dinner. Some of us went to Clark's Seafood Restaurant, which was very colorful with great food.

Sunday was the All Hands business meeting at which we elected officers. Joe Bosko is our new Vice President; while the others remain in their positions. We talked about the health of the organization, and decided that the next reunion will be in Groton CT two years from now. The committee chairman for the next reunion are James Bell and Ralph Despathy.

Sunday evening was our McCaffery banquet. The food was delicious and the entertainment was great. We had the singing trooper Dan Clark, who was at our last reunion and he did a great job. For those of you who couldn't join us, you were missed. I hope you can make it next time. This was a great reunion!

We have to compliment Ron Trippett and his committee, John Schiver, Art and Millie Schaffer, Don Turks, and Diana LaMontagne for a wonderful job on setting up this great reunion.

Fair winds and following seas.

Doug Hackett

PICTORIAL CD OF 2012 REUNION AVAILABLE

If you would like a pictorial CD of the 2012 reunion in Jacksonville send an email to Don Turk at dturkx2@bellsouth.net or drop him a note at 10320 SW 17th PL, Gainesville, FL 32607. The CD's will be produced at cost and estimated to be between \$5.00 and \$10.00.

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Contributions for the newsletter should be sent to Nick Donatiello. Make checks payable to USS McCaffery. It is because of your generous contributions that allow us to keep publishing the newsletter. Thank you.

Anonymous

Astarita	Ralph S	FPS	51
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Blessman*	Donald F	WT2	45-47*
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Bornhuetter	William W	SK1	63-66
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Stumperth	Michael H	RD3	52-54

If a name is listed twice it is because they made 2 separate donations.

• = Plank owner

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, please notify Doug Hackett he can respond on behalf of the association in an appropriate manner. The following list is those we

have been notified had passed away. We publish the names when we receive them and verify their passing,

William D Brinson Sr	RM1 71-73	John E. Prasol	BM3 60-60
Jesse Croxton Jr	QMC 70-73	Richard A. Ridgeway	FT3 52-54
Robert A Kenel*	SF3 45-45	William R Roberts	MM2 45-45
Kenneth L Loos	IC2 63-66	Lawrence Schwartz	BTFN 57-58

*= Plank owner

USS McCaffery Belt Buckles

Along with USS McCaffery hats, shirts, jackets, coffee mugs and license plate holders, we now have USS McCaffery belt buckles. Belt buckles cost a lot more than they did when we were on active duty . In order to make them affordable for all hands, Wardroom Officers from the years 60 – 63 and the family of LTCOL Joseph McCaffery contributed to subsidize the purchase so the buckles are being sold at \$12.50. Contributors to belt buckle subsidy are:

Lt Bob Adgent, LT John Bell, LTJG Denny Denniston, CDR Bob Fisher, LTJG Doug Hackett, LTJG Karl Holtzschue, LTJG Rich Kuroski, LT Hollie Tiedemann and The McCaffery family.
Many thanks to those who contributed.

USS McCaffery merchandise - Ron Trippett has the following McCaffery merchandise for sale:

Blue shirts \$20.00 XXL - \$24.00 XXXL \$26.00. **White shirts (women's)** \$22.00. **Caps** \$15.00.

Jackets \$35.00. **License Plate Holders** \$8.00. **Belt Buckles** \$12.50. **Coffee cups** &7.50.

T-Shirts (Memorial plaques imprint) \$6.50. **XXL** \$8.00. **Ships patches Drive Them Into The Sea and Hedge Hog** \$5.50 each or two for \$10.00. **Window decals of Memorial Plaque** sm. \$2.00. Lg. \$3.00. Color \$4.00. Ron's address and email address are on page 2.

NOTEWORTHY Plank owner **Ken Deacon** was selected to participate in an all expense paid trip to Washington DC , as one of 20 WW II veterans on an Honor Flight of Oregon. Honor Flight of Oregon takes two groups of WWII veterans each year to visit Arlington Cemetery and other war memorials. Plank owner **Don Blessman** was also honored with an Honors Flight to Washington, D.C., out of Illinois. Honor Flights take several groups from each state to Washington, D.C. every year to honor the WWII veterans. Don expected to make the reunion, but could not because of health reasons.

Walter Word and his wife Judy drove from Sarasota FL to Rushville, Illinois, to visit shipmate **Joe Goodrich** and his wife Carolyn. They spent five days together after not seeing each other since 1965 when Walt left the McCaffery.

Don (Archy) Moore and his wife Irene were treated to a trip to South Korea. The city of Cerritos (where they reside) has a high Korean population and they wanted to honor the Veterans who fought to keep their country free. The Koreans invited 50 veterans and their wives to make the trip.

Bob Gering was hospitalized for one month after being taken from a Knights of Columbus function by ambulance. He is now recovering at home.

SOME BRAIN TEASERS

1. In Greek mythology, who is the god of love?
2. What is contained in a creel?
3. Who created the three-dimensional puzzle cube so popular in the 1980's
4. Dogs can hear sound waves that vibrate at frequencies of more than how many times a second?
5. What is the longest mountain range in the world?
6. What percentage of the earth is covered by water? (Answers on back page)

Answers to brain teasers

1 EROS 2 FISH 3 ERNO RUBIK 4 UP TO 60,000 5 ANDES 6 70%

McCaffery Crewmember Biographical Questionnaires

Have you submitted the biographical questionnaire that appeared in the Spring 2011 newsletter? If not, please find that newsletter, or go to the Association's website (www.ussdd860.com) (History section) to print a copy. Fill it out and send it to Don Turk by email or snail mail, his mail information is on page two. If you send Don a note he will send you a copy of the form. Photos and remembrances of your experiences while aboard the McCaffery are solicited.

EMAIL DELIVERY OF THE NEWSLETTER - We have had some response from shipmates who will be getting their newsletter through e-mail. If you would like to get your newsletter through e-mail, let me know at Ndonatiello@donatiello.net. Please include your email address.

MOVING If you are moving or getting a new e-mail 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 e-mail address changes notify, **Jerry Rose** and **Bill Maslak**. Their postal addresses and e-mail addresses are on page 2 of the newsletter. After the Spring 2012 newsletter, we had to research 57 address changes. This takes a lot of time and effort. Your notifying us could save a lot of work.

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