

USS MILLS GAZETTE

MARCH 2015



DC REUNION2015

By Ben

Our home from October 29 until the morning of November 2 2015 will be the Westin Crystal City, Arlington Virginia. We have a rate of \$134.47 inclusive. Underground parking is an additional \$5.00 per night. Breakfast is included and will be in our hospitality room from 7:30 'til 9 a.m. There are only 5 rooms guaranteed for 3 nights prior and three after the reunion dates. If you plan to stay for more than the blocked reunion dates, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. A credit card will be needed to guarantee your reservation. To make Reservations please call 1-888-627-8209. Make it clear that you are to be placed in the USS MILLS REUNION BLOCK, and appropriate dates. Please get a confirmation number and keep it.



The D.C. Metro station {Crystal City} is less than 100 yards from the hotel. Venues are \$125.00 per person

Our itinerary is still a work in progress. Busses have been booked for 2 days touring. We will travel on Friday Oct 30th and Sunday November 1st. Our annual meeting will be at 9 a.m. Saturday with dinner and entertainment at 6 pm. We are awaiting approval for a tour of the Capitol on Friday Morning. Final arrangements and timing of this tour will dictate the balance of Friday. On the agenda is Ford's theater, the Holocaust museum, Smithsonian American history, Lincoln, Viet Nam, and Korean memorials, and several other stops time permitting. On Saturday, after the meeting Paula and I will take whoever would like to go along to Arlington Cemetery on our own by metro.



Cost is \$8.

Per person for the tour provided by the cemetery. They will not allow Tour busses in.

FACEBOOK



We now have 98 members. How about helping us make 100 members this month. It is a great way of connecting and keeping up with fellow shipmates and their families. If you have a Facebook page just search for the USS MILLS. Click on it and ask to join. Either Gabby or I will accept your friendship. If you don't have a page you can create one by going to facebook.com. It is easy and fun.

DUES

Dues have remained the same at \$20.00 a year. If you are not going to the reunion you can send them to Ben Laurens at 192 Highway 70 East Bettie, Beaufort, NC 28516 Phone 252-504-3733 If you are going to the reunion just include it with your venue payment. Save a stamp!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify Ben Laurens or Pat Bridgford of and changes of address, phone #, emails etc

A LITTLE MEDICAL TIDBIT

Problems with smell increase as people get older, and they are more common in men than women. In one study, nearly one-quarter of men ages 60–69 had a smell disorder, while about 11 percent of women in that age range reported a problem. Many older people are not even aware that they have a problem with their sense of smell because the changes occur gradually over several years. They may not even notice that they are experiencing a loss of smell until there is an incident in which they don't detect food that has spoiled or the presence of dangerous smoke.

NEW MILLS FAMILY MEMBER FOUND

Lloyd (Bud) Tyner was found by Skip Amorson. Bud was on DFII as a 2nd class radarman. Hope to see Bud and his wife Barbara in DC

BIRTHDAYS

Laverne Miltzow turned 90 in March

MARCH Earl Borman, Dan Murray, Michael Russo, Gary Hlavka, April Crianza, Roger Dereske, Karen Lazzaro, Dan Glauner, Jerry Wood

APRIL John Reed, Ben Laurens, Paula Laurens, Kerry Norris, Ed Potts

MAY Irene Norris, Belinda Gray, Trudy Faught, Lawrence Shed, Gary Bridgford, Pat Bridgford, Michael Murrel, Landon Spurlock, Rick Ormandy

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH Earl & Doris Boreman,

Kerry & Irene Norris

Tom & Paula Link

Tom & Belinda Grey

Gary & Pat Bridgford

APRIL Alan and Lisa Nichols

MAY Sherry & John Reed

SICK BAY

Please prayer their speedy recovery

Tom Grey had been in the hospital for several weeks due to a lung infection

Ed Potts has had back surgery.

Pat Bass has been ill

Barbara Tyner has had knee surgery

Tom Grey has been in the hospital because of a CLL medication complication

FROM THE PLANNER By Ben

It looks like DC is shaping up nicely for a great Reunion. Happy that we have 2 days to tour. Wondering if our crew would like to see the Marine History Museum in Quantico Va.? New facility, very impressive. Let me know your thoughts by email or FB. If enough of us want to make that visit, we'll work on making that happen. As always, please reserve early, make sure you are in the MILLS block and demand a confirmation number, be sure to keep it. Hope at least one hundred of us will have the opportunity to be together this year.

Paula and I are leaving for Fort Walton Beach on the 4th of March to set up venues for our reunion. Sand there is unbelievably fine and white. Fort Walton and Destin are connected. I've looked into going to the NAS museum in Pensacola, but think it's too far to go since we will have only 1 day to tour and it's an hour one way. There is an Air Force armament display about 7 miles out of town that I plan for us to stop by at. Also thinking of a bus tour of the area with a step on guide. Much history in the western part of Florida that is relatively unknown. Ft. Walton Beach is adjacent to Elgin AFB. Elgin is a supply and research facility that takes up over 340,000 acres. Most of the gulf waterline is part of Elgin. We'll be working on the rest of the agenda the end of that week with the CVB and our hotel staff. Our temporary home will be the Sheraton 4 Points, a very nice hotel directly on the gulf.

God Bless us All

‘It's Not Just a Job, It's An Adventure’

FOR THE COOKS IN THE FAMILY

Garlic Parmesan Shrimp

24 large shrimp (peeled and deveined)
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
3 garlic cloves (minced)
1/2 teaspoons red pepper flakes
1/4 teaspoons black pepper
1/2 cup melted butter
1/2 cup toasted Italian breadcrumbs
1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

Directions

Arrange peeled shrimp in 11X7 inch baking dish.

Coat shrimp with olive oil and sprinkle with parsley, minced garlic, crushed red pepper flakes and black pepper.

Cover and bake at 300 degrees for 15 minutes

Turn shrimp over, drizzle with butter, and sprinkle Italian breadcrumbs and grated parmesan cheese.

Bake uncovered for 5-10 more minutes.

ENJOY

My favorite steak rub..

4 teaspoons coriander
3 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon sugar



OUR HOME IN DC

The Westin Crystal City offers 220 luxurious guest rooms and extensive meeting facilities in a convenient location, just one mile from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). Owned and managed by HEI Hotels & Resorts, the former Sheraton hotel underwent a \$20 million renovation to reposition it as a Westin and implement the brand's signature services and amenities designed to inspire wellbeing. Located at the heart of Crystal City, Arlington's largest downtown neighborhood and a vibrant business and retail center, the hotel is just steps from the Crystal City Metro station and the Crystal City Shops. The Westin Crystal City is just minutes from leading Washington, D.C. attractions such as the National Mall monuments, The White House, the Smithsonian Museums, and historic Georgetown. Guests will also enjoy easy access to Old Town Alexandria, Verizon Center, Nationals Park, and FedEx Field.

All guest rooms and suites at The Westin Crystal City were fully renovated and outfitted with the Westin Heavenly™ Bed - featuring lush sheets, down cushioning and a patented pillow-top mattress. Guests will have a chance to revive in the Heavenly Bath enhanced with the Heavenly Shower, Heavenly Robe and White Tea Aloe bath amenities .

Complimentary airport shuttle to/from Ronald Reagan National Airport
Hotel is 100% non-smoking



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*The Late Tommy Nichols
Founder and Skipper forever*

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CASSANDRA...OUR ENTERTAINMENT
SATURDAY EVENING



LISTENING TO THE SATURDAY MORNING
MEETING IN OUR HOSPITALITY ROOM



HAVING A SNACK AT THE COLLEGE



SHOPPING AT THE SILENT AUCTION



VISITING AROUND THE SILENT AUCTION
TABLE



BEN CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL
MEETING



*Ronald Bartovic I WAS ABOARD
OUR SHIP IN MAY,74 WHILE ON
RESERVE TRAINING ABOARD
THE USS FOX DD-776 IN PHILLY.
WE WERE ALLOWED ABOARD
TO SCAVENGE ANY PARTS WE
NEEDED FOR THE "FOX". WE
TOOK LIGHTS, DAMAGE
CONTROL ITEM'S BUT NO SMALL
KEEPSAKES. LATER THAT
SUMMER "THE MILLS " WAS
SCRAPED. I WAS SAD TO LEAVE
HER.*

USS MILLS ANNUAL AUCTION!

Trench art is any decorative item made by soldiers, prisoners of war or civilians where the manufacture is directly linked to armed conflict or its consequences.

Common articles that this includes are decorated shell and bullet casings and items carved from wood and bone.

Not limited to the World Wars, the history of trench art spans conflicts from the Napoleonic Wars to the present day.

Although the practice flourished during World War I, the term 'trench art' is also used to describe souvenirs manufactured by service personnel during World War II. Some items manufactured by soldiers, prisoners of war or civilians during earlier conflicts have been retrospectively described as trench art.



WE ALSO HAVE A FRAMED PICTURE OF THE
USS MILLS IN THE AUCTION

GOOD LUCK

The first name drawn will have their choice of the picture or a piece of trench art. The second name drawn will have the next choice. Consequently the third person draw will receive the last one.



Do not need to be present to win. We will ship to the winner at no cost to you.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

\$5.00 each entry or \$20.00 for 5 entries

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