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From the Helm

Jerry Downs, President



Greetings Shipmates, Ladies and Friends,

We hope that the holiday season was good for all of you.

It has been cold and snowy here in Iowa. Of course, it has been snowy almost everywhere this winter.

Robins in Iowa fly south for the winter. This year, we had robins in February drinking out of our heated bird bath. It was 17 degrees below zero with deep drifting snow the previous night. If the robins can take it, so can we.

For you shipmates that were on the 60/61 cruise, it's been 50 years since we went thru our "big" storm. Boy, are we getting old, (and of course, wiser, smarter, better looking, and richer). Just joking about the richer.

Glenn is working hard on our spring of 2012 reunion. It's always fun to look forward to good times with friends.

Thanks to all of you supporting the Association. A special *thank you* to all of the board members for their efforts. Let us keep up the good work.

We wish all of you a warm, sunny, and fun spring.

Jerry

1977 Ad submitted by John Robertson, LTJG '55-58

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Last_Name	First_Name	Rate	Onboard	Gone To Sea
Hollingdale	Philip L.	DKSN	54	31 Jan 2011
Manspeaker	Oliver W.	SN	58	18 Jan 2011
Reidy	James J.	SN	61	31 Jan 2011

Bill Middleton, GMC '57-59, lost his wife Lillie 82, March 19th, 2011. Bill and Lillie were at our Chattanooga Reunion in 2006.

James Reidy '60-62 Obituary

OLDEN – James "Jim" J. Reidy, 69, passed away while on a walk near his home on Saturday, January 29, 2011. He leaves his wife of 41 years, Teresa M. (Brennan) Reidy; their daughter, BethAnne DiFonso, her husband Anthony, and their son, Ben James, of Northborough; two sisters, Joan Bartosiewicz, Regina Bonin and her husband Paul, all of Holden; a brother, Kevin Reidy of Sun City Centre, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. Two sisters predeceased him: Eileen Monahan, wife of Richard Monahan of Holden, and Janet Stillings, wife of Carl Stillings, of Rutland. He was the son of John K. and Elizabeth Jane (Kilmartin) Reidy, Jim graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and took graduate courses at Clark University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving as helmsman aboard the icebreaker USS Edisto in both the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, which he enjoyed very much. In 1970 he founded and served as president, CPC Type & Graphics in Southborough which grew to be the 6th largest typographic firm in New England with six sales personnel and 13 delivery vehicles. In 1991 he founded and served as president, J.J. Reidy & Co., Inc., in Holden, an R&D company specializing in the extraction of drinking water from the atmosphere. Throughout his career, he obtained 12 domestic and international patents for his devices and unique components. Jim held fixed wing and rotary wing licenses, both obtained as a civilian, and he was also founder and president during the 1980's of Pioneer Valley Aircraft, a helicopter charter and rental service based in Barre. He also enjoyed gardening, landscaping, exotic fishing trips to Alaska, northern Canada, and Mexico, as well as a lifetime of golf. His most unusual golf shot was on a par 3 in 1994 when his #5 wood shot hit the pin after its 2nd bounce, bounced straight back about 8 feet and then spun back hitting the flagstick a 2nd time, finally resting 1 inch from the hole. He was a loving Papa who loved spending time with his family, especially his grandson "Ben James". Family and friends are invited to attend calling hours from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 3rd, in the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main Street (Rte. 122A), Holden. The funeral will be held on Friday, February 4th, from the funeral home with a 12 noon Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church, 114 Princeton Street, Jefferson. Spring burial will be in Grove Cemetery, Holden. Memorial donations may be made to his favorite charity, the Salvation Army, 77 Cambridge Street, Worcester, MA 01603; or to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701. For directions or to express a condolence or share a memory, www.milesfuneralhome.com.

Editor's note: Jim and Teresa were present at some of our reunion activities in Warwick, RI.

52 years ago ...

This is a letter that LTJG Thomas Harper, '57-60 wrote to his mother while still in the Antarctic ice. He read the letter at the 2010 Reunion's closing banquet in Warwick, RI. And now, after 52 years with Easter approaching, with Tom's permission, I wish to share his letter with all of you that couldn't make the reunion.

EASTER 1959

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM
SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

JOHN 3:16

AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, THE TRAVELER'S THOUGHTS TURN HOMEWARD TO FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES LEFT BEHIND. HE RECALLS THE FIRST WARM DAYS OF SPRING, THE FIRST SIGNS THAT THE LONG WINTER HAS PAST. HE REMEMBERS THE HOLIDAY GATHERING OF THE FAMILY, THE JOYOUS GREETINGS AND THE HAPPINESS OF WORSHIPING TOGETHER ON THE OCCASION OF THE REBIRTH OF THE SAVIOUR. HE LONGS TO TAKE PART ONCE MORE IN THESE HAPPENINGS.

SUCH ARE THE THOUGHTS OF THE MEN OF THE EDISTO TODAY. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN AWAY FOREVER; WE HAVE MISSED THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, AND NOW EASTER IS UPON US AND WE ARE STILL THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME. OUR SACRIFICE SEEMS OUT OF PROPORTION TO OUR TASK, AND WE LOOK FOR COMPENSATION FOR OUR EFFORTS.

WE HAVE THAT COMPENSATION. IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE MEN OF THE EDISTO, TWELVE UNITED STATES NAVAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE SPENDING THIS EASTER AT ELLSWORTH STATION INSTEAD OF BEING HOME WITH BELOVED ONES; THEY HAD BEEN AWAY FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS. IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE MEN OF THE EDISTO, THE POLARHAV MIGHT STILL BE IN THE ICE NEAR BREID BAY, AND THE GLACIER MIGHT NOT HAVE COMPLETED HER MISSION. IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE MEN OF THE EDISTO, THE JOHN BISCOE OPERATION MIGHT NOT BE REACHING A SPEEDY AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. AND IF IT WAS NOT FOR THE MEN OF THE EDISTO, VALUABLE OCEANOGRAPHIC AND GEOPHYSICAL DATA MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN PROCURED, INFORMATION SORELY NEEDED IF THE UNITED STATES IS TO MAINTAIN HER SUPREMACY AMONG THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WORLD.

OUR SACRIFICES HAVE NOT BEEN IN VAIN. MEN HAVE GIVEN THEIR BLOOD AND THEIR LIVES TO BUILD THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO WORLD LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE GIVEN OUR TIME TO DO OUR SMALL PART TO MAINTAIN THAT HIGH STANDARD.

THE EASTER SEASON IS ONE OF REJOICING. A TIME FOR RENEWING OUR FAITH AND GAINING A NEW PROSPECTIVE AND DEDICATING OURSELVES TO THE CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES OF BROTHERHOOD. SERVICE TO OTHERS IS AMONG THE HIGHEST OF THESE PRINCIPLES. EDISTO'S OPERATIONS HAVE CERTAINLY HAD THIS PURPOSE, AND IN THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT WE MUST TAKE PRIDE. SO LET US REJOICE IN HIS NAME TODAY, FOR VERY SOON WE SHALL BE HOMEWARD BOUND. THERE OUR LOVED ONES AWAIT US, AND WE SHALL PROUDLY TELL THEM: OPERATION COMPLETED; JOB WELL DONE.

What is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" -- whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve -- is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America,' for an amount up to and including his or her life.



Reunion Feedback

Hello Shipmates,

Since 2004, we have had five (5) reunions: Charleston, Chattanooga, Newport News, Baton Rouge and Warwick. In the beginning we had hoped to hold the very first reunion in Boston but the room rates for the area were very expensive so it was decided to hold it in Charleston, home of the Edisto Island for which the ship was named.

A factor in determining a reunion location was the demographics. At the time, about 400 shipmates had been located with a dozen or so living west of the Mississippi. Some of these shipmates attended the first reunion in Charleston but the majority present lived in eastern states. The location of future reunions was discussed at the first business meeting and the members present voted to hold reunions east of the Continental Divide. Subsequently, reunions have been held in the East. Below is an excerpt from the 2004 Minutes.

10:45 A.M.

President Smith then opened a discussion on where and when the next reunion should take place. After an open discussion that included various sites across the nation, it was agreed that the next reunion should take place somewhere east of the continental divide as the majority of our members and potential members reside in the East. This was not a motion item, just a hand count agreement.

A survey was handed out at the reunion in Warwick and published in the Winter 2010 issue of the Kee Bird asking shipmates to select their choice(s) of three cities for Reunion 2012 by placing a 1, 2, or 3 in order of preference for each city and to indicate if they would attend any of the locations. The second part of the survey was to indicate if they definitely planned to attend if the reunion was held in the city or cities of their preference to aid in determining how many rooms to block and make it easier to negotiate a contract with the hotel for the meals and space that will be required. They were given the opportunity to suggest a 4th city as well provided that it was east of the Mississippi.

One of our members and Plank Owner Richard McKinney wanted to know why we didn't look for locations in the West. It was explained the number of members and demographics have driven the eastern locations. However, now that we have had a large change in demographics with considerable more members living in the West, another survey may be in order. Distributing it to all shipmates – members or not - who are still living and for whom we have mailing addresses. If there is sufficient numbers who indicate they will attend a west coast location then we hope to find a shipmate to volunteer to arrange/coordinate a reunion.

*For our next reunion, the number one choice was Central Florida with 64% of the votes followed by Nashville coming in a respectable second with 27% of the votes. The Chicago area received much fewer votes and has been dropped from consideration. Because Florida was selected, we thought it only appropriate to find a suitable hotel right on the beach – and we did. It is the Crowne Plaza Melbourne located in Indialantic Beach, just due east of Melbourne. You may view the hotel's website at: www.cpmelbourne.com. We have a contract for **April 22-26, 2012** for a room rate of \$99 plus tax for single or double occupancy. Rates are good for plus and minus 3 days and possibly longer with coordination through me by each individual. The hotel should begin to accept reservations about 50 weeks or so before our event and I will publish the date in the First Call to Reunion and will have more information on the schedule.*

Glenn Smith, Reunion Planner

MAIL CALL



Colleen (center), daughter of James & Maureen Ward is sworn in January 14, 2011 by Lt. McPeaks in a re-enlistment ceremony witnessed by Senior Chief and the proud parents. You may remember Colleen who joined us at the 2008 Reunion Banquet in Newport News, VA. Not long before, she had been promoted to First Class Petty Officer. When this enlistment is complete, Colleen will have served 16 years. Congratulations to Jim & Maureen and Colleen. Admit it. The Navy didn't look that good when we were in. ☺

Submitted by Val Patarini

Allen: U.S. lacks ability to stem an Alaska spill

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Coast Guard does not have enough working icebreakers to respond to a major oil spill in Alaskan waters, the top official who oversaw the containment of the BP spill warned Congress on Friday.

“The current condition of the Coast Guard icebreaker fleet should be of great concern to the senior leaders of this nation,” Adm. Thad Allen testified at a House transportation subcommittee hearing.

Allen said two of three ice breakers do not work, and decisions on future funding for the fleet continued to be delayed.

— *Tribune Newspapers, news services*

Jon Newton has earned kudos for his design of the Ice Water Navy pin. Jon determined there was a Blue Water, Brown Water and other Navy pins but nothing for us icebreaker sailors so he set about to create our own pin. Our sister ships have taken a liking to the pin and have purchased pins from our ships store.

Currently more than 100 ice water sailors are wearing the pin and you too can purchase one through our ships store. . I think we all agree that he designed a pin that we can all wear with pride



MAIL CALL

Edisto Association Historian in San Diego for 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation Celebration

Sometimes you just find yourself in the right place at the right time. That was definitely the case with our Historian, Jon Newton, earlier this year when he was lucky enough to be in San Diego for the Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA) celebrated at the Naval Air Station, North Island, Coronado, CA, on February 12.

Newton had been in nearby Carlsbad, CA for a business meeting and was invited to stay over for the event. His client keeps a 42-foot Sea Ray at the San Diego Marriott Marina, which proved to be an excellent vantage point to watch the highlight of the festivities: a Parade of Flight featuring 100 years of aviation and 200 aircraft. The parade “route” was over the Coronado Bay Bridge and low across the harbor right past the marina, which is opposite North Island. Newton reported it was a spectacular fly over kicked off by the famed Blue Angles in their legendary F/A-18s.

The Parade of Flight included one of the original bi-wings that helped launch Naval aviation in San Diego a century ago, fighter squadrons from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9, all manner of Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard helicopters, and specialty aircraft such as the Osprey. It literally ran the gamut of aircraft from the earliest days of flight to the most modern, tactical, carrier-based combat planes.

Later in the day, Jon and his wife, KT, hopped a water taxi across the bay and hiked into the North Island Naval Base where ship tours were offered aboard the Nimitz-class USS John C. Stennis (CVN74), the Tarawa-class amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA5), and the Arleigh Burke-class USS Pinckney (DDG91). The famed WWII veteran carrier USS Midway, now a permanent museum on the San Diego waterfront, also was part of the celebration.

Newton concluded that San Diego would make a stunning location for a USS Edisto Association reunion. You can get more information on the Centennial of Naval Aviation by going to: www.public.navy.mil/airfor/centennial



MAIL CALL

62-64 PHOTOS FROM LEN TOIGO VIA BOB WEBER

Bob Weber and Lenard (Len) Toigo

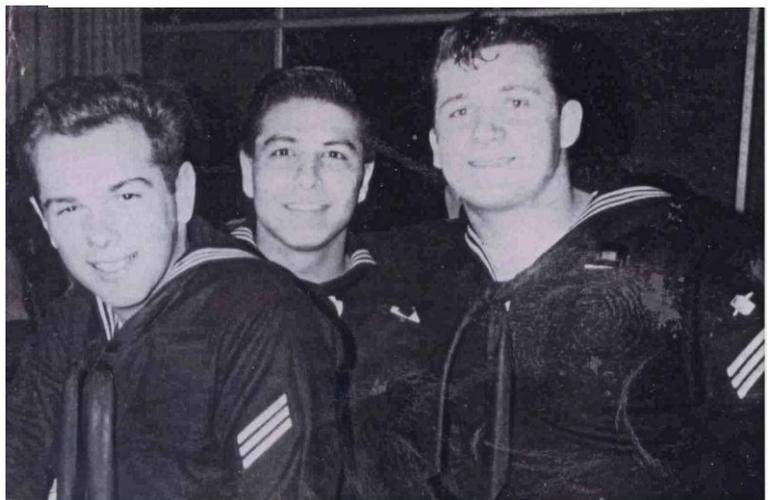


Warren Heidel training a penguin to swim



← Weber and Jonathan Mason

Bob Weber Salvatore Palmieri John Duignan



MAIL CALL

19 March 2011

Glen,

In my last email to you, I wrote about the Cold War Medal, per this Navy Times article, it is still in process.

In my last email, I also asked if the great storm story that was so well written in the Cruise Edisto book, would be published in the USS Edisto Newsletter.

Keep up the good, hard work for the Association.

Myron (Butch) Fairbanks

Sorry Butch, but I don't have a good copy of the 61 southern cruise suitable for printing. However, John Herrmann has the complete book posted on the Edisto website:



BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE COLD WAR MEDAL

Congress did not specifically authorize a medal for Federal service during the cold war, but limited its official recognition to the Cold War Recognition Certificate. This medal is intended for use by State Guard organizations, military and patriotic societies, and by private citizens who served during the Cold War. It has been adopted as an official medal of the Military Order of Foreign Wars. It offers a unique form of recognition specifically for citizen-soldiers and Federal civilian employees who served during the cold war. Interest in this medal has been strong, and many former service members have obtained it to place in a shadow box with their Federal and State military awards. The medal recognizes honorable service between the inclusive dates of September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991.

Designer

The Cold War Medal was designed by Nadine Russell, the Chief of Creative Heraldry at the Army's Institute of Heraldry and the designer of many campaign and service medals, including the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, and the Outstanding Military Volunteer Service Medal. The medal may be obtained by contacting www.foxmedals.com or by writing.

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Madison, Virginia 22727

Membership

Last_Name	First_Name	Rate	Onboard	Active
Abdoney	Michael O.	LT	57-58	Active
Adam	Jerome	YN2	54-56	Active
Allard	Robert S	BM2	47-48	Active
Ames	John E.	SK	53-55	Active
Andersen	Harry	FN	51-52	Active
Anderson	Theodore W.	EM3	61-63	Active
Andrews	Bruce J.	EN2	48-52	Active
Annabel	Charles A.	GMG1	61-64	Active
Ash	Glyndon D.	HN	62-63	Active
Asuncion	Jaime D.	TN	63-64	Active
Aszmann	Kenneth D.	RMSA	57	Active
Atherton	Kenneth H.	SA	49	Active
Austin	Wayne R.	SA	56-58	Active
Bahoritsch	Louis	SN	61-62	Active
Bailey	John N.	ENS	61	Idle
Banyan	Peter M.	AN	58-59	Active
Bardell	Ralph W.	SA	50-53	Active
Barnish	Joseph S.	SA	51-53	Active
Basinger	Jerel W.	SN	56-57	Active
Bauman	Roger A.	SA	62-64	Active
Beach	Robert L.	MR2	57-60	Active
Bechard	Ronald A.	DT3	48-50	Active
Beckham	William T.	LTJG	58-59	Active
Behl	Lyle N.	SA	63-65	Active
Belcher	James L.	EN2	63-64	Active
Benson	Arthur D.	SA	60	Active
Benson	John W.	BMSN	64-65	Active
Blouin, Jr.	Mayson L.	SA	59-60	Active
Bork	Stanley T.	DCFN	52-53	Active
Bowden	Blaine	AN	47-49	Active
Boyd	Jimmie D.	FN	52-54	Active
Brackett	Richard S.	BM2	62-64	Active
Breslin	Peter M.	ICC(SW)	59-61	Active
Brissette	Frederick J.	GM3	61	Active
Brown	Winston Q.	SN	63-64	Idle
Bryce	Joseph L.	PH3	54-55	Active
Buffum	Eldridge W.	FA	47-48	Active
Capy	Philip L.	F2	47-48	Active
Castleberry	David G.	Member Son	60-61	Idle
Charney	Stuart	ADR3	57-58	Active
Chase	Curtiss K.	SN	55-56	Active
Churma	Stephen G.	SN	50	Active
Clar	Steven S.	EM3	50-54	Active
Clark	Charlotte (Charli)	Widow	47	Idle
Clifton	Frederick G		63-64	Active
Colegrove	DeForest W.	STCM	53-55	Active
Collins	David S.	LTJG	64-65	Active
Collins	Richard W.	FA	51-54	Active
Collins	Robert L.	RM3	61-62	Active
Collum	Henry T.	RMSN	61-62	Active
Colsch	Dennis	EN3	61	Active
Conaway	Preston R.	EM3	58-61	Active
Cooper	Stuart R.	SA	58	Active
Cowles	Hilbert R.	FA	49-50	Active

Last_Name	First_Name	Rate	Onboard	Active
Criswell	Vivian C.	EN1	63-64	Active
Csepi	William	FA	56-59	Active
Cupp	Wayne	FA	63-64	Active
Curry	Dan	EN2	51-55	Active
Davidson	Edward A.	CDR	61-63	Deceased
Davis	George B.	SA	64	Idle
Davis	William L	SA	49-52	Active
Debernardo	Paul T.	SA	56-57	Active
Deegan	Martin J.	SN	61	Active
Degenhardt	Francis L.	RDSN	50-52	Active
Dellarocca	John J.	FA	51-52	Active
DePaoli	James J.	EN2	51-54	Active
Dickinson	William C.	LTJG	64-65	Active
Dohner	Karl E.	SK3	48-52	Active
Donato	Conrad J.	SA	52-54	Active
Donnelly	Frank P.	ENS	62-64	Active
Dosch	Albert	FA	53-54	Active
Dove	George E.	MR2	55-56	Active
Downing	Carl S.	LTJG	59	Active
Downs	Gerald L.	CS3	60-62	Active
Drago	Alfred J.	RMSA	55-56	Active
Dreyer	Eugene D.	EMFA	57-59	Deceased
Dubeau	Earl P.	QMC	47	Active
Duffy	John J.	EMFA	52-55	Active
Duffy	Thomas E.	PC3	62-63	Deceased
Duignan	John J.	PN3	61-63	Active
Dumbauld	William B.	EN3	55	Active
Dumey	Michael W.	FN	63	Active
Durant	Robert J.	ENS	61	Active
Dutcher	Allan S.	FN	57-58	Active
Dyer	Edwin C.	SA	51-55	Active
Dykas	Richard F.	SN	58-60	Active
Edwards	Jack W	AGAN	60-62	Active
Eitnier	William	SA	48-52	Active
Elvove	Louis J.	RMSN	60-62	Active
Emrich	Robert A.	EM2	58-59	Active
Eugenio	Rodolfo A.	SK3	63-65	Active
Evans	Sidney	S1	47-48	Active
Fairbanks	Myron R.	SK3	59-62	Active
Fannin	Eugene B.	EM3	48-52	Active
Farmer	Lyndon L.	SN	57-60	Active
Feckley	Dale C.	FA	63-65	Active
Fercho	Duane J.	FA	64-65	Active
Ferraro	Donald W.	DKSN	61	Active
Fettinger	Eugene	SK	60-62	Active
Fetty, Jr.	James R.	FA	55	Active
Flannagan	Trigg M.	GM3	57	Active
Forant	Edward	E4	64-65	Active
Ford	John G.	RD3	53-54	Active
Fornarotto	Nick M.		63	Active
Foster	John P.	EN1	47-51	Active
Frank	Kathleen	Widow	56	Active
Frary	Kenneth W.	EN2	63-65	Active
Frazier	Robert	AG	64-65	Active

Membership

Last Name	First Name	Rate	Onboard	Active
Fredericko	Martin M.	FA	48-50	Active
Frumolt	Victor	SN	63-65	Active
Gallant	William F.	SN	60-62	Active
Galloway	Jonas E.	EN3	58-60	Active
Gardner	James A.	EM3	58-60	Active
Gaul	Charles E.	SN	52-55	Active
Geddes	Robert A.	RD3	61	Active
Gehl	William G.	GM2	53-54	Active
Giebner	Donald E.	SN	62-64	Active
Gilbertson	David G	SA	64-65	Active
Goheen	Ronald E.	YN2	63-65	Active
Going Jr.	Duel	SN	62-63	Active
Gorsuch	John	SN	49-51	Active
Granakis	George F.	SN	61	Active
Grassby	George K.	SN	61	Active
Green	Duane L.	Marine Cpl	47-48	Active
Griesmer	John V.	LT	62-63	Active
Griffin	John J.	FA	61	Active
Griswold	Richard E.	AN	53	Active
Grubbs	Paul E.	SN	55-57	Active
Gustafson	Nels R.	FTSN	54-55	Active
Hagen	John W.	ENS	63-65	Active
Hansen	Verner T.	AG3	49	Active
Harding	Homer J.	CS2	54-56	Active
Hardy	Edward C.	EN1	60-65	Active
Harper	Thomas J.	LTJG	57-60	Active
Harrington	Edward P.	SN	60-62	Active
Hartley	Lehman W.	FA	60-62	Active
Haumann	Richard F.	SN	61	Active
Hausheer	Lucile	Widow	52	Active
Heffelfinger	Robert L.	EMP3	55-56	Active
Hefli	Willis L.	FA	57	Active
Heidel	Warren A.	E3	62-64	Active
Heintz	John H.		58-60	Active
Heintz	Robert E.	FA	48-49	Idle
Henderson	Billy R.	EMFN	58-60	Active
Henderson	Kenneth R.	QM3	47-52	Active
Heraty	Patrick T	F1	48-49	Active
Hernandez	Fernando	SA	54-56	Active
Herrmann	John J.	FA	61	Active
Heston	John W.	FA	58	Active
Heymer	Robert E.	SA	50-52	Active
Higgins	Daniel G.	ENS	61	Active
Higgins	Reggie P.	SA	61	Active
Hockenbrock	John	PN	65	Active
Holland	Clay A.	S2	47-48	Active
Homicz	Henry A.	SA	61	Active
Hooper	Joseph H.	LTJG	57	Active
Howe	Richard J.	SA	64	Deceased
Howes	Wilbur L.	FN2	49-52	Active
Hoyt	Charles W.	FA	63-65	Active
Hrivnak	John A.	SA	51-55	Active
Hughes	Erwin N.	SA	51-53	Active
Hunt	William S.	LTJG	55-56	Active

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Hunter	Hugh A.	SN	59-63	Active
Hurwitz	Donald B.	E5	63-65	Active
Isachsen	Eric	BM3	64-65	Active
Jackson	Gary M.	EM3	55-57	Active
Jacobs	Roland E.	ETSN	51-52	Deceased
Jensen	James M.	SA	60-62	Active
Johnson	Cydney A.	ET2	55-57	Active
Johnson	Edward P.	ENS	63-65	Active
Johnson	Leo	SN	61	Active
Johnson	Paul L.	EMFN	63-65	Active
Jones	Thomas B.	SN	60-64	Active
Kaliher	Ron	FN	61	Active
Kealey	Charles	YN3	65	Active
Kelsey	Arthur T.	SA	62-64	Active
Kenning	Darryl K.	ET3	61	Active
Kerachsky	Gerald D.	ENS	65	Active
Kerrigan	Hugh R.	SK	48-52	Deceased
Kettlehut	Karl T.	LTJG	53	Active
Kinney	Patrick B.	SA	60	Active
Kline	Donald	PN2	55-57	Deceased
Knisely	Ralph D.	SN	63-65	Active
Knott	William R.	EN3	60	Active
Koenig	J. Weldon	RADM	58-60	Active
Kohles	Harry F.	EN2	55-56	Active
Koski	Ray	YN3	61	Active
Kotowski	Victor W.	SN	51	Active
Kriegermeier	Charles W.	CS3	63	Active
Labara	Joseph A.	SN	64-65	Active
Labranche	Ernest J.	SA	56-58	Active
Lakatos	Steven W.	SN	55-56	Deceased
Landfried	Donald P.	ENS	54-57	Active
Langlois	Gordon H.	SN	56-57	Active
Lannon	William L.	SN	63	Active
Laviana	Gary W.	EMFN	62-65	Active
Lea	Grady F.	HMCA	61	Active
Leach	Donald B.	LT	56-59	Deceased
Lester	Jesse R.	ENFN	58-60	Active
Lewis	John W.	SN	61	Active
Littlewood	William H.	Chief Oceanographer	55-56	Idle
Lorenzi	Loris C.	SN	51	Deceased
Loy	Joe Clinton	SA	47-49	Active
Luttrull	Ivy Dewayne	FN	61-62	Deceased
Lynch	James T.	SKSN	51	Deceased
MacGlaflin	James E.	GM2	46-50	Active
Madej	Robert F.	EM3	61-64	Active
Maisano	Frank	AT2	55-56	Active
Makoski	Leo A.	RD2	64-65	Active
Mallet	Ronald J.	BM3	58-64	Active
Mallory	Herbert A.	AD3	51	Active
Manspeaker	Oliver W.	SN	58	Deceased
Martin	Joseph J.	FN	60-62	Active
Marx	Thomas W.	EN3	56-61	Active
Mason	Jonathan S.	SN	62-64	Active
Mathieson	Clayton E.	BT2	56-59	Active

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Mayo	Leonard	BMSN	61-63	Active
McClellan	Johnny E.	SN	58-60	Active
McCulloch	Frank A.	AN	55-56	Active
McDuffee	Cletis E.	FN	60-61	Active
McKinnon	Richard L.	S1	47	Active
McMickle	Neil	EN2	61-62	Active
McPherson	Jim D.	FN	59-61	Active
Meador	Elmer P.	S4	47-48	Active
Meeks	James W.	FA	63-65	Active
Meyer	Rudolf K.	RM3	64-65	Active
Middleton	William E.	GMC	57-59	Active
Mikan	Robert E.	SN	56-57	Active
Mitchell	Louis C.	SA	51-55	Deceased
Mollica	Eugene T.	LTJG	58-59	Active
Monahan	James E.	RM2	62-65	Active
Morris	Alexander R.	LTJG	59-61	Active
Mullen	John L.	RDSN	57-59	Active
Neal	Charles W.	SN	57	Active
Neff	Ray	QM3	58-59	Deceased
Neilsen	Kenneth	SN	63-65	Active
Nelson	James E.	AG1	60-61	Active
Nelson	Richard M.	LTJG	58-60	Active
Neville	David L.	RMSN	61	Active
Newsome	Theren T.	HM3	49	Deceased
Newton	Jon V.	YN3	58-59	Active
Nicholson	William J.	EM3	54-55	Active
Nickerson	Norval E.	CDR	63-65	Deceased
Nuesch	August		48-52	Active
Obst	Alfred A.	SA	62-63	Active
Ogier	Richard L.	EN2	57-60	Active
Oldeman	John K.	RMSA	57-58	Active
Olyphant	James C.	ENS	58-59	Active
Orend	John E.	MR3	55-57	Active
Orr	Donald G.	YNSN	49	Active
Pancake	Tim W.	SN	60-62	Active
Parker	Donald W.	AG1	55-61	Active
Patarini	Valentino M.	BMG3	54-56	Active
Paulk	Virgil H.	S4	47-48	Active
Paxson	Richard J.	YNT3	55-56	Active
Pease	Paul W.	ETS3	57-60	Active
Petrie	Adelore F.	ET2	47-48	Active
Petruno	William E.	ETRSN	57	Deceased
Pieroni	Angelo	RM1	55-56	Active
Pollard	Ron	RD3	59-61	Active
Post	Richard W.	RMSA	51-53	Active
Poston	William	RM2	61-64	Active
Przybyszewski	Vincent.A.	ENS	60-61	Active
Purtee	Warren N.	FN	56-60	Active
Purvis	Howell H.	LTJG	58-59	Active
Radasch	Robert	LT	51-53	Active
Reidy	James J.	SN	61	Deceased
Repack	Richard F.	SN	62-65	Active
Repic	John G.	MRFN	60-62	Active
Richmond	Richard T.	AGAN	49-50	Active

Last_Name	First_Name	Rate	Onboard	Active
Ripley	Marcus J.	FN	63	Active
Robertson	Douglas D.	AERM3	47	Deceased
Robertson	John L.	LTJG	55-58	Active
Robinson	George L., Jr.	SFM2	62-63	Active
Rodriquez	Dana O.	EM2	56-60	Active
Roe	Uly R.	SA	55-56	Active
Rose	Joseph M.	S2RM	47-48	Deceased
Ross	Robert E.	AG3	54-55	Active
Ryder	Hemon E.	FN	58-60	Active
Rymanowski	Joeseph	SN2	47-48	Idle
Saari	Robert R.	ENS	49-50	Active
Saelens	Joseph C.	SA	54-56	Active
Sajdera	Robert M.	ET2	52	Active
Saldana	Gilbert	SN	58-59	Active
Samuel	Warren	PH1	65	Active
Sandman	Jerry C.	YN3	63	Active
Schardein	Edgar A.	EN1	57-60	Deceased
Schmidt	Calvin P.	FA	48-49	Active
Schroder	Austin R.	LCDR	62-65	Active
Schuele, MD	Howard	LT	65	Active
Schurman	Jack E.	YN	64	Active
Schwade	Stanley N.	SN	51-52	Active
Selleck	James	SN	55	Active
Seyler	Milton A.	EN3	61-63	Active
Seymour	Sapaletto J.	SN	61-63	Active
Shapira	Edward A.	SA	61	Active
Shaub	Gary Lee	EN3	64-65	Active
Shultz	James W.	SN	55-57	Active
Siebert	Thomas J.	FN	48-49	Active
Simmons	Lawrence M.	QMSA	63-65	Active
Sled	Jerry B.	ET2	61-63	Active
Smith	Glenn D.	ET2	60-62	Active
Smith	Lyman H.	ENS	62-64	Active
Sosnowski	Donald A.	YN3	61-63	Active
Soucey	Roger A.	EN1	48-54	Active
Soulia	George	AG2	58-59	Active
Spangler	Robert J.	Y3	47-48	Active
Spruill	Carol	Widow	56-59	Active
St John	David	SA	61	Active
Stamphill	Glenn	EN2	57	Active
Stancill	O. J.	FN	57-59	Active
Stinebiser	James G.	RMC	60-64	Active
Stone	Seth R.	FN	61	Active
Stoop	Richard	EMFA	52-54	Deceased
Strayton	George	BT3	62-64	Active
Stutts	Charles	EMFN	61	Active
Sweeney	John M.	EN3	60-62	Active
Szymanski	Eugene	FP3	52-55	Active
Taddeo	Anthony	GM3	52-55	Active
Talbot	Kenneth S.	LTJG	55	Active
Taylor	Althea C.	SD3	61-64	Active
Thiem	David E.	FA	61	Active
Thrasher	William L.	EM2	58-61	Active
Todman	Isaac	FN	59	Deceased

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Toigo	Leonard L.	QM3	63	Active
Toner	Omar J.	RM2	56-60	Active
Travis	William E.	FN	47-49	Active
Trifilo	Cleveland J.	EM2	52-54	Active
Trites	Robert A.	AG2	55	Active
Urban	Edward F.	EN2	53-57	Active
Uythoven	Frederick J.	ICFN	61	Active
Vicari	Paul C.	EN3	56-58	Deceased
Voelkel	Arthur E.	FA	52-53	Deceased
Vogel	Robert J.	SN	59-61	Active
Wales	Frederick P.	ENS	64-65	Active
Wall	Howard D.	SA	64-65	Active
Walsh	William J.	SN	55-57	Deceased
Walther	Paul R.	RD2	58-59	Active
Ward	Gilbert O.	BM3	59-60	Active
Ward	James A.	SN	64-65	Active
Ward	Thomas F.	FA	48-49	Deceased
Weber	Robert A.	RD3	62-64	Active
Werner	Alexander	AV1	47-48	Active
West	Earl F.	FA	47-49	Active
West	Perry F.	RM1	58-62	Active
Whelan	Frederick C.	AN	64-65	Active
Willis	Alvin	SN	53	Idle
Wilson	Robert M.	EMC	64-65	Active
Winchester	Ralph L.	SA	55-56	Deceased
Wolven	Kenneth A.	SA	59-60	Active
Wood	Charles L.	ENS	56-59	Active
Woodard	Donald E.	EM3	57-60	Active
Woodworth	James A.	F2	47-48	Active
Yednak	Paul	ETSN	52-53	Active
Young	John G.	AG2	63	Active
Zollers	Alfred F.	RMSN	57	Active



Who says old sailors are not high tech?

This photo was taken by Virgil Paulk with his iPhone when touring below decks of Old Ironsides to see where his great grandfather slept when onboard in 1845-1846.



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Straight Skinny

MILITARY TRIVIA:

- The first German serviceman killed in WW II was killed by the Japanese (China , 1937), the first American serviceman was killed by the Russians (Finland 1940); highest ranking American killed was Lt Gen Lesley McNair, killed by the US Army Air Corps. So much for allies.
- The youngest US serviceman was 12 year old Calvin Graham, USN He was wounded and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by act of Congress.
- At the time of Pearl Harbor , the top US Navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced 'sink us'), the shoulder patch of the US Army's 45th Infantry division was the Swastika, and Hitler's private train was named 'Amerika.' All three were soon changed for PR purposes.
- More US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While completing the required 30 missions, your chance of being killed was 71%.
- Generally speaking, there as no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese Ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.
- It was a common practice on fighter planes to load every 5th round with a tracer round to aid in aiming. This was a mistake. Tracers had different ballistics so (at long range) if your tracers were hitting the target 80% of your rounds were missing. Worse yet tracers instantly told your enemy he was under fire and from which direction. Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of the belt to tell you that you were out of ammo. This was definitely not something you wanted to tell the enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their success rate nearly double and their loss rate go down.
- When allied armies reached the Rhine , the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill (who made a big show of it) and Gen. Patton (who had himself photographed in the act).
- German Me-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City , but they decided it wasn't worth the effort.
- German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.
- Among the first 'Germans' captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for the German Army until they were captured by the US Army.
- Following a massive naval bombardment, 35,000 United States and Canadian troops stormed ashore at Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands . 21 troops were killed in the assault on the island. It could have been worse if there had been any Japanese on the island.

[Source: Col D. G. Swinford, USMC, Ret Mar 2010 ++]

MILITARY HISTORY ANNIVERSARIES:

- Mar 16, 1802 - The Army Corps of Engineers is established to found and operate West Point Academy.
- Mar 16, 1935 - Adolf Hitler orders Germany to rearm herself in violation of the Versailles Treaty.
- Mar 16, 1942 - WWII: The first V-2 rocket test launch. It explodes at liftoff.
- Mar 16, 1945 - WWII: The Battle of Iwo Jima ends but small pockets of Japanese resistance persist.
- Mar 16, 1968 - Vietnam: In the My Lai massacre, between 350 and 500 Vietnamese villagers: men, women, and children are killed by American troops.
- Mar 17, 1776 - American Revolution: British forces evacuate Boston, Massachusetts.
- Mar 17, 1942 - WWII: Holocaust: The first Jews from the Lviv Ghetto (western Ukraine) are gassed at the Belzec death camp (eastern Poland).
- Mar 17, 1945 - WWII: The Ludendorff Bridge in Remagen, Germany collapses, ten days after its capture.
- Mar 17, 1973 - Vietnam: First POWs are released from the "Hanoi Hilton" in Hanoi, North Vietnam.
- Mar 18, 1945 - WWII: 1,250 U.S. bombers attack Berlin.
- Mar 19, 1944 - WWII: The German 352nd Infantry Division deploys along the coast of France.
- Mar 19, 1945 - WWII: Adolf Hitler issues his "Nero Decree" ordering all industries, military installations, shops, transportation facilities and communications facilities in Germany to be destroyed.

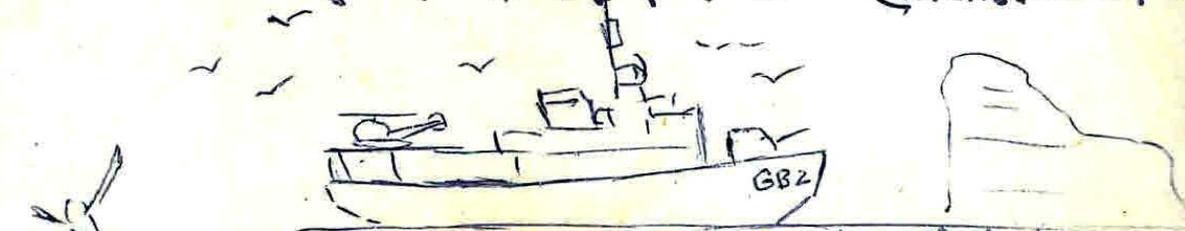
Straight Skinny Continued...

- Mar 19, 1945 - WWII: Off the coast of Japan, a dive bomber hits the aircraft carrier USS Franklin, killing 724 of her crew. Badly damaged, the ship is able to return to the U.S. under her own power.
- Mar 19, 2002 - Afghanistan: Operation Anaconda ends (started on March 2) after killing 500 Taliban and al Qaeda fighters with 11 allied troop fatalities.
- Mar 20, 1942 - Holocaust: in Rohatyn, western Ukraine, the German SS murder 3,000 Jews, including 600 children, annihilating 70% of Rohatyn's Jewish ghetto.
- Mar 20, 1942 - WW II: General Douglas MacArthur, at Terowie, South Australia, makes his famous speech regarding the fall of the Philippines, in which he says: "I came out of Bataan and I shall return".
- Mar 20, 1969 - Vietnam: U.S president Nixon proclaims he will end Vietnam war in 1970.
- Mar 20, 2003 - Iraq: Invasion of Iraq by American and British led coalition begins without United Nations support and in defiance of world opinion.
- Mar 21, 1918 - WWI: The Germans launch the 'Michael' offensive [First Battle of the Somme].
- Mar 21, 1943 - WWII: Assassination attempt on Hitler fails.
- Mar 21, 1945 - WWII: 1st Japanese flying bombs (ochas) attack Okinawa.
- Mar 21, 1971 - Vietnam: Two U.S. platoons in Vietnam refuse their orders to advance.
- Mar 22, 1942 - WWII: Heavy German assault on Malta.
- Mar 22, 1945 - WWII: U.S. 3rd Army crosses Rhine at Nierstein.
- Mar 22, 1965 - Vietnam: U.S. confirms its troops used chemical warfare against the Vietcong.
- Mar 23, 1862 - Civil War: Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson faces his only defeat at the Battle of Kernstown, Va
- Mar 23, 1942 - WWII: Japanese forces occupy Andaman Islands in Indian Ocean.
- Mar 23, 1942 - WWII: U.S. move native-born of Japanese ancestry into detention centers.
- Mar 23, 1945 - WWII: Largest operation in Pacific war, 1,500 US Navy ships bomb Okinawa.
- Mar 23, 1951 - Korea: U.S. paratroopers descend from flying boxcars in a surprise attack in Korea.
- Mar 24, 1944 - WWII: In an event later dramatized in the movie The Great Escape, 76 prisoners begin breaking out of Stalag Luft I.
- Mar 25, 1915 - 1st submarine disaster; a US F-4 sinks off Hawaii, killing 21.
- Mar 25 1953 - Korean War: The USS Missouri fires on targets at Kojo, North Korea, the last time her guns fire until the Persian Gulf War of 1992.
- Mar 25, 1975 - Vietnam: The former imperial capital of Hue fell to North Vietnamese troops along with the entire Thua Thien Province.
- Mar 26, 1945 - WWII: Kamikazes attack U.S. battle fleet near Kerama Retto.
- Mar 26, 1945 - WWII: U.S. 7th Army crosses Rhine at Worms Germany.
- Mar 26, 1970 - 500th nuclear explosion announced by the U.S. since 1945.
- Mar 27, 1794 - The U.S. establishes a permanent navy and authorizes the building of 6 frigates.
- Mar 27, 1945 - WWII: Gen Eisenhower declares German defenses on Western Front broken.
- Mar 27, 1945 - WWII: Iwo Jima occupied, after 22,000 Japanese & 6,000 US killed.
- Mar 27, 1945 - WWII: Operation Starvation, the aerial mining of Japan's ports and waterways begins.
- Mar 27, 1952 Korea: Elements of the U.S. Eighth Army reach the 38th parallel.
- Mar 28, 1945 WWII: Germany launches the last of its V-2 rockets against England.
- Mar 29, 1943 - WWII: Meat rationed in US (784 gram/week, 2 kilogram for GI's.)
- Mar 29, 1951 Korea: The Chinese reject Gen. Douglas MacArthur's offer for a truce in Korea.
- Mar 29, 1973 - Vietnam: US troops leave, 9 yrs after Tonkin Resolution.
- Mar 30, 1944 WWII: The U.S. fleet attacks Palau, near the Philippines.
- Mar 30, 1972 Vietnam: Hanoi launches its heaviest attack in four years, crossing the DMZ.
- Mar 31, 1941 - WWII: Germany begins a counter offensive in Africa.
- Mar 31, 1965 - Vietnam: U.S. ordered the 1st combat troops to Vietnam.

Scuttlebutt

This was found floating around the tables at the Warwick, RI. No idea where it came from but some names are recognizable. Do you see yourself on this list? Do you even remember being on this list? I thought so. ☺

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