

USS MILLS GAZETTE AUGUST 2016



FROM THE PLANNER

Reservation number is 888-627-7134

Our Fort Walton Beach reunion is around the corner. There are a few differences this year. We have two days of touring, the 2nd day requires an additional cost due to transportation.

As I write this we have approximately two thirds of our normal number of reservations made at the hotel. We generally experience many sign ups just before the cut off which is **September 5th**.

This year I am asking that MILLS family to PLEASE make reservations as early as possible. For the first time ever, I will need an accurate count of attendees in order to pay for busses & venues by the 10th of September.

Please make every effort to join your MILLS family in Ft. Walton Beach in October. Your MILLS family always misses all who do not join us.

If you are flying into Ft. Walton Beach, extensive research indicates that Delta is the best airline to connect with. Almost all flights in will stop in Atlanta.

GOOD NEWS for those who wish to be oceanfront at our reunion. As of July 26 a few rooms are still available on the ocean. Cost is \$20.00 per night over our block price of \$94.35. There are not many, so please reserve ASAP if you would like be Oceanside.

Many Thanks

Ben



ITINERARY October 13-17- 2016

FRIDAY OCT 14, 2016

0845 boarding at Four Points Sheridan

0915 Tour Gulfarium

1045 Historical Overview of Destin Harbor

1115 tour Destin Fishing Museum

1245 Lunch/Learn @ USAF Armament Museum

1430 tour Doolittle Raider Exhibit

1545 tour Northwest Florida Museum of History

1745 return to Four Points Sheridan

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2016

0930 Annual Family Meeting in the hospitality room Rest of the day free

1800 crew meets for dinner

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2016

PENSACOLA TOUR (OPTIONAL \$60.00 per person)

0900 board the bus 1030 self-guided tour of veteran's museum

1200 tour Naval Air Museum

1215 lunch at the Museum

1515 guided tour of historic Pensacola village

1630 board the bus for Four Points

SILENT AUCTION

If you are planning on going to the reunion, please keep the silent auction in mind. We will auction off new, handmade and gently used items. Your attic and flea markets are some places to look. Books have not been selling very well in the last few years.



DUES

Just a reminder, dues are \$20.00 per year. You can send it to Ben with your reunion fees. Otherwise, please send to Ben Laurens 192 Highway 70 East Bettie, Beaufort, NC 28516 Phone 252-504-3733

DONATIONS

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

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving”
Mother Teresa

FACEBOOK

As this writing we have 117 members. You can do a FB search for USS MILLS and join the fun. It is a closed group and helps us keep up with the family goings on.

ANNUAL AUCTION

Active July 30, 1861 to March 16, 1866

Country United States

Alliance Union

Branch Calvary Equipment

Shapes Carbine, Saber Engagements

Battle of Roan’s Tan Yard

Battle of Prairie Grove



\$5.00 per entry or 5 for \$20.00
Mail to
Gary
Bridgford
14321 S
Locust St
Olathe,
KS 66062

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

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OUR HOME IN FT WALTON BEACH
FLORIDA



Four Points Sheridan

1325 Miracle Strip Parkway

Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548

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Please ask for the USS MILLS BLOCK



FOR THE COOKS IN THE FAMILY MEXICAN MACARONI SALAD

(Ree Drummond)

Ingredients

Salad:

- 1-pound elbow macaroni
- Vegetable oil, for oiling grill
- 2 ears corn
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup finely chopped black olives
- 6 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 red onion, finely diced

Dressing:

- 1 cup jarred salsa
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions

- For the salad: Cook the macaroni according to the package directions. Drain and set aside to cool.
- Heat an indoor grill and brush with oil. Cook the ears of corn, turning, until browned and cooked through. Cut the kernels off the cobs. (I use frozen corn thawed and not roasted)
- Put the corn in a big bowl with the black beans, olives, tomatoes, green onions and red onions and toss to combine.
- For the dressing: In a separate bowl, whisk together the salsa, sour cream, mayonnaise, cumin and salt and pepper to taste. Pour over the salad ingredients and fold together until everything is coated. Taste and adjust the seasoning.
- Serve chilled.

ENGAGEMENTS



Loretta Johnson and Ed..No date for the wedding has been set as yet

OBITUARY

ART HOPE

PASSED AWAY JULY 3 2016

Art experienced a fall that resulted in a broken hip and passed away from pulmonary complications.

This was a man everyone liked and respected. Art was a cook on Deep Freeze 1. He later changed his rates and retired as a Chief Electronics Mate.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chandler Laurens (Ben's Grandson) has enlisted in the Marines



MARINE CORPS BAR EXAM



SICK BAY

Tom Link has been suffering with a kidney stone with successful surgical removal.

George Elasko is having neurological problems which is making it difficult for him to walk.

Ruby Nichols had a successful surgery



The Late Tommy Nichols Founder and Skipper forever

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YOU can be in this Picture in 2018!

USS Mills Family & Friends are cruising again in 2018!
And YOU can be onboard!!!

This year's cruise was such an overwhelming success, applause went up for an encore performance! Seven out of eleven shipmates and their spouses plunked their money on the plank to hold their space on the BIGGER, BETTER 2018 cruise within a week of introducing it.



We will sail the Eastern Caribbean for 8 fabulous days aboard Royal Caribbean's newly-refurbished Freedom of the Seas. Departing from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, we'll visit Basseteere, St. Kitts & Nevis; Philipsburg, St Maarten; San Juan, Puerto Rico and Labadee, Haiti. Experience Spanish, French, British and Dutch colonial heritage on these diverse islands. Discover golden sand beaches, coral reefs, dormant volcanoes and lush tropical forests and verdant green hills and valleys.

Plus, enjoy 3 full days at sea. Treat your palate to amazing cuisine. Relax poolside or in a shady cabana with a good book or a quenching Margarita. Expand your horizons with a dance, scrapbooking, jewelry making, or wine tasting class. Gamble in the ship's casino or gambol on the sports deck. Stroll the promenade. Swing and sway with music and entertainment at Broadway-style shows, intimate piano bars, karaoke, and on the dance floor.

BEST OF ALL. . . enjoy quality time with your shipmates and their spouses, families and friends in a relaxed. Bring the kids! Bring the grandkids! Bring the neighbors!

We have a limited number of cabins available starting at \$999.00/person for an oceanview stateroom and \$1214.00/person for a balcony stateroom, based on double occupancy. Price includes most meals; some beverages; most onboard entertainment; \$75/cabin onboard credit; and pre, post and onboard services of a professional group travel manager. Prices do not include air transportation; trip protection insurance; port transfers or port parking fee; and items of a personal nature, such as shore & land excursions, specialty restaurant fees, most beverages, photographs, gratuities/service fees, medical services, etc.

We have a limited number of staterooms available at these special group prices. A deposit of \$250/person is required to guarantee a reservation at these prices. Price and stateroom availability is not guaranteed until deposit is received. To assure the best selection of staterooms, we strongly suggest making deposit as soon as possible. We also suggest that you reserve a stateroom even if you're not totally sure you will be able to sail with us to assure sufficient staterooms are available. Any special sale pricing offered by Royal Caribbean which is lower than the group price at time of deposit will be honored.

For information and reservations, contact Judy Duran, 720 270-5767.

USS Mills DE and DER 383 Reunion



DE 383



DER 383

Hello USS MILLS DE/DER-383,

Thank you for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Your donation in the amount of \$100.00 will help provide relief services and programs for the thousands of active duty and retired Sailors, Marines, and their families who seek our assistance each year.

Donors like you make it possible for us to continue our tradition of service that began over a century ago in 1904.

Thank you again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

CAPT Shelley S. Marshall, USN (Ret)
VP, Chief Development and Communications Officer
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The donation above to Navy Relief was made today, June 9, 2016 to honor the life and service of Herbert Edward Littlefield. Herb was one the original Coast Guard crew on USS MILLS DE-383 from her commissioning until she was placed out of service in 1946. He attended every reunion possible with his daughter and son in law Fran and Duane Chamberlain. Marcia, another daughter has been to a reunion also.

Herb passed away on February 6th 2016 at the age of 90. His family has scheduled a memorial service for him with full military honors tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Enfield N.H. Please join the MILLS family remembering one of our own on the occasion of his memorial.