



YANCEY MEMORIES

COORDINATORS MESSAGE

I hope you all had a good Summer and are in good health. It's been awhile since the last newsletter and to be honest it's difficult because we aren't getting any stories to print. We don't want to send out a newsletter with nothing but internet articles and obituaries. I just got back from our reunion in Portland Maine which had 4 shipmates, 1 widow and 1 wife. Unfortunately 7 people had to cancel for various reasons and we hope to see them next year.

Although most ships are changing to online newsletters, we hope to keep a mailed newsletter going as long as possible. Since this could happen I would like you to send me your current email address. I have a list of 70 right now. Just send me an email saying hello to clifs@ameritech.net.

Some sad news to report since the last newsletter. We lost a great shipmate from another ship, the USS Rankin AKA-103. Louis "Skip" Sander passed away from Parkinson's Disease in March. Skip and I worked together organizing our joint reunions since Newport in 2014. Anyone that attended any of the reunions since 2014 surely remember Skip. Since working with Skip all those years we became very good friends and I truly miss him. May he rest in peace.

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THE 2025 REUNION REPORT by George Clifton

The 2025 reunion was in Portland, Maine from September 14th through September 17th. This year the Amphibious Ships Reunion Group officially joined the AAFA, American Amphibious Force Association. There were just under 100 people in attendance.

Sunday was arrival day and time to get reacquainted with old shipmates as well as meet some new ones. The hospitality room was large enough that we were able to use it for all our needs including breakfast daily just for our group.

Monday was the only tour day and it started early. We boarded the busses at 8:00 AM to start our day with a trip to the Bath Iron Works where many US Navy ships are built. We had a guided tour of the Maine Maritime Museum and learned much of the history of shipbuilding. We then had a boat tour of Bath Iron Works from the river and saw several ships in the building process. After our tour we went to Freeport Village, home of the L.L. Bean flagship store. Unfortunately the store was undergoing major remodeling so most of us just found a restaurant for a nice lunch and walked around the town. Back at the hotel we had a cheese, wine and beer reception to finish off the day.

Tuesday and Wednesday we were on our own to tour Maine or just hang out in the hospitality room. I was fortunate enough to know Paul Smith who lives in Maine so we took in many of the local sites and excellent places for lunch.

Tuesday night was a pizza party and meeting to decide the location for next years reunion. Many sites were nominated but in the end Savannah Georgia was chosen by the democratic process of a show of hands. No dates are set but will be sometime in September if possible. The meeting was followed by an auction of lots of navy stuff. The auctioneer was Bobbie Miller who is very entertaining and keeps everyone laughing.

Wednesday night was the annual banquet and the end of the reunion. The guest speaker was Al LeGrow, Capt. USN Retired. He was an intelligence officer and served for 27 years. Needless to say he had some interesting stories.

This ended the reunion with everyone saying goodbye until next year in Savannah.

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with your shipmates. email us at: clifs@ameritech.net**

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THE WORLD IS OUR BEACHHEAD

Shipmate Who Has Passed

Terry Kinnear
SK aboard 66-68
Deceased 8/10/2024

YANCEY MEMORIES NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Since prices are rising and we don't have dues, we are forced to request funds again this year. These funds are not used for reunions, but only for newsletters and USS Yancey website expenses. Anything you can afford is appreciated.

Please make checks out to: Paul Dunn, our treasurer,
and put USS Yancey on the note line. Mail to:
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Thank you in advance.