

YANCEY MEMORIES

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A Word from Your Coordinator

As you can see by the reunion information in this newsletter the decision was made to have this year's reunion in Washington, DC in October. A joint reunion with the USS Rankin did not work out this year for various reasons and it was a tough decision. Joint reunions are becoming a necessity for many ships and hopefully it's something we can accomplish for future reunions. We

will certainly need to address this at our business meeting in October. This reunion will be USS Yancey only, so I hope we have a good turnout.

I am also working on a USS Yancey website and should have it up by April 1st. It contains pictures and attendee lists from past reunions. It may take some time to get them all on there so keep check-

ing back occasionally. I also want to add other pages such as history, pictures and crew lists. Check it out www.ussyancey.com. Suggestions are welcome. This is my first attempt at this so be nice.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in Washington DC.

George Clifton

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Washington, DC Set for 2013 Reunion

The 2013 USS Yancey Reunion has been set for Washington, DC on October 3-6 at the Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel. We hope to have a great turnout because during this reunion the USS Yancey (AKA-93) will be holding its plaque dedication at the Navy Memorial. The USS Yancey (AKA-93) Commemorative Plaque will be displayed within the Naval Heritage Center and on the internet, where it can be viewed by thousands of veterans, families, friends, tourists and school groups who visit Washington or browse the website. The dedication will take place on Friday morning, October 4, from 11:00-12:30 at the Navy Memorial. The Memorial Ser-

vice will take place during this time also. This dedication will be a very important event for the USS Yancey, so we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Since there are so many other things to do and see in Washington, we will list some of the activities that you may choose from during your reunion.

ATTRACTIONS

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the Armed Forces of the U.S., the more than

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**USS YANCEY
(AKA-93)
2013 REUNION**

**WASHINGTON,
DC**

OCTOBER 3-6

**CROWNE PLAZA
WASHINGTON
NATIONAL AIRPORT**

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400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people.

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

The new Korean War Memorial lies in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial, near the Vietnam War Veterans' Memorial on the west end of the Mall. It consists of 19 larger-than-life U.S. ground troopers equipped for battle moving toward an American flag. Etched into the granite are photographs of hundreds of faces taken from military archives.

VIETNAM WAR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Inscribed on black granite walls are names of the 58,209 Americans missing or killed in the Vietnam conflict. The innovative, V-shaped memorial designed by Maya Lin is breathtaking and sobering, drawing crowds who look for the names of relatives or who simply take in the enormity of the war and its aftermath. Also see Frederick Hart's "Three Soldiers," a life-sized bronze sculpture of three young servicemen.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

The memorial traces twelve years of American history through a sequence of four outdoor rooms—each one devoted to one of FDR's terms of office. Sculptures include: A 10-foot statue of Roosevelt seated in a wheelchair and a bas-relief of him riding in a car during his first inaugural.

IWO JIMA MEMORIAL

The statue depicts one of the most famous incidents in World War II, the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima. The figures of the five men who raised the flag are 32-feet high and are shown erecting a 60-foot

high bronze flagpole from which a cloth flag flies 24 hours a day. The base of the memorial has the names and dates of every principal Marine Corps engagement since the founding of the Corps.

WHITE HOUSE TOUR

At this time, no White House visits are allowed; however, if this should change between now and reunion time, we can attempt to schedule a tour.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Arlington Mansion and 200 acres of ground immediately surrounding it were designated officially as a military cemetery June 15, 1864, by Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton. More than 260,000 people are buried at Arlington Cemetery. Veteran's from all the nation's wars are buried in the cemetery, from the American Revolution through the Persian Gulf War and Somalia. Take a narrated tram ride through the grounds, with a stop at the JFK gravesite and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to view the "Changing of the Guard."

NAVY MEMORIAL

Located in downtown Washington, D.C., the Navy Memorial houses an IMAX theater featuring a moving presentation, a computer center where you can search for your records and a museum of artifacts and exhibits showcasing the Navy and thousands of former sailors. Many groups choose to conduct their memorial service on the front plaza area of the Navy Memorial Building. **(This will be part of the reunion agenda.)**

RIDING TOUR OF THE CAPITAL CITY

Enjoy a fully narrated driving tour of Washington, passing by the White House, Capitol, Supreme Court Building, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and other famous sites.

2013 USS YANCEY SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to look over, complete and return this survey to Premier Reunion Services, right away. The reunion agenda will be created from the responses and the Chairman's input. Let your voice be heard. Mail surveys to:

Premier Reunion Services
P.O. Box 11438
Hickory, NC 28603-6402

OR FAX:
828-256-6559

Reunion format:

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings as a group? _____

or just a farewell breakfast on Sunday? _____

Do you want entertainment after the Saturday night banquet?

Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate which activities you would like to see on your reunion agenda:

World War II Memorial _____

Korean War Memorial _____

Vietnam Memorial _____

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial _____

Iwo Jima Memorial _____

White House Tour (if possible) _____

Arlington Cemetery _____

Riding Tour of Washington _____

PLEASE RETURN SURVEYS BY
MAY 13, 2013

REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL
BE MAILED OUT APPROXIMATELY
90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REUNION.



MAIL CALL

Premier Reunions,

I came aboard the Yancey in May or June 1962 and was on the 1962 Med Cruise. The photos bring back great memories of great people (sailors).

Dick Balt

From **Bob Smiley, ETR3 (1965-67):**

There I was standing in line at the pharmacy waiting my turn when an old sailor taps me on the back and asks, "What ship were you on?" pointing at my Yancey ball hat. I turned around with eyes held down so he could read the Yancey logo. He said, "Hey, Yancey. I haven't seen you since Iwo." I looked at his face, trying to remember him, Iwo not quite registering, and still trying to remember his face. I stared his way for a minute or so, then Iwo registered and I blurted out, "Do you mean Iwo Jima?" He replied, "Yes." I told him that was a bit before my time on her. He smiled and said, "You looked a bit young." He was on the Lasalle, APA and she was anchored near Yancey during the invasion. His daughter, I think, took him away when I turned to get my prescription. So she (Yancey) was remembered by a sailor not part of her crew.

You Must Subscribe

Please watch your email carefully! If we have an email address for you in our database, you will be receiving (if you have not already) an invitation to subscribe to the "USS YANCEY EMAILERS" list. In an effort to reduce the amount of junk email that is being sent, there have been standards established to control the way emails are sent to groups of people. The server that hosts our web site has adopted these standards, and we must abide by them. This means that we can no longer just copy a list of email addresses out of our database, and paste that list into the "To:" or "BCC:" fields of an email. We can now only send group emails to recipients who have subscribed to a particular email list. This process involves sending out an invitation to group members.

When you receive the invitation you will be asked to click on a link within the email that takes you to the subscription page.

On the subscription page, you fill out your email address, and then submit it.

You will then receive another email from the DADA Mailing Service confirming that you are the actual owner of the email address you provided.

When you click on the link in the confirmation email, you will then be "subscribed".

This process is called a "double opt-in" subscription. It is designed so that a computer robot can't just go in

and fill out random email addresses in forms – they want to know a real person is submitting the email address, and that same person really has access to that email account.

This subscription list is totally independent of the database we maintain for your group. If you change your email address, you will still need to let us know, and you will need to re-subscribe with your new address. If you have not ever submitted your email address and would like to, there is a link to the subscription process on the Yancey web site. You will also need to send us an email with your email address in order to get it added to the database.

I experimented with several different email programs before selecting this particular one. It is the least complicated of the ones I tried. Thank you for your patience as we implement this new procedure. I, for one, get a ton of junk mail, and would not mind at all if standards like this reduced the amount I have to weed through every day!

Respectfully,

Dina Coffey

General Manager

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 01/13	-\$5.97
Funds received since 01/13	\$250.00
Funds available for 04/13	\$244.03
Funds expended for 04/13	\$178.38
Balance for 07/13	\$65.65

Due to low funding, there will be no July issue of Yancey Memories. They will continue after the reunion.

The newsletter is mailed only to those who returned the coupon for USPS service. All others can access the newsletter on line at www.mlrsinc.com/yancey.

Thanks to all who contributed since the last newsletter to keep it going. Contributions may be sent to Premier Reunion Services at our address to the right. Make checks to Premier Reunion Services and be sure to note that is for Yancey Memories.

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"Our Reunions Work So You don't Have To"

FROM THE USS YANCEY AKA 93 MED CRUISE 1962

Submitted by Phil Messer EN2 Then, Retired 1979 as ENCM

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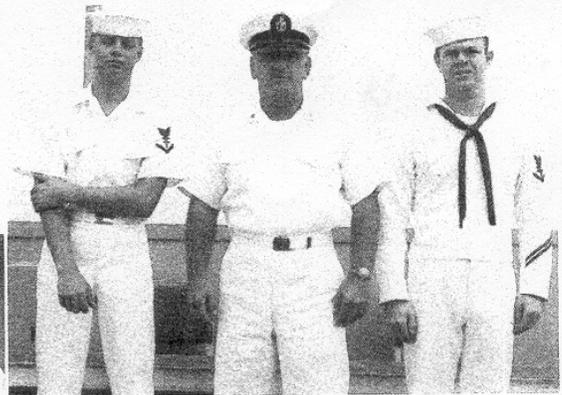
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MEDICAL OFFICER



H. McClintic, HMC



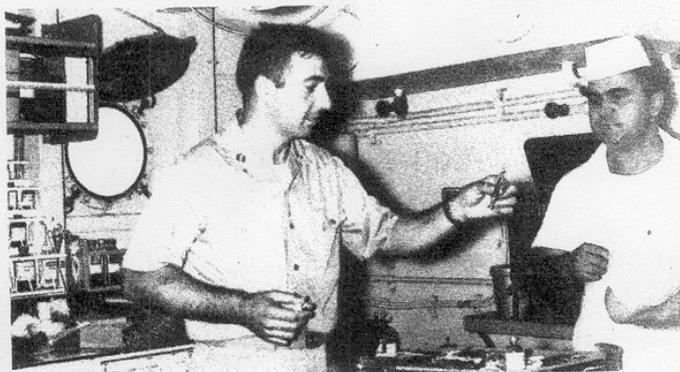
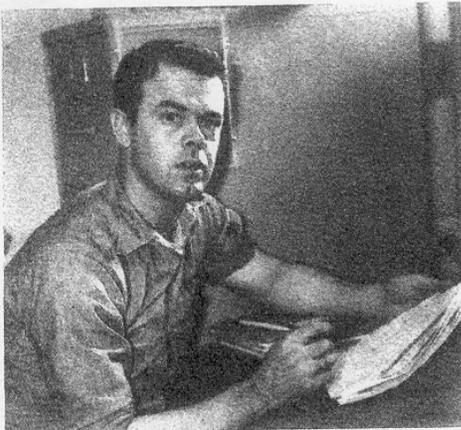
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F. McCoy, HM3

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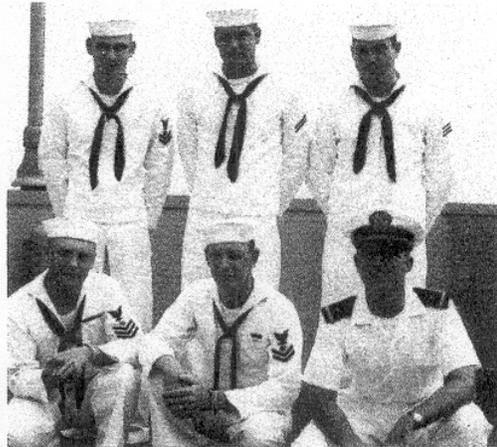
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ENSIGN R. BALDWIN
Ass't. NAVIGATOR



J. Birkel, QM2



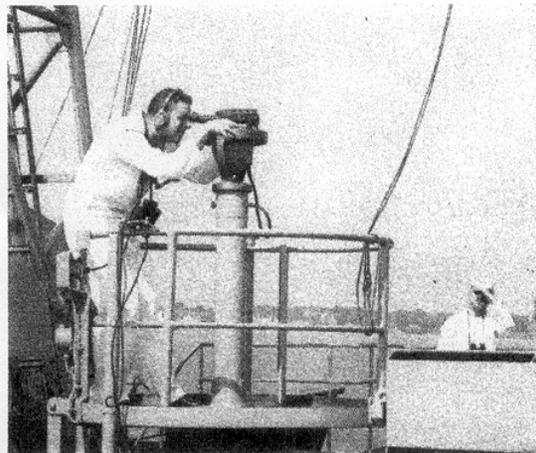
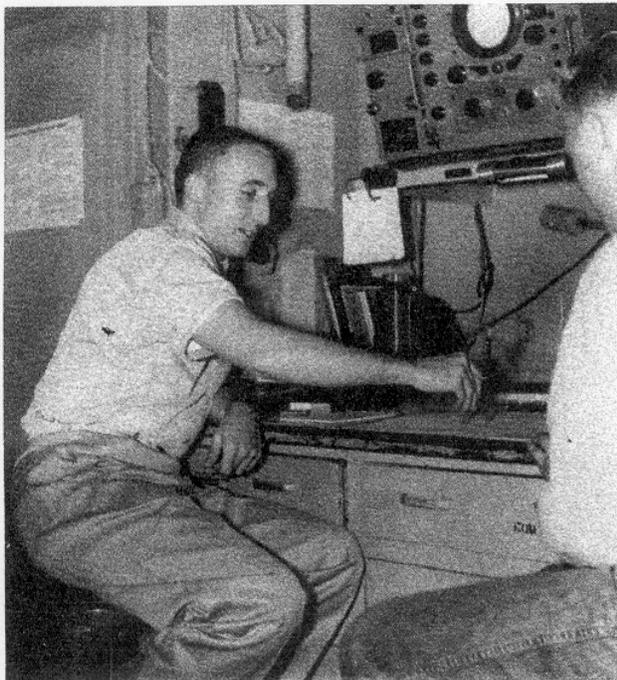
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C. Wiseman, SA



J. Wooster, SA



More photos in future issues

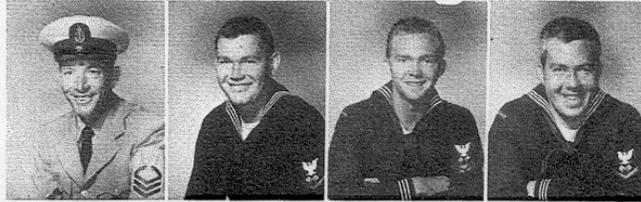
FROM THE USS YANCEY AKA 93 MED CRUISE 1963

Submitted by Joseph MacIntyre

OS Division



Ensign R. Jenks
OS DIVISION OFFICER



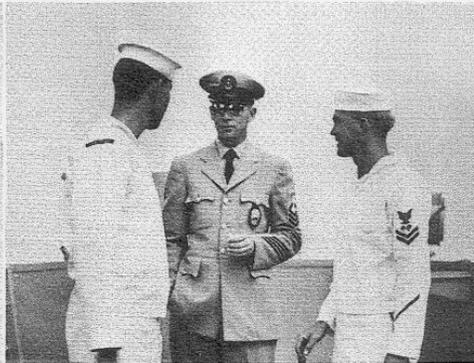
L. Westveer, SMC F. Johnson, SM2 S. Lee, SM2 B. Quinn, SM2



C. Cain, SMSN W. Smith, SMSN W. Suchy, SN



She put her pants back on.



Boys, I want you to go! go and fight, fight, fight.



L. Ritter, RD1

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Ltjg. R. Stevens
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