

USS SHIELDS DD-596 All Eras Reunion Association

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This Newsletter Sent to 1088 Former Crew Members, Families & Guests

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The 2008 Reunion Dates are November 2nd thru the 5th at the Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, Alabama



The Mediterranean style resort is directly situated on one mile of pristine beachfront on the Gulf of Mexico. The resort is 45 minutes from the Pensacola airport and 75 minutes from Mobile's airport and two miles from the Florida state line.

Our location is close to shopping at designer outlet malls, ten golf courses, charter boats for deep-sea fishing and dolphin excursions, the Bon Secour National Wildlife Preserve, many historical locations including the Civil War Trail and the Campaigns for Mobile Bay, historic Fort Morgan, the National Museum of Naval Aviation, to name a few. Busses are also available to the casinos in Biloxi, MS.

Association Planning Activities

The reunion planning continues headed up by Ed Velasquez. Currently several tours, including a trip to the Pensacola Naval Air Station, and possible viewing of the Blue Angels training flights, a visit to the USS Alabama BB-60 and other activities are being considered. More information and sign up to follow.

2008 Elections — Vote Absentee

Our reunion will be occurring at the time of the national election. Therefore, those attending the reunion will need to vote absentee. There will be a large screen TV in the hospitality suite on which to watch the returns.

Your 2008 Dues are Due

Please complete the dues form included with this January mail out. Your \$25.00 annual dues support the printing and postage for newsletters and they cover the expenses of locating shipmates and maintaining the master contact list. Do not forget to note your birth date, include your check and drop it in the mail to Bob Carl, Secretary, and his address is on the form.

Your dues do not support reunion activities; these activities are self-sustaining. All board members and friends of the board volunteer; no one receives compensation in the Association.

DESRON 17 Patch

Jack Blann found this patch; we are not sure of the year of origin. Anyone with more information please forward it on to me and I will publish an update in a future issue.



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Keep Your Contact Information Up to Date

After every mailing, Bob Carl receives the undeliverable newsletters due to expired forwarding. Jim Dorough now has to make long distance calls and the Association pays extra postage to re-mail to the shipmates new address. Please, when you put in your changes of address at the post office contact Jim Dorough with the address change as well. This simple step on your part will save further cost and time. Thank you to all our shipmates who have been updating their information.

Eldest Living Shipmates

Below is a list prepared by Jim Dorough of the 11 eldest living officers and enlisted shipmates. If Jim missed you, please contact him with your birth date. (**Newest in boldface type**)

Officers

Gardner, Don W., LTJG, 44-45, 4-14-1912
Weidman, John H., LTJG, 45, 3-15-1915
Schweizer, Jack R., CDR, 49-50, 8-27-1915
McDaniel, George T., LCDR, 45, 5-21-1916
Hoblitzell, Paul C., LTJG, 44-45, 1916
Metze, George M., LCDR, 52-54, 1916
Jepsen, Edward P., LT, 50, 3-17-1917
Teeters, David R., LT, 49-50, 4-11-1918
Robinson, Jack W., LTJG, 51-52, 10-28-1918
Goodell, Trenor F., ENS, 44-45, 12-29-1918
Fredell, Erling W., LT, 49, 12-1918

Enlisted

Gold, Sol W., SN, 44-45, 10-2-1910
Sulmonetti, Henry, S1, 45, 7-27-1915
Hafner, Ben L., SC3, 44-45, 1-1917
Sabasta, Tony, MM2, 45, 3-20-1917
Trusty, Clinton N., SK1, 57-58, 1-1918
Dabney, Richard E., STM1, 45-46, 8-18-1918
Tenzyk, Ignacy, GM1, 44-45, 2-3-1919
Criscione, Henry, S2, 45, 8-21-1919
Komoroski, Clement J., S1, 45, 10-2-1919
Cromer, Harold E., WT1, 44-45, 2-15-1920
Reifsnnyder, Robert A., FC3, 44-45, 5-21-1920

Second Eldest Shipmate Located

Jim Dorough located **Henry Sulmonetti**, recently, and he is a new find. Henry is the second eldest living enlisted man having served on the USS Alabama BB-60 prior to coming aboard the Shields.



Recently Passed Shipmates

We received notification since publishing our last newsletter, of the following former shipmate's passing:

Carney, Jessie L., SN, 62-63
 Clour, Ezra C., LT, 60
 Lawton, James F., BT1, 55
 Leckman, Henry T., LTJG, 49
 Lombard, John A., LCDR, 49
 Marshall, Donald P., EMCM, 55-58
 McElwain, Marvin T., ET1, 44-46
 Noort, Clarence J., SN, 51-52
 Nail, Curtis F., FN, 60-63
 Robbins, Frederick J., GM2, 51-52

Let's Say Thanks

If you use the internet and would like to send a post card, at no charge, in support of our troops here is more information for how to do that.

Quoting from the web site: "This Web site gives you an opportunity to send a free printed postcard to U.S. military personnel stationed overseas showing your support and appreciation for their service to our country."

The process is easy. Go to the web site and select one of the postcards; they offer many designs. Personalize by entering a message, which you can select from several offered or write your own. Add your name and hometown and hit *send*. You can also view messages from the troops thanking those who sent messages to them.

Xerox sponsors the program. The web address is www.letsaythanks.com. If you do not have web access by computer, most local libraries have them available for your use.

Ship Store E-mail Spam

You may have received an e-mail from the USS Shields Store offering various kinds of merchandise for sale. These e-mails are spam and are not from the ship's store maintained by the Reunion Association. If you wish to purchase items from the Association's ship store you need to get in touch with John Ragan. His contact information is listed on page 2.

Navy Terms

Log Book: Early ship's records were inscribed on shingles (cut from logs) and hinged so that they opened like a book. The name "Log-book" was logical and lasts to this day.

Items for the Reunion Raffle



Raffle tickets are hot items to purchase prior to the raffle at the closing banquet. This event has become one of the most popular activities at the reunions. The proceeds go to the Association and help to fund the reunions. Shipmates and friends of the Association donate items for these raffles.

If you are joining us, please think about things you might donate. You can see from the picture the quilts made by Judy Ragan. Other items are typically ship's memorabilia, and Navy related gear but are not limited to Navy or military type things. We raffled a jar of salsa at the last reunion, thanks to Jim Smith. Anything you are willing to part with for the cause will be welcome.

Former Shipmate Adams Honored

Ernest Quinard Adams, GM3, 63-64 was selected by the 4th Brigade, USAVR as their Veteran of the Month for the South West Tennessee area. Adams spent 23 years in the Navy and had many tours aboard different ships. He served with the staff of the Pacific Command Fleet and Navy officer's school. Two combat tours in Korea and Vietnam. He received many decorations during his time of military service. Adams achieved the highest enlisted rank in the Navy, E9. Now retired and living in Guys TN.

Editors Notes and Corrections

Dick Hensley, S1, 44-46, dropped me a note advising that in the October 2007 Newsletter he did not submit the Plan of the Day, the credit should have gone to Bob Brisco, FN1, 45-46. I added **Jim Dorough** as an Assistant Editor to the newsletter masthead due to his ongoing contributions and help to this publication.

Navy Terms Hammocks: Swinging beds for sailors were first used by Columbus who discovered their practical use from natives in the West Indies

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Sunday (2)	Monday (3)	Tuesday (4)	Wednesday (5)	Thursday (6)
Check in at the Perdido Beach Resort	Breakfast on your own	Deluxe continental breakfast 7:15 till 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own	Breakfast on your own
4:00 till 11:00 p.m. Hospitality room open...for registration and welcome aboard reception	7:30 a.m. Leave the resort for the USS Alabama BB-60 tour Lunch at Lamberts café	9:00 a.m. General membership meeting	7:15 a.m. Leave the resort for the Naval Aviation Museum, watch the Blue Angels practice and tour the museum Lunch on your own at the museum	Depart
	Return back to the resort about 2:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own		Hotel pricing: \$104.00 plus tax per room per night
Evening meal on your own	Hospitality room open 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 p.m.	Afternoon free	Return back to the resort about 2:00 p.m.	Activity package: \$175.00 per person includes: Welcome packet, Welcome reception, both tours, Monday lunch, Tuesday breakfast and Wednesday banquet
	Dinner on your own	Hospitality room open 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m. Cash bar	
		Dinner on your own	7:00 p.m. Final evening banquet	