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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF USS YANCEY AKA-93



### Special Points of Interest

- **Be sure to read the cover story about the activities available in Seattle for the 2008 reunion and fill out the survey on page two.**
- **Did you notice the new picture of the USS Yancey being used on the cover?**
- **Paul Dunn gives a report about the USS Yancey Plaque project on page three.**
- **You'll find George Clifton's Coordinator's Column on page three.**
- **We welcome two newly located shipmates on page four under Welcome Mat.**
- **Rick Chester poses a question to you about the pictures he sent in. See page four for the question and pictures.**

## COME TO SEATTLE FOR THE 2008 REUNION

Seattle is situated on the shores of two large lakes and Puget Sound. It is flanked by two major mountain ranges (Olympics and Cascades), with Mount Rainier in full view. Some of the major attractions will be described and you may choose from them for your reunion activities.

If you have only one experience in Seattle, make it **Tillicum Village**. During the harbor cruise that takes you to the village, you will cross Puget Sound and view the magnificent scenery and perhaps encounter a sea lion, dolphin, or soaring eagle. Tillicum Village's "longhouse" is styled in the fashion of the ancient dwellings of the North Coast Indians. There you will savor delicious fresh Pacific salmon prepared

on cedar stakes over alder fires, the traditional method. The entire island is part of Blake Island State Park and is accessible only by boat.

The **USS TURNER JOY**, a Forrest Sherman class destroyer, is now on display at the **Bremerton Historic Ships Association**. Most of the ship is open to the public, including the aft engine room and the fire room (boiler room). One of the compartments has been turned into a POW Memorial, an authentic prison cell replica from the infamous Hoa Lo Prison (nicknamed Hanoi Hilton) in Vietnam.

The **Naval Undersea Museum** represents the history of human enterprise under the sea. Among the most important undersea activities are the adventures of the U. S. Navy's

undersea forces, which helped to bring victory in war and to maintain America strong in peace. The Navy's saga in the undersea is told through its exciting collection and interpretation of vintage objects.

The **Space Needle** stood as the centerpiece of the 1962 World's Fair. Since then it has become one of the top attractions in Seattle. It's a 43-second view-filled ride in a 10-mph elevator to reach the observation deck. There, maps describe what you're seeing in each direction, and telescopes offer close-up views of Elliot Bay or of Mount Rainier 90 miles away. Just below the observation deck is the famous Space Needle Restaurant that makes a complete revolution every 55 minutes.

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The **Pike Place Market** is known around the world. It has been featured in such movies as Sleepless in Seattle and is often seen on television for those airborne salmon hurled through the air by employees at the Pike Place Market Inc. There you will find florists, artisans, and craftsmen of jewelry and clothing, as well as the original Starbucks Coffee shop across the street. See fish from around the world, smell flowers from local farmers, hear street performers strumming guitars, sample honey, nuts and other foods from local vendors. With produce from over 100 farmers and wares from over 200 artists, there's plenty to take in.

The **International District** is known for its ethnic and cultural diversity, and is home to a concentration of Seattle's Asian shops, restaurants, businesses, and residences. Hing Hay Park is located here with its authentic Chinese pagoda. Although primarily Asian, the district is also home to many other nationalities, including Greeks, Italians, and Russians.

**Ballard Locks** are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks provide a link for boats traveling between the salt water of Puget Sound and the Ship Canal, which connects to the fresh water of both Lake Washington and Lake Union. Here you will find two navigational locks, a fish ladder, a botanical garden, a regional visitor center and bookstore, and a spillway dam.

**Mount Rainier** is a 14,411 foot high dormant volcano, capped with glaciers and can be seen for hundreds of miles on a clear day. See alpine meadows, cascading waterfalls, clear mountain lakes and spectacular canyons.

**Mount St. Helens** erupted violently on May 18, 1980, with the force of 20,000 atomic bombs. In the earthquake triggered landslide that followed, over 1,300 feet of the mountain's top flooded into the valley below. For 150,000 square miles from the impact zone, every living thing above ground was destroyed.

In twenty years life has slowly returned to the area, but the devastation remaining will impact everyone who views this landscape.

Seattle's **Museum of Flight** tracks the history of aviation. Become a fighter pilot for a moment when you jump into the cockpit of an F/A-18, or pay your respects to space exploration at the Apollo exhibit and Rendezvous In Space. Visit Boeing's original plane, the B&W, in the awe-inspiring six-story steel and

glass Great Gallery. Then, wrap up your tour with a lesson on the early days of aviation in the Red Barn, Boeing's original plant, and a walk through presidential history aboard the first Air Force One.

As you can see, there is a lot to see and do in Seattle. Hopefully this overview of some of the major attractions will help you decide what you most want to have on your reunion agenda.

## USS YANCEY 2008 SURVEY

*Please take a few minutes to complete the survey of the attractions in the Seattle area and return it to Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc. We will use the surveys to custom design your reunion to what you want to do.*

*Please check the attractions you would like to visit during the reunion.*

**Tillicum Village** \_\_\_\_\_

**International District** \_\_\_\_\_

**USS Turner Joy** \_\_\_\_\_

**Naval Undersea Museum** \_\_\_\_\_

**Space Needle** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mount Rainier National Park** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pike Place Market** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mount St. Helens** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballard Locks** \_\_\_\_\_

**Museum of Flight** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a Welcome Reception the first evening of the reunion?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings \_\_\_\_\_ or only on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer dinner Friday night at the Tillicum Village \_\_\_\_\_ or dinner at the hotel? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want entertainment after the banquet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by May19, 2008 to:**

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## COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Now that we have confirmed dates for the reunion, 10/2/08 — 10/5/08, it's time for everyone to start making their plans. I have never been to Seattle, but I understand there is plenty to see and do. Ken Groom is bringing his model of the Yancey, which is pretty impressive, as anyone who attended the San Francisco reunion will tell you.

I am very happy to see how well the fund raising for the Yancey plaque went. Paul Dunn has a report in this newsletter with the details and I want to again thank him for taking on that responsibility. It is something we can all be proud of.

Enjoy your summer (it has to be better than this winter), and start thinking Great Northwest.

Thanks,  
George Clifton

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 01/08	<b>\$591.79</b>
Funds received since 01/08	<b>\$20.00</b>
Funds available for 04/08	<b>\$611.79</b>
Funds expended for 04/08	<b>\$123.02</b>
Balance for 07/08	<b>\$488.77</b>

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## USS YANCEY PLAQUE REPORT

In the last newsletter we proposed a fund raising project to determine the interest of our group to purchase a memorial plaque for permanent display at the U.S. Navy Memorial.

I am very pleased to report that we have met the goal of \$3,000.00 or more. Thank you for your prompt response, and sincere appreciation to the donors who were most generous.

We will start the process of getting the plaque designed and installed. What will happen is that the Memorial will work with us to create the plaque. It will then be produced and displayed at the Memorial for all to see. The next time we hold our reunion in Washington, we will have a formal ceremony to acknowledge our memorial gift. This will be a program by the Memorial staff to "unveil" the plaque and thank us for our support. This will be a real highlight of our reunion.

If anyone still wants to financially participate, the excess funds would be used as an additional donation to the Memorial and to assist with some special acknowledgements. Please send your checks payable to the US Navy Memorial, to me at my address:

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Thanks again,  
Paul H. Dunn

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### BIBLE HUMOR

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groan)

## STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

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Unless otherwise stated, the views and opinions printed in the newsletter are those of the article's writer, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the Association leadership or the Editor of the Newsletter.

All letters and stories submitted will be considered for publication, except unsigned letters will not be published. Letters requesting the writer's name be withheld will be honored, but published on a space available basis. Signed letters with no restrictions will be given priority.

Letters demeaning to another shipmate will not be printed; letters espousing a political position will not be printed.

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The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conform to space and grammar limitations.

You are encouraged to actively participate in the newsletter family, by submitting your stories and suggestions.

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## WELCOME MAT

The following shipmates have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome Aboard! We hope to see you at the next reunion. You are invited to become an active member of the association.

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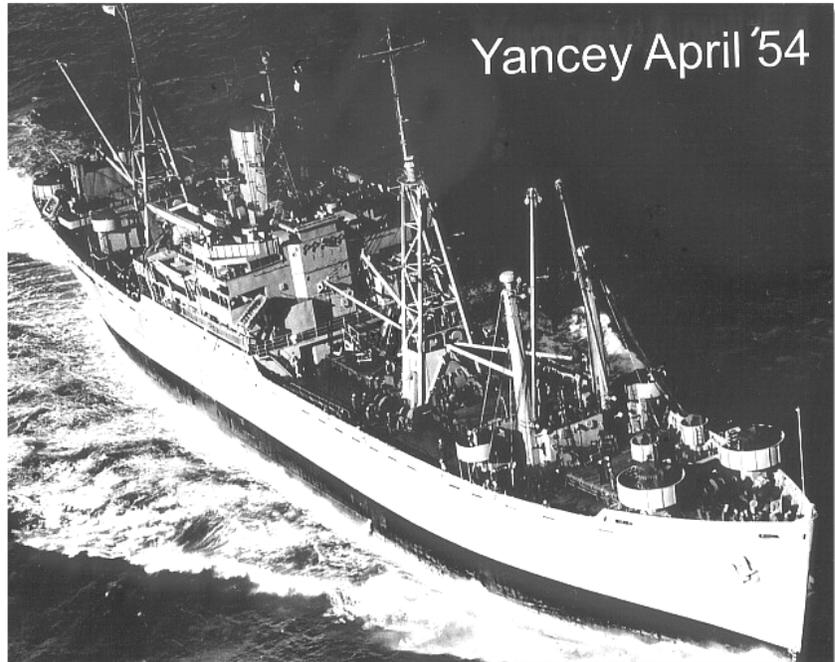
## MAIL CALL

Karen,

I have a few questions about the Yancey. Have our members look at these pictures and tell me when the change on the flush decks went from slots to portholes. I wonder which refit.

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*Editor's Note: See the pictures at the right. If anyone knows the answer to Mr. Chester's question, please send it to Mr. Chester and ML&RS, Inc so we can publish it in the next issue. Thank you.*



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