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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF USS YANCEY AKA-93



### Special Points of Interest

- *Read all about the 2005 reunion in our cover story. It was one of the best ever!*
- *The reunion attendees are listed on page two. See if you recognize an old friend's name and plan to join him next year.*
- *Six new names for the roster are found in Welcome Mat on page three.*
- *"The Wreck of the Yancey" continues on pages four and five.*
- *Chicago is the next reunion stop. Read all about the attractions for that area on pages five and six, then return the survey as soon as possible.*
- *An important letter from ML&RS, Inc. is on page seven. Be sure to read it carefully.*

## 2005 NORFOLK REUNION REPORT

The 2005 USS Yancey reunion has to go down in history as one of the best. It was the best attend reunion – ever – and more than double the size of the 2004 reunion. This event, held at the Norfolk Airport Hilton, November 10-13, 2006 was attended by 41 shipmates and 27 spouses or other guests. What a great time everyone had!!

The reunion officially kicked off on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, but a few early birds arrived on Wednesday to be rested up for the four-day, three-night event. Registration began mid morning and the hospitality room opened shortly thereafter. A few people remained in the lobby throughout the day just to see who would come in

next; however, most went to the hospitality to relax and swap stories or to learn new ones.

The first planned event of the day was a Welcome Reception that began at 5:00 PM. After a few welcome remarks by Reunion Coordinator, George Clifton, the bar opened and hors d'oeuvres were served. This was the perfect setting to meet and greet old shipmates – and to meet those attending a USS Yancey reunion for the first time.

Friday, breakfast was a private buffet served in our own private dining room. Following breakfast 45 people boarded a motor coach in front of the hotel for a tour of Norfolk and the surrounding area. First stop was at the MacArthur Memorial in MacArthur

Square. Some visited the MacArthur Theater for a 24 minute film on the life and time of "The General". He of course was one of the most beloved and controversial figures in military history. The memorial itself is where General MacArthur is entombed. The museum houses a plethora of MacArthur memorabilia, including some of his personal effects, awards, decorations, etc. Those who were the slightest bit interested in military history loved this place. Then it was off to Nauticus for a visit to one of the Nation's foremost Maritime museums, which includes the Battle Ship USS Wisconsin, which saw action as recent as the 1991 Gulf War. All in all, it was quite a day of touring.

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Meanwhile back at the hotel, the Friday arrivals hung out in the hospitality room with those not on the tour until the bus load of travelers returned, then it was moments of chaos, everyone trying to greet the new arrivals – but that is what a reunion is about.

After an hour or so of relaxing, it was time for the social hour followed by a Country Market Buffet, a great spread with many of our favorite foods and desserts. Anyone who left hungry did so of their own free will – the food was good and plenty of it. Then came the highlight of the evening the first-time-ever “Name That Tune Contest.” Many of the attendees brought a gift that represented their home town or state and donated it to the association for a give-away. Then a few lines of a song was played and it was the audience’s job to name the artist singing the song, the name of the song, and the next line of the song. The game started somewhat slowly but enthusiasm picked up until it became fun!! In 2006 we’ll try something different!! About 20 songs later, the scores were totaled up and the winners went home with a nice gift, compliments of a shipmate.

Saturday morning’s breakfast was again a leisurely private buffet. Once again at 9:00 AM sharp, 45 hardy souls climbed aboard a motor coach (they are not busses any longer) for a riding tour of Norfolk, just to illustrate how Norfolk has changed over the years. It is now a metropolitan city and rumor has it that the ladies who once worked on Granby Street now own the banks and professional buildings found there now. Then it was off to the Norfolk Naval Base. This was an exciting time for most old sailors, and there were a few surprises thrown in – like a McDonalds – on the base. The base is home to more than 100,000 military personnel, over 100 ships, and 26 air squadrons. Security did not allow a visit to one of the ships, but we did get close enough to smell the paint.

Saying good-bye to the base was difficult, but necessary – the Spirit of Norfolk – sails at the appointed time whether you are there or not (especially since your tickets were already paid for), so you had to be there on time. And you were, and it was a great luncheon cruise on the Norfolk harbor. Chow wasn’t bad either!

Upon returning to the hotel, the annual business meeting was held and the Chicago area was selected to be the 2006 reunion site, keeping the same time of year as the preferred dates.

The banquet was of course the highlight of the reunion. At 6:00 PM the social hour and photo session began. This was the perfect opportunity to have that adult beverage you’d been craving and to say hello to that shipmate that you had not yet spent time with. Dinner was an excellent filet mignon with all the trimmings. All in all it was a great evening of comradeship with an understanding of friendship that people who never served in the military do not and will not ever understand.

Sunday morning dawned with the realization that it was almost over for another year. And it really is a sad time, as evidenced by the somber looks on each face. Following the meal, a short but very meaningful memorial service was conducted honoring the deceased shipmates. Then it was time to go. The handshakes and hugs began and if the truth were told, more than a single tear was seen. The empty room echoed with “See you next year.”

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*“Our Reunions Work So You don’t Have To”*

## 2005 REUNION ATTENDEES

John & Velma Birkel  
William Boone, Jr.  
Norman & Connie Boyd  
Richey Brunskill  
Barry & Jeanette Cain  
Emerson Cave  
Kenneth & Connie Chester  
Richard & Jackie Chester  
David Chestnut & Rosemary Johnson  
George Clifton  
Donald Cox & Brenda Whaley  
Donald R. Cox  
Lewis Daniels  
John & Althea Desmond  
Paul Dunn  
Elton & Ada Fauber  
Dale & Kathryn Fraher  
Joseph W. & Joseph P. Frederickson  
Walter & Toby Gillespie  
Kenneth Groom  
Ulysis (Sid) & Jean Harmon  
Everette Lamb  
Duane & Betty Malme  
Ford Mason & Earline Smith  
Jim Mathis  
John & Margaret Mauboules  
Ed McLaughlin  
Rufus & Lydia Meadows  
John Mielke  
Thomas & Ruth Nau  
Henry (Hank) & Marian Prosser  
Clarence & Barbara Provaznik  
George Rohrman  
Philip Sara & Paul Dellaca  
Jay & Betty Lee Schwall  
William & Nancy Suchy  
James Way  
James & Charlene Wheeler  
Ray & Mary Wilson  
Fred Worth  
James & Eleanor Young

**Total Members: 41**  
**Guests: 27**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 68**

**2006 REUNION**  
**NOVEMBER 2-5**  
**CHICAGO, IL**  
**(THESE WERE THE DATES AVAIL-**  
**ABLE FOR A VISIT TO GREAT**  
**LAKES)**



## 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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**2006 REUNION  
NOVEMBER 2-5**



## TAPS

The Yancey Memories was notified of the following shipmates' deaths. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the deceased. Anyone who knows of a deceased shipmate, or learns of one, please notify ML & RS, Inc so their names can be included in TAPS and be added to the Honor Roll.

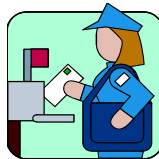
*George Adams*  
Baker 2/c  
Died August 3, 2005

*Edmund Aneloski*  
(1949-54) CWO  
Died January 29, 2005

## COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. We had a great time at this year's reunion in Norfolk with the largest attendance since our first reunion in 1995. Unfortunately, the world is different now, so we were unable to go aboard an active ship as we did then, however, we did tour the base by bus. It was great seeing familiar faces as well as meeting new attendees. I hope the large attendance continues for future reunions. The 2006 reunion will be in Chicago, November 2nd through 5th with a tour of the Great Lakes Naval Base scheduled for Friday, November 3rd. (Note that the reunion is a week earlier than discussed at the business meeting.) Mark those dates on your calendar and I hope to see you all in Chicago.

Thanks,  
George



## MAIL CALL

Karen,

I was very pleased when I opened my newsletter and saw that you were able to publish my Most Unforgettable Character article.

As I read further I spied the "Yancey Sea Story" and I jumped for joy. I almost cried. That story is the way I remembered it happening and when I wrote it that was a couple of years ago you were flooded with letters saying that the ship was coming into port and that it was heading for San Diego and other far fetched dreams.

Jay Schwall knows what he is talking about. I want his e-mail address so I can write and thank him for a good memory. If Jay is at the reunion

in Norfolk, he and I can tell everyone else, "I told you so." Thanks for publishing the true and untarnished story.

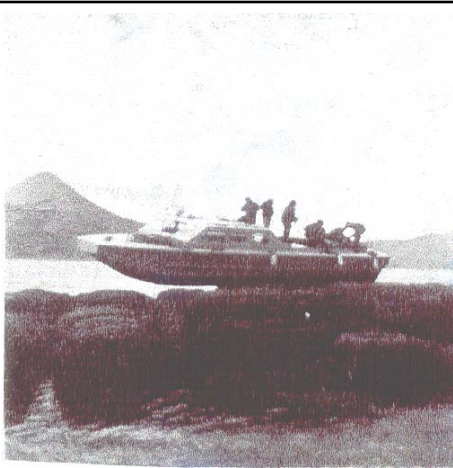
George Rohrman ME2 1951-54

Karen,

In response for your mail regarding stories for the newsletter, I wish I had more, but there must be a lot of stories about the Yancey's stop(s) in Subic Bay and the EM Club up the beach from the town of Olongapo. Not the prettiest town on earth, but probably the only one I remember that had dirt streets. A nice EM Club though, as I remember.

Harold Hegler 1951-54

*(We'd love to hear any stories you have of this place. There have to be some good ones!)*



## YANCEY ON THE ROCKS

I am looking at a photo of the Yancey's Captain's Gig (boat). The Gig is resting (impaled) on an outcropping in the middle of the bay in Sasebo, Japan. In a brief conversation with the Captain's Coxswain, Doyle Meadows, he told me that even though he was the official coxswain, another sailor was the relief coxswain at the time. Knowing that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, the coxswain decided to take a short cut straight to the ship. This was during a low tide which exposed this small outcropping of rocks. The rest is evident by seeing the photo. I understand that they waited until the next high tide and were able to get the gig off the rocks.

Ken Groom

*Editor's note: In an e-mail I asked for any stories about spending a Christmas or New Year's on the Yancey. I received this one from Dale Hall.*

Karen,

New Years Eve 1956 in San Francisco. We were docked at Treasure Island for some reason and I went to "the city" for the big event. It was the wildest, craziest celebration I've ever seen. Strangers (women I hope) would grab you and kiss you, throw confetti in your face and dance with you on the street. When I awoke on the deck,

under my bunk the next day, I had lost my neckerchief and hat, and my clothes (still in dress blues) were full of confetti. Some of my buddies said the marine at the gate had actually carried me to the bus!!! There were some good ones later in Hawaii, but they didn't compare with San Fran!

If anyone is still out there from '56-57, please e-mail me at :

dipperdale@hotmail.com.

I'd love to chat.

Dale Hall

## WRECK OF THE YANCEY (AR-302)

*Continued from 10/05 issue*

After embarking a capacity load of Army and Navy men returning to the United States for discharge, Yancey left Manila harbor on 27 November 1945. Steaming a homeward-bound pennant 310 feet long and adorned with 27 stars, Yancey headed for home.

Reaching Balboa, Panama Canal Zone, on the last day of the year—via Pearl Harbor (where the ship fueled and received boiler repairs) and with Navy passengers embarked (the Army had been put ashore at Pearl Harbor) Yancey was the last ship to transit the Panama Canal in 1945.

Six days into the new year, 1946, Yancey cleared Cristobal, Canal Zone, bound for Louisiana. After a brief stop at New Orleans, the attack cargo ship proceeded on, via Jacksonville, Fla, to Norfolk, where she arrived on 29 January. Less than a month later, on 27 February, Yancey sailed farther north and reached the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard the following day.

Over the next few months, Yancey underwent a regular overhaul there and then operated off the eastern seaboard and into the western Atlantic. During that time, she called at Bayonne, NJ; Bermuda; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Balboa, Canal Zone;

Jacksonville, Fla.; and made return calls at Norfolk, Bayonne and Bermuda. In addition, the ship visited the New York Naval Shipyard and Davisville, RI before being assigned tentatively to TF 68 effective on 9 November.

In compliance with her new orders, Yancey proceeded back to the West Coast, sailing via Cristobal and the Panama Canal. Ultimately arriving at San Pedro, Calif. Yancey reported for duty to Commander, TF 68.

Yancey was reassigned to Service Force, Pacific Fleet, and home ported at San Francisco, Calif., on 11 November. The next day she shifted to Port Hueneme, Calif., where she began loading cargo for Operation "Highjump."

Departing Port Hueneme on 2 December, Yancey pressed southward, headed for Antarctica, and spent Christmas at sea. Two days later she saw her first icebergs—visible evidence that she was entering the polar latitudes. She sighted the northern limit of the Antarctic pack ice on the 28th and spent the next two days investigating ice conditions. She fueled from Canisteo (AO-99) 10 miles south of Scott Island, Antarctica, purportedly becoming the first ship to conduct an underway refueling below the Antarctic Circle.

After threading her way through the pack ice over the ensuing weeks, Yancey finally arrived at Bay of Whales, Antarctica, mooring at the shelf ice on 18 January 1947. Subsequently departing the "port" on 6 February for the area to the north of the ice floes, the attack cargo ship entered the pack ice on the 9th. Over the next three days, she pressed through the floes that extended for a width of almost 275 miles.

On 13 February, Yancey joined TU 68.1.2 which also included the Coast Guard icebreaker, USCG North-wind, towing the attack cargo ship Merrick (AKA-97). Within a week, the ships were riding out a fierce storm that justified—at least

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to Yancey sailors—the Antarctic's title as "The World's Stormiest Sea."

To be continued in April 2006

## STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

The YANCEY MEMORIES is the official publication of the USS YANCEY AKA-93 Association. From now on it will be published quarterly in January, April, July, and October, subject to receiving sufficient funding. The Newsletter is funded by voluntary contributions from the membership. All members are encouraged to support the voice of the YANCEY. A financial statement appears in each issue of the newsletter.

The newsletter is intended to be a vehicle for the members to express opinions, make suggestions and especially share experiences.

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.

ML&RS, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of article submitted for publication. It would be a monumental task to check each story. Therefore, we rely on the submitter to research each article.

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.

## 2006 REUNION NOV. 2-5 IN CHICAGO

Chicago is the city chosen by the USS Yancey for its 2006 reunion site. Your choice is certainly a good one, as there are many, many sites and activities in the Chicago area—far more than can be seen during a short reunion stay. We have chosen a few of the most popular attractions to describe for you here and ask that you choose those you would most like to visit. As usual, we request that you read the descriptions and then fill out and return the survey to ML&RS. Now, settle back and read about Chicago.

### ABOUT THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Nicknamed the "Windy City," Chicago is located on Lake Michigan and is the third largest city in the United States with over 8 million people. Also called the "City with the Big Shoulders," it has made itself known as a working-man's city. It is the commercial, financial, industrial and cultural center for a vast region and a mid-continental shipping point. Chicago covers over 200 sq. mi. and extends more than 20 miles along the lakefront. Its downtown section is called the Loop because of the huge rectangle of elevated railways, expressways and boulevards that extend into and around the heart of the city. Come explore Chicago November 2-5, 2006.

### ATTRACTIONS

**Great Lakes Naval Training Center**—Commissioned in 1911, Great Lakes Training Center has remained the Navy's largest training center and home to the Navy's only Recruit Training Command, more commonly known as "boot camp." Since WWI, more than 2 million new sailors have passed through the Recruit Training Command and an equal number through its technical schools. There are currently more than 16,700 active duty and 2,400 civilians assigned to the base.

We will be able to attend a recruit graduation on Friday during the reunion. This would be an early wake-up call, because we would have to be seated by 8:00 AM at Great Lakes for

the ceremony. Keep in mind also, that this would be an all-day trip, leaving only one other day for other tours. This is truly an awe-inspiring ceremony and one that is always a favorite with any group that is lucky enough to be able to attend.

**Narrated City Tour of Chicago**—A fully narrated riding tour of the city would include an overview of the city's sites such as the **Sears Tower**, the **Navy Pier**, and other famous buildings and monuments. See buildings designed by famous architects such as **Frank Lloyd Wright** and **I.M. Pei**. A ride along **South Lake Shore Drive** between **Hyde Park** and downtown is especially worthwhile for its spectacular views of the downtown skyline and the lake. A stop will probably be made at the **Navy Pier** for some shopping and at the **Museum of Science and Industry**. (Actual stops will be determined by the chosen tour company contracted for the tour.) This is your chance to see the city in an easy, relaxed, unhassled way.

**Drury Lane Dinner Theater**—This facility is a 971-seat proscenium style live theater featuring musicals, comedy, Hollywood personalities and dinner theater. This would have to be for a Thursday or Friday night activity.

**Billy Graham Museum**—Take pleasure in a unique visual overview of the history of Christian evangelism and its influence on American society. Beginning with the early history of America and climaxing with a powerful 3-D presentation of the Gospel message. The Billy Graham Museum is a division of Wheaton College.

**National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum**—View the many artifacts, paintings, sculptures, memoirs do-

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 nated by fellow veterans.

**Brookfield Zoo**—One of the country's largest zoos, it houses more than 2,800 animals representing 425 different species-many living in award winning indoor immersion exhibits. Its permanent exhibits include: Habitat Africa!, a five-acre savannah exhibit that highlights Africa's diverse wildlife; The Swamp, featuring the wonders of wetlands, and The Living Coast, featuring Humboldt penguins, green sea turtles, small sharks, vampire bats and free flying birds.

**Shedd Aquarium**—See the world's largest indoor aquarium, home to approximately 8,000 aquatic animals from around the globe. There are recreations of aquatic environments from around the world, including major exhibits focusing on the Pacific Northwest coastline, the Amazon River and Caribbean coral reef. You have underwater views of everything from beluga whales to piranhas to sea-turtles.

Now that you have read about some of the attractions in the Chicago area, please take a moment to fill out and return the survey at the right. We will use your responses to develop an agenda for your reunion. Please let your voice be heard.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance remaining after 10/05  
**\$124.21**  
 Funds received since 10/05  
**\$460.00**  
 Funds available for 01/06  
**\$584.21**  
 Funds expended for 01/06  
**\$374.68**  
 Remaining balance for 04/06  
**\$209.53**

**Funds will be needed for the next newsletter.** Contributions to the Yancey Memories can be made to ML&RS at the address on page 2. Be sure to state that the donation is for Yancey Memories newsletter.

**2006 USS YANCEY SURVEY**

In order to provide the kind of reunion you want, not what we "think" you'd like, please take a few minutes to look over, complete and return this survey to ML&RS, Inc. right away. The reunion agenda will be created from the responses and the chairman's input. Let your voice be heard. Mail surveys to:

**Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.**  
**P O Drawer 11399**  
**Hickory, NC 28603-6402**

**Fax: 828-256-6559**

**Reunion format:**

Do you want a welcome reception the first evening? yes no

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

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

- Great Lakes Training Center
- Narrated City Tour of Chicago
- Drury Lane Dinner Theater
- Billy Graham Museum
- National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum
- Brookfield Zoo
- Shedd Aquarium

Your suggestions and comments are welcome: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have questions, call **828-256-6008** or e-mail  
**dinamlrs@charterinternet.com**

**RETURN SURVEYS BY APRIL 10, 2006**

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From: Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc

The information contained in this letter is very important! Please read it very carefully and respond as necessary! **You must respond as indicated in this message to continue receiving information about your reunion through the US Postal mail!**

Big changes are going on here at ML&RS, Inc! They're not going to happen overnight, but the process has begun. As you are certainly aware, rising costs for hotel rooms, meal prices and fuel for autos and tour buses makes for a more expensive reunion! We are doing everything we can to keep our costs to a minimum. However, prices continue to rise, including postage (which has gone up again the first of this year). In an effort to offer you and your fellow attendees the lowest possible cost, we are going to make some changes to the way things have been done in the past. We hope you will work with us to implement these changes as smoothly as possible!

Due to the multitude of requests we have received over the last few years, we are going to now upgrade our web site to include a variety of information pertaining to your reunion. There will be a small web site within our company's web site for each of the reunion groups we work with. The main page for each group will contain basic information about the upcoming reunion, as well as links to several other pages, including but not limited to lists of those who have signed up, the actual registration packet as a web page, a link to the profiles that were previously printed in the Sentimental Journal, newsletters, and after the reunion a link that can be used to order copies of the memory books that will now be included as part of the reunion package. Also, we will not duplicate anything your group already has on their web page. We will do our best to keep personal information secure. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published. Email addresses will only be published with permission.

Beginning with the 2006 reunions, we will be discontinuing our memorabilia sales, including the Sentimental Journal. There are so many web sites out there now where hats, t-shirts, etc can be ordered, and the turn-around time is just a matter of days. When we first started this business, this was not the case. We began offering these items as a service to the reunion groups who didn't know

where else to order items. Due to the increased availability of memorabilia, our sales have declined over the last few years, and it is no longer cost effective for us to continue offering these items. Also, there are a lot of groups who prefer to sell the items themselves as a fund raiser for the association. We certainly do not wish to compete with your association sales!

In place of the Sentimental Journal, we will begin including a 2006 Memory Book as the memorabilia item given away at the reunion. This will replace the note cards, clocks, pens, etc that have been given in the past. However, they will not be given at the reunion, they will be sent to each attendee (who signs up for one of the Option Packages or orders one as part of their Individual Option) following the reunion. The 2006 Memory Book will contain photos from the reunion and "then and now" photos that have been submitted prior to the reunion each year. The very popular profiles will now be accessible from the web site.

The web sites will be developed and published in the order the reunions are held this year. The USS PURDY reunion will be the first one, in case you want to see an example of the new web site format. Go to [www.mlrsinc.com/purdy](http://www.mlrsinc.com/purdy). At some point in the near future, we plan to add on-line registration capabilities to each group's web site. That probably won't happen this year, but I do foresee it happening soon. That is another feature we got a lot of requests for.

Once the group's web site is up and running we will discontinue the majority of the paper mailings we send out. Newsletters, Surveys, Introductory Letters and Questionnaires, and the Registration Material will all be available on the web site. We do realize that there are

still some people who do not have or do not want internet access. Because of this, **we will continue paper mailings to those who let us know they want their info via the postal mail.**

**You must return the "coupon" on page four of this newsletter if you wish to continue receiving paper copies of the various material we send out – newsletters, registration material, surveys, etc.** If you do not mail in this coupon, we are assuming you have internet access and can obtain all the necessary reunion information off your group's web site.

Your group's web site will be [www.mlrsinc.com/yancey](http://www.mlrsinc.com/yancey). It may not be up and running when you get this letter, but it will be soon. I have already assigned the web addresses to each group, so I could let you know in this message what the address will be. Be sure to visit the site frequently and take advantage of the information that will be/is available there. If your profile is not listed in the Crew Profiles, then be sure to submit yours via [www.mlrsinc.com/questionnaire.htm](http://www.mlrsinc.com/questionnaire.htm)!

As we strive to provide you and your reunion group with the best possible value for your reunion dollar, it is sometimes necessary to change the way some things are done. Our ultimate goal is to offer each and every reunion attendee a great reunion at a reasonable price. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions!

Respectfully,  
Dina Coffey  
Office Manager  
ML&RS, Inc

**Return this coupon if you want to receive all future mailings from us on paper via US Postal Mail:**

Reunion Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ship or unit name)

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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