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Hello Shipmates,

Less than two months to go before our reunion in Chattanooga. I am very much looking forward to our getting together. It is great to see old friends and shipmates again, and share stories about the old days on the MAC.

George Cromie has done an outstanding job in setting up this reunion. We are in a great hotel – a former railroad station no less – and will enjoy a river cruise and a tour of the historic Civil War battlefields at Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain. We will have a business meeting and our All Hands banquet, with lots of time to meet with old friends. I urge all hands to attend, and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

On 16 August, representing the USS McCaffery Shipmates Association, I attended the burial ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery for CDR Robert Fisher, USN, former CO of the McCaffery. It was a fitting and somber ceremony, concluding with “Farewell; Fair Winds and Following Seas.”

There are some recent Navy related books that I think you might enjoy. In addition to the histories of the Tennessee Campaigns in books by Catton, McPherson and Shaara (good “homework” for our visit to Chattanooga), I suggest The Battle of the Atlantic by Dimpleby, a superb history of the U-boat war in the Atlantic and how the Allies eventually won using code breaking and convoy escorts, primarily DDs and DDEs.

On a personal note: when I am out and around in the DC area, I often wear my McCaffery shirt or my MAC ball cap. Many times I will be stopped by veterans who served in DDs or belong to the Tin Can Sailor’s Association, and we share sea stories. It’s a great way to meet new friends and have a conversation about the Navy. Try it.

Writing this made me think about what a great ship the McCaffery was and what an outstanding team of sailors manned her. I look forward to seeing you all in Chattanooga.

Best regards,
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
Ashforth	Donald A.	54-56	MM2
Cernava	John M.	65-67	RM2
Coombes	Donald C.	56-58	EN3
DeCelle	John E.	57-59	SN
Escobedo	James T.	66-67	SN
Henstenberg	Joseph E.	61-64	SN
Hoaks	Leslie D.	63-65	BT3
Jankoski	Peter M.	1960	MM3
LaChance	Fredrick	72-73	SN
McCaffery	Anon.	DNS	DNS
Moyer	Leland E.	51-56	BMSN
Raley	Lawrence T.	59-62	RM3
Rogers JR	William H.	62-63	DK3
Slater	James H.	61-64	SOG3
Stanczyk	Michael	1962	SN

Mac Memories

In the Spring of 1962, the McCaffery left its homeport of Mayport FL for a 6 month deployment to the Med as part of ComSixthFlt. We sailed across the Atlantic and went past Gibraltar. That was quite an experience for a city kid from Long Island like me, seeing that huge "Rock". During the deployment, we were in Naples for two weeks upkeep, and a group of us went on a USO tour to Rome, touring the ancient city. We also took a day trip to Pompeii, and I am still amazed by what we saw, just like stepping back 2000 years in history. Did you know that Pompeii had running water and indoor plumbing 2000 years ago? In the middle of our deployment we transited the Suez Canal to be part of ComMidEastFor. What a strange sight to see from the bridge as we were proceeding south through the canal: a man riding a camel on the canal berm just a short distance away to port. We stopped at Aqaba (as in "Lawrence of Arabia"), and hosted by the Jordan Arab Legion, toured the ancient

Nabatean city of Petra by horseback, donkey and camel. When we returned to the Med, we had a port call at Piraeus, the port city for Athens and toured that city, especially enjoying the Acropolis. We also visited France, anchoring just off the coast on the French Riviera by the cities of Cannes and Golf Juan. That was a very interesting visit! I remember being below deck when I felt the ship list to starboard. I didn't think much of it, guessing that the engineers were shifting fuel. Then the ship righted itself, and listed to port. Then it righted itself and listed to starboard again. So I went up on deck to see what was happening, and saw the reason. We were anchored close to shore about a half mile off the French Riviera, and some very attractive (and under-dressed) young ladies had rented paddle boats and were slowly circling the MAC, much to the delight of the crew, who were rushing from starboard to port and back again as the girls circled the ship. Mystery solved! Ah yes that was a fun cruise.

Doug Hackett, LTjg, '61-'63)

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 are those for which we have been notified by the membership committee as being deceased. The list is, for the most part, 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
Baker	Robert D.	50-52	TM3
Bowron	Denis L.	57-60	MM2
Burlew	Joseph	52-54	*LTjg
Cochran	Parvell D.	71-73	GMGC
Coombes	Donald C.	56-58	EN3
Davis	Emmett R.	47-49	SN
Deacon	Kenneth H.	*45-46	MM3
Fisher	Robert D.	60-61	*CDR
Flock	Ronald J.	1949	RD3
Keithline	Rodney H.	1965	BTFN
Kelley	Charles M.	55-58	SFM3
Kershner	Thomas	63-65	BT3
Kindsfater	Kenneth	64-68	FTG2
Klenklen	Robert B.	1960	MM1
Klunk	Thomas K.	1954	CS3
Klunk	Bernard L.	54-55	CS3
Kristof	Charles S.	51-55	CS2
LaForest	Robert H.	54-55	SN
Lamadore	John J.	1958	YN3
Landis	Gerald A.	56-59	EMFN
Lane	Ervin J.	60-65	MM1
Langston	Lawrence A.	1954	SO3
Lannon	Clarence D.	56-58	RMSN
Lasley	Warren T.	*45-46	SN
Layne	Aaron B.	62-66	BM3
Lowe	George H.	1948	*LCDR
Lynch	William A.	51-53	MM3
Marotte	Dennis M.	1973	MM2
Martin	Alan F.	69-71	*CAPT
Maurer	Richard C.	61-63	*LCDR
Mers	Charles B.	71-73	RMC
Ogletree	Walter J.	1973	EMC
Palmer	Otto A. *	45-47	GM3
Ragland	Orville E.	63-66	SN
Shannon	James, C.	72-73	MMC8
Stoker	Theddy D.	71-73	BT3
Woods	Phillip L.	52-53	FCSN

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

Make your hotel reservations before Saturday, September 25th
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: _____ \$ _____

Our All Hands Banquet on Thursday evening is a dress-up event.
For Shipmates, a suit and tie, sport coat and tie, or a sport coat and open collar dress shirt would be appropriate. No jeans please. For the ladies, similar attire.

Total \$ _____

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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

My original plan for this issue of the N/L was to list all the names of shipmates that have sent in their reservation under the title "Look Who's Coming". Well it seems that there are a lot more coming than the N/L had planned on.. Not to worry. We just added pages. FYI the list is up to date as of Sept. 3rd

Last Name	First Name	Guest	Rate/Rank	Years
Adgent,	Robert	Jane	LT	62-63
Alcott,	Rollin	Hazel	SS3	63-65
Azarian,	Edward		SK3	58-60
Balkcom,	Barto	Carol	ETR3	69-72
Bell,	James	Susan	MM2	60-63
Bell,	John	Mary	LT	62-64
Bergeron	Raymond		BM2	67-68
Biegen,	Robert		FTG2	71-73
Blankinship,	Roy		MM3	67
Cromie,	George	Patti	SK2	59
Davenport,	Charles	Carolyn	SN	53-55
Despathy,	Ralph	Clare	SFP2	58-61
Donatiello,	Nicholas	Carol Rusnak	YN2	58-61
Duffy,	William		SN	67-68
Dunham	Jim	Lucille	SN	62-63
Ellis,	Thomas	Suzanne	LT	71-72
Ethell,	Ted		FTG2	69-72
Fitts,	William	Lois	TM3	62-66
Freeze,	Garry Thayer (Terry)		STG2	66-68
Gill,	Michael		CS3	69
Last Name	First Name	Guest	Rate/Rank	Years

Hackett,	Douglas	Susan Little	LTJG	61-63
Hake,	Donald	Maureen	SH3	62-64
Hartley,	Jimmy		MMCM	64-68
Hendrickson	Lee		SN	73
Horton,	Stephen	Connie	EN3	71-73
Kirkland,	Jake	Patricia	MM2	51-54
Kuroski,	Rich	Bonnee W.	LTJG	62-64
Liles,	Charles			
Lockhart	Betty		ET2	61-64
Longsdorf,	John	Jayne	SN	61-63
Mackay,	George		LTJG	60-63
Mayes	LeRoy		BM3	67-69
McCaffery,	Hugh			
McCaffery,	Joseph	Carole, Hugh (son)		
Mezzatesta,	Thomas		DKSN	60-63
Olszewski,	John		FT2	53-56
Overstreet,	Ed		ENS	72-73
Pade,	Charles		SN	56
Pohl,	Michael	Pat	ENS	71-73
Rodio,	Anthony	Donna	DK2	59-60
Rose, Jerry		Frankie	ETR2	56-59
Schaffer,	Arthur	Mildred	GMG3	60-64
Schoen,	Joyce	Walter, Neal		
Schrive,	John			
Shriver,	John	Arlyss	IC1	62-66
Sundermeier,	Mary			
Thomason,	John		SN	66-69
Tiedemann, Jr.,	Hollie	Carole	LTJG	60-63
Traggiai,	Robert	Irene	SH3	68-70
Trippett,	Ron	Dianna.	YH3	61-63
Tully, Joseph		Shirley	RM3	55-56
Turk, Donald		Debbie	YN2	69-72
Twilley, James		Arlene	MM3	52-56
Womble, James		Ann	GMG3	65-66
Word, Walter			MM2	62-63

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 Lic 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