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Special Points of Interest

- *Find out more about the city of Mobile where your 2009 reunion will be held. Read the article on page one.*
- *Three new names for Welcome Mat and one correction from the last issue. See page two.*
- *Under Mail Call on page two, a shipmate remembers his friend Rodney Gott.*
- *William Tenseth is the only one who responded to a request for funny stories from Navy days. Thank you, William. His story is under Mail Call on page two.*
- *Don't miss this year's reunion on October 1—4, 2009 in Mobile, Alabama. Registration packets have been mailed, so if you didn't get one, let ML&RS know.*

ABOUT THE CITY OF MOBILE

Mobile is probably best known for its white sandy beaches on the Gulf Coast, but it also has a rich history that goes beyond its seafood-and-sand reputation. Mobile was first settled by the French who were looking for a place to stake their claims in the New World. They built Fort Conde as their military headquarters as they explored the area. The area passed hands among the French, English and Spanish several times in those early days, until the United States acquired Mobile in 1813. "King Cotton" and the industries that accompanied it saw the economy boom in the 1850s. Later, railroads, shipbuilding and lumber became important industries. After World War II, shipbuilding, paper and chemical manufacturing

and petroleum refining took over. Jobs in modern Mobile center around chemical production, cargo handling, and construction.

Maybe you weren't aware that Mobile has an elaborate Mardi Gras celebration! Complete with floats, beads and moon pies, their celebration comes in the two weeks before Lent. Parades, balls and other receptions are a big part of the event. A little tamer than the New Orleans Mardi Gras, Mobile's celebration is more family oriented.

Today Mobile is a city of beautiful oak lined streets, shading lovely old mansions. Museums display the diverse history of this part of our country. Mobile commemorates the past, but lives fully in the present.

COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

By now you should have received the registration packet for this year's reunion in Mobile. It looks like they have a good itinerary planned, so sign up as soon as possible. Once enough registrations are received to guarantee a reunion, MLRS can finalize the tours etc. We usually have a good turnout when we have a reunion down South, so let's start making plans now. Have a great summer and I will see you in Mobile in October.

George Clifton

USS YANCEY REUNION

MOBILE, AL

OCT. 1—4, 2009

ASHBURY HOTEL



WELCOME

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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**Correction from April issue.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 04/09	\$311.97
Funds received since 04/09	\$130.00
Funds available for 07/09	\$441.97
Funds expended for 07/09	\$87.48
Balance for 07/09	\$354.49

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TAPS

The Yancey Memories was notified of the following shipmate's death. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends 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.

Alex Martinez (1944-47) SN2
Died April 26, 2009



MAIL CALL

To Yancey Memories,

I was greatly saddened to read of the death of Rodney Gott, RMN1, who was a great friend and shipmate when I served on the Yancey during the Korean War. We both joined the Yancey crew on the same day in 1950.

Rodney always did his job without complaining, and never had an unkind word about anyone. His method of sending Morse Code was slightly different from all others. I remember one time when I was temporarily on another ship to evaluate their radio gang. I had the radiomen on that ship send messages to the Yancey while I listened. I always knew when Rodney was the radioman receiving those messages because of his unique way of making his dots and dashes.

Yesterday I was interviewed by the director of a library who is making tapes about the experiences of those of us who served in World War II. Although I did not know

Rodney during World War II, his name immediately came to my mind when I was asked about some of my favorite mates. It is good to have publications such as YANCEY MEMORIES to refresh precious memories.

Cordially,
George Dawson

FUNNY EXPERIENCES ON THE YANCEY

Good Memories of the Yancey are many. One I remember is when we had some type of drill where everyone had to be a specific place on the ship. I was originally supposed to be amidships on the starboard side by one of the hatches. The Ensign or LTJG who was in charge sent me to the Portside. The man in charge sent me back to the Starboard side. He again sent me back to the Portside whereupon I was sent back again. The Officer in charge was again about to send me back when I told him, "I tell you what, Sir. I am going to sit down on this hatch cover until you two guys hash it out. In the meantime I will sit here." He looked at me with a shocked look on his face and just walked off and didn't say anything more.

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Editor's Note: If you have a funny story to share, please send it to the address below.

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