

USS MILLS GAZETTE JUNE 2017



2017 Myrtle Beach Reunion

Our home for the 2017 reunion is the Sea Mist Hotel & Resort; 305 13th Avenue South, Myrtle Beach S.C. Reunion dates are - **Check in Thursday October 12: Check out Monday morning October 16th, 2017.** Reservation number is **800-732 6478**. Please begin making reservations ASAP.

Group Reservation code is 1093768. This number must be used to ensure placement in the MILLS block. There will be a charge Of \$100.00 at the time of reservation. All rooms will be Oceanfront and include breakfast. The cutoff date for reservations is September 12, 2017.

Sea Mist purchasing power has afforded us the best cost for a Myrtle Beach Reunion ever. Please use your credit card to pay the hotel directly for everything except bus transportation and incidentals. {See below} Total cost per couple will be \$612.00 inclusive. Room with Breakfast, Pat and Gary's BBQ Thursday evening, Friday's activities, Saturday night Luau, Sunday's Paddle Wheel Cruise and our usual amenities are all included in one price. Cost is for double occupancy only.

Singles cost structure is different as hotel has a set room rate for oceanfront. Single price is \$428.00. Please let me know if anyone is booking single. I will try to help make up pairings to save shipmates extra cost.

Rooms will be available for 3 days before & after the actual Reunion dates. Cost with breakfast will be \$85.12 per day inclusive.

To cover bus & incidental costs please send Ben \$35.00 per person or \$70.00 per couple when you remit dues & donations.

Come be with us at MILLS favorite destination, Myrtle Beach S.C. Please don't miss an opportunity to share a few days with your shipmates & friends. Our biological clocks are running and have been for a very long time!



Testimonials:

"Your service was timely, thorough, courteous and professional. It met, and at times, even exceeded our expectations! Please extend our thanks and appreciation to your entire team. We know it *takes the whole team pulling together to achieve planned results!*" USS Perry

"The Sea Mist staff gave wonderful service not only to us, but to all attending the USS Smalley Navy reunion. That includes the great breakfast staff and front desk staff! We are already planning our trip next May to the Sea Mist and will extend our stay extra days- thanks to the warm and friendly staff and great service!" Military Group: USS Smalley

"Just returned from a military reunion arranged for us by LeAnne McCullough at the Sea Mist. The group of 30 had a great time. Stayed in the Tides Building with great views from our private balconies. Had our three day reunion in the penthouse apartment of the Tides Building with access

to the private rooftop deck. As part of our reunion package, we received a bountiful welcome reception, tee shirts and tickets to a great show. Our banquet was held in the conference center. Service and food at the banquet was wonderful. The staff seemed so happy to have us: USS Thomas E. Fraser

" A big thank you ...for the wonderful accommodations you provided for the USS BELL reunion.... Our hospitality suite was so nice...all my attendees thought it was the best hospitality arrangement that we have ever had. Also the breakfast was one of the talks of the visit. Everything was prepared to perfection.... you have helped us in such a way that we will never forget our time at your Resort.... October Sea Mist Military Group: USS BELL

"...Just wanted to let you know what a wonderful time our group had at Sea Mist. Everything was top notch including the rooms...Sunday reception was fantastic, the Theater, breakfast, the banquet meal and the T-shirts with 70th printing on the back! The entire group rated this, by far, our best reunion ever." October Sea Mist Military Group: 70th AAA

"...and now we'd like to thank you for all the hard work you did to help make our reunion a great one. THANKS FROM ALL OF US! Annie and her girls were just outstanding...all our members just keep on saying how great the show was..." on the way back! October Sea Mist Military Group: 82nd Engineers

"First, I want to tell you what a great time everyone had at our reunion. I received 100% rave reviews of Sea Mist, the accommodations, food and service. We couldn't have wished for better. We have had responses from many who were unable to attend this year, that they want to come next year. Thanks again for everything and making our experience a positive one." November Sea Mist Military Group: 2167th Comm. Sq. D-Flight



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Thursday Sea Mist Hotel Tides building on Ocean across street from Office. Hospitality Room on top floor. Pick up welcome bags and enjoy Pat and Gary's BBQ dinner in hospitality Room & Al Fresco.

Friday 4:00 P.M. Load Busses for Departure to Original Benjamin's Seafood Buffet

6:00 P.M. Busses Depart Benjamin's for Alabama Theater



9:30 Approx. Depart for Sea Mist immediately after show.

Saturday 9:30 A.M. Annual Meeting in hospitality Room

6:00 P.M. Hawaiian Luau in Hospitality Room & adjacent Al Fresco Dining area.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. Short Christian Service with MILLS Chaplain Gary Hlavka

2:00 P.M. Load busses for departure to Barefoot Princess Riverboat.

5:30 P.M. Approx. Depart Steamboat Dock for Sea Mist.

MONDAY

GOD BLESS US ALL AS WE DEPART FOR HOME.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Gary Hlavka has accepted the position of MILLS Chaplain

REMINDER

No silent auction this year due to space restrictions.

FACEBOOK

Our Facebook family has grown to 138 members. This is a closed group and closely monitored by Bob Gaboury (Gabby). If you would like to keep up with our family in between the reunions please ask to join. Look for Facebook for USS Mills DE-DER 383 in the search bar and it will bring you to our site.

DONATIONS

We always take donations to help our less fortunate family members attend the reunions.

DUES

Just a reminder, dues are \$20.00 per year. Despite increased costs, we have been able to keep the dues the same. Please remit payment to Ben with your reunion fees. If not attending the reunion this year, please send a check to Ben Laurens 192 Highway 70 East Bettie, Beaufort, NC 28516 Phone 252-504-3733

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE George Elasco, Wendy Morris, Randy Turner, Peggy Marlow, John Davenport, Claude Scarbrough

JULY Ginny Hlavka, Paula Link, Bobby Herren, Arlon Scott

AUGUST Skip Amorson, Bob Morris, Judy Duran, Ken Barton, Alan Nichols, Lynn Hagan Gentry, Bob Stafford

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE Gary & Ginny Hlavka, Charlie & Karen Hazzard, Claude & Debra Scarbrough, Lawrence & Judith Shea, Art & Ginny Cromer

JULY Dennis & Jean Loof

AUGUST Bob and Lynn Gentry, Bob & Mary Herren, Robin & Bob Stafford, Judy & Harold Dyer

Chains do not hold a marriage together. It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads, which sew people together through the years.

Simone Signore

SICK BAY

Hazel Romine had surgery for the cancerous spots on her back. Surgeries will continue as she recovers from each procedure.

Dawn Hendry-King had minor surgery for an internal situation, then pulled her hip out as recovery began.

Skip Amorson Has been diagnosed with lung cancer and undergoing chemotherapy

Henry Napier had another stent instead of doing a bypass. He had a 95% blockage so now he has 6 stents.

Bobby Herren had a biopsy on his throat

Bob Stafford had knee replacement surgery Then suffered from B/P problems resulting in pacemaker placement.

Ed Potts had partial knee replacement

Bronson Springstead is suffering from pneumonia

Karen Springstead had stents placed



Sticky Honey Garlic Butter Shrimp

½ cup honey

¼ cup soy sauce

3 cloves garlic, minced

juice of one small lemon

1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined

2 Tablespoons butter

green onions, for garnish

In a small bowl whisk honey, soy sauce, garlic and lemon. Add half of the sauce to the shrimp and let marinate for 30 minutes. In a medium sized skillet at the butter. Add the shrimp and discard marinade. Season with salt and pepper. Turn the heat to medium high. Cook until the shrimp turns pink about 2 minutes each side. Add the reserved marinade and pour over shrimp. Cook until the sauce starts to thicken and coats the shrimp. Garnish with green onions.

MINI REUNION



USS Mills crew members from TN at lunch in Cumberland State Park at Crossville...

Patricia Ann McConnell Scott



78, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2017. She was Born December 27, 1938 in Pawtucket, RI. Patricia was the daughter of Robert J. and Gladys A. McConnell of

Providence, RI. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Roberta Beauchamp and Sharon McConnell and a brother, John T. McConnell. She is survived by her husband, Arlon M. Scott of Louisville and daughter Lauren (Keith) Rice of Topsfield, MA and sons Daniel and David Scott both of Louisville and four grandchildren, Molly and Nolan Rice and Kyra and Chase Owens-Scott, Louisville.

She met the love of her life, Arlon Scott, while he was attending Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. They were married in July 1963 at Holy Name Church in Providence with a full Navy Military wedding with Arlon's ship's officers holding crossed swords. They were married 54 years. They lived in Austin, Texas and Chantilly, Virginia before moving to Louisville in 1974 due to Arlon's work.

Patricia graduated from Holy Name School and St. Xavier Academy High School in Providence. She graduated from Rhode Island College,

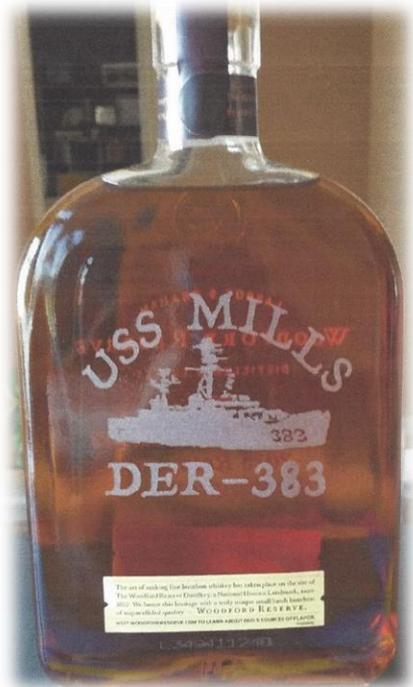
Providence, RI in 1960 as an elementary teacher and taught first grade in Providence and North Kingston, RI public schools. In 1981, Patricia earned her Masters of Education degree from the University of Louisville. She worked for Jefferson County Public Schools as a reading teacher with the Chapter One Reading program assigned to help reading deficient students in Louisville's catholic schools. This involved driving a large mobile classroom truck to various schools across the city. She loved to teach, but the driving was challenging. Patricia retired from JCPS on disability in 1991 due to a stroke at age 50 which left her partially blind in both eyes and with short term memory deficits. She lost the ability to recognize the alphabet and to read, but she loved to read and through work and determination, she gradually regained her ability to read and was fond of sending thank-you cards.

Patricia loved people and especially children. She possessed the uncanny ability to talk to a perfect stranger and learn their life history in only a few minutes. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and loyal friend to many both in Louisville, New England and to her husband's family in Texas. She was very proud of her Irish heritage, and was able to travel to Ireland with her husband as a highlight among their travels together.



**The late Tommy Nichols,
Founder and Skipper forever
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ANNUAL RAFFLE



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