



USS McCAFFERY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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NICHOLAS DONATIELLO EDITOR

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Great news! Thanks to the efforts of Lee Hendrickson, Joe Bosko, and Bob Biegen, our membership has grown over the past year. This is really good news, but we can all help. Call up your buddies from your time on board, say hello, and invite them to join our association.

Second: the reunion is coming up in Groton in the fall. For details, see elsewhere in the N/L. It will be a super event. We will visit the nuclear submarine USS Nautilus at Groton, and we will visit Fall River Mass. where the WWII BB USS Massachusetts, and the DD J.P. Kennedy, a sister ship of the Mighty Mac are on display. That will be a great visit. And, our All Hands Banquet will be a great event, as usual. Be sure to come. It will be a great reunion!

Thanks.

Doug

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

We had a wonderful response to our president's appeal for contributions in the last newsletter. We received a record number of contributions for this and future newsletters. Thank you. Contributions for the newsletter should be sent to Nick Donatiello (address is on page 2). Make check payable to USS McCaffery. It is through your generous contributions that allow us to keep publishing the newsletter. Thank you again. *Designates PLANK OWNER.

*Blessman, Donald	WT2	45-47	Johnson, Kenneth R	FTGSN	53-54
Bennett, Harold (Dutch)	RD3	54-56	Langdon, Curtis R	SK3	66-68
Betz, Heinz	EM2	53-55	Link III, Robert U	LT	65-68
Boniberger, Eugene	FT2	48-52	Lockert, Denzil (Denny)	BT3	61-64
Brosnan, Joseph	SN	57-58	Mehl Jr, Edward	YN2	57-59
Buell, Byron W	LTJG	61-62	Moore, Bobby R	MMC	72-73
Campbell, Howard M	FTA3	59-60	Moore, Wally	SOG2	59-63
Cernava, John M	RM2	65-67	Murrell, Douglas	LTJG	68-69
Collorafi, Joseph	RM2	64-67	Patella, John M	MML3	51-52
Coulbourn, Samuel W	CAPT	72-73	Rodio, Anthony M	DK2	59-60
DeCelle, John E	SN	57-59	Schumacher, Jon Lee	LTJG	60-61
DeCelle, John E	SN	57-59	Shirah, Charles S	STG3	66-68
Despathy, Ralph R	SFP3	58-61	Shoemaker, William G	BT2	60-61
Dionne, Richard	BT	72-73	Sikula, Carl W	BM3	72-73
Donatiello, Nicholas E	YN2	57-59	Tompkins, Myron	BT3	56-59
Ewen, Joseph	MM3	58-62	Tully, Joseph H	RM3	55-56
Farrell, Kenneth	GM3	51-54	Twilley, Janes E	MM3	53-56
Fisher, Robert D	CDR	60-61	Urbano, Anthony L	ET2	53-55
Fulks, Morris (Tex)	FN	50-54	Ventimiglia, Richard	FTG2	67-68
Harris, Lonnie J	BT2	66-69	Wellmann, Frank J	ETN2	54-56
Heckert, Thomas	FN	57-58	Wright, David B	RM3	54-56
Hurst, Cecil R	LT	65-67			

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in next newsletter.

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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.

Aylward, Harding L – EN3 59-62

Brown, James A. – ETR2 66-68

Debrunner, Robert D. – SN 71

Flury, George – IC3 49-51

Hutchins, Carlton – FT2 46-48

Kerns, Harry J. – MM3 51-56

Lach, John D. – SK2 49-51

Lockhart, Denzil L. – BT3 61-64

Lorino, Joseph A. – FN 68-69

Lowman Fred A. – CCS 46-49

Miller, Larry E. – SK3 70-72

Narron, Dennis R. – QMSA 61

Netter, Joseph – ETN3 69

Page, James T. – FC3 49-52

Rothenbuehler, Gary – EM2 69-71

Showers, William A. – BM3 59-61

Sims, Ray M. – MMC 70-71

Spears, Stanley L. – SK 70-72

Spitzley, Mathias M. – F1c 46-47

Summers Brantley T. – SN 56-58

Waddington, William W. – F1 47

Weems, Johnny R. – SN 70-71

WELCOME ABOARD

Because of the great work of Joe Bosko, Lee Hendrickson & Bob Biegen we have a long list of new shipmates.

Allen, Gilbert M – LTJG 72-73

Beck, William W. – RM3 54-55

Breiner, Thomas L. – ENS 72-73

Cain, Joseph D. – BM2 62-64

Calahan, Steven A. – HT3 70-72

Casteel, Wayne D. – SK3 65-66

Clare, Walter D. – SF3 66-68

Coons, Louis J. – RM1 72-73

Davis, Harold G. – GMG3 65-66

Dixon, Luke – FN 58

Edwards, Rufus M. – SN 63-65

Eippert, Veachel H. – SA 53

Ellis, Thomas C. – LT 72-73

Fermil, Antonio M. – SDSN 71-73

Gonzalez, Ronald – FTG3 71-73

Hare, Floyd D. – LT 67-68

Henken, Michael A, - SN 66-68

Herman, Lawrence J. – SN 69-70

Jellison, Gerald (Jay) E. – LTJG 69-71

Langdon, Curtis R. – SK3 64-65

Logsdon, Joseph W. – SN 65-65

McAbee, Edward – SN 63-64

Moorman, Thomas E. BT3 49-51

Murrell, Douglas M. – LTJG 68-69

Pardee, John R. – RD3 55-57

Perdue, Glen D. – SA 66-67

Proudfit, Gilbert (Gil) PNA3 51

Ridley, Peter W. – LTJG 71-73

Ruzic, Walter B. MR3 69-71

Self, Richard A. – SA 72-73

Seymour, Edward – ENS 54

Stockwell, Glenn – OSC 72-73

Stroub, John L. – RM2 70-71

Swartz, Herman – LTJG 54

Tytler, Laverne B. – GM3 56

Wylie, Lawrence G. BT3 65-67

HELP WANTED EDITOR The McCaffery Association is in need of a new editor for the newsletter. Anyone interested in putting out the newsletter twice per year contact Doug Hackett (address and phone on this page).

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. Only 8 left, First come first served.

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. Ron's address and email address are both on page 2.

USS McCAFFERY Shipmates Association Reunion Sept 15 – 19 2014

Hello Shipmates, Spouses, Family and Guests,

Welcome to the USS McCaffery 2014 reunion. As in previous reunions we have tried to provide an agenda that is Nautical (Navy) in nature with some interesting history as well while keeping the cost to a minimum. I believe you will find the lodging and services provided to be pleasing with a very nice Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge on premises. (See below) The lodging includes a free hot breakfast from 0600-0900 daily. The check in time frame is before August 16th, @ \$84.15 per + local charges. This rate is also good for three days before and 3 days after the event, so make your reservations early. For those who register before July 16th, you will be eligible for a drawing for four free nights to be drawn during the Banquet activities. Shipmate Ron Trippet has kindly agreed to assist with this effort and he again will be offering Mac apparel, hats etc. If you would like to order any item in advance, contact Ron at rontrippet@comcast. The following list of daily events is for information with a registration form attached to the newsletter and on the Mac website. For those who wish to contribute raffle items please indicate so on the registration form.

Welcome to New England.

Monday Sept 15th, Check in, Quality Inn, 9 Whitehall Ave, in beautiful Mystic Conn. (Exit 90 from I-95) Phone (860) 536 4281. For those flying, Providence Rhode Island is the closest major airport (50 Miles). Rail service from the airport to Mystic is available with shuttle provided by the Hotel. (Check reservations and schedules.) At 1700 (5:00 pm) Meet and Greet in the Hospitality Room, Beer, Wine, Pizza and Navy Bean Soup being served. Beer and Wine must stay within the Hospitality room.

Tuesday, Sept 16th, Hotel Breakfast, Hospitality Room open, 0930 Bus trip tour to Groton Via Electric Boat Shipyard to Fort Griswold State Park. A short presentation about the 1781 Battle of Groton Heights will be presented. Re board Bus to Submarine Memorial for presentation by Sub-Vets of America, onward to the USS Nautilus, worlds first nuclear powered Submarine. Tour the Nautilus and Museum. Return to Hotel at 1300 (1:00 pm) for Barbecue Lunch in the courtyard. Dinner on your own. Hospitality Room open.

Wednesday, Sept 17th, Hotel Breakfast, Hospitality Room open, 0930 Bus trip to Fall River Massachusetts to Battleship Cove. Tour USS Massachusetts, USS Kennedy and other attractions. Lunch Buffet in the wardroom of the USS Massachusetts at 1300 (1:00 pm) . A Memorial Service will be conducted following the lunch. Return to Hotel 1500 (3:00 pm). Dinner on your own. Hospitality room open.

Thursday, Sept 18th, Hotel breakfast, Hospitality Room open , 1000 Business meeting. The rest of the day until 1630 (4:30 pm) is open to area attractions, shopping etc. There are two world class Casinos within a short (7-10 miles) driving distance . A major Aquarium and the Mystic Seaport Museum is within 1 mile of the hotel and numerous shopping locations. At 1630, (4:30pm) Photo Shoot, 1800-1900 (6-7 pm) Cocktail Hour. 1930 (7:30), Banquet, featuring superior special entertainment following the meal. See below.

Friday, Sept 19th, Hotel breakfast, Farewell, Checkout, See you in 2016 God willing

With friendship, James Bell

Banquet Entertainment. For the third year in a row Dan Clark will entertain us along with his wife Mary for a different show which I know you will all enjoy.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Make your Hotel reservations before Saturday, August 16th by calling the Quality Inn, Mystic Ct. (860) 536 4281 and reference USS McCaffery.

Name: _____ Spouse or Guest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Rate and Date(s) on board McCaffery: _____

Registration & Hospitality Fee. \$30.00 PP No. of Attendees _____ \$ _____

TOUR REGISTRATION

Tuesday Sept 16th 0930-1400 (9:30 am to 2:00 pm)

Bus tour to Fort Griswold Park, Submarine Memorial and USS Nautilus/Museum return to Hotel for Cookout lunch..

\$30.00 PP No. of Attendees: _____ \$ _____

Wednesday Sept 17th 0930-1500 (9:30 am to 3:00 pm)

Bus trip to Battleship Cove, Fall River Mass. Admission, Attractions, Lunch, Memorial Service.

\$55.00 PP No. of Attendees _____ \$ _____

Thursday Sept 18th 1700- (5:00 pm --)

Banquet, \$40.00 PP No. of Attendees _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

I will contribute an item to the Raffle Yes _____

Make check out and mail with completed form to : James Bell 514 Tollgate Road - Groton Connecticut 06340