Urgent! Special Edition 1st Quarter 2021

Great News!!
The Reunion Committee and Officers voted unanimously
To continue with plans for a San Diego Reunion, September 2021
Early registration in this issue

Make your plans soon!
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN BEAUTIFUL SAN DIEGO!

San Diego Bayside Holiday Inn, the hotel for our 2021 Reunion Wed. September 15th thru Sun. September 19th

Average Weather in September in San Diego California
Daily high temperatures decrease by 2°F, from 77°F to 75°F, rarely falling below 70°F or exceeding 84°F.
NAVY NEWS

SAN DIEGO - The U.S. Navy held a decommissioning ceremony for the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) at Naval Base San Diego on April 14.

The ceremony highlighted the history of the ship, its crew, and their legacy. Bonhomme Richard was the third ship to bear the name. It was named in honor of John Paul Jones' famous frigate, named the French equivalent for "Good man Richard." This was in honor of Benjamin Franklin, the U.S. Ambassador to France at the time. The name Bonhomme Richard is derived from Franklin's pen name.
Fellow Shipmates:

It has been a long cold winter here in Chicago and I suspect most of you have a similar experience. The snow and ice has melted and the trees are in bloom and best of all, the Golf Courses are open.

We are just about 6 months away from our planned reunion in San Diego and the officers have decided to go ahead with it. Ray Zall received a report from the Hotel Banquet Manager on the situation in San Diego and California in general regarding Covid restrictions. Based on that report we are implementing our plans for the reunion, details will be sent out to our membership once they are finalized. We really need something to celebrate and our reunion will give us a nice excuse to do just that.

Most of you probably know that we have been working to get our website updated over the past couple of months. Mike DeBol and Steve Schermerhorn have been lending their expertise as well as a website manager that we have contracted with. Hopefully we will be up and running in a few weeks. I am keeping my fingers crossed. It is really the best way for us to keep in touch with what is going on regarding the association.

I know that many if not all of you have been able to receive the vaccine and the number of people that are contracting Covid are going down. As the distribution of the vaccine continues, I am hoping that the schools and restaurants as well as other businesses continue to open. For now there is still a lot of hesitation to stay in hotel rooms or travel on an airplane but I am hoping that people will feel more comfortable in the coming months.

In closing I hope all of you can get out and enjoy the weather as spring moves into summer. Continue to social distance and wear your masks when you are out and about. Most of all I wish you and yours good health and for those of you traveling over the next couple of months, please be safe. See you all in San Diego in September.

Yours in Service,

Dan Moffett
Return This Form with your payment by August 15th 2021, or earlier

Register the following members and guests for the 2021 reunion PRINT your name(s)
Residing in City and State, as you wish them to appear on your name badge

________________________________________________________________________________
Member, City and State of Residence
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Guest, City and State of Residence
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If you wish to include the ship or staff you served on, your rate/rank, the actual years you served on
board that ship, and the division you were in, please complete the following:

Name of the Ship/Staff __________________________ Rate/Rank____________________

Years actually on board_______________ Division served in__________

Total number of persons registered@ $65.00 Each___________________________ Total $______

OPTIONAL TOURS (tour information on the back page)

Thurs. Sept 16th, City Tour and Cabrillo Monument ____ Tickets @ $89.00 ea Total $ ____
Fri. Sept. 17th, USS Midway and harbor boat Excursion ____ Tickets @ $79.00 ea Total $ ____
Total amount enclosed reunion and tours__________________________________________ Total $____

Make checks payable to The USS Mt McKinley Assn. c/o Wes Brubacher P.O. Box 376 Geyserville, CA 95441

Banquet Meal Choices—choose one for each guest

Tri Tip Steak________ Rosemary Chicken______ Vegetarian/Vegan______
USS Mt McKinley Financial Statement as of 12/31/2020

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Wells Fargo ckg: $6879.97 + $1281.00 - $36.00 = $6925.19
Wells Fargo MM: $9238.75 + $1.10 - $0.23 = $9240.08
Ship Store Inv.nt: $2814.43 + $0.00 - $0.00 = $2564.43
Total Assets/Exp: $18,933.15 + $1282.10 - $36.23 = $18,729.70

USS Mt. McKinley Financial Statement as of 3/31/2021

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Ship Store Inv N: $2564.43 + $0.00 - $100.00 = $2463.43
Total assets/Exp: $18,729.70 + $871.23 - $983.63 = 18,617.30

From your Membership Secretary -

Was 2020 a bad dream or what?? Hopefully all of us are staying healthy even while the pandemic seems to be getting worse in many parts of the Country. Stay safe and healthy!! Remember, you’re not alone during this COVID-19 pandemic. Abide by the government guidelines for masks and social distancing. It’s the best we have short of the vaccine.

Same song, another verse, but more critical than ever. With the passing of our long-time webmaster, Kenny Oxenrider, this past year, the fact was made very clear that every member must make sure that their contact information is up to date!! Every effort was made to send the October issue of the Masthead to members but many did not receive theirs because of “bounced” email address or outdated USPS mail addresses. If you have moved, changed email and/or USPS mail addresses or changed your phone number, especially in the last year, PLEASE send me the updated information. I need your help. The same goes for keeping your website profile current with updated information.

Stay safe, stay healthy!!

Wes Brubacher, Mt Mac '60-'61
USS Mt McKinley Assoc.
Wes Brubacher
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USS Mt McKinley Association Our Purpose:
To Promote Patriotism and Camaraderie among those who served on board the USS Mt McKinley during that ship’s 25 years and 10 months active service to the U.S. Navy from May 1st 1944 to (commissioned) to March 26th 1970 (de-commissioned)

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Tour Thursday September 16th, 2021:
Narrated City Harbor Restaurant Luncheon, Cabrillo National Monument
Departing Holiday Inn Bayside @ 0900 return Approx. 1530. Scenic drive north to La Jolla, to the top of Mount Soledad Veteran’s Memorial 900 feet above sea level. Beautiful Pacific ocean View, then proceed south to cross the scenic Coronado Bridge to Coronado, a quaint historic seaside Community. Next stop Seaport Village, dozens of shops to explore. Next along the scenic harbor route to Shelter Island for a sit down luncheon with beverage and desert. After lunch a tour of Cabrillo National Monument, atop a hill overlooking San Diego Bay with a breathtaking view then back to the Hotel. All inclusive Price per person $89.00

Tour Friday September 17th, 2021:
USS Midway Tour. Two hour harbor excursion including box lunch. Board bus @ 0900 Depart Hotel @0930 return 1530: Board the Midway as a group @1000 no lines. The ship is handicap friendly, with elevators, and benches throughout. Everyone receives a complimentary, light audio set. 1200 back on the bus, to the harbor excursion, for a two hour narrated tour including box lunch and beverage.

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Left to right, USS Midway, Mt. Soledad Veteran’s Memorial, Coronado Bridge, Cabrillo National Monument