

REUNION 2013

Upon our arrival in Virginia Beach, we found great weather and a beautiful ocean view from our balconies. The ocean was calm with people walking on the boardwalk and enjoying the sun. Our hospitality room was set up with large tables to accommodate the family gatherings. There were a lot of hugs and kisses as we caught up on the last year's events.

Day 2 found us loading buses headed to Norfolk where we spent our first hour touring the



MacArthur Memorial Museum.

Linda and Bob Gaboury, John Davenport with George Elasko

After going through security on the Norfolk Naval Base, we visited their gift shop for Naval souvenirs. As you can see, there were no dressing rooms. Tony Olliver



We were lucky enough to tour the USS Arlington after lunch at the Officers Club.



I know why the sailors are in such good shape after walking up and down all those stairs.



We returned to the hotel for much needed rest followed by Karaoke and pizza. Elvis (Ron Denato) was in the house again this year. On Saturday Ben arranged a harbor tour with a box lunch and a visit to

the Nauticus National Maritime Center followed by a tour of the Battleship Wisconsin. Unfortunately, the Naval Museum was closed because of the government shut down. Dinner on Saturday night was the best yet. After the yearly business meeting Sterling Giannotti showed his slides of Deep Freeze II. Our last day started with a Christian Service with Chaplain Tom Link. The rest of the day was on our own. Some people walked the boardwalk, spent time on the beach or just hung out in the hospitality

room. Some spent time on the fishing pier.



Lynne Cesarini TOTALLY AWESOME!!!! Best one yet! Enjoyed every minute of the reunion. You guys are truly exceptional people and I have been blessed to be a part of the family. Safe travels everyone!



Jim Hall was the only WWII sailor present at this reunion

Something completely spontaneous Cpt Hank was piped off the USS Arlington. If anyone has a picture please send it to me

SILENT AUCTION (our biggest fundraiser)



The silent auction was a huge success again this year. Thank you for all the donations.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK

Ben and Paula Laurens for the entire reunion
John and Kathleen Davenport for the silent auction
Tom and Belinda Gray for the cake snacks
Tom Link for being our Chaplain
Sterling Giannotti for showing his slides of Deep Freeze II.
Loretta Johnson for hosting the Karaoke
Paula's nephew David Webster for donating 33 bottles of wine
Phillips Destination Management Services for the wonderful job they did executing our two days of tours. Betsy and Susan were wonderful guides

A PERSONAL THANK YOU TO SKIP AND LEXI AMORSON FOR YOUR WONDERFUL GIFT... I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH IT

WELCOME New Attendees.

April Crianza - Allen and Judith Izatt, Dan Glauner and Shelley Tyler.
Chief David East returning after a 10 yr absence.
John and Diane Sonefeld after 6 years

REUNION 2014 BRANSON, MO Oct 2- 6 2014

Stone Castle Hotel Telephone 417-335-4700.
Rate is 83.70 per night inclusive
VENUE \$155.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES
Ralph Foster Museum, Keeter Center
Titanic Museum, & Clay Cooper show
Plus more

FROM THE PLANNER (Ben Laurens)

Many thanks to all who attended the Va. Beach reunion. From all accounts it was a special time and Va. Beach/Norfolk was enjoyed by all. We look forward to Branson next year. Branson is a very veteran and military reunion friendly place. We will be welcomed and appreciated there. 2012-2013 was a sad time too. We lost several shipmates who served during the Deepfreeze years. We move inevitably toward the time it will become difficult to attend our "Family" get together. I ask every member, shipmate, wife, significant other and friend to attend each year possible. Attrition is God's plan for us and we will all participate. Our reunions are special opportunities to bond not only for our collective past, but our present and future. Whenever possible spend a few days a year with your extended family. It's good for all. May God continue to bless us all.

DUES

It is time again to ask for the yearly dues. I hate asking for money! Nevertheless, it is only \$20.00 again this year. As you know, the money goes towards the costs of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BIRTHDAYS

September- I missed Tony Oliver's in the last newsletter ...Sorry Tony
October- Bob Mignerey, Ann Marie Oliver, Lexi Amorson, Jim Hall, Ann Marie Foust
November- Judy Latourneau, Ken Precort
December- none

FACEBOOK

Bob Gaboury has built the USS MILLS group site. We have 78 members at this writing. The new members are **Ronald Bartovic, Debra Scarboro Brittany Spurlock, Judy Izatt, Wes-Niki Riley, Dino Cesarini Mary Lou Herren, Lynn Hagan and Patty Kelso**. Log on and say hi to them. The address is facebook.com. To register click groups, type in USS MILLS DER 383 in the search box. Ask to be a friend to have all access to the postings. Please click on "friends only" when setting up your home page. This will give you the security and allow only your friends and shipmates to view your postings.

SICK BAY

Stacey Tichenor had brain procedure
Bob Gentry (Lynn Hagan Gentry's husband)
had gall bladder surgery
David and Kathy Cross are both suffering from
medical difficulties
Tony Oliver had a kidney stone

FOR THE COOKS IN THE FAMILY

Jalapeño Popper Dip

6-8 slices of bacon, diced and cooked crispy
2 8-oz packages of cream cheese, soft
1 cup of mayonnaise
4-6 jalapeno's, chopped and deseeded. The seeds will make it fiery hot.
1 cup of cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup of mozzarella cheese, shredded
1/4 cup diced green onion

Topping:

1 cup of crushed crackers (I used Ritz)
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
1/2 stick of butter, melted

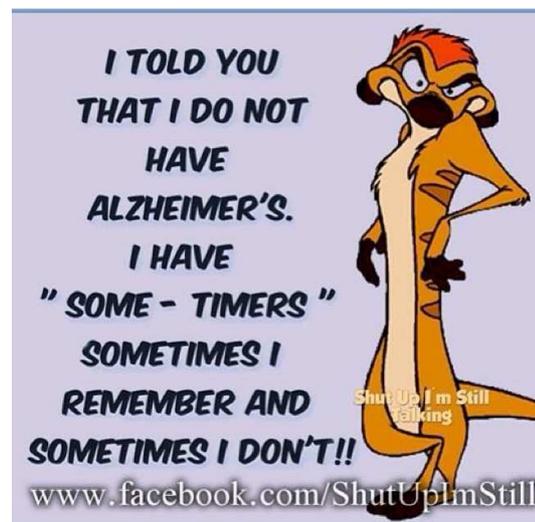
Preheat oven to 350.

Combine all of the ingredients into a medium bowl. Stir well.

Transfer to an oven proof dish. The size of the dish depends on how thick the dip is. The thicker the dip the longer it may need to warm up. I used this stoneware dish that is round and measures 12 inches across. My dip is usually about an inch thick.

Combine the topping ingredients and sprinkle all over the top of the dip.

Bake the dip for 20-30 minutes or until bubbly.



OBITUARIES

March 9, 1920 - June 21, 2013.

PETER CHICVARA, Jr., age 93, Vet WWII, U.S.N

USCG S1c Cox Plankowner 6/1942-10/1945

Beloved husband of Helen, dear father of Peter III, Nancy Jo (John) Looney and the late Michele; loving grandfather of Peter and Robert; dear brother of Ann Joseph and the late Mary, Helen, Michael, Martha and Joseph; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews

December 2, 1941-August 7, 2013

REARDON - ROBERT P. of Garden City, NY, formerly of Rockville Centre, NY, on August 7, 2013. Beloved husband of Lorraine (nee: Hartz). Loving and devoted father of Brian



LTJG R. P. REARDON

(Elizabeth), Keith (AnnMarie), Julia (Daniel) Englander, Mary (Woody) Weldon, Maureen (Jay) Coyle, Robert (Sara) and Morgan. Adored grandfather of twenty-one. Dear brother of Marie Pusak, Anne Mayer, John (Jack) and the late Charles Reardon. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.



HAROLD ROSS TICHENOR

April 3, 1944 - August 18, 2013

born April 3, 1944, in the Heflin Community of

Ohio County to the late Lee Ross "Jack" and Ruth Foster Tichenor, went home to the Lord, Sunday April 18, 2013. Harold was a 25 year veteran of the U.S. Navy where he ranked as a Chief Petty Officer. In his 25 years of service, he was privileged to tour the world on the USS Mills during Operation Deep Freeze and sailed the USS New Jersey for a tour in Vietnam. Harold also retired from TVA, was a life long fan of the Kentucky Wildcats. Harold was most proud of his 150-acre farm they have owned in the Prentiss community for over 40 years. He had the most caring heart.



LIEBZEIT, WALTER R. Age 69, of Mount Clemens, passed away August 9, 2013 at home with his children by his side. He was a Veteran and retired from Frito Lay. Preceded in death by his wife, Nora Charbonneau Leibzeit. Survived by his children, Joy (Doug) and Walter (Frelly) Leibzeit; grandchildren, Harmony, Ashley and Dj and brothers

Richard, David and John. Preceded by parents, George and Ann and sister Georgeanne. Also survived by his many friends at the American Legion and Amvets in Mount Clemens. Walt was on Df .1

Happiness is always there within reach, no matter how long it lasts. Let's enjoy life and don't live a complicated life. Life is too short. Work as if it was your first day. Forgive as soon as possible. Love without boundaries. Laugh without control and never stop smiling.



Skipper: The Late Tommy Nichols – Founder and Skipper forever

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USS MILLS ANNUAL RAFFLE

The painting of the USS MILLS underway that was obtained by Tom Link many years ago and subsequently donated to the Reunion. After the 2012 reunion, Ben realized the transportation back and forth to the reunions had taken its toll and it was in poor condition. The original frame was in pieces and there was no glass to protect the painting. Something needed to be done to preserve our iconic one of a kind painting. Ben with a friend made a new frame out of solid Walnut. In the course of this project, it struck Ben that many shipmates would want to have a painting of Mills for their homes. After much contemplation, he came up with the one pictured below. A graphic artist in Roanoke Va. copied the painting on Parchment and did a beautiful job. The frames for the copies are made of clear pine molding painted black to enhance the color of the ship and sky.

We are going to auction off one reproduction and offer a buy it now option. The price is \$150.00 plus shipping. The price is less than he found anywhere. \$75.00 per painting will be donated to the ships kitty to help keep our reunions going.



BUY IT NOW OPTION

Contact Ben

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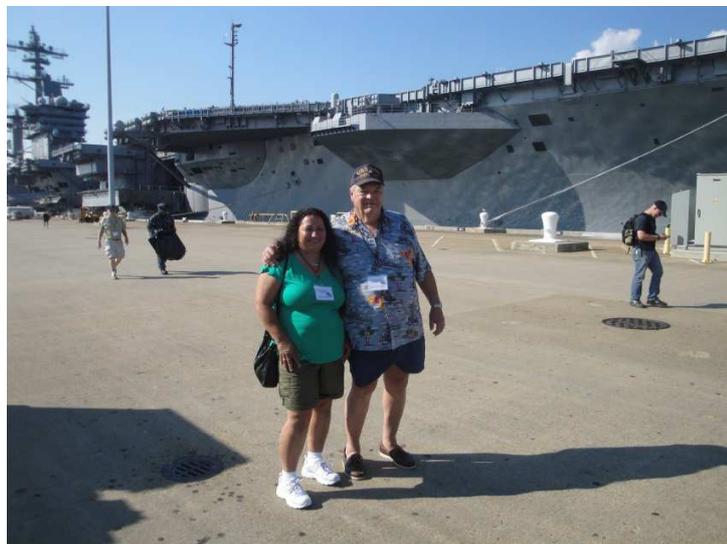
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Chandler Laurens Eagle Scout Color Guard before our Business meeting



Rick, Paula, Randy and Peggy



Bob & April



Ann Marie



Allen, Ruby, Jim & Laverne