



THE *"We Remember"* MISSOURIAN

AUGUST 2023

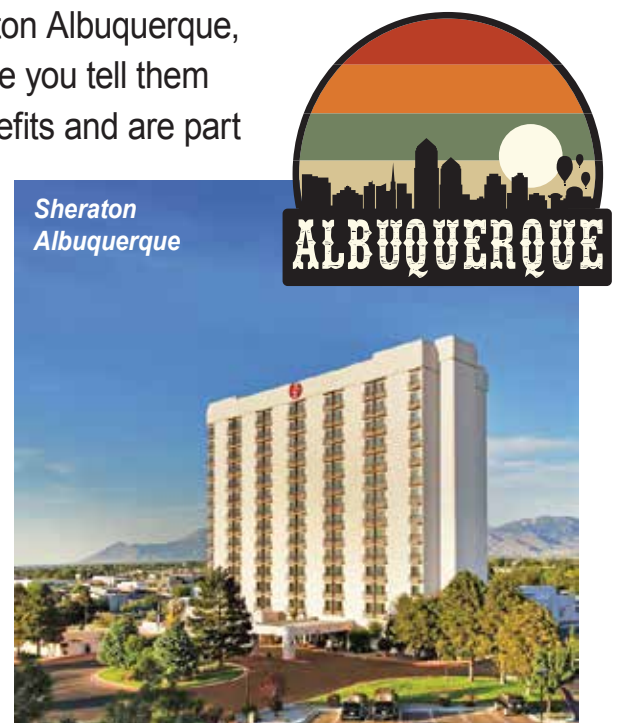
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USS Missouri BB-63 Reunion

LIBERTY CALL – ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO – SEPT 7-10, 2023

The Reunion is set for September 7-10, 2023 at the Sheraton Albuquerque, NM. Call **505-843-7000** to make your reservations. Be sure you tell them you are with the USS Missouri BB-63 so you get your benefits and are part of the group. If there are any problems with your rooms, please let me know.

Missouri hotel guests will get a free breakfast each day. There is free parking at the hotel and shuttles to and from the airport will be available. You may cancel reservations 72 hours before check-in day and there will be no charge. ***Reservations must be made before August 6th to get the USS Missouri rate.*** No room guarantees after that date.



Thursday 9/7 - Check-in time is 3:00 PM or later, but the Hospitality Room will be open and manned at 1:00 PM. Please come to the Hospitality Room upon arrival to receive everything you will need for the reunion. If your room is not ready when you arrive, you may store your luggage in the Hospitality Room until it is ready. The evening meal will be on your own, but there will be shipmates in the Hospitality Room who can give you directions to area restaurants. The Hospitality Room will be open that evening until midnight for your enjoyment.

USS MISSOURI BB-63 REUNION 2023

Friday 9/8 – There will be a TRAM ride up the side of the mountain (10,300' elevation). Lunch will be on your own. The auction begins at 7:00 PM of special items. Prior to that will be an opportunity for you to bring your cruise book or any other special items from USS Missouri that you think others would like to see. Please respect all memorabilia, for it belongs to one of your shipmates. This will be from 8:00 - 9:00 PM.



Saturday Morning 9/9 - The Association Executive Committee will meet at 9:00 AM, followed by the General Business meeting at 10:00 AM. Everyone is encouraged to attend the General meeting. We will vote on the locations for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 reunions. Only members can vote, so make sure to pay your dues before Saturday. If you have any questions about either meeting or Plan of the Day please contact Jerry Miller or Larry Geyer. The Hospitality Room will be open from 12:00 noon until 4:30 PM.

Saturday Evening 9/9 - The Banquet Room will open at 6:00 PM with a cash bar. All shipmates are encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to dress up and have your photo taken. Dress will be semi-formal (west coast.) We want everyone to feel comfortable, but dress nicely (no tie required.) At 6:30 PM, all will take their seat and the Memorial Services will commence. Directly following the Memorial Services, the meal will be served. There will be recognition of some of our shipmates following the meal. The banquet will end around 9:30 PM. Once the banquet is complete, we will move to the Hospitality Room.

Sunday 9/10 - Breakfast for Missouri hotel guest and say our farewells... until next reunion.

Three things you need to do to attend the reunion:

- 1) Be a member of the Association. There will be opportunity to pay your dues at the reunion.
- 2) Fill out the reunion registration form and email to: Jerry Miller at JJmUSN@aol.com
- 3) Reserve your room at Sheraton Albuquerque. (505) 843-7000 We also have a link to the hotel on our Facebook page. **The deadline for hotel reservations is August 6.**

If you have any questions, please contact **Jerry at (417) 247-7744.**

Thanks to all our shipmates in advance, for making this a great reunion!

USS MISSOURI BB-63 REUNION PLAN OF THE DAY

THURSDAY – 7 SEP 2023

- 1130** – Hospitality room opens; everyone check-in at hospitality room for your packet
- 1500** – Check-in Sheraton, Albuquerque, N.M.
- 1700** – Dinner (we will provide recommendations)
- 1900** – Welcoming by President hospitality room
- 2359** – Hospitality rooms secured

FRIDAY – 8 SEP 2023

- 0800** – Breakfast in restaurant
- 0915** – Hospitality room open; free time until 7:00 PM
- 0930** – TRAM ride up the mountain, catch bus outside hotel
- 1300** – Lunch (on your own)
- 1700** – Dinner (on your own)
- 1900** – Time to share with your shipmates, special items
- 2000** – Auction of special items
- 2359** – Hospitality room secured

SATURDAY – 9 SEP 2023

- 0800** – Breakfast in restaurant
- 0900** – Executive Committee meeting
- 0900** – Hospitality Room opens
- 0950** – Hospitality Room closes for meeting
- 1000** – Business meeting; called to order
- 1200** – Lunch on your own
- 1200** – Hospitality room opens
- 1600** – Hospitality room secured
- 1800** – Cash bar opens
- 1830** – Memorial/Banquet starts; take your seat –
Dress code is casual/opportunity to dress up
- 2000** – Meal complete, recognition, awards, music
- 2030** – Cash bar secure
- 2200** – President address
- 2230** – Banquet secures
- 2230** – Hospitality room opens when banquet complete
- 2359** – Hospitality room secured

SUNDAY – 10 SEP 2023

- 0800** – Breakfast in restaurant
- 0900** – Farewells till next reunion, 2024
- 1100** – Checking out; clear hotel

Fellow Shipmates,

We are working hard to get shipmates signed up for the reunion in Albuquerque, NM. I was pleased with our numbers at the reunion in Charleston where we had 103 in attendance. My goal is to have even more at our Albuquerque reunion this year.

Your Association Team consists of:

President – Jerry Miller
Vice President – Larry Geyer
Financial Secretary – Ken Gallagher
Secretary – Bridget Kennedy
Newsletter Editor – Jeff Clemmer
Scholarship Chair – John McKinney
Membership Chair – Ken Gallagher
Chaplain – *Open*
Historian – David Ysaguirre
Storekeeper – Norbert Rebholz
Master @ Arms – Alfredo Pantaleon
Web Site Manager – Robert Whaley
BB-63 Curator – Frank Clay

This team works all year to make sure that we have a well-planned and organized reunion for all our shipmates to attend.

Larry Geyer is responsible for setting up the reunion and making sure it materializes with activities which will please our shipmates.

We have gone back to two editions of our Newsletter and that work is being completed by our Editor **Jeff Clemmer** and his wife Cindy. He gives her all the credit.

The Scholarship Chair is **John McKinney**, and he gathers and chairs the selections of the winners, gets the scholarships mailed out and announces them at the reunion banquet.

The ships store is much labor, and it is headed up by **Norb Rebholz** and his wife assists him. If you have recommendations for Norb, please provide them to him.

We have a new Secretary **Bridget Kennedy** and she is just getting her feet wet. She did step up and take the challenge when no one else would.

Ken Gallagher has been our Financial Secretary for many years, and he also chairs our Membership Committee Chair. He still works full-time and maintains our financial records and keeps our membership records in order. No one is jumping up to take his position for it is a lot of work. He also keeps us in good standing with the state and the IRS.

David Ysaguirre is our historian, and he has taken on this challenge with new requirements passed to him by our President. He has accepted each challenge and is doing an excellent job of gathering and saving our history so it may be passed on to others.

Al Pantaleon is our Master-at-Arms, and he has the flags and works to keep the decorum of our meetings and events in order, plus he brings flags, etc. to the reunion. He carries out any assignment I give him with a smile and always makes things pleasant and organized.

Robert Whaley has bitten off a big challenge getting the Website up and working. He hopes it will be complete by the reunion, so all can be briefed on his progress. This requires communication with our web site builder and making sure it is something we can use.

The above individuals make up the executive committee.

We all must work to develop things which would cause shipmates to desire to be members and make the Association grow. Each of these shipmates works for you to ensure these goals are achieved. A heads up to all, 2024 will be the Association's 50th year and we will be planning things to make that reunion a memorable one! It is also election year, and we have three elected positions. President, Financial Secretary, and Secretary.

If you have any interest in an officer position, please contact **Jerry Miller at (417) 247-7744** or **JJmUSN@aol.com**. To fill one of these positions you need to be a member of the Association, a crew member or spouse.

If you are planning a trip to Hawaii, make sure and contact our Curator **Frank Clay**. He has promised to ensure you get a special tour of the ship. Please call him when you know when you are going and have the dates. Call again the day before you plan to tour our ship so he can pre-plan your arrival. This will make sure he is in the office, or he can have the arrangement made in advance. His contact information is:

Frank Clay's contact information:

BB-63 Curator / Frank Clay
USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc.
63 Cowpens Street
Honolulu, HI 96818
(808) 455-1600 ext: 229 frankc@ussmissouri.org



We will have two Newsletters each year and we need to make sure our Editor Jeff Clemmer gets information which our shipmates would be interested in so he may review it and see if he

can work it into our Newsletter. This work goes on from year to year and we are always looking for ways to improve our Newsletter, if you have thoughts, please run them by Jeff or myself.

Membership is the responsibility of all members and shipmates. Ken is the Chair, but we all have contacts, and we should be working to make sure every shipmate knows how to become a member.

Four Scholarships are available for our shipmates and relations. I know this is only \$1000, but it can be a boost that makes the difference. Apply before July 1, 2024, and you may be the winner. John McKinney is the Scholarship Chair.

Vice President Larry is the one we have working on our reunions, and he is the contact point if you have any input for the reunion team. This is Larry's second year, and he has many new ideas of what we need to do to improve our reunion.

I want to remind everyone that there are deadlines we have in registering for the reunion, reserving a room, and picking your meal choice. It is very important that you meet these deadlines, so we may serve you. Please read and follow these deadlines. This year the deadline is August 6th. It makes all things work for you and us.

Being President of USS Missouri BB-63 Association is a great honor. I feel everyone should desire to fill this position and the next election is September 2024.

Jerry Miller
President
USS Missouri Association

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello shipmates.

I hope all is well, we are just days away from our Missouri reunion. I look forward to seeing everyone there. This is the 49th year of our Missouri Association, next the 50th.

Have a safe trip to and from our reunion.

Larry Geyer
Vice president
USS Missouri Association

LETTER FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hello Shipmates,

My wife Cindy and I are working to create a newsletter that is informative and personalized to our association. We want to include articles that we think would be of interest to our members. If you know of anything you would like to see in our newsletter, please call or email me.

Jeff Clemmer
Newsletter Editor
USS Missouri Association

LETTER FROM THE HISTORIAN

Greetings!

As the Missouri Historian I have transferred all newspaper clippings, videos and historical data on to a flash drive. If you have any personal pictures of your time on the Missouri please email them to me. The more, the better! **David.ysaquirre15@gmail.com**

David Ysaquirre
Historian
USS Missouri Association

LETTER FROM THE WEBSITE MANAGER

Hello Shipmates.

I'm BM1(SW) Robert H Whaley III (Boats). Lots of new things coming for the website! Can't wait for everyone to see the changes. The website will include:

- Crew and Association Database – with the ability to search
- Photo Galleries – all photos by era, with the ability to filter by era
- History – searchable history
- Calendar – for events
- Membership Page – ability to join and renew memberships
- Scuttlebutt – a community forum with a link to our Facebook page.
- Ship's Store

R.H. Whaley III
BM1 (SW) USN Retired
Website Manager
USS Missouri Association

USS Missouri BB-63 Association, Inc. Elected Positions

President **Jerry Miller** (417) 247-7744
205 Hollis St JJmUSN@aol.com
Bono, AR 72416

Jerry is making things different this year. We are trying to go electronic for the first time. Please bear with us as we make these changes. If you have constructive recommendations, please let him know.

Financial Secretary **Ken Gallagher** (860) 682-3281
Membership Chairman 102 Wakefield Circle kens4gcell.kg@gmail.com
East Hartford, CT 06517

Ken does a bit of everything for the association, but his most important task is membership. He also has the responsibility of funds and documentation.

Vice President **Larry Geyer** (562) 883-0702
1015 E. Carson St #6 BB63BM2@hotmail.com
Long Beach, CA 90807

Larry has the responsibility of keeping the wheels turning with the operations of the association. He is the one challenged with setting up our reunion and is always available to answer questions.

Newsletter Editor **Jeff & Cindy Clemmer** (704) 349-3458
2307 Hillside Dr clemmer5@aol.com
Dallas, NC 2803

Jeff gathers all the information provided to him via email and organizes documents into a readable format. As events change with time, he updates the newsletter with current and upcoming events.

Chaplain **POSITION OPEN**

Our Chaplain would be responsible for spiritual guidance and support for all members.

Secretary **Bridget Kennedy**

Bridget will be responsible for sending out emails informing all members of events and happenings. She also takes record of all meetings, maintains a copy of the minutes and will provide a copy and answer questions regarding what has happened at a meeting.

Historian**David Ysaquirre**

(512) 733-3119

1605 Velma Ave
Copperas Cove, TX 76522

David.ysaquirre15@gmail.com

David builds on our history with interesting reads and photos. There are many memories made in the Navy and on the USS Missouri. We want to capture those stories and add them to our history.

Storekeeper**Norbert Rebholz**

(412) 670-6555

104 Kimber Drive
McMurray, PA 15317

battleshipbosnmate@gmail.com

Norbert has the responsibility of effectively running our ship's store and maintaining a stock of inventory. He brings an assortment of items to each reunion for purchase.

Scholarship Chairman**John McKinney**

(207) 272 0447

76 Ocean House Rd
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1142

jmckinney1maine@yahoo.com

John gathers information on applicants seeking qualifications for a scholarship toward college tuition. He answers any questions regarding scholarship applications and distributions.

Master at Arms**Alfredo Pantaleon**

(201) 667-0218

171 Burke Ave
Staten Island, NY 10314

libra666@juno.com

Alfredo is responsible for the Association's banner and colors. Under the direction of the President, he shall maintain order at all meetings and functions.

Web Site Manager**Robert Whaley**

(828) 455-9203

490 Hicks Creek Rd
Troutman, NC 28166

roberthwhaleyiii@gmail.com

Robert will be responsible for creating and maintaining the USS Missouri reunion website, updating it regularly to keep information current.

BB-63 Curator**Frank Clay**

808 455-1600 ext: 229

**USS Missouri Memorial
Association, Inc.**63 Cowpens Street
Honolulu, HI 96818

frankc@ussmissouri.org

Frank collects and maintains the exhibitions of precious collections of the USS Missouri BB-63.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ~ JUNE 3, 2023

Called to order at 1:05 central time. Tele-conference call with Ken, Jeff, David, John, Bridget, and Jerry. I called Larry later and briefed him on all comments made during the meeting.

I led prayer and pledge. Missing – Al and Norb

Minutes from March meeting were emailed to all in March. Ken gave a financial update.

Old Business:

Quorum was four for this meeting.

Name tags have been made for all Officers and spouses.

The Association is still in need of a chaplain.

Things are going forward for the 2023 reunion. There was a problem with the hotel rooms, but it was taken care of by Larry. This was the first time I had heard about it, and it was solved.

New Business:

Reunion 2024 will be in Jefferson City, Missouri. This will be our fifth reunion and the Association will be fifty years old. The reunion will be in the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. 2025, Boston, Wilmington, NC, or Florida. 2026, please send Larry any places you would like to go. It will be in the West again.

If you hear of any shipmates passing, please let Ken know. Send him an email and the obituary if you can.

The Association will pay for one night for each pre-1955 crew member which attends the reunion in Albuquerque, NM.

We approved the Association paying for the gift, which will be a challenge coin for each crew member of the USS Missouri at this reunion. The remainder of the challenge coins will be sold to those desiring to purchase them.

Scholarship closes on July 1 and the selection will be made of the winners and the checks will be cut and mailed to the winners. The names of all winners of scholarships will be announced at the reunion by John McKinney, Scholarship Chairman.

Bridget Kennedy was welcomed aboard as our new secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 Central time.

Minutes submitted; Jerry Miller 6/3/2023

USS MISSOURI BB-63 ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

This Scholarship Program is funded by the membership of the USS Missouri Association, Inc. These funds are set aside for the purpose of aiding progeny (child, grandchild, great grandchild, or legally adopted) of USS Missouri BB-63 members who have served aboard USS Missouri BB-63. This shall be to accomplish their goal in gaining a higher education in the college of their choice. There will be up to four awards each fiscal year and will be announced at the reunion.

Each award will be in the amount of \$1000.00.

The following are a few key requirements:

1. Applications will need to be filled out by the applicant.
2. The applicant must be pursuing higher education credits in a goal of gaining an Associate Degree or higher.
3. Applications must be received by USS Missouri Association by July 1 of the year applied for. Applicant may apply for this scholarship twice during their college years.
4. Applicant must be accepted or enrolled by date application is received.

The Chairman of Scholarships will examine application and present to three members of the Association for selection by August 10, so checks may be cut for individuals and handed off to the Scholarship Chairman.

Please submit applications to:

John McKinney

Scholarship Chairman

76 Ocean House Rd

Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1142

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle Initial: _____

HOME ADDRESS

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone number: _____

PARENTS INFORMATION

Father: _____ Mother: _____

USS MISSOURI CONNECTION

Full Name of Reference: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Graduated from: _____ GPA: _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Name of Institution: _____

Course of Study or Major: _____

Class grade (freshman, sophomore, etc) _____ Hrs this Sem. _____

PLEASE ATTACH ESSAY EXPLAINING WHY YOU QUALIFY FOR THESE FUNDS.

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All the above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Deadline for application is July 1st of the attending school year.

The amount of this scholarship is \$1000.00

Mail application to:
John McKinney
76 Ocean House Road
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1142

USS MISSOURI (BB-63) ASSOCIATION SHIP'S STORE

Summer Jacket (MENS)	WHITE w/ Missouri Logo	S,M,L,XL	\$20.00
Summer Jacket (MENS)	NAVY w/ Missouri Logo	S,M,L	20.00
Sweat Shirt	NAVY, WHITE or GRAY W/GOLD Embroidery	S,M,L, XL,XXL	20.00
Sweat Shirt (YOUTH)	NAVY W/WHITE Missouri Logo & Ship	S,M,L,XL	18.00
Sweat Shirt (GRAND KIDS)	ASH GREY / "I'm a Proud"	XS,S,M, L	18.00
Golf Shirt	NAVY, WHITE or SAND w/ Ship Logo	S,M,L,XL,XXL	22.00
T-Shirt	NAVY or WHITE w/ Missouri Logo & Ship	S,M,L,XL, XXL	15.00
Eagle T-Shirt	Eagle w/ American Flag / "We Remember"	M,L,XL, XXL	15.00
"MIGHTY MO" Apron	BLUE & YELLOW w/ Ship Logo		20.00
HAT (Ball Cap)	NAVY - Korea		18.00
HAT (Ball Cap)	NAVY or WHITE Mesh - USS Missouri		18.00
Garment Bag	Missouri Association Logo	Buy 1 Get 1 Free	15.00
Soup Bowl Mug w/ Spoon	DARK BLUE w/ White Ship "We Remember"	Buy 1 Get 1 Free	10.00
Pin for Hat or Lapel	US NAVY or Missouri Pearl Harbor		5.00
Pin for Hat or Lapel	GOLD Ship - GOLD Anchor		5.00
US Navy Money Clip	Holds All You Need for Ship's Store!!!		8.00
Belt Buckles	Navy or Marines		5.00
Patches	USS Missouri Crest	Large	8.00
Patches	USS Missouri Crest	Small	4.00
Patches	USS Missouri Association - for Blazer	Large	8.00
Patches	USS Missouri Association	Small	4.00
Flashlight - (9 LED Bulb)	USS Missouri Imprint		10.00
Sun Visor for Car Windshield	USS Missouri "We Remember"	Buy 1 Get 1 Free	15.00
Bath Towel (Large)	USS Missouri Imprint		15.00
Bath Towel (Extra Large)	USS Missouri Imprint		18.00
Surrender Card	Plastic Laminate		2.50
USS Missouri Pen	USS Missouri Logo (Ball Point)		2/\$3.00
USS Missouri Pen	USS Missouri Logo (Lighted Ball Point)		3.00
USS Missouri Pencil	USS Missouri Logo (Wood w/ Eraser)		2/\$1.00
Umbrella (Collapsible)	USS Missouri BB-63		15.00
"Boswell The Sailor"	162 page Book (MO Cartoons & Sketches)		8.00
Refrigerator Magnet	"Rough Water" Virgil Wray Painting		2/\$1.00
Coffee Mug	USS Missouri Logo		10.00
Travel Mug	USS Missouri & USS Arizona Logo		15.00
Coaster w/ Wood Base	USS Missouri (Various Pictures)	4 - Pack	15.00
Compact Mirror (LADIES)	USS Missouri		10.00
Clock	USS Missouri		18.00
Custom License Plate	CALL FOR INFO		15.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

QUANTITY	COLOR	SIZE	DESCRIPTION	DONATION	TOTAL

Before ordering, call for all shipping charges!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

US MISSOURI ASSOCIATION - Storekeeper Account

SEND ORDERS TO:

NORBERT REBHOLZ

3312 THORNWOOD DRIVE, BETHEL PARK, PA. 15102

(412)670-6555 / battleshipbosnmate@gmail.com

DUES 2023

**Check your membership card. Does it show 23 or later?
If not, you have not paid any dues since the date shown! Act NOW!!!
Help keep our Association going!**

Starting in 2008, the dues were increased to \$25.00. In order to run an organization such as ours, we need your help. By sending your donation early in the year, it gets your membership card early and helps us with our expenses and bookkeeping. It also keeps you on the mailing list! Make the effort. Put this notice with your **"BILLS TO BE PAID"** and send your check in the next mail. (**Yearly dues are \$25.00.**)

Your check should be made out to: USS Missouri (BB-63) Association

Send payment to:

**Membership Chairman / Kenneth Gallagher
102 Wakefield Cr
East Hartford, CT 06118**

Check appropriate box for dues:

2023 ☐ **2024** ☐ **2025** ☐

Yearly Dues for 2023 are \$25.00

Amount Dues: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

HISTORY OF OUR ASSOCIATION

We are a 501(C) 19 registered in the state of Connecticut. We were organized in 1974 and our Founders are:

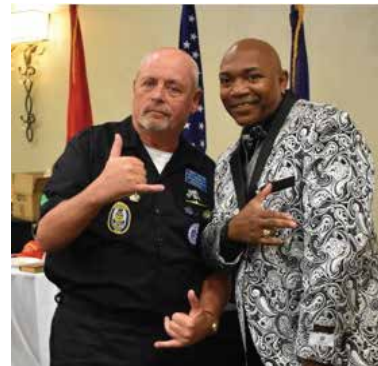
- John T. Finn
- Lou Dellaripa
- William T. Walsh
- Joseph G. Writh
- Thomas F. Fluck
- Walter Yucka
- Joseph Vella
- Anthony Angarano

List of Presidents by Year and Locations of Reunions

1974	1st / New York City	John T. Finn
1975	Hartford, Connecticut	John T. Finn
1976	Seattle, Washington	John T. Finn
1977	Boston, Massachusetts	John T. Finn
1978	Kansas City, Missouri	John T. Finn
1979	Norfolk, Virginia	John T. Finn
1980	Orlando, Florida	John T. Finn
1981	Buffalo, New York	John T. Finn
1982	Charleston, SC	John T. Finn
1983	10th / Carlisle, Pennsylvania	Jack Haynes
1984	Portland, Maine	Jack Haynes
1985	Annapolis, Maryland	George Schuette
1986	Nashville, Tennessee	George Schuette
1987	New Orleans, Louisiana	Ralph Berry
1988	Long Beach, California	Ralph Berry
1989	Charleston, South Carolina	Ralph Berry
1990	Providence, Rhode Island	Anthony Allessandro
1991	North Norfolk, Virginia	Anthony Allessandro
1992	Chicago, Illinois	Anthony Allessandro
1993	20th / Orlando, Florida	Angelo, Goffredo
1994	San Antonio, Texas	Angelo, Goffredo
1995	Seattle, Washington	Angelo, Goffredo
1996	Louisville, Kentucky	Angelo Goffredo

1997	Denver, Colorado	Herbert Fahr Jr.
1998	Honolulu, Hawaii	Herbert Fahr Jr.
1999	Jefferson City, Missouri	Herbert Fahr Jr.
2000	San Francisco, California	Herbert Fahr Jr.
2001	Buffalo, New York	John P. Sullivan
2002	Crystal City, Virginia	John P. Sullivan
2003	30th / Honolulu, Hawaii	John P. Sullivan
2004	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	John P. Sullivan
2005	Albuquerque, New Mexico	William D. Morton
2006	Portland, Maine	William D. Morton
2007	Nashville, Tennessee	William D. Morton
2008	San Antonio, Texas	William D. Morton
2009	Norfolk, Virginia	John Stempick Jr.
2010	Leslie, Illinois	John Stempick Jr.
2011	Mesa, Arizona	John Stempick Jr.
2012	Mobile, Alabama	John Stempick Jr.
2013	40th / Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	John Stempick Jr.
2014	Kissimmee, Florida	John Stempick Jr.
2015	Charleston, South Carolina	John Stempick Jr.
2016	Washington, DC	John Stempick Jr.
2017	Reno, Nevada	Joseph T. Doran
2018	Daytona, Ohio	Joseph T. Doran
2019	Norwalk, Connecticut	Joseph T. Doran
2020	San Antonio (Covid)	Joseph T. Doran
2021	San Antonio, Texas	Joseph T. Doran
2022	Charleston, South Carolina	Jerry Miller
2023	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Jerry Miller
2024	50th / Jefferson City, Missouri	Jerry Miller

MORE PHOTOS OF 2022 REUNION IN CHARLESTON, SC







Remembering
**Willis A.
Liepert**



December 5, 1927 -
November 22, 2022



USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1949

Rate: ADEAN

Hailed from: Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

Rest in Peace Shipmate



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**Gilbert
Valdez**



March 9, 1928 -
November 21, 2022



USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1949 to 1950

Rate: SN

Gunners Mate

Hailed from: Indio, California

Rest in Peace Shipmate





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**Kenneth
Kopp**



April 27, 1922 -
January 15, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1944 to 1946

5th Division

Gunnery Department

Hailed from: Struthers, Ohio

Rest in Peace Shipmate



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**Bernard R.
Webb**



September 15, 1931 -
February 13, 2023

USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1951 to 1955

B Division

Rank: MM2

Engineering Department

Hailed from: Charlestown, West Virginia

Rest in Peace Shipmate





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Lawrence Zimmerman



November 24, 1927 -
April 29, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1946

Hailed from: Moss Point, Mississippi

Rest in Peace Shipmate

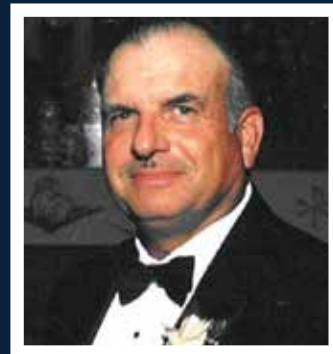


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Carl Radke



April 25, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1954

Hailed from: Hoisington, Kansas

Rest in Peace Shipmate





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**Donald
Gerber**



November 17, 1929 -
May 2, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1950

Rank: SK2

Hailed from: St. Louis, Missouri

Rest in Peace Shipmate



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**Freddie
Smith, Jr.**



1965 - May 9, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

Hailed from: Richmond, Virginia

Rest in Peace Shipmate





Remembering

**Robert
Gerhardt**



February 18, 1930 -
April 19, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

Hailed from: Springfield, Ohio

Rest in Peace Shipmate



Remembering

**Charles A.
Fleeks**



July 11, 1943 -
June 26, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

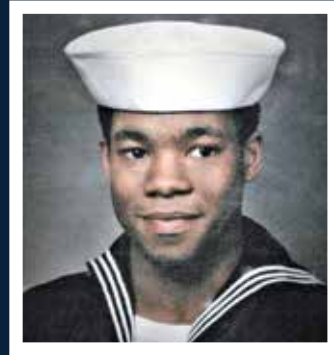
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Remembering
**Michael G.
Hildreth, Jr.**

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Sea-Fever

*I must down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.*

*I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.*

*I must down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.*

By John Masefield (1878-1967)
English Poet Laureate



THE OLD OUTFIT

*Come gather around me lads and I'll tell you a thing or two
about the way we ran the Navy in nineteen fifty two.
When wooden ships and iron men were barely out of sight
I am going to give you some facts just to set the record right.*

*We wore the old bell bottoms, with a flat hat on our head,
and we always hit the sack at night. We never went to bed!
Our uniforms were worn ashore and we were mighty proud.
Never thought of wearing civvies, in fact they were never allowed.*

*What happened to the KiYi brush and the old salt water bath?
Holy stoning the decks at night - cause you stirred old Bosn's wrath.
We always had our gedunk stand and lots of pogeys bait.
And it took a hitch or two to make a rate.*

*In your seabag all your skivvies were neatly stopped and rolled.
And the blankets on your sack had better have a three inch fold.
Your little ditty bag...it is hard to believe just how much it held,
and you wouldn't go ashore with pants that hadn't been spiked and belled.*

*We had scullery maids and succotash and good old SOS.
And when you felt like topping off - you headed for the mess.
Oh, we had our belly robbers - but there weren't too many gripes.
For the deck apes were never hungry and there were no starving snipes.*

*Now you never hear of Dave Jones, Shellbacks or Polliwogs,
and you never splice the main brace to receive your daily grog.
Now you never have to dog a watch or stand the main event.
You even tie your lines today - back in my time they were bent.*

*We were all two-fisted drinkers and no one thought you sinned.
If you staggered back aboard your ship three sheets to the wind.
And with just a couple of hours of sleep you regained your usual luster.
Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed - you still made morning muster.*

*Rocks and shoals have long since gone, and now it's the UCMJ.
Then the old man handled everything if you should go astray.
Now they steer the ships with dials, and I wouldn't be surprised,
If someday they sailed the damned things from the beach computerized.*

*So when my earthly hitch is over, and the good Lord picks the best,
I'll walk right up to Him and say, "Sir, I have but one request -
Let me sail the seas of heaven in a coat of Navy blue
like I did so long ago on earth - way back in nineteen-fifty two".*

Author Unknown

