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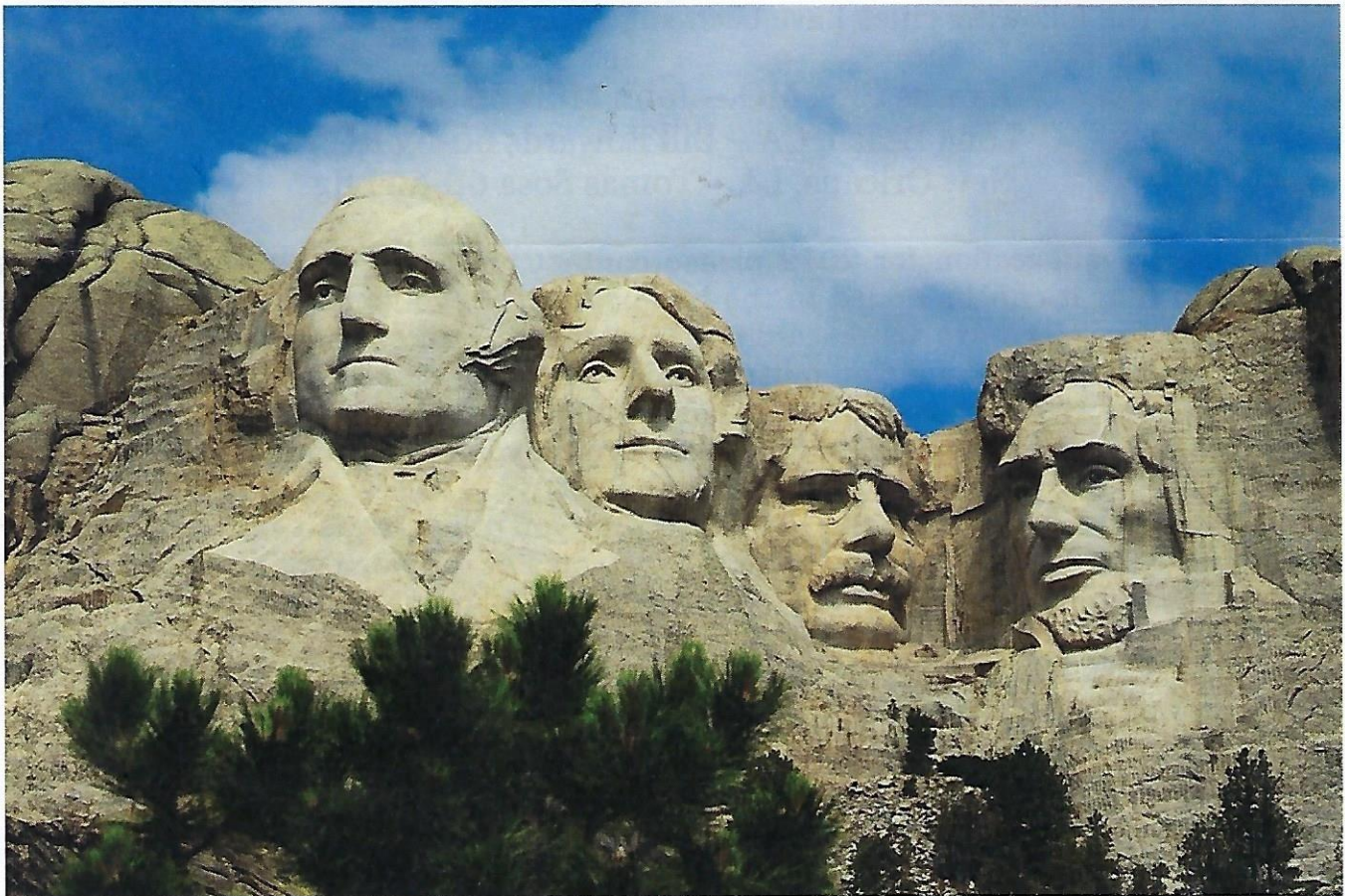
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APRIL 2018

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

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Deadwood * Mt Rushmore * Friends * Memories



! Don't miss South Dakota in September !

Reunion sign-up sheet in this issue

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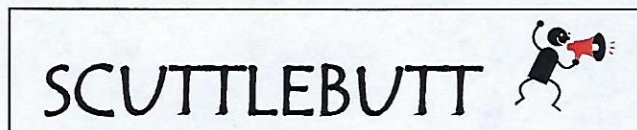
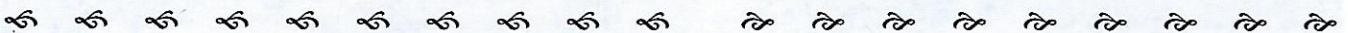
2019 REUNION

The following cities have been suggested for the 2019 reunion:

Kansas City, MO – John Mills 61-64 MM3
Long Beach, CA – Bill Edwards 60-63 RD3
New Orleans, LA – Tomas Sosa 68-69 Ltjg

If you have a suggestion for 2019 please contact me before the reunion in South Dakota so that it can be added to the business meeting agenda. Remember: if you suggest a city you have to research hotels, tours, buses, etc., and provide that information to the Reunion Committee. You will **not** be responsible for planning the reunion if your city is chosen, the Committee will handle that. A very simple reunion guideline has been created that I can mail to you if you suggest a city.

Also, decide which city from the list above that you'd like to visit and call, email or send me a text. Your vote will be added to the votes at the business meeting in SD.



On 11/16/17

As of 20 November 2017 our E-mail address will change to: tookey@comcast.net Please make such change in your address book. Our phone number remains the same, 352-589-7173. Thanks. Tom (65-67 RD/CS) and Ann Tookey.

On 11/17/17

Kimberly, please update my profile as I have moved to Florida. Sandy and I are now residing at 3878 Bedford Avenue, Winter Haven, FL 33884. New phone number is 863-662-4078. Thanks You and have a Blessed Christmas. *Harry T. Thurston 63-66 RM2*

On 11/17/17

Thank you Kimberly. I appreciated reading the newsletter. Will seriously plan to attend in Rapid City. Thank you for all your hard work. *Betty Hobbs (Larry Hobbs 58-61 MM2)*

On 11/18/17

Good morning need to change phone number for *John Kelsey Priest 66-67 FN* new number 352 245 2706. Thank you and have a good day.

On 12/10/17

I am sorry to tell you Richard T Cohagan passed away yesterday between 3:30-4:00. I have lost the military emails. Please advise your shipmates. Earnestine W. Cohagan (**Richard T. Cohagan 56-57 EM3**) Richard's obituary can be viewed by cutting and pasting the following link into your browser. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/richard-cohagan-obituary?pid=187495084&view=guestbook>



On 12/11/17 Chuck, I was sorry to hear about Marty. He was on board for WestPac 66 and bunked right below me on the hanger deck, (Torpedo compartment). I snapped this picture out of the cruise book. Best regards, *Ken Arnold 65-68 ATNAN (for Marty Dixon 64-66 ADJ1)*.



On 12/14/17 Received a phone call from Debbie Jensen letting me know her father **Edward C. Kline 59-61 CDR** passed away on December 13, 2017. Kimmy later received a text from daughter Nancy Kline with his obituary picture. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery this summer. His obituary from the Washington Post can be viewed by cutting and pasting the following link into your browser. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?n=edward-kline&pid=187841193>

On 01/24/18

Hi Kimberly - I had a great time at last years reunion which was my first. Someone came up to me and suggested that the reunion should have the people that were on the last cruise of the USS Radford tell their stories about the ship. Just a suggestion to pass on. Fellow shipmate, *Ralph Young BT3 (68-69)*

On 02/05/18

Received a phone call from *Robert Two Bulls 52-54 SN*. Robert had some good suggestions for different things the reunion group could do while in Rapid City but all tours had been finalized by the time we spoke. Robert originally thought he would be able to attend the reunion but told me in another phone call that he wouldn't be able to attend. Hopefully that has changed and he'll be able to join the group in September.

On 02/26/18

Hi Charlie & Kim, I hope this finds you both well. As you may or may not know, Rick has had a lot of medical issues that have complicated our lives for several years now. He is now completely blind in both eyes, has a heart condition, is diabetic and also has advanced COPD. Last November he was diagnosed with Lung Cancer, and thanks to radiation, that has gone. On top of all this, on October 31st, 2016 Rick had surgery for an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, which they knew about for years, but it didn't get big enough to operate on till Oct/2016. Immediately following the surgery Rick developed a psychosis which they thought was a postoperative condition and would go away. That was a year and a half ago, and he still has the psychosis. I am telling you all this because some of his doctors thought he was exposed to Agent Orange, and that some of these conditions were due to it. We've applied several times for financial aid, but denied because the crew from the Radford never stepped on the soil in Vietnam. I am writing you to see if anyone else from the Radford, who was in Vietnam, has or had anything similar to what Rick is/has experienced. From the newsletters over the years, a lot of the Radford Crew who were in Vietnam have passed away. If you could help me with any information you may have or heard, I would greatly appreciate it. I am also working with a private attorney, through the VA, who, along with other VA and private attorney's across the country assisting veterans who like those on the Radford were exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam, Okinawa, etc. A case is in the works for going to the Supreme Court to help the many veterans exposed to this horrible agent. Thank you. Blessings, Pam Dahl - *Rick Dahl 63-66 ETM3*

On 02/28/18

Received a letter from Anita Vecchi letting me know that her husband **Eugene M. "Mike" Vecchi 44-46 TM3** passed away on December 29, 2017 from lung cancer. She said Mike was unable to travel and always missed the reunions. Anita said a Navy bugler played TAPS at his memorial service. His obituary can be viewed by cutting and pasting the following link into your web browser. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/eugene-vecchi-obituary?pid=187922469&view=guestbook>

On 03/23/2018:

Received an email from RADM George Wagner 62-65 Ltjg letting us know that **VADM Emmett H. Tidd 54-55 Lt** passed away on March 20, 2018. Emmett will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Donations in his memory can be made as follows: Ginger Cove Foundation, 4000 River Crescent Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401, or to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite #225, Arlington VA 22203. His obituary from the Washington Post can be viewed by cutting and pasting the following link into your browser.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?fhid=2153&n=emmett-tidd&pid=188548694>

On 03/23/2018:

Hello, My father served in the Radford during Vietnam from 1968-1970 and I was inquiring about seeing if he could get on the newsletter. He doesn't use email, so I would be his liaison of information and communication. Thank you. Adam Aeillo.- *Thomas Dominic Aiello 68-69 FA*

Till next time.....

TAPS...

40's

Eugene M. "Mike" Vecchi 44-46 TM3 – Passed away December 29, 2017
Spouse: Anita Vecchi – 12711 Longden Street – Garden Grove, CA 92845

50's

Richard T. Cohagan 56-57 EM3 - Passed away December 9, 2017
Spouse: Earnestine Cohagan - 1920 Victory Rd Lot 173 – Marion, Ohio 43302

Edward C. Kline 59-61 CDR – Passed away December 13, 2017
Daughter Nancy Kline – 408-761-3933 (cell #)

VADM Emmett H. Tidd 54-55 Lt – Passed away March 20, 2018



MEMBER UPDATES

50's

William Beastro 52-55 GM2 – 717 E. Dakota Ave #112 – Pierre, SD 57501

Donald Milligan 52-54 ME3 1775 37th Ave NW – Salem, OR 97304 – 503-581-4307

Shirley Olson (Selmer Olson 53-56 MM2) – PO Box 73 – Clarkfield, MN 56223

60's

Thomas Dominic Aiello 68-69 FA – 22 Venus Street – Weymouth, MA 02188

Nancy Howe (Guy Howe 68-69 MMFN) 1333 Vintage Way – Auburn, CA 95603
925-381-6510

Horst Jeddelloh 64-66 Lt – jeddfarms@aol.com

George Parsons 64-67 IC2 – 336-263-7621

John Kelsey Priest 66-67 FN – 352-245-2706

Harry T. Thurston 63-66 RM2 - 3878 Bedford Ave, Winter Haven, FL 33884. 863-662-4078

Tom Tookey 65-67 RD/CS - ttookey@comcast.net

Donations made between Nov 1, 2017 & Mar 31, 2018

Dan Ahern 62-65 MM3
Dennis Badore 65-68 RM2
Cecil Bennett 57-59 MR3
Michael Bordy 65-66 Ltjg
Dino Burelli 52-55 EM1
John Dirksen 60-63 Ltjg
Louise Farel – In memory of John Brereton 43-45 Lt
George Gourley 49-52 FC3
Edward Hassler 52-54 SNRM
Nancy Howe – In memory of Guy Howe 68-69 MMFN
Horst Jeddelloh 63-65 Ltjg
Jack Johnston 61-64 QM3
Dorothy Keefe – In memory of Ralph Keefe 49-51 EM3
Donald Lewis 62-64 BT3
James Martin 66-68 Ltjg
Jesus Mendoza 63-65 RM2
Donald Milligan 52-54 ME3
Mike Nave 64-66 Helen
Jack Nelson 63-65 Lt
Robert Neufeld 55-56 ET2
George Parsons 64-67 IC2
Gerald Paxton 56-57 SN
William Pitts 67-68 EM3
Fran Robak – In memory of Henry Robak 54-58 EM3
Max Scott 60-64 TM3
Robert Shafer 54-56 SN
RADM Donald Sturtz 55-57 Lt
Anita Vecchi – In memory of Eugene M. Vecchi 44-46 TM3
Sandy Ward – "In honor of our father Lt Jess W. Ward and in the memory of my
brother Kent T. Ward"
Richard Winnett 53-56 MM2
Joe Worsham 63-65 Ltjg

Your Generosity is GREATLY Appreciated!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Hammon 55-57 GM2

	Income	Expenses
Nov	986.00	207.81
Dec	1666.00	945.54
Jan	-----	260.56
Feb	325.00	88.63
Mar	100.00	87.64
TOTAL	3077.00	1590.18

Income includes
Donations/ships Store

GAIN 1486.82

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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.



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) _____

Rate/Rank: _____ Ex: BT1, MM2, etc.

Please check this box if any of your information has changed since the last newsletter

Helpful links about our events in South Dakota 2018

<https://www.deadwood.com/businesses/attractions/>

<https://www.mtrushmorenationalmemorial.com/freebecause>

<https://www.travelsouthdakota.com/>

USS Radford Association
482 Windyville Road
Spencer, WV 25276



USS RADFORD DD/DDE 446 REUNION SIGN-UP SHEET

27TH National Reunion
September 12 – September 16, 2018
605-342-1300

Grand Gateway Hotel
1721 N. LaCrosse Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

\$109 per night – includes two \$10 breakfast tickets for Perkins Restaurant
Tell them you are with the **USS RADFORD GROUP**

Name(s) for Badges: _____

Served on Radford: _____ Rate/Rank: _____
Years(s) from / to

Phone: _____ Current City/State: _____

Wed. Sept 12 – Pizza Party & Auction (sponsored by USS Radford Association)	NO CHARGE	how many?	_____
Thurs. Sept 13 – Deadwood, Shopping, "Las Vegas" style Gambling, Buffet Lunch	\$17 per person	___x\$17 =	\$ _____
Fri. Sept 14 – Mt Rushmore with Dinner & Veterans Ceremony	\$30 per person	___x\$30 =	\$ _____
Sat. Sept 15 – Dinner Banquet & DJ with Karaoke	\$37 per person	___x\$37 =	\$ _____
Sun. Sept 16 – Farewell breakfast			
	TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$ _____

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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 11	4813 ROYAL KING COURT
Make checks payable to: USS Radford Association	ST. LOUIS, MO 63128

Grand Gateway Hotel – 1721 N. LaCrosse St – Rapid City, SD 57701
605-342-1300 - \$109 per night – Sept 12 – 16, 2018 – Rate good 3 days before/after

- Wed. Sept 12: **5:00 p.m.** Pizza Party & Auction in hospitality room.
- Thurs. Sept 13: **10:30 a.m.** Depart hotel for Deadwood for shopping, gambling, #10 Saloon (Wild Bill Hickok) and buffet lunch.
5:00 p.m. Group photo – location to be announced
- Fri. Sept 14: **3:30 p.m.** Depart hotel for Mt. Rushmore dinner and evening Veterans Ceremony.
BE PREPARED TO DRESS WARMLY FOR THIS EVENING EVENT. THE WEATHER IN SOUTH DAKOTA CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE THIS TIME OF YEAR
- Sat. Sept 15: **9:00 a.m.** Business meeting
5:00-6:00 p.m. Cocktail hour
6:00 p.m. TAPS, followed by dinner & DJ/Karaoke
- Sun. Sept. 16: **7:00 a.m.** - ? Farewell Breakfast

Please let us know if you have special dietary needs

Airport Shuttle Is Available