



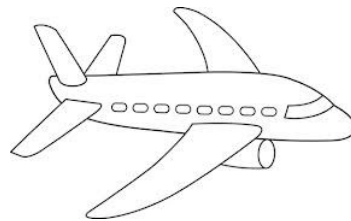
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APRIL 2014

WWII – KOREA – VIETNAM – COLD WAR
“AS LONG AS ONE OF US LIVES, SHE WILL LIVE”

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just go to Nashville!!!

Reunion Details And Sign-Up Sheet Inside ➡ ➡ ▲



President's Editorial

Chuck Parsons

Hello shipmates! Hope all of you survived the long, cold winter. "They" keep saying it is warming up and the climate is changing...I guess "they" know more about it than I do.

I mentioned at the last business meeting that I would be staying on as president for 1 more year due to the uncertain future of the USS Orleck. I spoke with Ron Williams recently and he said the situation is much improved and they hope to secure a spot on the lake sometime soon. He also said the ship continues to receive a good number of visitors. Since the future looks bright for the Orleck and the Radford Museum, I will be stepping down as president. Please start thinking about the election in Nashville and who you want for the president and director(s).

I am looking forward to this reunion. There will be a pizza party in the hospitality room on Wednesday night. There is no charge for this – the

Radford Association will pick up the tab. Bring your appetite and some good sea stories and if you have any good music CD's, bring them too because we will have a CD player available.

We have had much success with the transfer of the newsletter to the Radford website. Many of you responded and we have been able to reduce the number of paper copies being issued which has reduced the cost of copying and postage.

Don't forget to send in your sign up sheet sooner rather than later. **We must have a final headcount for the Friday night Opry 32 days before the event.** If you wait till the last minute, you will miss out on this great show.

Looking forward to seeing you in Nashville.

30 Knots & No Smoke...
Chuck

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Please....

Return your sign-up
sheet

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

No tour reservations
accepted after
August 22, 2014 due to
Opry
deadline rules.

SCUTTLEBUTT



Received the sad news that **RALPH S. BAILEY 42-43 COX'N** passed away on September 22, 2013. Son John Bailey said his dad joined the Navy in 1939 and went to boot camp in San Diego. Ralph was a USS Radford plank owner. He served in 3 wars over 30 years. He was a rigger/diver Sound Naval Shipyard and was accepted Inspector. Ralph to be a "Destroyer was a member of of Columbus, American Disabled Veterans, Fleet Reserve Association and VFW Post 239. This photo is Ralph getting dressed for a dive while aboard the USS Chanticleer ASR 7 in 1962. See TAPS.



DONALD BOND 67-69 BT3 has a new email address – see Member Updates.

MIKE BORDY 65-66 Ltjg has a new email address – see Member Updates.

PAUL BRENDEN 65-67 ET1 has a new email address – see Member Updates.

GORDON BRIGGS 62-66 BT1 has a new email address – see Member Updates.

Received an email from WILLIAM BRYANT 64-65 RD3. He said his son John retired from the Army in July 2013 after serving 24 years with a total of 8 overseas tours. William also included this picture of himself taken in 1963 at Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA.



DONALD BURKART 56-58 MM2 has a new email address – see Member Updates.

Received an email from NEW MAN JOHN CAMPBELL 64-66 EN2. He is looking forward to reconnecting with his former shipmates. See Member Updates.

RICHARD "RICK" COHAGAN 56-57 EM3 has a new mailing address – see Member Updates.

DON COPLIN 51-54 BM1 has a new address – see Member Updates

DENNIS DOBBINS 64-65 RM1 has a new email address – see Member Updates.

Received an email from Dottie Doyle letting us know her husband **ALBERT LEE DOYLE 44-46 RD3** passed away on December 1, 2013. Dottie said Albert loved getting the newsletter. See TAPS.

Heard from ROY ESTES 64-67 BM3. He said he recently renewed his friendship with Ben Brown 62-66 BM3 on Facebook. Hope you can join us at the next reunion Roy...you may see Ben there.

JAMES HANLEY 64-65 Ltjg has a new address – see Member Updates.

At the last reunion, GEORGE KIRBY 59-61 SA and wife Arlene shared that their youngest daughter **Ye'Von Kirby** passed away on August 4, 2013. She was only 47 years of age. We were very saddened by this news. See TAPS.

ROBERT LOMBARDI 65-66 DCFN has a new - email address – see Member Updates.

ROBERT "BOB" McWHORTER 65-66 SM3 has a new address – see Member Updates.

FELIX MEZA 49-52 BT3 has a new email address – see Member Updates.

JIM MOFFATT 54-56 Ltjg was invited to speak to the Rice University Midshipmen back in February. Jim said he was going to share some Radford sea stories and tell them what a great ship she was.

DARYL NATZ 64-65 Lt has a new address – see Member Updates.

MAX SCOTT 60-64 TM3 gave us his email address – see Member Updates.

ALBERT "HANK" STURGESS 43-45 Lt has new contact information – see Member Updates.

FRANK VARGAS 65-68 BT3 has a new email address – see member Updates.

RADM GEORGE WAGNER 62-65 Ltjg has a new email address – see Member Updates.

Received an email from DAVID WILES 62-63 RM3. He said he lives 3 ½ hours from Nashville and plans on attending the reunion this year. Glad to hear it David – we're looking forward to seeing you there. David has a new email address – see Member Updates.

>>>> *The End* <<<<

MEMBER UPDATES

40's

Sylvester "Joe" Burgess 49-51 SNSK
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TAPS...



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Ralph Bailey 42-43 Cox'n
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Passed away December 1, 2013
Spouse – Dottie Doyle
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50's

Ye'Von Kirby
Parents – Arlene & George Kirby 59-61 SA
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If you made a donation between December 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014 and don't see your name here, please contact Chuck Parsons, President or Bob Hammon, Treasurer

Billy Austin 66-69 QM3
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Dave Barber 61-63 MM3
Michael Bordy 65-66 Ltjg
Don Burkart 56-58 M2
Richard Carson 58-62 BT2
Richard Cohagan 56-57 EM3
Edwin Deremo 62-64 Lt
John Dirksen 60-63 Ltjg
Louise Farel – In memory of John Brereton 43-45 Lt
Jack Johnston 61-64 QM3
Ruth Kapik– In memory of Albert Kapik 43-44 MM1
Ralph Keefe 49-51 EM3
Virginia Leifheit – In memory of
Bob Penman 42-45 WT1
Donald Lewis 62-64 BT3
William Lewis 65-66 SN
Darryl Loughrey 62-66 PC3
Mike Martin 66-68 Ltjg
Christine Mashburn – In memory of
Bobby Mashburn 49-51 SN
Bill McClure 50-52 EM3
Bob McWhorter 65-66 SM3
Felix Meza 49-52 BT3
Ray Moad 61-65 MM2
Charles Moretz 49-52 SL2
Mike Nave 64-66 Lt
Gerald Paxton 56-57 SN
Max Scott 60-64 TN3
Robert Shafer 54-56 SN
Hank Sturgess 43-45 Lt
Harry Thurston 63-66 RM2
William Upthegrove 50-53 Ltjg
RADM George Wagner 62-65 Ltjg
Sandy Ward – In memory of Jess Ward 43-45 Lt
Edward Wojtal 61-64 RD2
Joe Worsham 63-65 Ltjg



Regarding Savannah, Georgia....

Recently, a Radford shipmate contacted our Treasurer because he wanted to share his opinion of the catered dinner at the last reunion. His call prompted me to write this paragraph. The morning after the banquet, I was able to speak to most of you and offer my apologies for what happened. To those of you that I may have missed I want you to know that the caterer was referred to us by the Sales staff of the hotel that hosted our reunion. I had no reason to doubt their referral. Unfortunately, Kathy Malone-Wells, owner of Katering By Kathy proved herself to be negligible in all areas of catering. I and Sharon Hammon spoke with her at the dinner and shared our feelings on her unprofessionalism. Shortly after the reunion a letter was prepared and mailed to numerous businesses in the Savannah area detailing the situation. Owners of *Your Military Reunion Connection* (YMRC) are reaching out to Ms. Malone-Wells on our behalf. They are strong supporters of all veterans and they share our disappointment at the services provided. If last year was your first reunion, I can assure you the dinner was extremely upsetting to those of us that plan and take pride in these reunions. If it wasn't your first reunion, I'm sure you can attest to the fact that it was the only time our group has ever experienced such poor catering services. I can assure you, nobody was more mortified than I at what happened but I would ask that we file it under a "bad experience" and put it behind us. Chuck and I hope to see you in Nashville.

Kimberly Parsons

Reminder...

Ship's Store is open for business.

We have T's, Sweatshirts, Polo's & Ball Caps.

We also have Radford Vanity Plates for your car or truck.

BLAST FROM THE PAST.....



Recognize
Any
Of
These
Fine
Folks?



TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Hammon 55-57 GM2

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
INCOME	\$ 307.00	\$ 110.00	\$2,032.00	\$ 570.00	\$3019.00
Donations/Ship's Store					
EXPENSES	\$ 83.12	\$1,382.00	\$ 918.18	\$ 335.00	\$2718.83
				GAIN	\$ 300.17

USS RADFORD ASSOCIATION DONATION FORM

Please consider a financial gift to the USS Radford

ALL GIFTS ARE APPRECIATED

Financial contributions to the USS Radford Association are tax-deductible.
Contact Bob Hammon, Treasurer, for the necessary paperwork.

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YES – I WANT TO HELP SUPPORT THE USS RADFORD ASSOCIATION

Tax Exempt Number/EIN: 34-1901062

☐ \$10.00 ☐ \$20.00 ☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ \$100.00 ☐ Other \$ _____
Amount

Make check payable to: USS Radford Association

Return check to: Bob Hammon - 4813 Royal King Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Aboard Radford: (from/to) _____

Rate/Rank: _____ Ex: BT1, MM2, etc.

☐ Please check this box if any of your information has changed since the last newsletter

USS RADFORD DD/DDE 446

Reunion Sign-Up Sheet

23rd National Reunion
September 24 - September 28, 2014
615-885-4030

Guesthouse Inn & Suites
2420 Music Valley Drive
Nashville, TN 37214

\$82 per night - includes Complimentary Hot Breakfast

Tell them you are with the USS Radford Group - Rate good until August 24, 2014

Name(s) for Badges: _____

Served on Radford: _____
year(s) from / to

Rate/Rank: _____
ex: BT1, MM2, LT, etc.

Phone #: _____

Registration Fee: Shipmate \$10, Spouse \$5, add'l guest(s) \$5 each (Ex: Shipmate & spouse = \$15)

Wed. Sept. 24 - Pizza Party sponsored by Radford Association

no charge

how many? _____

Thurs. Sept 25 -Tour Nashville, RCA Studio B & Hall of Fame

\$67 per person

_____ x \$67 = \$ _____

Fri. Sept 26 - Grand Ole Opry

\$56 per person

_____ x \$56 = \$ _____

Saturday, Sept. 28 - Cocktail hour, buffet dinner, music

\$37 per person

_____ x \$37 = \$ _____

Sunday, Sept. 29 - Farewell breakfast in hotel restaurant

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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KEEP THIS LOWER SECTION FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RETURN UPPER SECTION WITH MONEY ENCLOSED TO:

BOB HAMMON, TREASURER

****WE MUST HAVE YOUR FORM NO LATER THAN AUG 22ND****

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make checks payable to: USS Radford Association

ST. LOUIS, MO 63128

Guesthouse Inn & Suites - 2420 Music Valley Drive - Nashville, TN 37214

615-885-4030 - \$82 per night - Sept. 24 - 28, 2014 - Rates good 3 days before/after

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Hospitality room opens 9:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m. Pizza Party courtesy of the USS Radford Association

Thursday, Sept. 25: 9:00 a.m. bus for Nashville City Tour. Incl downtown, State Capitol, WWII Memorial, Parthenon, RCA Studio B and Country Music Hall Of Fam & Museum. Lunch on own at 222 Grill in Museum.

Friday, Sept. 26: 6:00 p.m. - Grand Ole Opry. DUE TO OPRY REQUIREMENTS, FINAL HEADCOUNT NEEDED AUGUST 22.

Saturday, Sept. 27: On your own day
3:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Closes
6:00 p.m. Cocktail hour - dinner at 7:00 p.m. LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Sunday, Sept. 28: Farewell breakfast in hotel restaurant starting at 7:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS? PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP.

Hotel shuttle available.