U.S.S. Radford
DD/DDE 446

WWII – KOREA – VIETNAM – COLD WAR
"AS LONG AS ONE OF US LIVES, SHE WILL LIVE"

MARCH 2017

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A Great Day At
TOP
OF THE
ROCK
Hi everyone!

We are ready to welcome you to Charleston, WV for the 26th reunion! All the tours are finalized, buses are locked in and a delicious southern buffet is on tap for Saturday night. Our DJ will have a karaoke machine available for anybody that feels like wowing the crowd. It’s sure to be a great reunion so please make your hotel reservations and return your sign-up sheet as soon as possible. We are considering some changes to the frequency of the newsletter distribution and another newsletter may not go out prior to the reunion. So Kimmy will email and snail mail a reunion sign-up reminder in early July to make sure you get signed up before the deadline on August 19th.

The NEW REUNION PROCESS, drafted by Mike Nave, and put in place at the last Business Meeting, has worked great. The Reunion Committee reviewed all the info submitted and their recommendation is Rapid City, South Dakota for 2018. Jim Clark, along with Sharon Hammon and Kimmy will be doing what needs to be done to ensure a great reunion if we get a successful vote at the next business meeting. Thanks to all those that made suggestions for next year – we appreciate the work you put into promoting your city.

It won’t be too long and we’ll all be together again!

30 knots and no smoke...

Your shipmate, Chuck
Received a phone call from the Michael Coody, son of GEORGE S. COODY 42-44 S1 letting us know his Dad passed away on 11/18/2016. A sympathy card was mailed to the family. See TAPS for contact info.

CARL A. JUSTUS 42-45 GM2 passed away on 01/01/2017. Son Roger emailed to let us know. He has a model of Radford in his home office and said his father's memories and stories gave him a “lifelong feeling for the ship.” Carl was at Pearl Harbor and helped tie up the USS Arizona. He then helped in post-attack rescue and recovery. To learn more about this special man, Carl's obituary can be viewed here: www.rosesmortuary.com/obituaries/Carl-Justus/

Heard from Ed Muir son of WALTON E. MUIR 44-46 GM3, letting us know his Dad passed away on 03/24/92. Ed remembers his Dad telling stories of handling the spent 5” casings after firing and also working on a 40mm twin mount. Ed and some of his siblings have pictures of the Radford and possibly some ribbons. See TAPS.

That’s all for now.....

Please consider placing a REUNION AD in your local paper. Most papers will run it for free and it could catch the eye of former shipmates!
Jack & Clara Giuliano
52-56 EM1

Pat & Steve Weigel
67-68 SM3

Billy Austin 66-69 QM3

Dorothy & Earl Towery
58-59 FTA3

Marie & Larry Davis
64-67 ETC

Don & Wanda Coplin
51-54 BM1

David Baker 64-66 Ltjg

Fred & Joyce Renken 64-67 BT2

Sharon & Ray Moad 61-65 MM2

Joan & Jerry Maly 51-52 TM2

Charlene & Foy “Jesse” James
58-60 SHSN

Jerry & Virginia Freeze
63-65 BT3

CHECK OUT THESE
Donations made between Nov 1, 2016 & Feb 28, 2017

Dan Ahern 62-65 MM3
William Bachor 63-66 BT2
Dennis Badore 65-68 RM2
Cecil Bennett 57-59 MR3
Michael Bordy 65-66 Ltjg
Robert Cannon 66-68 BT3
James Clark 68-69 BM3
Ed Davis 62-63 SF3
John Dirksen 60-63 Ltjg
Louise Farel - In memory of John Brereton 43-45 Lt
Jim Glover 61-63 SN
Sam Gordon 51-53 TA
George Gourley 49-52 FC3
Dale Holst 51-54 RD2
Dorothy Keefe – In memory of Ralph Keefe 49-51 EM3
Virginia Leifheit – In memory of Robert Penman 42-45 WT1
Donald Lewis 62-64 BT3
Jack Nelson 63-65 Lt
Robert Nokleby 53-54 GMSN
Donald Prickett 61-62 PN3
Fran Robak – In memory of Henry Robak 54-58 EM3
Max Scott 60-64 TM3
Robert Shafer 54-56 SN
Sandy Ward – In honor of our father Jess Ward 43-45 Lt, and memory of my brother Kent T. Ward
Joe Worsham 63-65 Ltjg

Your Generosity is GREATLY Appreciated!

MEMBER UPDATES

40’s
Dorothy Keefe
Spouse of Ralph Keefe 49-52 EM3
419-517-3242 (home)

50’s
Tom Puorro 50-51 GMSN
5454 Riverside Dr, Port Orange, FL 32127

60’s
Dennis Badore 65-68 RM2
908-783-0312 (cell)
Robert Cannon 66-68 BT3
313-372-5417 (home)

Ernest E. Childers 65-68 MM3
11463 Conch Ct., Venice, FL 34292
941-445-5304

Jalaluddin Latif 62-66 EM3
PO Box 393, Amherst, MA 01004

Paul Mohr 67-68 ET3 – NEW MAN
16969 Mesamint St
San Diego, CA 92127 – 858-945-1990

Donald Prickett 61-62 PN3
prickettdon@comcast.net

Charles Thomson 66-69 SK3 – NEW MAN
190 Hillview Terrace
Hinesburg, VT 05461 – 802-482-7494

Donald Walsh 61-63 PNCM
2000 May Drive, Apt 209
Zelionople, PA 16063 – 724-452-3449

Edward S. Wojtal 61-64 RD2
47 Birkendene Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Update Your Roster
# TREASURER’S REPORT
Bob Hammon 55-57 GM2

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# USS RADFORD ASSOCIATION

**DONATION FORM**

Please consider a financial gift to the USS Radford

**ALL GIFTS ARE APPRECIATED**

Financial contributions to the USS Radford Association are tax-deductible. Contact Bob Hammon, Treasurer, for the necessary paperwork.

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**YES – I WANT TO HELP SUPPORT THE USS RADFORD ASSOCIATION**

Tax Exempt Number/EIN: 34-1901062

☐ $10.00 ☐ $20.00 ☐ $25.00 ☐ $50.00 ☐ $100.00 ☐ Other $________

Amount

Make check payable to: USS Radford Association

Return check to: Bob Hammon - 4813 Royal King Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ___________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________

Aboard Radford: ____________________________ (from/to) Ex: BT1, MM2, etc.

Rate/Rank: ___________________________________________

☐ Please check this box if any of your information has changed since the last newsletter
2017 Reunion Tour Websites

http://www.beckley.org/general-information-coal-mine/ (Beckley Coal Mine)
www.tamarackwv.com (Tamarack sells only WV made products)
https://www.nps.gov/neri/planyourvisit/nrgbridge.htm (New River Gorge Bridge)
http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Educational/Capitol_History/pg8.cfm (Governor’s Mansion)
www.wvculture.org/museum/State-Museum-Index.html (Museum)

USS Radford Association
482 Windyville Road
Spencer, WV
USS RADFORD DD/DDE 446 REUNION SIGN-UP SHEET

26TH National Reunion
September 20 – September 24, 2017
800-228-9290

Marriott Town Center
200 Lee Street East
Charleston, WV 25301

$99 per night – includes complimentary hot breakfast
Tell Central Reservations you are with USS RADFORD GROUP

Name(s) for Badges: ________________________________

Served on Radford: ____________________________ Rate/Rank: ________________________________

Years(s) from / to

Phone: ____________________________ Current City/State: ________________________________

Registration Fee: Shipmate $10, Spouse $5, add’l guest(s) $5 each (Ex: shipmate & spouse = $15)$ ______

Wed. Sept 20 – Pizza Party & Auction (sponsored by USS Radford Association) NO CHARGE how many? $ ______

Thurs. Sept 21 – Coal Mine, Tamarack, & New River Gorge $33 per person ___x$33 = $ ______

Fri. Sept 22 – Governor’s Mansion, State Capitol, State Museum $28 per person ___x$28 = $ ______

Sat. Sept 23 – Dinner Banquet & DJ $45 per person ___x$45 = $ ______

Sun. Sept 24 – Farewell breakfast in hotel restaurant

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ ______

Keep this lower section for your information

RETURN UPPER SECTION WITH MONEY ENCLOSED TO: BOB HAMMON, TREASURER

**WE MUST HAVE YOUR FORM NO LATER THAN AUG 19**

4813 ROYAL KING COURT
ST. LOUIS, MO 63128

Marriott Town Center – 200 Lee Street East – Charleston, WV 25301
800-228-9290 - $99 per night – Sept 20 – 24, 2017 – Rate good 3 days before/after

Wed. Sept 20: 6:00 p.m. Pizza Party & Auction in hospitality room.

Thurs. Sept 21: 9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for Beckley Coal Mine tour, then on to Tamarack for lunch & shopping. Finish with a self-tour of the New River Gorge – great spot for taking pictures.

Friday Sept 22: 9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for Governor’s Mansion, State Capitol (lunch-on-own) and the State Museum.

5:00 p.m. Group Photo – location to be announced.

Sat. Sept 23: 9:00 a.m. Business meeting

5:00-6:00 p.m. Cocktail hour

6:00 p.m. TAPS, followed by dinner & DJ

Sunday Sept. 24: 7:00 a.m. - ? Farewell Breakfast

Please let us know if you have special dietary needs