

Newsletter of the USS BAINBRIDGE Association

Winter 2019

Message from your President



Charles Gilbert

Hello shipmates and happy New Year. Kim and I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season. It's only been a few months since our 2018 reunion in Phoenix, AZ. I have finally gotten over my nervousness about accepting the nomination of president. I hope that with help from my fellow officers that I can fulfill the duties of this office. Submitting this letter for publication in our newsletter has been my first official act as your new President.

I will continue submitting our reunion dates and info to the various military publications and websites. As in the past this should give us more visibility to potential reunion attendees. If any of you receive one or more of these publications keep a lookout for our articles in the future. Hopefully this also could result in a couple of new members or more first-time attendees. I have also received some requests as administrator of the Bainbridge Association

Non-members have requested info on the Bainbridge Association and how to be friends on the Facebook page. As of the time of this posting we have 46 non-members requesting access to the Facebook page. I have sent them all the info required to be an association member and the official website URL. I welcomed them as former shipmates and gave them a brief intro on what our association is all about. Getting new members to sign up has been challenging. We had a tremendous response from our media blitz last year and hopefully this will continue this year.

I received an E-mail today from John Witt (Secretary) pertaining to his efforts collecting info on our next reunion site. It seems that things are looking up in that he has identified 2 or 3 hotels fitting our needs and is working on pricing and venues in the area.

I have been in contact with the curator of the museum in Bainbridge Georgia that has several items of memorabilia previously donated by the association. She has made a list and has taken photos of the items that were donated over the years from the association and is going to send them to me after the holidays. Once I receive them, I will share them with the association. I am in the process of planning a mini vacation to visit the museum this summer and see the items in person.

As always Bob Beaty needs your sea stories and memories of your Navy career. Anything you can submit to him will be greatly appreciated. Our newsletter is your newsletter and its content are a direct reflection on our input. The ships store has been doing a lot of business. Keep submitting your requests for items new or existing. Don't forget to request size and color selections when ordering.

Respectfully;
Charles Gilbert

2018 Reunion Phoenix, Arizona

There was a great turnout for the 2018 reunion with 50 shipmates, spouses and guests attending from October 28 through October 31. Sunday the 28th was spent checking into the hospitality room and picking up the reunion packets. That evening everyone enjoyed a reception pizza party in the hospitality room and got reacquainted with friends and shipmates.

Monday morning after breakfast we boarded the bus and headed for the Commemorative Air Force Museum. With a guided tour everyone was able to see actual vintage aircraft and displays ranging from WWI through the Vietnam era. After the tour there was extra time to view more displays and visit the gift shop on your own. Next was lunch time with an arranged lunch at Golden Corral Buffet. They were all set up for our group but the main breaker to the building blew just before we arrived and the power would not be restored for at least 2 hours. They had to throw away all the food. Not to be dismayed we moved on in true Navy fashion and made the best of the situation. The bus driver knew of a fast food Mexican restaurant close by with a Subway next door. We went there and everyone had the lunch of their choice. Hurrah for our team!

After lunch we visited the Musical Instrument Museum with a guided tour where everyone could view and listen to various music and instruments from all over the world and throughout history.

Tiring from the first day's activities we returned to the hotel. The hospitality room was opened for the evening and everyone had the evening meal on their own. Tuesday morning we visited the OdySea Aquarium. It is the only aquarium of its kind in the southwestern part of the country. This is a self-guided tour so everyone could view the exhibits at their own pace. Some were surprised to see dolphins and exotic fish in the middle of the desert. After the aquarium visit there was extra time to explore the various gift shops and restaurants for lunch. Next on the agenda was Western Spirit-Scottsdale's Museum of the West. Through a guided tour you viewed various art and other exhibits from the western and southwestern United States. As with the Musical Instrument Museum we visited the day before this museum had much more to see than could be taken in in one short visit but seemed to be enjoyed by all. Once again we returned to the hotel and the hospitality room was opened for the evening.

On the morning of our final day we visited the Wrigley Mansion. It was originally constructed in 1932 by the chewing gum personality William Wrigley Jr. After changing hands several times it was finally purchased by Geordie Hormel and restored to its present condition. The mansion has lots of history, exhibits and ghost stories and was a guided tour. After the tour we had lunch in one of the mansion's dining rooms with a special commemorative menu with our ship's name and picture at the top.

Upon returning to the hotel the memorial ceremony for our shipmates who have passed was held in the hospitality room followed by the Association business meeting. After adjourning the business meeting everyone went to their rooms to get ready for the evening activities and banquet.

Our final day and banquet falling on Halloween it was decided that we would depart a little from our usual formal/ semi-formal attire for the banquet and have some Halloween fun with costumes optional. Many of our shipmates got into the spirit and showed up in some very creative attire. Fun was had by all. The missing sailor's ceremony was held followed by the president's gavel presentation to our newly elected president Chuck Gilbert. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and then adjourned to the hospitality room for our traditional raffle. After the raffle it was time for goodnight and goodbyes in the morning.

To all of you who couldn't make it in 2018 you were missed. We hope to see all of you in Baton Rouge in 2020.

Fair Winds and Calm Seas to all, Joe Bisig





PREVIEW
OF
MAY 10, THRU 14, 2020
PRELIMINARY ITINERARY
FOR THE
USS BAINBRIDGE REUNION
IN
New Orleans, LA

SUNDAY MAY 10 - - Arrival at Metairie Comfort Inn for Meet & Greet held that evening.

MONDAY MAY 11 - - All day visit to the National WWII Museum

TUESDAY MAY 12 - - First Event --Take Creole Queen Historic Day Cruise

- - Second Event -- Take Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour

WEDNESDAY MAY 13 - - First Event -- Take a 45 Minute Guided St. Louis #1 Cemetery Walking Tour

- - Second Event -- Take a 2-Hr City Tour that includes the Garden District

THURSDAY May 14 - - Visit during breakfast & depart



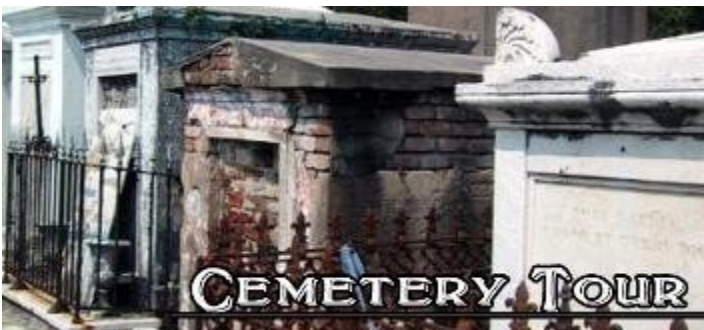
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USS Bainbridge Newsletter Publisher & Editor Notes:

1. John Whitt informed me that there is a selection on the USS Bainbridge Association Web page (On the page click on the Officer pull-down button then click the secretary's Cabin Button) that he will be using to inform members about updates and changes to activities for the May 2020 reunion. The USS Bainbridge Association Newsletters between now and the 2020 Reunion will also publish updates, changes and additional information as required.

2. To help us know who actually does receive the Newsletters sent as an attachment to a E-Mail, it would really be helpful if all active members who receive the Newsletter and are able to open it would send me a reply indicating that you received it and are able to open it. If there are any updates that you have made to your address and phone numbers that you do not think we have, add that info to your reply too. Since I have been doing the Newsletters, I have received Error Messages if the E-Mail address is incorrect and if the mailing address or phone number is also wrong, there is no way to contact you. Some members have tried to join and not added the info. that is needed so we can contact them to correct a problem.

Thanks,

Bob Beaty, Retired US Navy Master Chief
Newsletter Publisher & Editor
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FRENCH QUARTER MAP



Reunion Activity Form

First we will need some administrative information from you for our records. Please PRINT in all applicable blanks legibly.

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Spouse's First Name _____ Total number attending reunion _____
 Other Attendee Names _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____

Indicate if you are a first time attendee and need name tag(s). Circle – Yes

The following planned reunion activities and associated per person costs are listed below. Check-off each activity by circling Y for yes and N for no. If yes indicate the number of people attending that activity. Add up the total cost for each activity you sign up for and identify the grand total cost at the bottom. Write a check for this amount to the USS Bainbridge Association. Send this form (retain a copy for your records) and the check to the address identified in this notice. The registration fee is not optional and must be included in your payment.

ACTIVITY COST	COST PER PERSON	YES/NO	TOTAL
Registration Fee	\$30.00	_____	_____

MONDAY MAY ____, 2020

THIS REUNION FORM WILL BE COMPLETED IN A
FUTURE NEWSLETTER FOR USE CLOSER TO
THE MAY 2020 REUNION

_____	\$ _____	Y/N _____	_____
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TUESDAY MAY ____, 2020

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WEDNESDAY MAY ____, 2020

_____	\$ _____	Y/N _____	_____
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GRAND TOTAL _____

You Don't Want to Miss Another Issue

If you did **not** fill out this form in the *Summer 2016 Newsletter* or your email address changes at any time or the address label on your newsletter is **not** correct PLEASE submit those kind of changes by mail to: **Jim Beaty 609 Goldstone Lane Fort Worth, TX 76131** or by e-mail to: **Plank.owner1@gmail.com**

Members receiving the Newsletter by regular mail can check the address label that indicates the last year paid. Dues are payable January 1st. of each yr. (1995 indicates a complimentary copy) If your dues are not current, submit a check for \$15.00 per year to :

The Bainbridge Assoc. C/O Dick Holloway, Treas, 9307 Teakwood Lane, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266

Members receiving the newsletter attached to a group addressed email, need to contact Dick Holloway, Jim Beaty or me, Bob Beaty to see what you might owe.

(THE CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE LISTED BELOW & my ph # is 619 443 3227) thanks, bob beaty

Please keep your dues & contact information up to date. If you need to check on your dues status or change your contact information, contact Dick Holloway, Jim Beaty or me, Bob Beaty.

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**Cancelled due to two hurricanes*