



# YANCEY MEMORIES

## COORDINATORS MESSAGE



I hope everyone is glad to see this unusual Winter coming to an end and looking forward to Spring and Summer. Included in this issue is some information about this year's reunion in Annapolis, Maryland September 21<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>. Other than the hotel everything else is still in the planning stage. Since we are now part of the Amphibious Ships reunion we are not sure how many may be in attendance so I truly encourage that anyone considering attending make a hotel reservation. Unlike signing up for tours and dinners the hotel can be canceled if you don't attend. I would hate to see a Yancey crew member unable to stay at the host hotel.

Something new this issue is the profile of a Yancey crew member. We hope to have this in every issue so will be randomly sending out questionnaires. If you don't receive a questionnaire and would like one please let us know and we will gladly provide one. Or if you prefer you can send us a short, or long, bio without receiving a form. I know many of us like to know what happened to old shipmates.

Also we are requesting any stories about your time aboard or even after you were discharged. We need something to print to keep the newsletter going. This is your newsletter so anything you would like to see please let us know.

George Clifton

## 2020 REUNION ANNAPOLIS

Nothing is finalized for this year's itinerary and no costs are available at this time but here are some things that are being worked on.

**DAY ONE** we will tour the Naval Academy and possibly have lunch there as well as a cruise on the Severn River.

**DAY TWO** a trip to Baltimore is being planned with a tour of the city and Fort McHenry as well as the NSA Museum (National Security Agency). An Inner Harbor cruise is also a possibility.

**DAY THREE** a more laid back schedule with a walking tour of Historic Annapolis. This will allow everyone time to get back to the hotel to get ready for pictures and the banquet.

We are also attempting to schedule a crab fest at the home of David Blanche, USS Arneb AKA-56, who lives in the area and has offered his property as an optional choice. Planning this is somewhat complicated due to the need of ordering crabs ahead of time and the unpredictability of the weather.

Once this information is finalized I will post it on our website [www.ussyancey.com](http://www.ussyancey.com) and as always feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

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## MORE QUOTES FROM THE NAVY BOOK OF TRUISMS

- A Sailor will walk 10 miles in a freezing rain to get a beer but complain about standing a 4 hour quarterdeck watch on a beautiful, balmy spring day.
  - A Sailor will lie, cheat and scam to get off the ship early and then will have no idea where he wants to go.
  - Sailors are territorial. They have their assigned spaces to clean and maintain. Woe betide the shipmate who tracks through a freshly swabbed deck.
  - Sailors constantly complain about the food on the mess decks while concurrently going back for second or even third helpings.
  - After a cruise, a Sailor will realize how much he misses being at sea. And after retiring from the Navy considers going on a cruise and visiting some of our past favorite ports. Of course we'll have to pony up better than \$5,000 for the privilege. Just to think, Uncle Sam actually use to pay us to visit those same ports years ago.
  - Never play a drinking game which involves the loser paying for all the drinks.
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## PROFILE PAUL DUNN

Ensign Paul Dunn Joined the Yancey in 1966 right out of Officer Candidate School as head of the OE Division, just in time for Med. 3-66. Here's what Paul told us about his career's:

"I actually had, in a sense, a dual career. I had a few civilian jobs that paid the bills, etc. However I also stayed active in the Reserves and retired as a Captain.

The Reserve participation is not as easy as it may look. The requirement is to drill monthly (one weekend) and participate in a two week period of active duty. Some of my reserve duty was at a Reserve Center in my hometown (Cleveland, OH area), while some was at a Reserve Center more distant (Akron, OH). Since a month has four weeks and a few days, my reserve time consumed a quarter of that time.

My two week period took place at a number of locations. One that I spent the most time at was Surface Force Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, VA. I was assigned to the training department. They scheduled training for the Surface Fleet. The command was headed by a three star admiral located on the base in Norfolk with the four star heading Atlantic Fleet. The admirals took some interest in me as they typically did not see reserve officers. It was pure luck that I was assigned the first time to that command. Afterwards, I would ask to be sent to that command each year. I always received orders there since nobody else was asking, and the command stated they could use my help. It was a perfect win, win. My payoff was that I received fitness reports with great comments from Captains and Admirals.

Initially I worked in the residential customer service department at Ohio Bell, then started out at a local bank (Key Bank) where I worked in the International Department handling foreign exchange and domestic bank investments. That training provided me the background that I used in my next career working for corporations in their treasury department.

For the corporations I handled their treasury management (bank accounts both domestic and international), cash investing, foreign exchange and hedging of foreign exchange risk. I did this for a couple of companies. Since they were international companies, I was able to work with their international treasury staff. In addition I was active in a professional educational association obtaining speakers for the monthly meetings and being a team member to get speakers for an annual all day seminar for other professionals in my field who worked at other northeast Ohio companies."

Paul and his wife Patricia have three sons. Paul is a fan of model railroad exhibits and enjoys attended various events in his region, he also likes to travel. One of his sons lives in California, another in Illinois and one is in the Cleveland area and comes home often for moms cooking.

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## THE WORLD IS OUR BEACHHEAD

### Shipmates Who Have Passed

Reese Halverson  
MM2 1952-1954  
Deceased 3/24/19

Henry Prosser  
RM3 1944-1946  
Deceased 12/29/18

Clarence Provaznik  
LTJG 1962-1963  
Deceased 5/27/19

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