



# YANCEY MEMORIES

## COORDINATORS MESSAGE

It's only been 3 months since the last newsletter, but seems longer. I hope everyone had a great holiday season & I know we're all looking forward to Spring & Summer.

We are trying to issue the newsletter quarterly, but Ric says we need more stories. As I've said in the past you don't have to be a great author because Ric will spruce it up. I'm sure you all have at least one interesting story to tell.

We had some problems with the 2022 reunion that are finally resolved. Since the hotel we had booked, Hotel Elegante, was sold and is being converted to condos we needed to regroup. We thought we may have to change cities but finally got a hotel for mid-October (October 9 thru 13). I know the month has changed but so many were looking forward to Colorado Springs that we didn't want to change the city if possible. No itinerary is available at this time. I hope this doesn't inconvenience too many and we have a larger Yancey attendance than last year.

We took a year off from fundraising but have included a request in this newsletter to ensure we have enough funds to continue the newsletter and website.

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## SEE YOU IN COLORADO SPRINGS OCTOBER 9 thru 13, 2022



We will be staying at the newly renovated Embassy Suites by Hilton Colorado Springs, located at 7290 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. All rooms at this hotel are two-room suites. The room rate is just **\$139** plus tax per night which includes a made-to-order hot breakfast and nightly Happy Hour. Mountain View Rooms are \$40 more per night.



For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same rate is available three days prior to and three days after the reunion, if available.

Make your reservations NOW to insure availability. You may cancel without penalty up to 72 hours in advance. Hotel reservations are due by September 8th.

The most reliable way to make hotel reservations is by going to the Yancey website at [www.ussyancey.com](http://www.ussyancey.com) and click on Hotel Information. A less reliable alternative way to make reservation is to call the hotel at 719-599-9100 and press "0" to reach the hotel operator. Make sure you are speaking directly with the hotel, and not an off-site reservations office. Always request the **Amphibious Ships Reunion** group rate of \$139 per night. If they tell you something like "the group rate is sold out" or "no rooms available at that rate," hang up and call again to get a better agent.

**If you have any problems getting a room at the group rate, especially if you are coming in early or staying late, please call Military Reunion Planners (MRP) at 817-251-3551. They can resolve most hotel issues.**

## GENE HILL SENT THIS STORY & SOME SUPPLY DEPARTMENT PIX

Thanks for all you do to keep things going for the honor of that chapter in our lives.

I have a story to share as a deck hand during our Med cruise of 66-67. We were offloading a piece of heavy equipment from deep in the bowels of the ship. I think it was an evaporator. We had removed the hatch covers from one quarter of all three decks down which was probably 60 feet down. I was told to clean up and stow some of the large nylon cargo nets which were all tangled up on the top deck. To do this I took hold of each steel corner ring and walked it backwards to stretch it out so I could fold it up. As I backed up with the last of the four rings I stepped backwards out into the open hatch. Head over heels as I fell through the open air, I held tight to the ring which dragged the net in behind me. The Lord assigned angels to protect me I am sure. As I fell totally out of control and disoriented as it happened so quick, the slight drag from the net caused me to swing in and land standing on my feet on the next deck down! At which point I had the presence of mind to let go of the cargo net and it went crashing down to the bottom deck. At which point I could hear much cussing and swearing at who the Hell threw this net down here! The guys on top deck were looking down expecting to see my dead body. And I am standing in the dark shaking like a leaf in the wind and wondering what just happened. I actually felt the presence of angels, and I thank God I lived to tell this story.

In 68 when  
Brownie left I  
become  
the ships  
postmaster.  
Gene Hill PC3



Terry Kinnear & Jim Arslanian



Supply Officer Ensign Pitman

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## THE WORLD IS OUR BEACHHEAD

### Shipmates Who Have Passed

Carl Meriweather  
51-54  
Deceased 7/27/21

Marman Schneider  
SN 49-50  
Deceased 12/28/21

### IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD - by LARRY REGAN DPC (RET) - DK1 65-66

In early January 2022 I was enjoying a Starbucks drink and sandwich. I wear a ball cap with U S Navy Retired and a Navy Jacket, I'm frequently approached with family stories of members who have served in the Navy. That day a lady approached me, thanked me for my service, she told me her father had served during the Vietnam era on the Yancey. I was really surprised, I ask his name and she told me it was Bill Bowling and that he was on it when it was in the Pacific. That is when I told her that I had served on the Yancey when it was home ported at Little Creek Va. This would normally be the end of the story but she went on to say that he had been transferred to the USS Enterprise, I told her that I had also served on the Enterprise for three years. He had been on been on the ships in the late 1960's to early 1970's I was on the Yancey 1965 to 1966 as a DK1 and the Enterprise 1974 to 1977 as a DPC. It is not unusual to encounter someone who has served at the same command but to encounter someone who has served on both, that I thought was a little unusual.