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USS Missouri BB-63 2022 Reunion in Charleston, SC Recap

While the weather in Charleston was a little rainy, the reunion did have its highlights. I believe we had our first bagpiper to get us started. We welcomed some new Shipmates that made their first reunion and some of us got to visit one of our home ports and reminisce about other ships or duty station we served. Thanks again for everyone that made the trip down south. Look forward to seeing you next time!



Left: Jerry Miller
(President)

Below Left:
Rich & Tina Cliffe

Below Right:
Tony Wergin;
Rose Minch;
Bill Hall

Bottom (from left):
Anyolina Valdez;
Alfredo Pantaleon; Ken Gallagher;
Gardner Greene; Larry Geyer; Jerry Miller;
Norb Rebholtz



L - Preston Saunders
R - David Ysaguirre



Robert & Amy Whaley



L - Alfredo Pantaleon;
R - Larry Geyer

Fellow Shipmates,

As we start a new year I want to wish all my shipmates a Happy New Year! May 2023 be better than 2022 for each of you. I was pleased with our numbers at the reunion in Charleston where we had 103 in attendance. Now my goal is to have more at our San Pedro/Albuquerque reunion this year. The decision will be made in the next couple of weeks where the reunion will be in 2023 and it will be in the Feb 15 edition of the Missourian Newsletter.

Your Association Team consists of:

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

This is the team that works all year to make sure that we have a well planned and organized reunion for all our shipmates to attend. There are many other things which must happen to ensure we make the Association work and grow. Each of these shipmates work 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!

I hear many shipmates talking and making plans to travel to Hawaii to our ship. If you make this trip to Hawaii make sure and contact our Curator, Frank Clay, and he has promised

to ensure you get a special tour of the ship. Please call him when you know you are going and have the dates and 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 arrangements made in advance.

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



You should have already noticed we have a few positions open, if you have any interest in these positions please contact Jerry Miller at (417) 247-7744. To fill one of these positions you need to be a member of the Association, a crew member or spouse.

We will have two Newsletters each year. Any information pertaining to the newsletter should be sent to our Editor, Jeff Clemmer, so he may review it and include it in the next edition. 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 a 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 \$1,000 Scholarships are available for our relations. Apply before July 1, 2023, and you may be the winner! Contact John McKinney, Scholarship Chair, for all information.

Vice President, Larry Geyer is the contact point for our reunions. This is Larry's second year and he has many new ideas on how to continue to improve our reunion. Please let him know if you have any input.

I will add another note to the Newsletter when it gets closer to our publish date. It will be focused on the reunion. The biggest thing I want to remind everyone is 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. They will be posted in the August 5th Newsletter and everywhere we can before then. Please read and follow these deadlines. 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. If you are interested in a position please contact Ken or Jerry.

Thank You!

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ~ DECEMBER 3, 2022

Meeting started at 1:35 PM with all called and part of meeting except for John McKinney and Jeff Clemmer. John was on vacation at the Canadian border and could not be reached. Jeff was on vacation, but it was my fault I could not reach him for I had not moved his phone number to Missouri Group, so I could not call him for meeting. But that has been corrected.

I lead the prayer and pledge.

Last minutes will be emailed to all members of Executive Committee.

Financial report was given by Ken and the audit at reunion was discussed.

Old Business:

Quorum was three for this meeting.

Name tags were discussed, and the color will be navy blue, magnetic. Samples will be sent out before next meeting. We will vote about which we like and have them by the reunion.

We need a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and a Chaplin. If you know of anyone interested, please let me know or have them contact me.

New Business:

Location for 2023 reunion will be San Pedro or Albuquerque. Both are being worked but hotels don't want to give final pricing until after January 1, 2023. Larry and I will continue to work both sites and have the one chosen to the Editor for the February edition of our Newsletter. This will be the organizations fiftieth year so that will be added to the reunion activities. Norb will investigate and present some possibilities at the next meeting March 4th, 2024. The cities will be New Orleans, Colorado Springs, Nashville and Jefferson City, Missouri. In 2025, the cities will be Boston, Wilmington, and Florida(?).

Newsletter will be out February 15th and August 5th, 2023. Our new Editor has been given lots of lead way in putting it together. We will all have to assist him as he requests things from us.

If any shipmate hears of another shipmate passing, please send the information to Ken. This will help us have the most up to date list as possible for remembrance at the reunion.

Thanks to all for your support. If you have any thoughts on how to improve the reunion, please contact President Jerry Miller with those constructive thoughts.

Minutes submitted;

Jerry Miller

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

GET TO KNOW YOUR TEAM

USS Missouri BB-63 Association, Inc. Elected Positions

President

Jerry Miller

205 Hollis St
Bono, AR 72416

(417) 247-7744
JJmUSN@aol.com

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 Membership Chair

Ken Gallagher

102 Wakefield Circle
East Hartford, CT 06517

(860) 682-3281
kens4gcell.kg@gmail.com

Ken does a bit of everything for the association, but his most important task is membership. He has the responsibility of funds and documentation. He needs our support for what he does for us.

Corresponding Secretary **POSITION OPEN**

The Corresponding Secretary would be responsible for sending out emails informing all members of events and happenings.

Vice President

Larry Geyer

1015 E. Carson St #6
Long Beach, CA 90807

(562) 883-0702
BB63BM2@hotmail.com

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

2307 Hillside Dr
Dallas, NC 2803

(704) 349-3458
clemmer5@aol.com

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.

Recording Secretary***POSITION OPEN***

The recording secretary takes record of all meetings and maintains a copy of the minutes. They provide a copy and answer questions regarding what has happened at a meeting.

Historian**David Ysaquirre**

(512) 733-3119

1005 Velma Ave

David.ysaquirre15@gmail.com

Copperas Cove, TX 76522

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

battleshipbosnmate@gmail.com

McMurray, PA 15317

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

Scholarship Chair**John McKinney**

(207) 272 0447

76 Ocean House Rd

jmckinney1maine@yahoo.com

Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1142

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

Master at Arms**Alfredo Pantaleon**

(201) 667-0218

171 Burke Ave

libra666@juno.com

Staten Island, NY 10314

Alfredo is tasked with doing honors and keeping order. He is a leader with responsibilities of much background work.

Web Site Manager***POSITION OPEN***

The Website Manager would 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

63 Cowpens Street

frankc@ussmissouri.org

Association, Inc.

Honolulu, HI 96818

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

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello shipmates.

Happy New Year to all. I hope this year is better than last year for all. Last year many of our shipmates had problems, some were sick, the storm that caused floods into houses and difficulties for many, and the passing of our shipmates and friends. It was good to see “New” shipmates at our reunion last September. I am looking forward to seeing you all this September at our reunion. Hopefully we will have more new shipmates this year.

Everyone take care...

Larry Geyer

Vice president USS Missouri Association

UPDATE FROM THE CURATOR

Battleship Missouri Memorial Update

By: Frank Clay, Curator

Aloha! I'm grateful for the opportunity to present an update on the Battleship Missouri Memorial and our beloved ship. 2022 was a successful year for us, with visitation numbers rebounding to over 80% of pre-COVID numbers and revenue being at an all-time high. This helps us make up for the lean years we experienced in 2020 and 2021 and allows us to continue to fund all our ongoing restoration and preservation projects.

The Mighty Mo continues to be cared for daily by our staff and volunteers. Our steel preservation team recently finished painting the king post and starboard-aft superstructure bulkheads and the next major project will be the restoration and repainting of the fantail flight deck. Additionally, our teak team is currently working on replacing the last section of the main deck on the portside under the boat davit.

At last year's reunion I presented information about our new Education Resource Center (ERC) that houses our collections office and climate-controlled archive room. This newly renovated building outside our front gate is where all the artifacts donated to our organization will be permanently stored.

Our Collections/Archival Assistant Molly Hagan and I have been working on the detail-oriented and time-consuming task of moving our historic collection off the ship and into this new facility. If you are considering donating items from your time aboard the Mighty Mo, please reach out to me. We've had several former crew members decide to donate objects to us after touring our ERC.

Information on our donation policy can be found here:

<https://ussmissouri.org/get-involved/donate-an-artifact>

Last year we were excited to welcome nearly 50 former crew members who visited the ship in 2022. If you are planning to visit the ship this year, please send me an email at least two weeks in advance at **curator@ussmissouri.org** and let me know your travel plans. With prior notice I can arrange for complimentary admission for you and your family and make myself available to meet you and facilitate your tour.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the US Navy transferring ownership of the USS Missouri to the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. on May 4, 1998.

On September 2, 1998, the late US Senator Daniel K. Inouye gave a speech on the USS Missouri during our Association's first official commemoration of the End of WWII. He concluded his speech with words that continue to ring true to this day, saying: "It is a proud moment for all who served on this great battleship. We the people of Hawaii solemnly promise those who served on this great ship that she will be accorded the love and honor you bestowed upon her during her valiant service. We shall carry on the legacy. The legacy of Victory and Peace."

If you would like to receive regular updates from us, including our monthly *Scuttlebutt* e-newsletter, we have a sign-up page specifically for former crew members. The form can be found on our website here: **<https://ussmissouri.org/get-involved/former-crewmembers>**

~ Mahalo.



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 application.
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 June 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.

☐

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Deadline for application is June 1st of this 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

A Book of Interest...

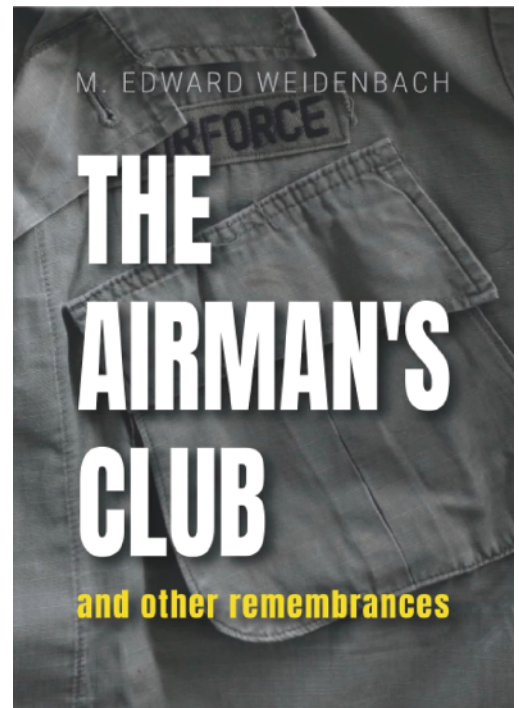
You may want to read

“The Airman’s Club and other remembrances” is an inside view of the Vietnamese people and how they lived during the bombing and killing of their fellow countrymen.

“We are forgotten now and where we gathered and shared precious life together is no more, but there was a time . . . a time like no other.”

A veteran’s return to Saigon after more than forty years inspires an intimate journey of recollection where fading memories are finally put to rest.

“I’m hopeful that these remembrances offer you a clearer understanding of those places, and of us, and the living, breathing times we shared, once, so long ago.”



Recognizing one of our comrades of USS Missouri. Michael Weidenbach was curator from the first days of USS Missouri BB-63 Memorial and Ship’s Historian. He filled that position for over twenty years and attended many reunions. Michael Weidenbach did not serve aboard during active time, he served in the USAF. During his time aboard USS Missouri Memorial he interviewed hundreds of returning veterans, World War II, Korean War and Operation Desert Storm sailors.

Each year, Michael Weidenbach attended the reunion and updated the Association members on the progress of USS Missouri BB-63. He spent much time recovering items from the ship and making them part of the memorial. This became his life’s blood, as he became a member of our Association and served with other shipmates aboard.

“My book was in part an effort to simply acknowledge ALL those who were involved, combat and otherwise, most especially the Vietnamese themselves.”

~ Mike

DUES 2023

**Check out your mailing label. Does it show 20 or later?
If not, you have not paid any dues since the date shown! Act NOW!!!
This may be your last newsletter!**

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: (See mailing label)

2023 ☐ **2024** ☐ **2025** ☐

Yearly Dues for 2023 are \$25.00

Amount Dues: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

**USS Missouri BB-63 Reunion
will be September 7–10, 2023
at the Sheraton, Albuquerque,
New Mexico**

Thursday September 7th-

Check-in time is 3:00 PM or later, but we will have the hospitality room open and manned starting at 1:00 PM. If your room is not ready when you arrive, please bring your luggage to 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.

Friday September 8th-

We are working on a TRAM ride up the mountain, lunch at 10/3 restaurant (10,300' elevation). That evening will be our auction in the hospitality room. That will be followed with an opportunity for you to bring any special items from USS Missouri that you think others would like to see. You may also bring your cruise book and have shipmates sign by their name. You will eat on your own. Still working on this to get the price down to an acceptable rate. More to follow later.

Saturday September 9th-

Executive meeting at 9:00 AM. General meeting at 10:00 AM, everyone is encouraged to attend. We will vote on 2024, 2025 and 2026 reunion locations during this meeting. Only members can vote, so if you want to vote, make sure to pay your dues before Saturday. This is where you learn how the organization works. It is your Association. Saturday night at 6:00 PM will be the Banquet. This is the center piece of our reunion. Once again, I encourage all shipmates to attend. This is your



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opportunity to dress up and have your photo taken. There will be a DJ for dancing. 6:00 PM is open cash bar, 6:30 all will have their seat and the memorial services will commence. As soon as we complete the Memorial Services the meal will be served. There will be recognition of some of our shipmates following the meal. The banquet will end about 9:30 – 10:00 PM. The hospitality room will open.

Special Instructions: We want to make sure all are signed up for the banquet. Please fill out the Registration form and email it to Jerry Miller. Remember, the cut off for Registration, the hotel (Sheraton) and sending in this form is August, 7. I want every shipmate who would like to attend the reunion to do so. If in doubt, fill this out and email it to Jerry Miller. He will make sure no one has to pay twice.

If you have questions, **please call Jerry at (417) 247-7744**. There will be a link to the hotel on our Facebook page.



***Looking forward to
seeing you all at the
2023 Reunion!***



**Sheraton Address:
2910 Yale Blvd SE,
Albuquerque, NM 87106
Phone: (505) 843-7000**

USS Missouri BB-63 Reunion Registration Form

Name: First _____ Last _____

Years Served Onboard: 19____ to 19____ Rate/Rank _____

Guest Name: First _____ Last _____

Additional Guest: Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____@_____

Phone Number: _____ Total # Attending _____

Thursday:

Check in any time after 1400 hours Thursday. Free shuttle to and from airport.

Friday:

	Price	#	Total
TRAM (if interested, please put in numbers)	\$20.00	x _____	= _____

Saturday: (Please choose your dinner entree)

Pan Seared Salmon	\$38.00	x _____	= _____
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Filet Mignon	\$46.00	x _____	= _____
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Basil Champagne Chicken	\$33.00	x _____	= _____
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Total Cost \$ _____

Hospitality Room:

Soda, beer, and water will be provided with sweet and salty snacks. It will be stocked daily.

You may check in three (3) days early and stay three (3) days extra for same price.

You will be responsible for reserving your own room.

**If attending; mail in this form and money to Jerry Miller.
Please pay by check (No money orders).**

**JERRY MILLER
205 HOLLIS ST.
BONO, AR 72416**

Any issues call Jerry Miller (417) 247-7744. Sign up by August 7, 2023!

Battleship Missouri Memorial Employees Honored

By Sarah Yamanaka



Left to right: RADM Peter Gumataotao, USN (ret.), vice chairman and secretary, USS Missouri Memorial Association Inc.; Neil Yamamoto, education outreach coordinator; Mike Carr, president and CEO, USS Missouri Memorial Association; Les Lancaster, chief engineer and director of shipboard operations. (Photo courtesy of the Battleship Missouri Memorial)

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Two employees of the Battleship Missouri Memorial were recently honored for their longstanding work and dedication on behalf of the memorial, according to a press release. Les Lancaster received the Casper J. Knight, Jr. Award, and Neil Yamamoto received the HNSA Educator Award.

Les Lancaster, who has been with the USS Missouri Memorial Assoc. Inc. for 24 years as chief engineer and director of shipboard operations, received the Casper J. Knight, Jr. Award, the HNSA's highest award given to individuals or organizations.

Having been with the USS Missouri Memorial Assoc. Inc. for 15 years, Neil Yamamoto received the HNSA Educator Award for his role as an Education Outreach Coordinator.

Both awards were given as part of the annual Historical Naval Ships Association Conference held in Hawaii and hosted by the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

“Les and Neil’s ongoing work and dedication to ensure the physical preservation and remarkable history of the USS Missouri is unparalleled,” said Michael Carr in the release. Carr is president and CEO of the USS Missouri Memorial Association Inc., caretaker of the Battleship Missouri Memorial. “These prestigious awards from the Historic Naval Ships Association are a testament to their passion and commitment to the Mighty Mo and is well deserved. We are lucky to have them onboard and congratulate both on their accomplishments.”

The Casper J. Knight, Jr. Award is HNSA’s highest award given to individuals or organizations who have “contributed in a major way, usually over a considerable length of time, to the preservation and exhibition of historic naval ships, and to the goals and work of the association.”

Recipient of this year’s award, Lancaster has been with the USS Missouri Memorial Assoc. Inc. for 24 years, serving as chief engineer and director of shipboard operations. He manages a crew of 28, overseeing the restoration, preservation, facility and engineering jobs on site. Prior to joining the memorial, Lancaster served in the U.S. Navy as a Bosun Mate for 24 years, retiring at the rank of a Command Master Chief.

Yamamoto was given the HNSA Educator Award that honors a fleet member who has “performed at a superior level in furthering the education program of the organization.” Having been with the USS Missouri Memorial Assoc. Inc for 15 years, Yamamoto serves as the Education Outreach Coordinator. He is responsible for a range of educational outreach initiatives and oversees the virtual teleconference program and in-school presentations. He also serves as a liaison between the USS Missouri Memorial Association’s Education Dept. and various community partners. Yamamoto is also an Eagle Scout and oversees the Association’s American Heritage Merit Badge program.

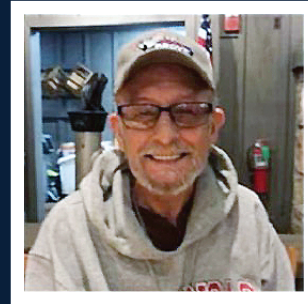


Remembering

Randy Lynn McDaniel



November 1, 1962 -
January 18, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1985 to 1986

4th Division

Deck Department

Hailed from: Hatfield, Arkansas

Rest in Peace Shipmate

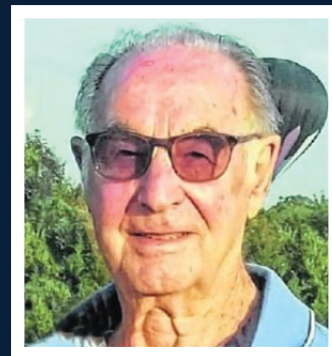


Remembering

Charles Jasper Vullo



1930 -
January 12, 2023



USS Missouri Crewmember

Years: 1948 to 1949

7th Division

Gunnery Department

Hailed from: Buffalo, New York

Rest in Peace Shipmate

