

LEYTE NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE USS LEYTE (CV-32) ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENTS LETTER

We are all looking forward to the 30th reunion of the USS LEYTE CV-32 ASSOCIATION. I was looking at the reunion news letters that go back to the beginning and I would like to thank all the members that have stepped up and helped the Association grow. We have members who have worked since the first reunion and held positions and still today are very important to keeping the Association going. Thank you every one.

The Association meetings have given Betty and Me a chance to travel throughout the United States and visit various places as the reunions changed cities. Some have been very interesting like the rain storm along the east coast during the Myrtle Beach one and the trials of driving home from there. For this reunion I want to give a special thanks to Angelo and Katherine for the work they have put in to get the Virginia Beach reunion together. From a review of the agenda and arrangements we can be assured that we all will have a great time in Virginia and again visiting with our shipmates and family.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you (again) this year. Don't forget the adventure by bringing your children, grand-children, and other family members to enjoy the beach and the great tour in a Navy town. They may even enjoy listening to a bunch of 'old sailors' telling sea stories of the adventures they have had. Looking forward to seeing you at a great reunion in Virginia Beach.
Charlie Hill

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

By Frank Koeller, Jr.

Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Be humble. First remove the plank from your own eye before pointing out the plank in someone else's eye. Be tender hearted and kind to other's as you want them to be to you. Luke 6:37.

MAIL CALL

Significant items from the 2015 reunion for information. Election was held and Charlie Hill is President, Jack Mitchell is President Elect and Frank Hanna is Vice President. You will note that these three have been carrying the burden along with the other Officers and Committee Chairmen for a considerable number of years. The 2017 reunion will be in Baltimore, MD and the 2018 reunion in Savannah, GA as approved by the Membership. Jack Mitchell explained that the website WWW ussleytecv32.com is managed by Webmaster Stephen Perry as a benefit to Shipmates and interested others so send him pictures, stories or any other information that may be of interest for him to put on the website. Charlie Hill reported that Small Stores has neckties, hats, watch caps, and some new items available at the reunion for purchase. Most items now carried are capable of being put into luggage for carrying to the reunions. Retired Navy Captain Tom Hennessey informed us that the Christening of the USS Hudner DDG 116 will be in Boston in 2017. Hopefully some Shipmates will be able to attend. John Camp suggested that because we have sufficient funds in our account that we should use some to help fund some reunion activities. In response the Association will contribute \$20.00 toward the tour at the Virginia Beach reunion. It was reported that there will be a special dangle for the 30th reunion in Virginia Beach. The President gave special recognition to Betty and Charlie Hill, to Bill Carr for throwing the wreath in the ocean, Zig Zygmont and Bill Fleming for their help and Jack Mitchell as always being available to help out, Angelo for helping with this reunion and of course Stan and Billie Roberts that went above and beyond for this reunion.

From Betty Hill (although haven't received it yet) bring your items, small or large, purchased or home made, all items are welcome for the reunion raffle in Virginia Beach. Things from your home town or state put together in a basket, etc. The raffle money goes directly back into the Association bank account that helps keeping the reunions going. The last year we made \$480.00. Want to thank all that donated last year so looking forward to this year.

From Rosemary Sherman notifying us of the passing of Dr. Keith C. Sherman.

A SAILOR YOU BE

By Noel Payne

Have you felt salt spray, upon your face?
Have you seen porpoise at the bow, keeping pace?
Have you viewed sea birds, above the wake in flight?
Have you fixed on a star, at sunset shining bright?
Has there been a time, to save a shipmate?
Has the roll of the deck, ever kept you awake?
Has the vastness of sea, left you feeling alone?
Has a foreign port, made you wish you were home?
If you have weighed anchor, from calm shelter
If you have crossed the equator, at noon time swelter
If you have stood your watch, on a pitching deck
If you have made landfall, on the horizon a speck
When you have secured the decks, for the night to turn in
When you have mustered at sunrise, seen a new day begin
When you have dogged down hatches, in mountainous sea
When you have known all these things, a sailor you be

LOOK FORWARD TO THE REUNION

The Hampton Roads region is located in South-eastern Virginia along the East Coast of the United States. The region is the birthplace of Colonial America. Sponsored by the Virginia Company of London, 108 European adventurers completed their arduous four month journey across the Atlantic Ocean from England to try to establish a permanent colony. They arrived at Cape Henry in 1607, explored the surrounding rivers and bays before eventually finding a safe haven at Jamestown. They persisted in establishing a settlement and gradually expanded to sew the seeds for the birth of a great nation.

The Revolutionary War ended in Yorktown when British General Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington. The famous Civil War naval battle between the USS Monitor and the CSS Merrimack took place in Hampton Roads harbor. Dozens of museums, such as the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and historical landmarks tell these historical stories. Hampton Roads has much to offer in terms of quality of life which you can take advantage of during your reunion visit. In addition to the tour of the USS Wisconsin, the waterfront tour, the Naval Museum and Nauticus Maritime Center as well as the ladies tour of Virginia Beach, there are a number of other places that you may want to visit by extending or during your stay. For example in Virginia Beach there is the Naval Aviation Monument on 25th street and Atlantic Avenue, that is as well known as the Jets that fly overhead in more than 200,000 training operations each year. The Military Aviation Museum at 3141 Princess Anne Road features a major collection of military aircrafts from the middle of the last century. All of these rare aircraft have been restored back to their original flying condition and reside in the atmosphere of their age. There is the Virginia Aquarium with over 700,000 gallons of aquariums and hosts 2 buildings with live animal habitats, touch tanks, 300 hands-on exhibits, an outdoor Aviary with over 55 local bird species, an IMAX theatre and 10 acres of marsh habitat and nature trails. On Oceana Boulevard there is the MIA memorial park and a chance to observe takeoffs and landings of Jets based at Oceana Naval Air Station.

Nearby in downtown Norfolk is the MacArthur Memorial comprising nine galleries depicting the life and times of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur through a variety of exciting displays and exhibits. Located at 245 Olney Road, the Chrysler Museum of Art features a world renowned glass collection; lovely works of art from many cultures, including African, Egyptian, pre-Columbian, Islamic and Asian cultures, and American and European paintings and sculptures.

Westward across the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel in Hampton can be found the Virginia Air and Space Center, and the Mariner's Museum one of the worlds largest and most comprehensive is located in a beautiful 550 acre park show-casing an international collection of maritime artifacts, including ship models, figureheads, working steam engines, scrimshaw, home of the remains of the USS Monitor, and more.

HAMPTON ROADS MAP



MAP SYMBOLS

- Amphitheater
- Bike Paths
- Campground
- Footpath
- Fire & Rescue
- Golf Course
- Country Club
- Jogging Trail
- Library
- Lifeguard
- Fishing
- Marina
- Military
- Park
- Parking
- Police Department
- Post Office
- Public Boat Ramp
- Public Restrooms
- Surfing
- Tennis
- Hospital