



YANCEY MEMORIES



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We've been busy since the last newsletter preparing for this years reunion in Buffalo New York. I think it will be a good reunion and it appears well attended. I encourage anyone considering attending to at least make your hotel reservations as we have already requested another block of rooms. As always if anyone has questions or needs assistance just let me know. I hope you all have a great Summer and I look forward to seeing many of you in Buffalo in September.

Make your reservations at www.USSYancey.com

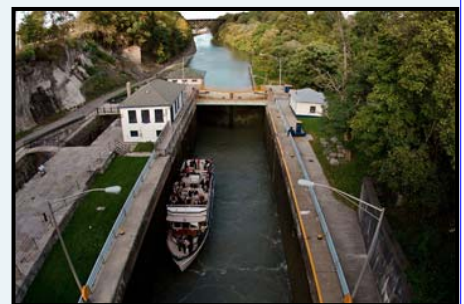
2019 AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS REUNION EVENTS

Group Welcome Buffet
Thursday, September 5 (1800)

Multiple ships will once again come together to make this a truly unique reunion, greet your friends and make new ones, at the *Welcome Buffet* in the Millennium Hotel featuring Prime Rib.

Erie Canal Cruise with Lunch
Friday, September 6 (0900-1500)

All aboard for a relaxing trip on the 19th-century engineering marvel which opened up the American Frontier. The fun and informative cruise will take you past five of the original 1800's locks. Three million gallons of water will fill Locks 34 & 35, the only double set on the Erie Canal, and raise the boat 50 feet. You'll pass under Lockport's "Upside Down Bridge," and...



A SPECIAL CEREMONY FOR A YANCEY SAILOR



The Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview Texas had been holding mock run throughs for a very special ceremony, on February 28th , of this year the first honoree was a Yancey veteran. Chris Heglar explains....My Pop, Harold Lynn Hegler, served on the Yancey from 51-54. He passed away on 28 Feb of this year. I enjoyed hearing his stories about the ship and miss him more and more each day. My only comfort is knowing that he is reunited with my Mom, who passed in Jan of 2018. They had been married for 62 years, and his last 13 months on this earth was a very lonely time for him. When he died at the hospital, the funeral director laid a flag over him, they announce over the loud speaker a certain code, and as he was wheeled out all the nurses and doctors lined the hallways. Security folded the flag and presented it to me. My shock and sadness was momentarily gone and my heart filled with pride. Thank you for your service, sir.

NAVY TRUISMS

- * There are only two good ships: the one you came from and the one you're going to.
- Whites, coming from the cleaners, clean, pressed and starched, last that way about 30 microseconds after donning them. The Navy dress white uniform is a natural dirt magnet.
- Sweat pumps operate in direct proportion to the seniority of the official visiting.
- The shrill call of a bosun's pipe still puts a chill down my spine.
- Three biggest lies in the Navy: We're happy to be here; this is not an inspection; we're here to help.
- Everything goes in the log.
- Rule 1: The Chief is always right. Rule 2: When in doubt refer to Rule 1.
- A wet napkin under your tray keeps the tray from sliding on the mess deck table in rough seas, keeping at least one hand free to hold on to your beverage.
- Never walk between the projector and the movie screen after movie call and the flick has started.
- A guy who doesn't share a care package from home is no shipmate.
- When transiting the ocean, the ship's chronometer is always advanced at 0200 which makes for a short night. When going in the opposite direction, the chronometer is retarded at 1600 which extends the work day.
- When I sleep, I often dream I am back at sea.
- * GOOD SHIPMATES ARE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

REUNION EVENTS CONTINUED

Lockport's "Big Bridge" (the widest bridge in the U.S. at 299 feet wide), through the "deep rock cut" and under lift bridges. The lively narration will be given by the Coast Guard Licensed Captain. Prior to the cruise, a buffet lunch will be served at the Lockport Locks facility. Price includes round-trip motor coach, 2 hour locks cruise, with a bountiful buffet lunch.

Tour USS Little Rock & Buffalo Naval & Military Park

Saturday, September 7 (0930-1530)

The Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park is a museum on the shore of Lake Erie. It is home to several decommissioned US Naval vessels, including the Cleveland-class cruiser USS Little Rock, the Fletcher-class destroyer USS Sullivan, and the submarine USS Croaker. The only guided missile cruiser on display in the U.S. today, the USS *Little Rock* is the sole survivor of the U.S. Navy's World War II Cleveland class of light cruisers, the most abundant of all U.S. wartime cruisers (29 vessels total). Along with the ships, there are outdoor exhibits with a variety of smaller vehicles, vessels, and aircraft on display at the park. On the waterfront, RiverWorks is a multi-faceted entertainment complex that features a brewery, restaurant and many shops for browsing. This will be a great Navy day!



Buffalo City Tour & Niagara Falls

Sunday, September 8 (0900-1500)



Today will be a very exciting day as we first head out by bus to Niagara Falls, NY. Our local tour guide will regale you with historical anecdotes about "The Falls" as we wind our way through the State Park to see and photograph the Falls from several different perspectives. We will stay on the American side, so passports are not required. Then we head back to Buffalo to continue a riding tour of the city, to see all the sights of this renaissance city. After our tour there will be time

for lunch on your own downtown before returning to the hotel. A great day out! Tour on a motor coach and professional guides.

Sunday, September 8 (1530) - Membership Meeting at the Hotel

Sunday, September 8 (1800) - Banquet Dinner at the Hotel

Join your friends for dinner, picture portraits and group photos will start at 1700, cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 1800, and dinner will be served at 1930.

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Shipmates Who Have Passed

Gene Foss EM3
1962-1966
Deceased
3/13/2017

Harold Hegler SK2
1951-1954
Deceased
2/8/2019

George Horner LTJG
1942-1946
Deceased
1/25/2017

Richard Craig RMC
1961-1965

Joel Talmadge Newman BT3
1952-1956
Deceased
5/30/2018