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PROVIDENCE REUNIONS

5/1/89	Virginia Beach, VA
9/1/90	Sarasota, FL
5/1/92	Covington, KY
10/1/93	Philadelphia, PA
5/1/95 ***	Providence, RI
10/1/96	San Diego, CA
5/1/98	St. Petersburg, FL
10/1/99	Covington, KY
5/1/2001	Kansas City, MO
9/1/2002	Las Vegas, NV
5/1/2004	Buffalo, NY
9/1/2005	Phoenix, AZ
9/1/2007	Covington, KY
4/29/2009	Newport, RI
10/6/2010	San Diego, CA
5/2/2012	Washington, DC
10/8/2014	San Diego, CA
9/27/2017	Buffalo, NY
10/9/2019	San Antonio, TX

***50th anniversary of laying of Ship's keel.



REUNION 2019

Wednesday, October 9 to Sunday, October 13, 2019.

There is still time to plan and register for the upcoming San Antonio Reunion.

Reunion central will be on the San Antonio Riverwalk at the:

Wyndham San Antonio, Riverwalk
111 Pecan St., East
San Antonio, TX 78205
Direct reservation # 210-354-2800

Make certain you inform the operator that you are with the USS PROVIDENCE Reunion.

Cost per room night is \$119 – applicable taxes. Price includes buffet breakfast for two each day. The room charges will apply for three days on either side of the reunion dates.

The Wyndham, as most hotels on the Riverwalk, does not have an airport shuttle, however, there are a few options: Taxi – approx. \$20-\$25

Uber – approx. \$20

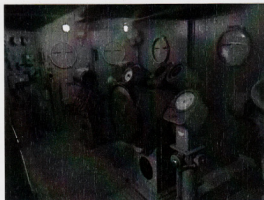
Super Shuttle \$20 (several stops)

We expect about 100 shipmates and family members, which will be the largest attended PROVIDENCE reunion and the first reunion in the great State of Texas. If you have any questions, please call Jim Chryst.

The Plan of the Week is included in this newsletter, as well as all other reunion information.

At the conclusion of the Memorial Service the attending Plankowners will be an unveiling a USS PROVIDENCE Memorial plaque entitled: "Two Lives of the USS PROVIDENCE 'The Fighting Flagship'". This will serve as a lasting tribute to our shipmates who served from May 1945 to August 1973.

As you may know, the entire pilot house of the PROVIDENCE is on display in the WWII section of the Museum of the Pacific War. There are also many small PROVIDENCE artifacts that will be on special display during our day at the Museum.




Note the missing plate on the helm. That plate was inscribed with USS JUNEAU CL-119. This was the second JUNEAU. The first was sunk with the loss of the five Sullivan brothers. The second JUNEAU was scrapped in November 1959. Prior to scraping the wheel was removed and placed on PROVIDENCE.

The scheduled, key note speaker for the banquet will be Geoffrey Beaumont. Geoffrey is the son of renown Naval artist Arthur Beaumont, who was on board PROVIDENCE in 1964 and 1969 and completed many sketches of daily shipboard life. We have copies of these sketches for the hospitality suite.



During our last reunion in Buffalo, the majority of attendees at the general business meeting, voted to explore the possibility of a joint reunion with the OK CITY. The 2020 OK CITY reunion is scheduled for Buffalo September 22-27. They typically conduct yearly reunions in September/October, with the next scheduled for October 1-6, 2019 in Seattle, WA. (info included in this newsletter)

We will need to consider going back to Buffalo in 2020 or having our own, stand-alone reunion in spring of 2021 on the west coast (our normal cycle is 18 months) or perhaps, joining OK City in Arizona in 2021 for a joint reunion. There are several options which need to be negotiated if we are to conduct joint reunions.

We are at a critical juncture in the history of our Association, in that our reunion lifespan may be 5-6 years as a stand-alone reunion association, so the time may be right for joint reunions, which may improve our options to continue for another 10 years. It is requested that you provide your thoughts and feedback to Jim Chryst via phone or email and we will decide on the future of joint reunions at the San Antonio, ship's company meeting.





Two Lives of THE USS PROVIDENCE "The Fighting Flag Ship"



CL-82 World War II

Honors:
American Campaign
European-African-Middle East Campaigns
World War II Victory
World War II Occupation (Europe)



CLG-6 Vietnam

Honors:
Crested Airline Ribbon (2 Awards)
Navy Unit Commendation (2)
National Defense Service
Armed Forces Expeditionary (1)
Vietnam Service (8 Awards)
Korean Defense Service (Vietnam Era)
Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
Vietnam Campaign Ribbon

*Dedicated to all who served aboard USS PROVIDENCE
Memorial Presented with Pride by the USS Providence Association 7/2 2018*

REGISTRATION FORM
USS PROVIDENCE CL-82 CLG-6
REUNION 2019 OCTOBER 9 – 13, SAN ANTONIO, TX

NAME _____ Cell or land _____

ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____

DATES ON PROVIDENCE/DIVISION/RANK _____

EVENTS LISTING

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON

	<u>COST</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REGISTRATION FEE FEE INCLUDES HOSPITALITY, SNACKS, ENTERTAINMENT, ADMIN, BEER, WINE, AND OTHER REUNION EXPENSES	\$50	_____	_____
WEDNESDAY, OCT 9 - HOSPITALITY RECEPTION	N/C	_____	_____
THURSDAY, OCT 10 – MUSEUM OF PACIFIC WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE, PLAQUE UNVEILING, GENERAL TOUR	\$45	_____	_____
FRIDAY, OCT 11 – MISSION BUS TOUR AND ALAMO, MISSION SAN JOSE, SAN JUAN, ESPADA, CONCEPCION, LUNCH AT HISTORIC Menger HOTEL (ALAMO)	\$66	_____	_____
SATURDAY, OCT 12 - BANQUET/GROUP PHOTOS STRIP STEAK, CHICKEN BREAST, SALMON Salad, seasonal vegetables, roll, dessert CASH BAR MEAL CHOICE SPECIAL MEAL REQUEST (VEGETARIAN STRUDEL)	\$69	_____	_____

SHIP MODEL RAFFLE \$25 ea or \$40 2 tickets
Return 1/2 ticket with name and phone number _____

TOTAL FOR REUNION _____

Emergency contact info _____

Existing medical issues _____

Do you wish to donate any memorabilia Raffle () or display case on USS LITTLE ROCK CLG-4 ()

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USS PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION

MAIL TO: JIM CHRYST 34 SNYDER HOLLOW RD, NEW PROVIDENCE, PA 17560
717-284-6996 CELL; 973-222-5499

REUNION OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS **October 9 to 13, 2019**

Wednesday, October 9

- 1200 – 1800 Check in
- 1800 – 2000 Welcome and opening reception in San Antonio Ballroom. Raffle of items donated by the crew. Featured item is a 2 ft. model of the USS PROVIDENCE CLG-6 worth \$2,000. Final drawing will be held at the end of the Saturday Banquet. Tickets are \$25 each or two for \$40.
- 2000 – 2200 Hospitality suite open

Thursday, October 10

- Breakfast on own
- 0800 - Buses depart for Fredericksburg, TX. This unique town is a gem of living history and a busy tourist attraction. The town was founded by German Immigrants and retains much of the old world charm. There are three museums here of great interest which include the Museum of the Pacific War, the Admiral Nimitz Museum and the Pacific Combat Zone.
- 1000 - Memorial Service in Memorial Garden of the Museum of the Pacific War. Upon completion of the Memorial Service we will unveil a USS PROVIDENCE plaque to honor all Sailors and Marines who served on board the USS PROVIDENCE from 1945 to 1973.
- 1100 – 1500 Tour Pacific War Museum. USS PROVIDENCE Pilot house is intact in the Leyte Gulf/Cruiser Exhibit. Other original PROVIDENCE ship assets, salvaged from the scrapper, will be on display. Lunch on own. Visit the many German restaurants, bakeries, breweries and western shops on Main St in Fredericksburg.
- 1500 Bus 1 departs for Luckenbach, TX. Home of Country Music. Every Country and Western singer has at one time or another played on the small stage in this town that has a population of 3 permanent residents. Refreshments, shopping, and live country music in the grove area.
- Bus 2 departs for the Wyndham Hotel and will not go to Luckenbach. Arrive at Wyndham Hotel at 1630
- 1615 Bus 1 departs Luckenbach to return to Wyndham Hotel at 1730.
- 1800 Hospitality Suite open.
Dinner on own.

Friday, October 11

- Breakfast on own.
- 0845 Bus departs for Mission Tour and Alamo Tour
Tour of all four San Antonio missions located on the mission trail. Start at Mission Espada which is the oldest mission, built in 1690. Then, head to Mission San Juan Capistrano which was originally built in East Texas and moved to San Antonio in 1716. Next, Mission Concepción, which is the best preserved of all the missions. And last, Mission San Jose, the biggest of all the missions, which was built in 1720.
After our tour of the four missions along Mission Trail, we'll stop at the Historic Menger Hotel for a seafood buffet lunch and then it's on to the Alamo with either a docent tour or an audio wand self-guided tour.
- 1500 Mission Tour returns to hotel.
- 1700 Hospitality suite open. Movie night. Several DVDs of the PROVIDENCE (CL-82 and CLG-6) in action

Dinner on own.

REUNION OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS
October 9 to 13, 2019

Saturday, Oct 12

Breakfast on own.

0900 Ship's company business meeting.

1030 Free day to enjoy San Antonio. Stroll the Riverwalk. River taxi rides of Riverwalk on your own (river taxis stop at the hotel). A few other tourist stops are listed below.

1730 Individual and group photos. Reunion Photographers will be on hand to take photos and produce a commercial grade picture book for the USS PROVIDENCE shipmates.

Cash bar

1830 Banquet doors open.

1845 Banquet introduction, Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

1900 Banquet – Guest speaker will be Mr. Geoffrey Beaumont. He will conduct a slide presentation and review his father's love of art, various assignments and meetings with top government officials. He will also show a great selection of paintings that are held in private collections and the Irvine Museum in California. His father, Arthur Beaumont visited PROVIDENCE on two occasions: during the fall of 1965 and the summer of 1969, when he spent the month of July and August completing many sketches of the daily, shipboard routine in port and at sea. Mr. Beaumont will offer his book "Arthur Beaumont – Art of the Sea" for sale and provide signed copies.

Hospitality suite open till Shore Patrol closes.

Sunday, Oct 13

Breakfast on own

0800 Hospitality suite open till noon.

Depart for safe trip home.

PLACES TO VISIT IN SAN ANTONIO

- VFW post 76, The oldest post in Texas, 10 10th St. Very unique Victorian-Style home.
- Alamo Brewery, 202 Lamar, SA.
- Riverwalk path and restaurants. Take a barge ride down the river and stop for a lunch or an adult beverage.
- The Buckhorn Saloon and Museum. The Texas Ranger Museum, 218 E. Houston St, SA.
- San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, founded in 1731 and the oldest continuously functioning church in TX. Also the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the U.S. Mass 7 days a week.
- Market Square-EL Mercado, 514 W. Commerce St. Restaurants, music, and shopping.
- Shops at the Alamo
- Shops at the River Center Mall, 849 Commerce St
- Augie's BBQ Restaurant, 909 Broadway St
- Historic Arts Village, 418 Villita St #9
- On the Bend Oyster Bar, 123 Losoya St
- The County Line, 111 W. Crockett St
- Tower of the Americans (space needle) 739 E Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.
- Alamo double decker buses.
- Sea World
- San Antonio Botanical garden

PLANKOWNERS

A plankowner is a shipmate who was assigned to the PROVIDENCE on commissioning day to include:

May 15, 1945 for CL-82 and September 17, 1959 for CLG-6. (we will celebrate 60 years since the commissioning of CLG-6 on September 17)

Currently we have 4 plankowner from CL-82 and 14 from CLG-6 in our Association.

This article will be the second plankowner review, the first being Bill McCubbin, former Treasurer, in the 2017 newsletter.

Clarence J. Weichold, better known as CJ or Clay to his friends.

CJ has the most longevity of any enlisted shipmate on the PROV, serving from 1959 to 1966. Only BOS'N Craft served longer on the PROVIDENCE (59-70). BOS'N Craft also served as a mentor for C.J. during that time. He was born on Sept 12, 1936 in San Antonio and graduated from St. Gerard Catholic High School, during 1954.



Shortly thereafter, CJ joined the Navy and delayed going to boot camp in San Diego until 1955. His first duty station was Charleston SC, where he awaited orders to join the fleet. He transferred to Norfolk for PRECOM (Pre-commissioning) training, power boat coxswain and handling, LCM training, and small boat training. In early 1956 he advanced to BMSN and was assigned to Pre-commissioning Detail (plank owner) on USS CANBERRA CAG-2, Phila, PA. At that time he was placed on the deck force (deck ape). After two episodes of "rocking the deck" also known as holy stoning, at 100 strokes per deck plank, Weichold thought he better get squared away so "I wouldn't have to do this again". And he did, by becoming Leading Seaman and Boat Crew Leader. During his tenure on the CANBERRA, they were the first American ship to visit Canberra, Australia, since WWII. He said "They treated us like royalty". Where ever we went, people bought us dinner and many, many drinks.

In early May 1959 he reported to the Pre-Commissioning Detail at the Boston Naval Ship Yard and assigned to PROVIDENCE in early September as a BM-3. After commissioning the PROVIDENCE, his 1st assignment

was the "Chief Cox's'n" of the Captain's Gig. He served under Captains Veth, Kefauver, Voegelin, Shupper, Walley, La Roque and Tisdale. During that time he advanced through the ranks as a BM-2 and BM-1, serving in 3rd, 1st, and Boat Division as Lead Petty Officer.



Also known as A. J. squared away



PROVIDENCE second "E" under Captain Walley.

L to R: BM-2 H. Thompson, BM-3 J. Cadle, Capt. Walley, Bos'n Craft and BM-2 C.J. Weichold.

In early 1966 he received orders to Cargo Handling School in Williamsburg, VA for training. Shortly thereafter he was assigned to Admiral's Staff, HFU CNAVANTRA, NAS, Corpus Christi, reporting to the Flag as "Admiral's Barge Cox's'n". During CJ's first meeting with the Admiral regarding his responsibilities, the Admiral's Chief of Staff was invited into the meeting to be informed that Weichold will only take orders from the Admiral and no one else. From that point on, the Chief of Staff was "snake bitten". In October 1967, BM-1 Weichold was recommended for Warrant Officer, but declined. From Feb 1968 to June 1968 he was assigned to Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Training, Coronado, San Diego.

From Coronado, he was assigned to the Vietnamese Navy Coastal Groups 34 and 37 in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam from May 1968 to June 1971 (3 tours), and advanced to BMC April 1969

PLANKOWNER (continued)

Bronze Star Chief Weichold was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V", "for service from May 1968 to June 1971 while serving as seamanship and repair advisor to the Vietnamese Navy Coastal Groups three four and three seven. He participated in over 100 combat patrols and engaged the enemy on numerous occasions. He instituted a weapons training program in the Mekong Delta south east of Saigon".

The Vietnamese Commanding Officer of the Coastal Group was a man named Tuan. During a conversation with another sailor, Weichold's name was mentioned to Tuan, and with a brightened voice he said "how could anyone forget Chief Weichold? He was at Coastal Group-34 for three tours. He is a living legend in the Delta!"

In lieu of a second Bronze Star, the recommendation was reduced to the Navy Commendation Medal and on Oct 28, 1969, Admiral Zumwalt awarded Weichold the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for exemplary professionalism, courage under fire and devotion to duty. Commendation reads as follows:

"For heroic achievement while serving with friendly forces in armed conflict on 28 October 1969. While serving as Coxswain of a skimmer conducting an operation in Viet Cong held territory, BMC Weichold skillfully maneuvered his skimmer to provide his gunner with a continuous clear field of fire. As a direct result of his outstanding boat handling, three Viet Cong were killed and their sampan captured. Later, while towing the sampan Weichold's unit was ambushed and was caught in a cross fire. BMC Weichold calmly maneuvered his boat to evade the enemy fire which enabled his men to return and suppress the enemy fire and return to their base unharmed".

Other assignments include:

July 1971 to Feb 1974 NISMF, Orange TX - Advanced to BMCS, Sept 16, 1973. Senior Command Chief, Sr enlisted advisor, CDO and President of Enlisted Club

Feb 1974 - Jun 1976 - USS TAWAKONI ATF-114 Acting Ship's Bos'n, DCA, OOD

June 1976 to July 1976 - NAS Corpus Christi, TX Release from active duty July 13, 1976

What was your best liberty and/or port?

Sydney, Australia while on R&R from Vietnam. "Great fun and relaxation. The beer was good too".

Most memorable port? Hong Kong. "Having fun with the 'Limey' sailors at the China Fleet Club".

Upon retirement from the Navy, CJ was employed in numerous management positions as follows:

Witco chemical to 1976 - 1983 - Maintenance of boilers. University of Texas - 1983 - 1986 Boiler operator. Virginia Interment College, Bristol, VA. 1986 - 1991, Manager of maintenance and grounds.

Service Masters, State of VA. 1992 - 1995 - Area Operations Manager.

Johnson Controls 1996- 2001 Regional Manager, Integrated Facilities Management.

His first wife was Sandra Louis Buchannan, Weichold. They were married in 1971 and she passed 1990. They had two Daughters, and one son, 3 Grand-children, and 1 great-grandchild

He married his second wife, Earlene, 1995. They did not have any children. CJ and Earlene enjoyed life traveling in their 5th wheel RV, and later they purchased a 40' motor home in 2005, prior to her passing in 2008.

In 2011 he married his third wife, Jolene. She retired from 40 years of civil service after working at various air bases including Amarilla, TX, AF base; Sheppard, AF base, Wichita Falls, TX.; and finally at Randolph AF Base, San Antonio, where she worked for the DOD Human Rights Division responsible for all AF bases in the USA that had international students. She also worked at the Naval Reserve unit at Grand Prairie, TX; Army supply Depot, Memphis, TN.; The Tennessee Valley Authority, Chattanooga, TN. They drive their big motor home approximately 8,000 miles every year, visiting family, friends, and attending Naval reunions around the country.

CJ's military Awards include:

Bronze Star with Combat "V"

Navy Commendation with Combat "V"

Combat Action Ribbon

Presidential Unit Citation

Navy Unit Commendation

Meritorious Unit Commendation with bronze star

Good Conduct Medal with silver star

National Defense with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with silver star and 2 bronze stars

Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry

Cross with gold oak leaf cluster

Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Civil Actions Medal

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal



FROM THE BRIDGE



MEMBERSHIP – Jim Chryst

I am happy to report that membership since the last reunion in Buffalo in 2017 has increased by 97 new members, which brings our total membership to 253. From CL-82 we have 16 members and CLG-6 237. Unfortunately, 125 shipmates have passed in the last 24 months (not all were members of the Association). Since 2004, when we had 67 dues-paying members, we have grown considerably, thus bucking the current trend of most organizations, who are experiencing declining membership. We need to keep continue this growth and each one of us needs to become a recruiter for the Association. You can help by providing information on former shipmates to include; first and last name (middle initial would be helpful), last known state of residence, approximate age, and service period. All information will remain private and confidential in our data base and will not be published to anyone, or, any organization outside the PROVIDENCE Association. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our current membership dues are \$25 per year in a single payment or \$45 for two years in a single payment. Any new member joining before the end of this year will receive the balance of 2019 as a "free" period, so the dues anniversary would be December 31, 2020 for one year. Your dues provide financial support for our Website, Facebook Page, the two Memorial Displays (USS LITTLE ROCK CLG-4 in Buffalo and USS SALEM CA-139 in Quincy, MA), our twice-yearly newsletter, donations to various organizations and administrative expenses.



On board USS LITTLE ROCK CLG-4 Buffalo

If you desire to donate pictures, printed materials or other memorabilia, contact me for mailing instructions. The Association will cover the shipping expense.

We will soon add a 2-foot model of CLG-6 to the Buffalo display, exactly like the one that will be raffled off at the upcoming San Antonio reunion.

Dave Franclemont, 3rd Div., 67-70, initiated a USS PROVIDENCE CLG-6, Facebook Page about 2 years ago. This is a closed group and only open to shipmates of USS PROVIDENCE. Sam Villa and I control who is approved to access this Facebook Page, so there are no "outsiders". At this time there are 259 members who share photos, sea stories and other recollections. About 30 "friends" on Facebook are not members of the Association, so this is an opportunity to obtain new members. Although our website continues to be the primary message, Facebook is fast becoming a point of contact and increased membership.

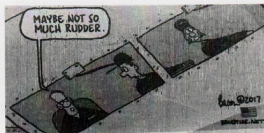
Jim Cozine has worked diligently to recruit and solicit new members, using social media, cruise books, ship rosters and military websites. If you are computer savvy, you may wish to join a few of the below, social media sites to recruit new members. The most popular and active sites on Facebook are:

- Yokosuka/Sasebo Sailor
- WESTPAC Vets
- Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club
- Royal Order of the Shellbacks
- Cruisers
- U.S. Navy Heavy/Light Cruisers
- Yokosuka Naval Base past and present
- Yokosuka then and now
- U.S. Naval History Buffs
- Destroyer/Cruiser International
- U.S. ships and sailors.

Several internet sites are also popular:

- navybuddies.com
- hull# .com
- navywhoihaveservedwith.com
- navytogetherweserved.com
- seagoingmarines.com

As Editor of this newsletter I am always looking for "sea stories". I am sure you have some great remembrances of your Naval Service board PROVIDENCE or afterward. You can also include pictures to go along with the stories.



NAVY is Family - a Band of Brothers

by Jim Cozine & Jim Chryst

Jim Cozine

The U S Navy is one big "family" in many ways. Made up of many different "clans".

In no time sailors who work and live on the same ship become shipmates - a special bond akin to being "Family". And in some cases are true relatives (blood brothers, or father-son) but they didn't serve on the same ship together very often so when they did it was a big event.

We all know about the five SULLIVAN Brothers that were lost in WWII aboard the *USS Juneau* CL-52 in November 1942. This led to a mandatory splitting up of siblings during war time. The Sullivan's were not the only brother sailors on board the ship. At least thirty sets of brothers served on the *Juneau*, including the four ROGERS brothers. Before the ill-fated Savo Island operation, two of the Rogers brothers were transferred to other commands. According to those who survived, had the ship returned to port safely, at least two Sullivan's would have also been transferred.

The eight PATTEN Brothers and their father hold the record for the single largest all Navy family group to ever serve together when seven of the brothers and their father were aboard the *USS Nevada* BB-36 in Sept. 1941.

The five HORTON Brothers from Yemesssee, SC can all be seen aboard the *USS Wichita* CA-45 in the muster roll of March 31, 1941.

Jim Chryst

To my knowledge there were two set of brothers that served on the PROVIDENCE at the same time.

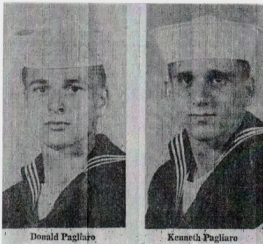
Ron Pagliaro	66-70 MM-3, A Div.
Ken Pagliaro	66-69 YN-3, FM Div.

Larry Byrd	68-70, PH-2, X DIV
Gary Byrd	67-71. RD-3, OI DIV

The Pag's hail from New Jersey and the Byrd's from Indiana. All four brothers went to boot camp at Great Lakes, and all four became Shellbacks and Vietnam War Veterans on PROVIDENCE.

Ron Pagliaro was a Machinist Mate in A Division. He worked on the air conditioning units and stood watch on the fresh water condensers. He was always attempting to keep everyone "cool" and in fresh water. Ron worked diligently on the Agent Orange issue in the State of New Jersey, as he was familiar with the distillation process of seawater to fresh water. He is enjoying retirement in New Jersey with his family and enjoys running, helping other veterans.

Ken Pagliaro was a Yeoman in the Weapons Office. His GQ and Condition two watches were in weapons control, where he actually pulled the triggers on the 6-inch guns. Ken is retired and living in New Jersey, where he is still on the water, deep-sea fishing off the coast.



Ron not "Donald" and Ken Pagliaro



Larry and Gary Byrd.

Larry was a Photographer's Mate and was always roaming around the PROV looking to take great pictures. He has supplied several photos to the PROV Facebook page. He worked for the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, installing Navy Mast Mounted Sights, optics systems on CG's, DDG's and the MISSOURI. He is retired, living in Indiana and enjoys off-roading with jeeps.

Gary was a Radarman and was always "scoping" out the surrounding area. He also worked for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane. Unfortunately he passed away shortly after retirement.

THIS N THAT from the Facebook page.



Above is the very popular S__t River, Olongapo, PI. The was one of the more popular posts on our Facebook page. Some of the responses were:
 Richard Miller: "San Miguel Land".
 David Knoll: "Been over that bridge once or twice"
 Ronnie Winters: "Monkey meat"
 Kim Diemand: "I remember pulling into Subic on a pay day. We had to get our shots before we could draw pay and go over on the beach (Subic)."
 Darrell Allison: "Only thing missing in this picture are the Constables with their sawed-off shotguns"
 Bob Grindle: "What a hoot. In the 70's it was the port of choice as Yoko became too expensive. I also liked Pataya Beach, TH. - Lovely ladies"
 Daryl Balmer: "S__t River! Nothing like it"
 Robert Velegas: "First trip there aboard PROV"
 Wayne Dearie: "Remember it well, too well."
 Edwin Hinkle: "I served with an old Warrant who said, we used to pull up into that river and take on fresh water." Sounds like a tall tale, as fresh water was available pier-side.



Jerry Cosentino: "Navy coffee was absolutely horrible! It looked and tasted like sawdust."
 David Knoll: "The aft fireroom had the good stuff"
 Darrell Allison: "Had a Midshipman ask for cream in the engine room once, it was a long 2 weeks for that guy."

Navy coffee continued)

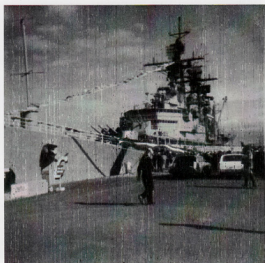
Tom West: "You ever knew what might be in the coffee pot in the forward fire room. Came off liberty late one night, went down in the hole to get a cup of coffee, and got sake instead. What a wakeup call."

Nancy Raymond (Gunner Raymond's wife):

Funny, Jim said I couldn't be a Raymond unless I drank my coffee black. I did and we were married about 3 months later."

Ed Hinkle: "The engine room always had the best."

Darrell Allison: Correct Ed, you don't get to do Messenger Watch till you can make a great pot of coffee. Besides tracing/drawing out the plant you have to learn coffee making."



Coronado, the day Bob Hope came aboard 1971
 Daryl Balmer: "I was a side boy for his arrival.
 Admiral Zumwalt came on board as well."
 Dick Scott: "I was there. We all laughed when Bob Hope made fun of our Captain. What a fun day."
 Larry Byrd: "I shared coffee with him in the Wardroom, while taking pictures."
 Dan Davis: "Was part of the Honor guard on top of the 6-inch turret."
 Larry Kurtz: "Honoring Bob Hope was a big deal. We tied up at the quay wall to have room for all the spectators."
 Joe Capuano: "It was a day of standing at attention in dress blues for N Division on the pier."

PROVIDENCE DECK LOGS AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS.

Monday, 14 May 1945

PROVIDENCE was towed from the building yard, Bethlehem Steel Co., Quincy, MA., to the fitting out yard, Navy Yard, South Boston. Moored starboard side to the South Jetty

Tuesday, 15 May 1945

1110 - Captain William E. Jackson, USN read his orders from the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel ordering him to take command of the USS PROVIDENCE CL-82.

1135 - The Commissioning Ceremony was completed and the CO ordered 'pipe down'.

1456 - PROVIDENCE moved to drydock #3 at the Boston Navy Yard.



Thursday, 17 September 1959 (60 years ago)

1600-2000 - In accordance with orders of the Chief of Naval Operations, the USS PROVIDENCE CLG-6 was placed in Commission, hoisted the Commissioning Pennant, Union Jack and the National Ensign at 1622. At 1624 Captain K. L. VETH, read his orders and accepted command of the PROVIDENCE. 1625 - set the first watch. Moored starboard side to, east side, Pier 7, Boston Naval Shipyard.

Saturday, 20 October 1962:

Moored port side to Berth India Six, Sasebo, Japan

Saturday, 27 October 1962:

Moored port side to floating pier, berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka.

Saturday, 17 November 1962:

Moored starboard side to HMS TAMAR Pier, Hong Kong. Underway for Yokosuka. Refueled from the USS MISPELLION (AO-105) and completed highline transfer.

Monday, 22 April 1963:

Steaming independently in the South China Sea enroute from Singapore to Subic, Bay. Crossed the Equator.



Wednesday, 21 August 1963:

Moored port side to Pier 3, Berth 15 Otaru, Japan.

Saturday, 12 November 1966:

Moored port side to Pier India, NAS, North Island.

0957 Underway for Pearl Harbor.

Wednesday, 16 November, 1966:

0935 Set General Quarters to commence shore bombardment exercises at Kahoolawe Island, Hawaii.

Thursday, 17 November 1966:

0808, Standing into Pearl Harbor.

Monday, 5 December, 1966:

0859 Underway for Special Ops in Vietnam.

Monday, 13 February 1967:

1037 - PROVIDENCE had a unique Change of Command Ceremony, when Captain Norbert E. Aubrey, Jr. relieved Captain Charles H. Tisdale, Jr. on the wing of the bridge while the ship was conducting gunfire support missions south of Danang.

Monday, 22 May 1967:

Underway from Singapore. At 1720 the ship crossed the equator. Hail Davey Jones and beware pollywogs.

Thursday, 25 May 1967

1408 - During operation BEAU CHARGER, received 40 rounds of hostile fire from shore in vicinity of Cap Lay, South Vietnam. PROVIDENCE received 1 hit, which caused extensive damage to the AN/SPS-8B radar antenna in the upper portion of the main mast. No injuries.



Shrapnel from hostile fire.

**PROVIDENCE DECK LOGS AND OPERATIONAL
REPORTS. (continued)**

Monday, 16 October 1967:

At sea, I Corps providing gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in vicinity of Danang. Rearmed with USS MOUNT KATMAI AE-16.

Tuesday, 17 October 1967:

Providing gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in vicinity of Danang. 1900 refueled from USS NECHES AO-47 and departed to Yankee Station.

Wednesday, 18 October 1967

At Yankee Station. Conducted helo ops with USS CORAL SEA CVA-43. Replenished provisions with USS GRAFFIAS AF-29, rearmed with USS PYRO AE-24, and reprovisioned stores from USS POLLUX AKS-4.

Thursday, 19 October 1967:

At Yankee Station. Helo ops with USS CORAL SEA CVA-43 and USS ORISKANY CVA34. Refueled from USS NECHES AO-47 and reprovisioned from USS GRAFFIAS AF-29.

Monday, 27 November 1967:

0900 underway from Singapore to Yankee Station. Crossed the equator at 1800, with King Neptune, Davey Jones and the Royal Court.

Sunday, 3 December 1967:

In Tonkin Gulf, vicinity of PIRAZ Station (up north) with USS CHICAGO CG-11. Sea Dragon Ops with USS NEWPORT NEWS CA-148. Helo ops with USS NEWPORT NEWS, USS CHICAGO, and USS RANGER CVA-61.

Friday, 26 January 1968

At sea enroute to Subic Bay. 2200 Refueled, reprovisioned, loaded stores, loaded cold weather gear, received personnel and rearmed in 2 hours.



PUEBLO in-port with PROVIDENCE Christmas 1967

Saturday, 27 January 1968

At sea enroute to Sea of Japan to lead Task Force 70.6, with ENTERPRISE CVAN 65, YORKTOWN CVS-10, CANBERRA CAG-2, and various destroyers. PUEBLO taken by North Korea.

Thursday, 15 February 1968

0032 - steering various courses in the Perfume River in vicinity of Hue, S. Vietnam providing gunfire support for the Marines at the Citadel. Expended 56 rounds of 6-inch ammunition.

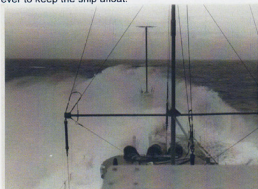
PROVIDENCE awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for this operation and qualified for Agent Orange exposure.

Saturday, 3 August 1968

While in dry dock at Yokosuka Captain E. E. Hollyfield relieved Captain Norbert Aubrey.

1 September to 5 September 1968

PROVIDENCE was scheduled for a port visit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, however Tropical Storm Bess and Typhoons Wendy and Agnes altered plans. PROVIDENCE completed an end run passing behind Wendy and ahead of Agnes. One of the wildest rides ever to keep the ship afloat.



Tuesday, 8 October 1968

Rendezvoused with NEW JERSEY BB-62 in support of Sea Dragon ops north of the DMZ.

Thursday, 28 November 1968

Departed Yokosuka for CONUS

9 to 12 December 1968

In port Freemantle, Australia

16 to 19 December 1968

In port Hobart, Tasmania

21 to 27 December 1968

In port Sydney, Australia

30 December 1968 to 2 January 1969

In port Wellington, New Zealand

7 January 1969 to 9 January 1969

In port Papeete, Tahiti

Friday, 17 January 1969

Moored starboard side to berth 65 Naval Station, San Diego. Home after 2 years, 2 months, 5 days of overseas deployment.

PROVIDENCE DECK LOGS AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS. (continued)

Tuesday, 11 April 1972

Emergency underway from San Diego to Southeast Asia.

Saturday, 15 April 1972

Entered Pearl Harbor for ammunition and fuel.

Saturday, 22 April 1972

Entered Guam for fuel

Tuesday, 25 April 1972.

Entered Subic Bay for briefings and pick up special equipment for upcoming combat.

Friday, 28 April 1972

1300 hours - arrived Vietnam gunline for assignment.

Saturday, 29 April 1972 Vicinity of Point ALLISON

0745 received hostile fire from coast. No hits, no damage

1045 received hostile fire from coast. No hits, no damage

Monday 8 May 1972

2245 CORAL SEA helo went into the water while on final approach for landing on PROVIDENCE.

2248 - Lights on for search.

2251 - All stop.

2258 - Motor whaleboat in water recovering survivors.

2341 - Starboard motor whaleboat brought aboard with 4 survivors.

The following personnel were lost:

- Rear Admiral R. C. Robinson, COMCRUDESFLT-11
- Captain E. B. Taylor, Chief of Staff
- Commander J. M. Leaver OPS Officer (Rear Admiral Robinson's body was recovered)

Wednesday, 10 May 1972

During Operation FREEDOM TRAIN received 150 rounds of hostile fire from coast. No hits no damage. PROVIDENCE rendezvoused with NEWPORT NEWS, OKLAHOMA CITY and 4 destroyers to become the first multi Cruiser/Destroyer attack group to make a raid on enemy territory since WWII.

1947 hours, PROVIDENCE commenced firing on assigned targets in the Haiphong, North Vietnam port complex

Saturday, 20 May 1972

0148 - Received hostile fire. No hits no damage.

Monday 22 May 1972

1518 - Received hostile fire. LT James Shi, USMC received a shrapnel, laceration of left shoulder (purple heart).

Saturday, 17 June 1972

Captain P. C. Gibbons, Jr. relieved Captain K. G. Haynes on wing of bridge during call-fire mission.

Wednesday, 21 June 1972

Received 15 rounds of hostile fire. No hits no damage.

Sunday, 25 June 1972

Received 12 rounds of hostile fire. No hits no damage.

Monday, 26 June 1972

1030 - Received 2 casualties from STODDERT DDG-22 for immediate medical treatment as a result of mount 51 explosion.

Sunday, 27 August 1972

2320 received 75 rounds of hostile fire. No hits no damage.

PROVIDENCE, NEWPORT NEWS and 2 destroyers made second strike on the Haiphong, North Vietnam port complex. Strike group was attacked by 4 north Vietnamese PT boats, 2 of which were destroyed by the strike group and 2 were destroyed by air support. Name of the operation was "Into the Lion's Den".

Sunday and Monday, 10-11 September 1972

Operation LINEBACKER - PROVIDENCE received 50 rounds of hostile fire. No hits no damage.

Sunday, 24 September 1972

Operation LINEBACKER. Received 50 rounds of accurate hostile fire. No hits no damage.

Saturday, 2 December 1972

0400 - Underway for San Diego

Monday, 18 December 1972

0900 - Arrived Pier 4, Naval Station, San Diego after 8 months, 7 days and 33 minutes.



THE USS FITZGERALD INCIDENT

By R. E. Stephens, JO-3, X DIV 65-67

Early on 17 June 2017, under calm seas and moonlight, the USS FITZGERALD (DDG-62) collided with MV ACX CRYSTAL, a Philippine flagged container ship. The collision occurred in busy shipping lanes about 56 nautical miles southwest of Yokosuka. (FITZGERALD's home port along with six other DDG's)

The accident killed seven FITZGERALD sailors – all from drowning. Several others were wounded, including the FITZ's Commanding Officer, CDR Bryce Benson, who was in his at-sea cabin at the time.



An internal Navy probe into the collision was overseen by Rear Admiral Brian Fort, a Surface Warfare Officer with more than 25 year's experience.

The investigation revealed several problems including:

- Critical lapses by bridge watch standers.
- The failure of the OOD LTJG Sarah Coppock to communicate with CIC while crossing the busy shipping lane.
- The ship's surface equipment known as "voyage management system" was not functioning properly at the time. It's designed to help watch standers navigate without paper charts. (Surface search radar is generally good for about 15 miles, due to the curvature of the earth)
- Since 2015, FITZGERALD had no Chief Quartermaster, crucial to safe navigation and most important, to train sailors. QM's begin their training with eight weeks of "A" school at Great Lakes. They are taught "the rules of the road and rules for the prevention of collisions at sea" known as COLREGS.

All ships travel by the "Rules of the Road" published by International Maritime Organization. They state "two power driven vessels approaching each other head to head are both deemed to give way." Both are required to alter course to starboard so they pass on port side of each other.

Worst of all, Admiral Fort's investigation indicated FITZ's crew was plagued by low morale and led by officers who appeared indifferent to life lessons that should have been learned from other near misses at sea, including a near miss by FITZGERALD near Sasebo on 10 May 2017, a mere five weeks before the CRYSTAL collision!

It was also revealed that FITZ's CO Benson was on his first transit from Sagami Bay to the open sea as a Warship skipper, a command he assumed just a few days after the near collision off Sasebo.

FROM OFFICIAL NAVAL REPORTS

Admiral Fort wrote, "It is inexplicable that neither CDR Benson nor XO, CDR Babbitt were on the bridge for his first outbound Yokosuka transit as CO, at night, in close proximity to land and expecting moderately dense fishing and merchant traffic". The FITZ was operating in a "darkened ship" condition with "modified ZEBRA", meaning all doors inside the ship and all hatches at the main deck and below were shut. Watertight scuttles on the hatches were left open in order to allow easy transit between spaces.

CO Benson and LT Natalie Combs, who ran the CIC, are battling dereliction of duty charges in court. The OOD, that night was LTJG, Sarah Coppock who pleaded guilty to that charge at a court martial last year. It is also interesting to note that LT Combs, the CIC officer and the LTJG, Sarah Coppock were not talking or communicating during the transit. In addition, the collision alarm was not sounded, and there was no radio communication between ships.

CO Benson was sleeping in his cabin at the time of the collision. The CRYSTAL's bow directly struck his cabin.



The impact severely damaged his cabin, trapping him inside. He called the bridge for help. Five sailors used a sledgehammer, kettlebell, and their bodies to break through the door into the CO's cabin, remove the hinges, and then pry the door open enough to squeeze through. Then they encountered debris and furniture blocking the door and crawled into the cabin. The skin of the ship and outer bulkhead were gone and the night sky could be seen through the hanging wires and ripped steel. The rescue team tied themselves together with a belt to create a makeshift harness as they retrieved the CO, who was hanging from the side of the ship.

The impact of the CRYSTAL's bulbous bow, below the waterline punctured the side of the FITZ, creating a hole measuring 13 ft by 17 ft. The hole allowed water to flow directly into Auxiliary Machinery Room 1 and the Berthing 2 compartment.

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9. At approximately 0130 on 17 June 2017, FITZGERALD and the container ship ACX CRYSTAL collided.

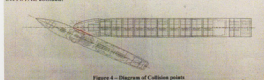


Figure 4 - Diagram of Collision points

10. The port (left) side of CRYSTAL's bow, near the top where the anchor hangs, struck FITZGERALD's starboard (right) side above the waterline. CRYSTAL's bulbous bow, under the water, struck FITZGERALD on the starboard side just forward of the middle part of the ship. Figure 5 provides a representation of a bulbous bow. CRYSTAL's bulbous bow struck the starboard access trunk, an entry space that opens into Berthing 2 through a non-water-tight door.

Figure 5 - Depiction of a Bow and Bulbous Bow

Depiction of impact

The water poured into the berthing compartment within 30 to 60 seconds. This berthing compartment includes a lounge filled with sofas, chairs, a table and a TV and is approximately 29 ft long and 40 feet across. There were 3 ladders out of the compartment. Of the 42 sailors assigned to the compartment: 5 were on watch, 2 were not aboard. Of the 35 remaining sailors, 28 escaped and 7 perished. In that 30 to 60 second period, the water was already Waist deep. Debris, including mattresses, furniture, an exercise bike and wall lockers floated into the aisles between racks. The sailors were further impeded by the 5 to 7 degree list to starboard.

Sailors recall that after the initial shock, occupants lined up in a relatively calm, orderly manner to climb the port side ladders and exit thru the scuttle. By the time they reached the bottom of the ladder, they were up to their necks in water. One sailor pulled another out from underneath a locker, and still others remained at the bottom of the ladder in order to help their shipmates out of the berthing area. As the last group of sailors escaped through the scuttle the water was neck deep. Before climbing thru the scuttle, they looked through the water and did not see any other sailors. Once through the watertight scuttle and completely out of the berthing compartment, they continued to search, by reaching into the dark water to try to find anyone near the hatch. From the top of the ladder, two sailors were able to pull two other sailors from the flooded compartment to an upper deck. Both of the rescued sailors were completely underwater when they were pulled to safety. The last sailor to be pulled from the berthing compartment was in the head at the time of the collision, when the flood of water knocked him to the deck. As lockers were floating past him, he scrambled towards the main berthing area. At one point he was pinned between the lockers and the overhead, but was able to reach for a pipe in the overhead to pull himself free. He made his way to the only light he could see, which was coming from the port side scuttle. He was swimming towards the scuttle when he was pulled from the water red-faced and with bloodshot eyes. He

reported that when taking his final breath before being saved, he was already submerged and breathing in water. After the last sailor was pulled from the berthing compartment, the two sailors helping at the top of the scuttle noticed water coming into the compartment where they were. They remained there and stuck arms down into the flooded space to try and find any other sailors around the ladder. They yelled into the space as a last resort, but there were no shadows and no response. Water began shooting up out of the open scuttle with such force, they could not close the scuttle. They then climbed in the ladder to the next level and "dogged the hatch".



Sample Berthing 2 Racks



Fitzgerald Berthing 2 Racks Post Colliding

Before and after shots of berthing 2 compartment

The heroism and training received by these sailors saved the ship from sinking and save many lives that fateful night.

The information contained in this story was taken from: Supplemental preliminary inquiry and line of duty. Determination regarding injuries and the death of seven sailors aboard USS FITZGERALD DDG-62 on or about 17 June 2017.

Submitted by Commander, Carrier Strike Group FIVE
To Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-13)
dated 11 August 2017.

The full report will be available at the San Antonio Reunion.

AGENT ORANGE UPDATE.

On June 25th, President Trump signed into law the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, extending benefits covering medical conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure to those who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam, known as "Blue Water" Navy Veterans (Those sailors and ships that came within 12 nautical miles of the coastlines of Vietnam from 9 January 1962 thru 7 May 1975). This bill also provides certain veterans, whose death was caused by service-connected disability access to pension benefits.

It is suggested that you register for this now, and not wait till you start having delayed symptoms. If you have any questions, please call Jim Chryst.

USS PROVIDENCE MEMBERSHIP AND CHANGE STATUS FORM

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: CELL _____ LAND LINE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CL-82 _____ CLG-6 _____ RATE/RANK ON SHIP _____ HIGHEST RATE/RANK ATTAINED _____

DIVISION _____ DATES ON BOARD _____

YEARLY DUES \$25 OR 2 YEARS IN ONE PAYMENT \$45 _____

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO WEBSITE, DISPLAY CASES, OR MEMORIAL PLAQUE _____
(CIRCLE ONE OR MORE OF ABOVE)

OTHER SHIPMATES WE MAY CONTACT

NAME _____

(First, middle initial, surname)

LAST KNOWN STATE OR ADDRESS _____

AGE _____ HULL NUMBER 82 OR 6 _____

VOLUNTEER DATA: IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER FOR A POSITION IN THE ASSOCIATION

CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE _____

VOLUNTEER SERVICE EXPERIENCE _____

RECRUITING _____ REUNIONS _____ NEWSLETTER _____ SHIP'S STORE _____

BOARD ADVISOR _____ OFFICER _____ SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANCE (MONITORING) _____

WEBSITE ASSISTANCE _____ OTHER _____

SEND FORM AND CHECK TO:

USS PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION
C/O DAVID ABDOUCH
127 AMBERWOOD DR
WALNUT, CA 91789

USE THIS FORM FOR ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS, CELL PHONE, ETC.

2019 Roster. Below is the up-to-date paid membership. It is requested that you review the info and submit updates and changes to Jim Chryst using the "Membership/Change form" in this newsletter. While I understand some of the info is incorrect we are working to update the database with accurate information.

New members in the Association are highlighted in bold.
Hull # is CLG-6 unless otherwise noted.

Name	Hull #	Years	Division	Rank	Donation	Plank Owner	Dues paid thru date
Abdouch, David		66-68	1ST	BM-3	YES		2019
Aitree, John W		67-70	X	YN-3	YES		2021
Ammend, Richard		66-68	1ST	SN	YES		2018
Armstrong, John D		62-63	FLAG	CTR-1	YES		2021
Armstrong, Ray L	CL-82	46-47	A	MM-3	YES		Free
Arnold, David		67-68	1st & X	SN	YES		2023
Baden, Joseph		71-72	M	LTJG	YES		2021
Bailey, Richard		68-71	OI	RD-3			2018
Bakken, Lowell		67-69	1st	SN			2018
Barbookles, James		67-70	OI	RD-2	YES		2025
Barnett, Robert		62-64	B	MM-2	YES		2021
Bastin, Donnie		65-66	1st	SN/BMCS	YES		2019
Bechtold, Robert		65-68	B	BT-2			2019
Beidelman, Ray		66-68		YNSN	YES		2022
Belvin, Houston		65-68	R	FN	YES		2019
Bennert, Harry		67-69	H	LCDR	YES		2019
Blackson, Marc		70-73	OI	RD-3	YES		2018
Boyd, Henry Allen		59-62	SUPPLY	DK-3	YES	YES	2019
Bozeman, George		62-65	E	EM-2	YES		2020
Bradsher, Robert		62-64	6th	FTM-2	YES		2019
Brandseth, Robert		62-64	S-4	DKSN			2020
Bredderman, Rudolf		59-61	2nd	LT	LT	YES	2018
Brinza, Anthony			E	EM-1	YES		2019
Brown, Walter		66-70	R	SFM-2			2019
Bruckman, Thomas		70-72		RM-3	YES		2018
Burge, Jr., David		68-69	SUPPLY	LTJG	YES		2020
Burton, Harvey		67-71	OL	BM-3			2019
Butler, John J.		59-63	1ST/OE	ETR-3	YES	YES	2020
Canfield, Al		68-69	X	CWO-4			2020
Cappa, Ron		68-73	B	BT-2	YES		2020
Cashman, William		62-63	OS				2018
Cester, Don		66-69	N	QM-3			2019
Chacon, William		68-69	FLAG	BM-3			2021
Chambers, Ken		70-73	A	FN			2019
Chase, Alan B		68	E	ENSN	YES		2020
Cheek, Arthur	CL-82	47-49	MARDET	LCPL	YES		2019
Cheever, Gary		70-73	1st & X	DT-3/LTCOL			2022

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Chryst, Jim		66-69	2nd & X	YN-2	YES		2019
Coberly, Andrew		68-69	X	PN-2/PNCM	YES		2019
Coe, Gary		65-69	OL & 1st	BM-3			2019
Collier, Bob		71-72	SUPPLY	SK-3			2019
Connelly, Allan		66-69	OL	BM-3	YES		2018
Cook, Michael		65-66	FG	FTG-3/FTCS			2019
Cook, Ronald		61-63	OI	RDSN			2020
Cosgrove, (Hank)		63-64	S-3	SHB-3			2019
Cotter, Paul		66-68	1st & FM	LTJG	YES		2019
Cox, William		68-70	A	LTJG	YES		2021
Cozine, Jim		61-63	N/1st/3rd	LTJG	YES		2019
Craig, Steven		67-69	Supply	SK-2	YES		2021
Cramblett, George		70-73	R	HT-2			2019
Crater, Don		70-72	Supply	CS-2	YES		2019
Crawford, David		66-69	M	FN			2019
Crawford, Gerald		66-70	E	IC-2			2018
Cromwell, Robert		61-62	FLAG	SN			2020
Culley, Randy		69-71	OPS	LTJG			2017
Davis, Dan		70-73	MARDET	CPL			2019
Dawdy, Benny		68-69	OPS	LT			2019
Dee, Joseph	CL-82	46-48	3rd	SN 1/c			Free
De Nure, Bill		66-69	X	YN-2	YES		2020
Diemand, Kim		72-73	MARDET	LCPL	YES		2020
Dillon, Paul		67-68	FLAG/CR	RMC	YES		2019
Doxtator, Carl		66-70	R	DC-2	YES		2022
Duffy, Dennis		65-67	T	GMM-3	YES		2018
Duhon, Joseph			Supply	SN			2018
Durr, Ralleggh		70-73	1st	SN			2019
Dutcher, David		68-71	ENG	LT			2021
Edwards, Robert		62-64	OC/FLAG	RM2			2019
Ellis, Lloyd	CL-82	45-46	G	S/2C	YES	YES	Free
Erdner, Tom		70-72	OI	RD-2	YES		2018
Farmer, Joe		59-62	F	GMG-3		YES	2021
Farrar, Walter		62-64	S-4	DK-3	YES		2021
Fedorys, Paul		66-67	GMG-3	FM			2021
Feurer, Walter, Sr	CL-82	48-49	40 MM	SN			Free
Foreman, Albert		66-68	3rd	BM-3			2018
Francemont, David		67-70	3rd	BMSN			2019
Franklin, G. Wayne		60-63	OR	RM-3			2020
Friend, Lawrence		68	FLAG	CT-2	YES		2020
Gentner, Joe		71-73	3rd	SN	YES		2020
George, Joseph H			3rd	SN	YES		2018
Gibbs, George		62-64	N 4/6/7	LTJG	YES		2019

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Godsil, Leonard		64-67	FG	FTG-3			2019
Golding, Joseph		71-73	COMM	LTJG			2019
Goldsmith, Al		61-65	M				2020
Goodworth, Ron		68	COM7thFLT	CYN-3			2020
Goss, Robert		65-67	FG	FG-3			2019
Grayton, Abraham		59-62	B	BT-3		YES	2023
Greathouse, John		61-63	S-2	LTJG	YES		2020
Greenwalt, Bill		66-68	X	YN-3			2022
Grieser, Robert		67-70	R	DC-2	YES		2019
Grindle, Robert		66-68	FLAG	MU-3			2020
Haas, Richard		59	6th & X	LT			2019
Hagerty, Carroll	CL-82	46-47	MM-3/MM-1	M			Free
Hall, Louis		69-71	A	FN			2018
Hargraves, Bruce		61-65	1st & 3rd	BM-3			2019
Hays, Phil		66-69	OE	RD-2/USA MJR	YES		2018
Hennessey, James		61-63	S-2	CS-3			2018
Hinkle, Edwin		63-67	M	MM-1			2019
Hocking, Fred		61-62	F	FTM-2	YES		2018
Holley, John		67-70	FLAG & X	YN-2			2019
Hollyfield, Amy		Associate			YES		2019
Jacobs, J. Wesley		60-63	6th	MT-2	YES		2018
Johnson, Creighton		65-67	S-1	LCDR	YES		2020
Johnson, Dave		66-68	E	EM-2			2019
Johnson, John J.		61-64	OI	RDSM	YES		2019
Johnson, Terry		61-62	OI	SOG-3	YES		2019
Jones, Charles	CLG-5	63-67	E	EM-3			2018
Jones, Tim		62-65	OI	RDSN	YES		2020
Joyner, Mike		67-68	X	PN-3			2019
Kennard, John		71-73	DENTAL	LT			2018
Kitchens, Kyle		67-68	E	IC-2			2023
Knoll, David		72-73	B	BT-3	YES		2019
Koelmel, James		68-70	X - PAO	LTJG	YES		2020
Kozisek, Fredrick		71-72	G	GMG-2			2018
Kurtz, Larry		68-71	FM	FTM-1/CWO3	YES		2020
Lamppa, Carl		69-72	OE	ETN-2			2018
Lane, Robert		72-73	CR/7th FLT	RM-3			2020
Lee, Robert		67-68	OE	ETN-3	YES		2018
Lepper, Monty		60-63	X	YN-2			2020
Lester, Allen		59-60	OR	SN	YES		2021
LoBue, Sam		65-67	F	FTG-2			2018
Long, James		59-64	S-1	SK-2	YES		2020
Louviere, Chris		67-69	1st	SN			2019
Lowe, James (Niski)		68-70	WEPS	LT/CAPT	YES		2020
Lung, Charles(Bud)		66-67	OE	ET-1	YES		2020

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						Owner	thru date
Luszcz, Joseph		66-68	X	YN-2/YNC	YES		2019
Lynn, Theodore		59-62	S-2	SH-3		YES	2020
Lyon, Ken	CL-82	45-46	RM-1			YES	Free
Macbride, John		61-64	X	LI-3	YES	YES	2020
Macfeeley, William		70-72	R	HT-3	YES		2019
MacLeod, Skip		68-69		LTJG			2018
Mahaffey, Charles		66-69	FLAG/CR	CYN-3	YES		2020
Maher, Thomas	CL-82	46-48					Free
Mangiapane, Russ		66-69	E	EM-2	YES		2020
Manning, Leslie		66-68	S-3	SHL-3	YES		2019
Mapes, Barry		70-71	3rd	BM-3			2018
Markiewicz, Joseph		66-69	CR	RM-3			2019
Markowski Joseph	CL-82	46-47	F		Yes		Free
Martell, Jim		65-67	T	GMM-3			2019
Mason, Clyde G.		72-73	FLAG/CR	RM-2	YES		2021
McAleer, David		70-72	OI	RD-2			2020
McBryde, Walter		65-69		FTG-2			2020
McCubbin, Bill		59-64	1st/2nd/3rd	BM-3	YES		2021
McGough, Patrick	CL-82	48-49	CR	RM-3	YES	YES	Free
McVeigh, Michael		66-68	OI	JG/CAPT	YES		2019
Meier, Lou		68-70	3rd & FTG	LTJG	YES		2020
Modesett, Philip		69-73	RM-3	CR	Yes		2020
Montgomery, Todd		65-67	ENG	LTJG			2018
Moore, James L.		60-64	OE	ETR-2	YES		2019
Moreton, Fred		61-63	4th	LTJG			2018
Motzer, Richard		71-72	X	PN-3			2019
Muzio, Victor		61-64	A	MR-1	YES		2020
Myers, Bill		62-65	6th	LTJG	YES		2019
Myers, Robert		68-70	2nd/ S	SN			2019
Nelson, William		65-66	E	EM-1			2020
Nordgren, Don			5th	GMG-1			2018
Oblasney, Frank	CL-82	48-49	X	YN-3	YES		2020
Oliver, Earl		66-68	OE	CDR	YES		2020
O'Malley, Patrick		68-70	E	IC-2			2019
Osredkar, (Tony)	Associate		USMC				2019
Osredkar, Florian		66-70	FM	FTM-3	YES		2019
Pagliari, Kenneth		66-69	FM	YN-3	YES		2020
Pagliari, Ronald		66-70	A	MM-3	YES		2020
Pape, Eugene			A	MR-2			2018
Partridge, Gary		62-63	FLAG/CR	YN-3	YES		2019
Penny, Robert		70-73	E	EM-3	YES		2019
Pemo, Frank		64-66	B	BT-3			2023
Pettit, John T.		66-69	MARDET	L/CPL	YES		2020
Pierce, James		66-69	OI	RD-3	YES		2020
Pilger, Allan		66-69	FLAG N-36	AG-1			2019

Name	Hull#	Years	Division	Rank	Donation	Plank	Dues paid thru date
						Owner	
Poole, Leo		66-68	MARDET	CPL	YES		2019
Porter, Craig		66-67	T	GMM-3	YES		2019
Pounders, Darrell		69-72	E	EM-1			2019
Prai, Charles		59-63	S-2	DK-3		YES	2018
Prinsen, Edwin		68-73	FM	FTM-3			2018
Pryor, Roger		71-72	R	LTJG/CAPT			2020
Querciagrossa, Louis		59-61	B	BT-3		YES	2019
Quigley, William			X	SN	YES		2018
Rea, Roland		73	2nd	SN	Yes		2019
Reighley, Jack		67-70	OI	RM-3	YES		2019
Richardson, William		59-60	MARDET	PFC			2018
Robertson, Rob		59-61	MARDET	L/CPL/MAJ			2023
Robinson, Ramon	CL-82	45-46	MARDET	L/CPL	YES	YES	Free
Running, Brad		69-71	X	PN-3			2019
Ryan, Jay		67-69	S-1	SK-3			2018
Saenz, Samuel		60-62	PN-3/PNC	X			2018
Samo, George		66-69	X	LI-3	YES		2020
Saylor, Robert		59-60	6th	GMT-3	YES	YES	2024
Schmelzer, John		68-72		SN			2019
Schmidt, Allen		66-67	E	SN			2019
Schreier, Edward		68-69	OE	ET-3			2020
Schuster, Robert		68-70	FG	FTG-3	YES		2019
Serra, H. Lawrence		67-68	N & 2nd	LTJG	YES		2020
Shadwick, Steve		70-72	B	BT-3	YES		2020
Shively, Wayne		66	SUPPLY	AKAN			2019
Siefers, Robert		67-69	1st	SN			2018
Simon, Joe		66-71	FG	FTG-2	YES		2020
Smith, Cromwell	CL-82	45-46	I	RM-3	YES	YES	Free
Spencer, Chuch		64-65	OI	ET-2			2020
Sprinkle, Herb, Sr		70-73	2nd & E	EN-3/ENCM			2018
Stang, Jon		71-72	H	HM-2			2019
Steenburg, Charles		60-61	4th & F	MT-3	YES		2019
Stephens, James W		66-68	FG	FTG-3			2018
Stephens, Robert		65-67	X	JO-3			2019
Stubits, Joseph	CL-82		M	FN	YES		Free
Sullivan, Charles		59-61	MARDET	CPL	YES		2019
Sutton, Robert		71-73	SUPPLY	DP1/DPCS	YES		2020
Sutton, Ronald		67-69	N	QM-3			2020
Taylor, Bruce		66-69	ENG	LCDR	YES		2020
Terrell, Richard		59-66	SUPPLY/4th	SN			2019
Thompson, A. Keith		61-62	MARDET	2nd LT			2019
Thumach, Hilary M.		59	OL	YN-2	YES	YES	2021
Trolinger, John S		64-66	OI	CWO-3			2019
Trosclair, John		60-61	X	YN-3			2020
Trosper, Harold		67-69	H	HM-2	YES		2022
Troutman, Dwight		66-69	ENG	YN-3			2020
Troutman, Victor		61-64	CR	rm-3	YES		2019
Trujillo, George		69-70	B & M	FN			2018
Uhlinger, Thomas		66-67	FLAG	CT-2	YES		2021
Utterback, Kent		71-72	CS	SM-3	YES		2021
Valade, Larry		59-61	F	LT	YES		2021
Valese, Anthony		71-72	OPS	RM-2			2021

Name	Hull#	Years	Division	Rank	Donation	Plank Owner	Dues paid thru date
Vautour, Arthur		66-69	FM	FTG-2	YES		2020
Velishek, Frank		66-68	F	FTG-3	YES		2021
Vellegas, Robert		71-73	BT-3/BTCM	B			2018
Villa, Sam		68-72	FM	FTM-3	YES		2019
Viruet, Tom		66-69	1st	BM-3			2018
Voelker, Rodney		65-69	E	EM-1/EMC			2020
Walters, John		70-73	M	MM-2			2018
Ward, David F		68-71	1st/3rd	LTJG/CAPT	YES		2020
Waterman, Rob		71-72	R	HT-3			2018
Wegener, John		65-68	A	MR-2	YES		2019
Weichold, Clarence		59-66	1 st	BM-1	YES	YES	2022
Wein, Robert		66-70	FM	FTM-2	YES		2019
Weightman, Fawn	CL-82		2ND		YES		Free
Weiking, Robert		66-69	X & N	SN	YES		2019
Westemeier, Thomas		60-62	OE	ETR-2			2019
Wilkeson, Wayne		62-64	OI	RD-3			2019
Williams, J. R.		67-69	3rd & X	SN	YES		2019
Williamson, James		59-61	MARDET	CPL		YES	2019
Windbigler, John		63-65	B	LTJG	YES		2019
Winters, Ronnie		66-70	T	GMM-3			2019
Woody, Gene		62-64	CR	RMSN			2020
Wright, Kenneth		63-68	E	EM-1	YES		2018
Wulff, Gilbert		70-72	M	MMFN	YES		2018
Wulff, William		65-69	OI	YN-3	YES		2021
Yeutter, Philip		71-73	ENG	LCDR/CAPT	YES		2020
Yohanen, Robert		62-64	1st & R	ENS	YES		2020
Ziegler, Fred		59-62	R,M, B	LTJG		YES	2018
Ziegler, Philip		66-68	F	LTJG	YES		2020
Zweber, Richard		66-69	OI	YN-2	YES		2019

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Breakdown of membership is as follows:

253 paid members	CL-82 - 16	CLG-6 - 237
Plankowners	CL-82 - 4	CLG-6 - 14
Flag		CLG-6 - 14
MARDET	CL-82 - 2	CLG-6 - 8



We have these patches in the ship's store.



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Official 2019 Reunion Notice

Double Tree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport/Southcenter
16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188
1-206-575-8220

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 to Sunday, October 6, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION – Our 2019 Reunion will take us back to the Pacific Time Zone where we will savor the sites and flavors of the Pacific Northwest in and around Seattle.

WHO CAN ATTEND – Any and all current and former crewmen of U.S. Navy ships christened *Oklahoma City* are invited to attend. This invitation extends to spouses, friends, children, and grandchildren as everyone with OkCity connections is welcome to attend.

HOTEL – Attendees are to make their own hotel reservations by calling the hotel at the number above. Make sure to clearly identify our group, **2019 Reunions**, to get our special daily rates of **\$109 (singles, doubles, triples, and quads) plus tax**. These rates will apply 3 days before and after the dates of the reunion based on availability at the time of making reservations. A complimentary full hot breakfast for up to two in a room is included, as is complimentary parking and airport shuttle. The hotel is ADA compliant and attendees are to make these needs known at the time of making reservations. Reservations made after **September 17, 2019**, shall be handled on a space available basis and at the prevailing rate. First nights reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.

FOOD & ALCOHOL POLICY – State law provides that all food and alcohol served and/or consumed in the hospitality room must be provided by the hotel.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS – (Please note there are two Southcenter roadways. One is a **Blvd**, the other a **Parkway**).

From **Northbound I-5**, take Exit 153 to Southcenter **Parkway** South. Proceed south to hotel sign and turn left.

From **Southbound I-5**, take exit 154b to Southcenter **Blvd**. Turn left and proceed to 61st Ave South and turn right. Turn right again on to Tukwila Parkway which turns into Southcenter **Parkway**. Proceed south to the hotel sign and turn left.

From **Westbound I-405**, take Southcenter **Blvd** exit to 61st Ave South and turn right. Turn right on Tukwila Parkway which turns into Southcenter **Parkway**. Proceed south to the hotel sign and turn left.

TOURS & ACTIVITIES – All tours are optional and will require minimum participation. **No refunds will be made once guarantees are made.** Certain tours and activities may require walking and standing for periods of time and some venues may not be accessible. If a wheel chair lift equipped bus is needed, guests must make this need known upon receiving this notice by calling **John Baker at 620-399-3999**. If notifications are not received, the Association and its officers are not responsible for accommodations not being made in these instances.

CLIMATE & WEATHER – Being early October, expect temperatures to be cool but comfortable and of course being in Seattle some rain can be expected. Jackets and sweaters will be a must.

RESERVE NOW – Go ahead and make your hotel reservations early on so we will have an idea if we need to add to our room block. The earlier we do, the better the chances of getting our contracted rate otherwise the added rooms may be at a higher rate.

CANCELLATIONS – To cancel your hotel reservations, please call the hotel with your reservation number at least 48 hours before prior to your arrival date. To cancel your reunion functions, please call **Richard Harvey at 813-468-8379** before **September 1, 2019**.

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2019 Reunion Itinerary

(Times and Activities are subject to change)

October 1, 2019 Tuesday	3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm	Hotel Check In Set Up Hospitality Room Officers' Meeting Dinner and Evening on Your Own
October 2, 2019 Wednesday	9:00am 3:00pm 4:15pm 8:00pm 10:00pm	(Optional) Depart on Tour of LeMay Car Museum & Museum of Flight at Boeing Field (Lunch on Your Own at the Car Museum) Hotel Check In – Hospitality Room & Cash Bar Open Tour Returns to Hotel Cash Bar Closes Hospitality Room Closes Dinner & Evening on Your Own
October 3, 2019 Thursday	8:00am 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 8:00pm 10:00pm	(Optional) Depart on Tour of Boeing Factory & Seattle Center (Lunch on Your Own at Mukilteo Terminal) Hotel Check In – Hospitality Room Opens Tour Returns to Hotel – Host Bar Opens One Hour Welcome Reception Host Bar Closes Hospitality Room Closes Dinner & Evening on Your Own
October 4, 2019 Friday	8:30am 5:00pm 3:00pm 6:15pm 10:00pm	(Optional) Depart on Tour to US Naval Undersea Museum, Puget Sound Naval Museum, & U.S.S. <i>Turner Joy</i> (Lunch on Your Own) Return to Seattle from Bremerton via ferry Hospitality Room Opens Tour Returns to Hotel Hospitality Room Closes Dinner & Evening on Your Own
October 5, 2019 Saturday	8:00am 10:00am 3:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 8:00pm	Association Business Meeting (Optional) Depart for Pike's Place Market & Argosy Seattle Harbor Cruise (Lunch on Your own) Tour Returns to Hotel – Hospitality Room & Cash Bar Open Reunion Photo Session Hospitality Room Closes Banquet, no tie Cash Bar Closes
October 6, 2019 Sunday	9:00am 11:00am	Enjoy Complimentary Breakfast in Hotel's Restaurant Memorial Service followed by last minute conversation and goodbyes Hotel Check Out Complete – Reunion Officially Over

See You Next Year in Buffalo, NY

2019 Reunion Registration Form

(Please Read All Reunion Information Before Filling Out this Form)

Do You Have Name Tags?	Yes	No	Date _____
Name(s) _____			Email _____
_____			Phone _____

Address _____			

_____	Zip Code _____		

Do you or your guest(s) have special dietary needs? Yes No If yes, explain _____		
Do you or your guest(s) use a cane, wheelchair, walker, or scooter? Yes No If yes, please circle one		
In case of emergency, who do you want us to contact? Name _____		
Relationship _____	Phone _____	OR _____

Basic Reunion Package

Includes registration, welcome reception, business meeting, reunion photo session, banquet and memorial service

\$100 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Optional Tours, Etc

LeMay Car Museum & Museum of Flight (Lunch on your own)	\$65 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____
Boeing Factory & Seattle Center (Lunch on your own)	\$60 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____
Undersea & Puget Sound Museums, USS Turner Joy (Lunch on your own)	\$45 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____
Pike Place Market & Argosy Harbor Cruise (Lunch on your own)	\$60 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____
OkCity Reunion T-Shirt Number _____ Size(s) _____	\$20 x _____ shirt(s) = \$ _____

YOUR TOTAL (Total Column to the Right) =

\$

Please make your hotel reservations no later than **September 6, 2019**, by calling the hotel direct at **800-325-3535**.

Complete this form and mail it before September 1, 2018, to **Richard Harvey, Treasurer, U.S.S. Oklahoma City Association, 647 Weathersford Drive, Dunedin, FL 34698-7435**. Please include your check or money order made payable to the U.S.S. Oklahoma City Association, or fill out the credit/debit card information below.

Name on Card _____ (Circle One)		Visa	M'Card	Discover	AmEx
Card # _____	Expires _____	Code _____			
Type of Card (Circle)	Credit	Debit	Signature _____		

Please note a 3% transaction fee will be added to the total amount due



This 2 foot PROVIDENCE ship model will be raffled off at the upcoming San Antonio Reunion in October 2019. This very detailed model is valued at \$2,000, and is made in the Philippines from wood. If you desire to see more detailed pictures, please google USS PROVIDENCE model. There are about 15 pictures.

SHIP'S STORE

Recently we have increase our items at the Ship's Store. The items below are now offered and can be purchased by contacting David Abdouch for the shirts and Jim Chryst for all other items.



New hat with great profile detail – available in 2 wks.
\$16.99 plus shipping. Marine red \$17.99



Challenge coin, 2 sided. \$7 including shipping.



50 cal. Pen \$10
Navy or Marine seal.



Lighter \$9.
CLG-6 and CL-82



1st FLT 4 inches. Others 5 inches. \$10 each
Shipping included. We have Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club

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