

YANCEY MEMORIES

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2015 USS YANCEY REUNION RECAP

The USS Yancey and the USS Rankin held our second joint reunion at the Holiday Inn Opryland Airport Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. People began gathering in the hospitality room even before registration began and got a head start on catching up. The reunion began with a Welcome Buffet on the Jackson Veranda in the hotel and afterwards many returned to the hospitality room for refreshments and to continue getting reacquainted.

Friday morning was cloudy with rain forecast, however the buses were loaded for a Nashville City tour and the Country Music Hall of Fame or the home estate of President Andrew Jackson. I chose the Hall of Fame and found it very interesting. They had many exhibits including rhinestone costumes, Elvis's Gold Cadillac, and many interactive exhibits with country music. The city tour consisted of driving past country star homes and studios. Unfortunately it was raining so we were on the bus the entire tour.

Friday evenings rain didn't deter us from boarding buses for the Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater. After a southern buffet dinner we sat back to enjoy the show of country music and comedy. The main attraction was Tim "The Fiddle Man" Watson who was extremely entertaining both with his fiddle and comedy talent. His 19 year old son TJ was also part of the show and played a mean harmonica. I believe everyone enjoyed the show as they were still talking about it the next day.

Saturday morning was a tour of the Belle Meade Plantation. The plantation was used for breeding thoroughbred race horses including the bloodlines of Seabiscuit and others. A costumed guide led us through a tour of the mansion built in 1845 followed by wine tasting in the Belle Meade Winery. We then toured the rest of the property and other buildings on our own before having lunch and heading back to the hotel.

Again undeterred by the rain, we boarded buses for the short trip to the Grand Ole Opry. The Opry provided a variety of different entertainers most notably Mel Tillis and Ray Stevens. Others included Kristian Bush, Ray Pillow and Riders in the Sky to name a few. It was a good show but a much slower pace than the Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater so a little disappointing.

Sunday mornings forecast of no rain made it the perfect day for our Lunch Cruise aboard the paddle wheel boat General Jackson. After boarding, we enjoyed a buffet brunch followed by entertainment of traditional gospel music. After the show we went on deck to enjoy the view of the City of Nashville and relax as we cruised back down the Cumberland River.

The Sunday Banquet began with the presentation of Colors by the midshipmen from Vanderbilt University's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and

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**USS YANCEY 2016
REUNION**

JACKSONVILLE, FL

**DOUBLE TREE
JACKSONVILLE
RIVERFRONT HOTEL**

Thurs. Sept. 22-

**Mon. Sept. 26,
2016**

Banquet Sunday Night

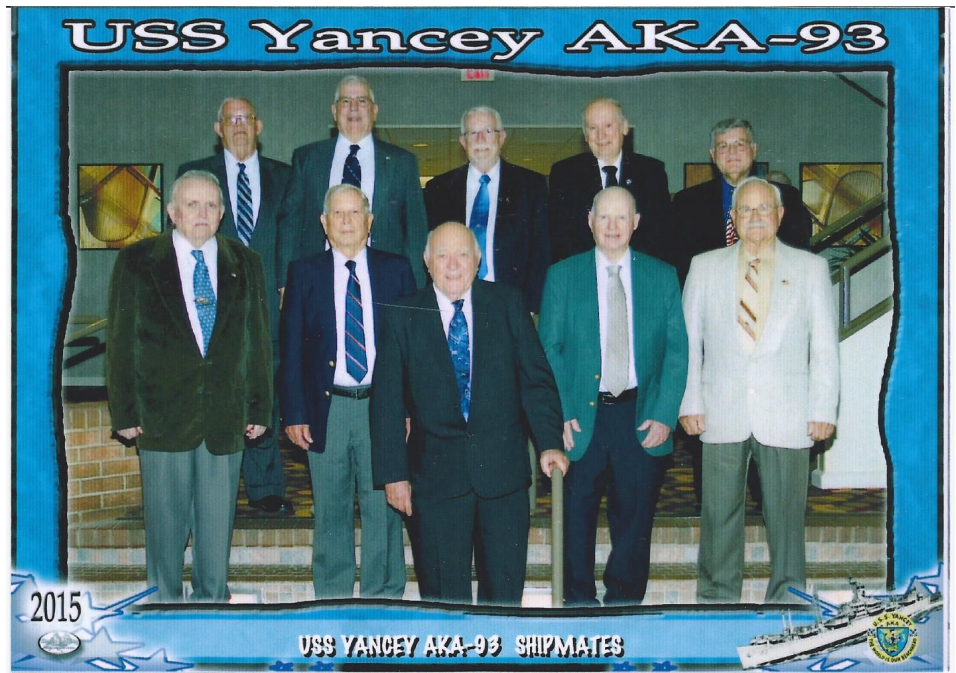
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the playing of the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. Ed McLaughlin gave the Invocation followed by welcome remarks from MC Skip Sander. After Rankin WWII shipmate Paul Allen presented a toast, dinner was served. After dinner, guest speaker Commander Sam Brasfield was introduced. Commander Brasfield is the Executive Officer, Vanderbilt University NROTC Unit. Commander Brasfield gave an interesting talk about diversity in today's Navy and answered questions from the attendees. The speaker was followed by the traditional Memorial Service. Once again Ed McLaughlin acted as Chaplain, providing the Invocation and prayers leading into the Bell Ceremony. George Clifton and Skip Sander read the names of the deceased for each ship. As each name was read there was a single peal of the bell to honor them. This was followed by TAPS to conclude the service. This officially brought the banquet and reunion to a close until next year.

COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Well, the holidays are over and it's time to start thinking about Spring and Summer. I know I will be busy planning our 2016 reunion in Jacksonville Florida. We had a good turnout in Nashville and hopefully we will do even better in Jacksonville. Again we have included a request for funds with the mailing so please help if you can. I hope everyone is in good health and enjoying retirement and I hope to see many of you in Jacksonville.

George Clifton



**Top row: Gillispie, Smith, Jr., Clifton, Karlis, MacLaughlin
Bottom row: Welfare, Fauber, Malme, Boyd, Messer**

YANCEY ENCOUNTERS TYPHOON

By Ken Groom

During my time on the Yancey we were in Sasebo, Japan when a typhoon warning came. Typhoons are common in that part of South East Asia in the Spring. Most of our time during the Korean War, we were making round trips from Oakland, CA, to Sasebo, Japan in two week segments. That is, two weeks in Oakland, 2 weeks at sea and 2 weeks in Sasebo at buoy 22. This was followed by a return trip to Oakland for another 2 weeks.

When the typhoon warning came, we were tied up at the docks of Item Basin in Sasebo. The wind had picked up late that afternoon. Most of the ships in the harbor were directed to make way to go to sea to ride out or avoid, if possible, the typhoon. The Yancey, at dock, prepared for the typhoon, by doubling up all of the lines to the dock.

I remember, when the typhoon came, the sheet metal was being ripped off of the warehouse adjacent to the Yancey. Some of that debris came flying over to the Yancey.

The next morning the typhoon had passed and we were none the worse for wear. The ships that had been out to sea returned to a pristine bay where all of the junk that had been floating in the bay was now swept out and the water was crystal clear.

I know that the Yancey was in another typhoon sometime in those early 50s, but that time I missed the trip and was in a Navy school in San Diego. I hope some of my shipmates that were in that other typhoon would tell that story.

Later in life I was on a business trip to Okinawa, Japan and was watching the news when a typhoon warning was in place. This time, with modern technology, the weather channel showed the tracking of the advance of the typhoon. Fortunately, it missed us and I was able to avoid it.

ANOTHER YANCEY STORY

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*(Continued from page 2)***BY KEN GROOM**

The Yancey crew, during my time, was mostly made up of new recruits, old salts and reservist who were recalled to duty. Glenn Gambel was one of those reservist that had been recalled when I was first striking for yeoman. Glenn, had been recalled just when he was about to get his much coveted job as postman in the little town of Fairplay, Missouri. He was a very good mentor to me and did his best to train me so he could get back to his civilian life. At the time he was about 35 going on 65.

One day he was busy at work when a new minted Ensign came in to ask a question. Glenn was mumbling along and replied to the Ensign "I am so busy, I haven't had time to brush my F@#\$en teeth. The Ensign, to show he had a bit of saltiness, replied, in perfect college English and with a high pitch, "I haven't had time to brush my F@#\$ing teeth either". I think that episode helped establish the relationship between Glenn and officers.

**WELCOME MAT**

The following shipmates have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome Aboard! We hope to see you at the next reunion. You are invited to become an active member of the association.

Ronald Turner
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**TAPS**

The Yancey Memories was notified of the following shipmates' deaths. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the deceased. Anyone who knows of a deceased shipmate, or learns of one, please notify Premier Reunion Services so their names can be included in TAPS and be added to the Honor Roll.

John Salb
Died July 18, 2014

Robert Beam
(1951-52) DCA3
Date of death not reported

Robert Dinwiddle
(1952-56) BM3 1st Div
Date of death not reported

Jim Stoltenberg
Date of death not reported

Johann Hermann
(1944-45) CM2/c
Died August 15, 2013

Rex McCurdy
(1944-46) S1/c S Div
Died June 10, 2015

David Chestnut
(1951-53) BM2 2nd Div
Died October 12, 2015

John Warden
(1950-52) Lt
Died January 31, 2015

Gerald Sudbrock
(1950)RM Radio Operator
Died September 16, 2015

Richard Greenwalt
(1952-55) SK
Died April 12, 2013

**OBITUARY FOR
GERALD SUDBROCK**

Gerald (Jerry) E. Sudbrock, age 90, of Mexico, MO, died September 16, 2015.

Mr. Sudbrock was born August 11, 1925 in St Charles, MO, the son of Beecher Ward and Rosalee (Johnson) Sudbrock. He was a graduate of Mexico High School and entered the U.S. Navy after graduation in 1943. He served during World War II in the South Pacific Theater and invasion of Okinawa. In January 1946, after two and one-half years of service, he received an Honorable Discharge and was in the Navy Reserves. He was called back to service in January, 1950 and served during the Korean War as a radio operator on the USS Yancey. In December, 1953, he received an Honorable Discharge after almost four additional years of service.

He was a member of Southside Christian church and a past member of the Audrain Antique Car Club. For most of his life, he worked in the Mexico area in Heating/Air Conditioning/Plumbing repair. He retired in July, 2005 and enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, and his hobby of restoring and showing Model T Ford cars.

On November 8, 1957, he married Joyce Moore, who preceded him in death on April 4, 1996. He married Marlene Conklin on May 31, 1997. She survives at home.

Mr. Sudbrock was a kind and caring man who cherished his family. He always had a positive attitude and a great sense of humor. He will be missed by his family and host of friends.

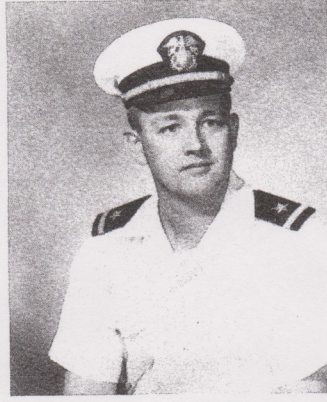
He is survived by three daughters, two stepsons, sixteen grandchildren and step-grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, three brothers, one sister, one brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews and extended family.

FROM THE 1962 MED CRUISE BOOK

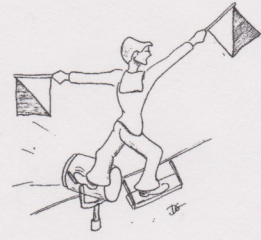
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LTJG CHARLES PERKINS
OS DIVISION OFFICER



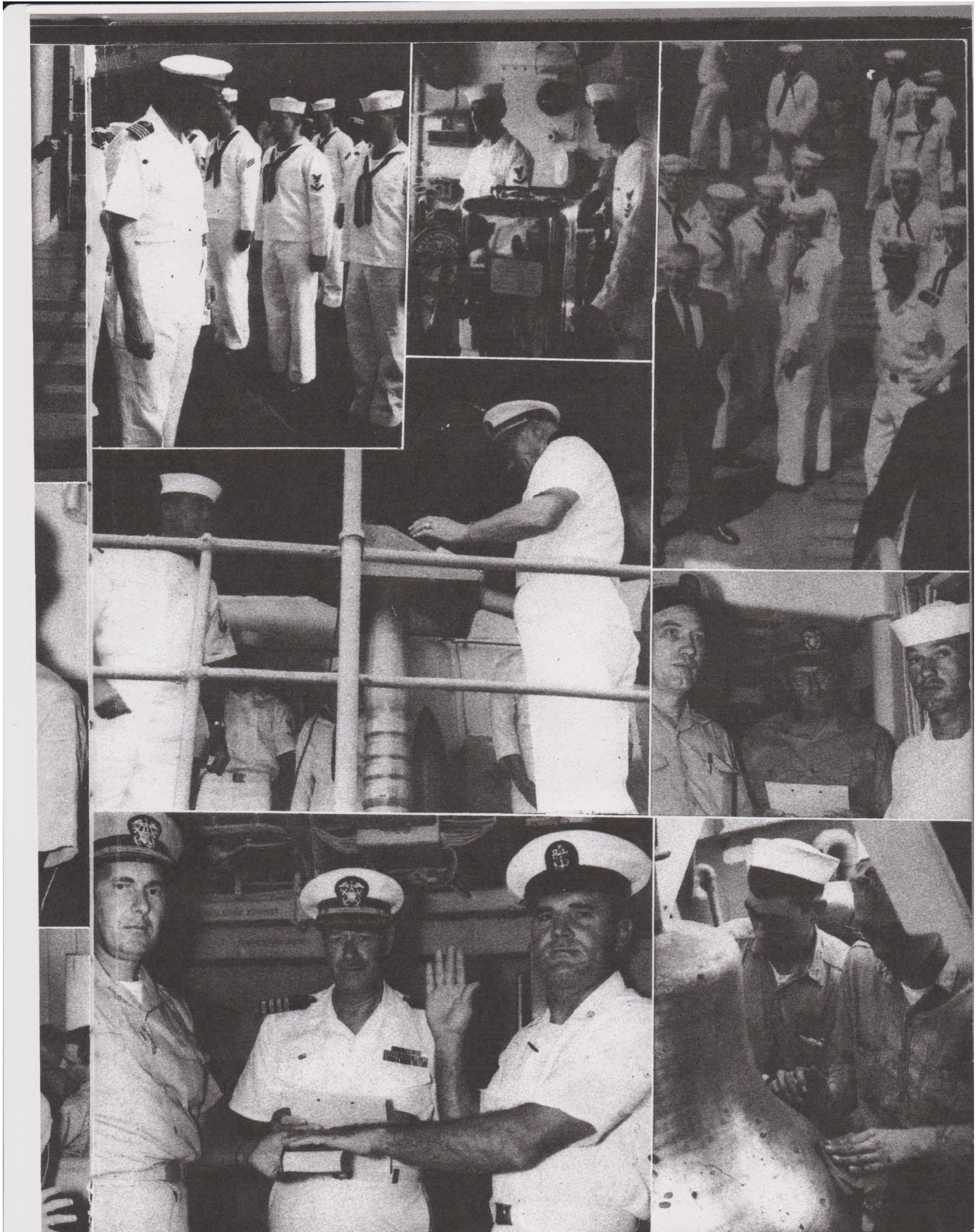
ENSIGN J. KYLE
ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



B. Lasater, SM2 G. Kosarek, SM2 C. Mingus, SM2 F. Johnson, SM3 B. Quina, SM2



OS DIVISION



USS YANCEY (AKA-93)

Submitted by Elton Fauber

Central Group
Capt. J.E. Cohn, USN

- 2 DEC 46 Departed Port Hueneme, California
- 9 DEC 46 Crossed the Equator at 135° 10' W
- 30 DEC 46 Rendezvoused with the Central Group of ships at Scott Island and refueled from USS Canisteo.
- 31 DEC 46 Began transit through the pack ice with the Central Group
- 14 JAN 47 Broke into the open waters of the Ross Sea
- 15 JAN 47 Arrived at the Bay of Whales
- 18 JAN 47 Moored at Bay of Whales and commenced off-loading of supplies for Little America
- 6 FEB 47 Departed Bay of Whales with Central Group
- 13 FEB 47 Departed Scott Island for New Zealand
- 22 FEB 47 Arrived at Port Chalmers, NZ
- 5 MAR 47 Departed Port Chalmers for Pago Pago, Samoa
- 11 MAR 47 Arrived Pago Pago, Samoa
- 27 MAR 47 Departed Pago Pago, Samoa with YTL-153 in tow
- 14 APR 47 Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- 2 MAY 47 Arrived Port Hueneme, California

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Best regards,

George Clifton