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Coordinator's Message

The dates and venue are set for the 2015 USS Yancey Reunion in **Nashville**. The reunion will run from **9/24/2015 through 9/28/2015** at the **Holiday Inn Opryland Airport**. Please note that we have added an extra day this year and will have our banquet on Sunday night instead of Saturday night. Since Nashville is such a popular destination we also had to move the date up a week. We will be joining the USS Rankin again and the registration will be the same as last year. The Yancey website will be updated as more information becomes available.

Included in this mailing

is a letter requesting help to keep our organization running. Since starting 20 years ago we only asked for contributions for the newsletter and also passed the hat at the reunions. Since reunion attendance is down and costs are increasing it has become necessary to find an alternative means for funding. This is our first annual fund drive and I hope you will consider helping us keep the Yancey memory alive. The number of newsletters published each year will depend on the funding available.

If anyone wishes to purchase the 2014 Reun-

ion Memory Book the information is available on the Dunning Company website www.dunningcompany.com. The cost is \$30, shipping included. You will need the event name "USS Yancey", date "October 2014" and Job #14040. For those without Internet access you can call 1-800-846-6335.

We had three first time attendees at the 2014 reunion so hopefully we will continue to increase our numbers. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Nashville.

George Clifton

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

2014 USS YANCEY REUNION RECAP

By George Clifton

This year the USS Yancey had a joint reunion with the USS Rankin AKA-103 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. Although the reunion didn't officially start until Thursday evening, many boarded a bus at 11:00 AM for an early bird tour of Providence and the Culinary Museum. Once registration began at 3:00 PM the hospitality area began to fill

up with attendees looking for refreshments and greeting friends from the past. Thursday evening shipmates from both ships and guests gathered in the hotel Atrium for a buffet dinner and drinks which officially kicked off the 2014 reunion.

Friday morning we left early for the

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Newport Naval Base and our first stop at the Naval War College Museum. The War College Museum contains exhibits of the history of the Naval War College, the history of naval activities in Narragansett Bay from colonial times and history of naval warfare.

Our next and I think most interesting stop was Surface Warfare Officers School or SWOS. After breaking up into smaller groups we were taken to various training areas and saw firsthand some of the hands-on training the officers receive. One of the simulators provided training for piloting an LCS, Literal Combat Ship. These are high speed small crew ships that can maneuver close to shore and can be used for a variety of missions from destroying mines to hunting submarines. They operate without a propeller using powerful water jets. Most impressive was the high tech bridge simulator used to teach ship handling to surface ship officers from Ensigns to Captains. It provides a full view as if you were on the ship's bridge. They can change the ship location, weather and other ships in the area. The experience is so realistic you actually feel as if the deck is moving. The lone officer on the bridge controls the ship using voice commands. It's amazing what our new Navy is doing and almost makes you wish you could go back in.

After stopping in Newport for a quick lunch we went on a riding tour of the famous Newport Mansions along Millionaires Mile and Ocean Drive. We stopped for a 45 minute self-guided tour of the Breakers Mansion that was owned by the Vanderbilt family who used it as a

summer cottage. It is the most famous of the mansions and we learned a great deal about how the rich lived back then.

The final event of the day was a trip to Francis Farm in Rehoboth, Massachusetts for a New England Clambake. Unfortunately this was not the highlight of the weekend. It was very expensive and the promised clam chowder and clam cakes were not provided. No coffee was available and the desserts were few.

Saturday would be a shorter day as we headed out for Battleship Cove in Falls River, Massachusetts. Battleship Cove has the largest collection of preserved Navy ships in the world. Upon our arrival we boarded the USS Massachusetts (BB59) for our Memorial Ceremony. Ed McLaughlin acted as chaplain for the ceremony and the names of the deceased from each ship were read by John Karlis for the Yancey and Skip Sander for the Rankin. The bell ringers were Paul Smith Jr. and Richard Lacy respectively. Once the ceremony was completed with the playing of TAPS we headed for the Mess Hall and lunch. Now everyone was free to spend the rest of their time at Battleship Cove touring the Massachusetts, the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, (DD850), the submarine Lionfish (SS298), a Russian built German Navy ship and other exhibits available at the cove. At 2:00 we headed back to the hotel for our separate business meetings and to get ready for the Reunion Banquet.

The reunion officially ended with the Saturday evening banquet. With over 70 in attendance it was larger than we have had in many years. That is one of the many advantages of having a joint reunion, and I look forward to enjoying many more in the years to come starting with **Nashville** in 2015.



P. G. Hunt

**Photos from SMC
Elton Fauber
USS YANCEY
1952-56**



SMC Elton L. Fauber, USN (RET)



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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SHADOW BOX

Ever heard of a "shadow box"? The tradition of presenting a shadow box to a retiring sailor is born of early British custom. In the days of sail, when Britain ruled the seas, it was considered bad luck for a sailor, upon final departure from a ship, to allow his shadow to hit the pier before he himself departed the ship. In order to ensure no such misfortune would befall their shipmate, the crew would construct a box of the finest timber and place within it all things that reflected his accomplishments. Only then could the man, with the "SHADOW" of himself in hand, safely depart the ship and go ashore once and for all.

MMCM(SS) Greg Peterman USN Retired

Submitted by George Rohrman



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 Premier Reunion Services so their names can be included in TAPS and be added to the Honor Roll.

Norman Barton
Died November 29, 2011

Lawrence Todd
(1953) ETN3
Died May 3, 2014

Philip Sara
(1950-51) FN1 E Div
Died April 3, 2014

Ralph McCulley
(1951-54) SK3 Supply
Date of death not reported

DAILY NAVAL TOASTS

Monday—Our ships at sea

Tuesday—Our men

Wednesday—Ourselves

Thursday—A bloody war and a sickly season

Friday—A willing foe and sea room

Saturday—Sweethearts and wives—may they never meet

Sunday—Absent friends

Submitted by George Rohrman

STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

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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.

Premier Reunion Services 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.



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ANNUAL FUND DRIVE - 2015

Please return this form even if you do not send money!

We need it to confirm you want to continue receiving the newsletter and that your address is correct. Correct addresses qualify for less expensive postage.

Our Association has no dues, so we will have an **Annual Fund Drive** instead. Our continued operation depends entirely on voluntary contributions to the fund drive. Your contribution will help us continue to serve all our members, and to continue our efforts to find missing shipmates.

There is no requirement to send any money, but we will make good use of every dollar we get. Your contributions go toward printing, postage, web site expenses, etc. Any amount you can send will be appreciated. Make checks payable to Paul Dunn / USS Yancey.

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Best regards,