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September 23 – 27, 2015



President's Editorial

Chuck Parsons

Hi everyone,

I hope life is going well for all our shipmates. With all the shooting that has been in in the news lately it's hard to tell where it's going to happen next.

I hope everyone had a good time at the reunion in Portland. I enjoyed it very much. Portland is a beautiful area with the river and all the scenic areas and waterfalls.

Bill & Pat Edwards did an excellent job putting everything together and they deserve a lot of "atta boys" for their first one.

We will be in Branson, MO for 2016 and Sharon and Bob Hammon have already started working on it. Hotel information is in this newsletter and they are ready to take your reservation. I'm sure we will have a great time as Branson has many interesting places to visit.

At the Saturday business meeting, it was agreed that a liaison would be appointed to assist the USS Orleck with their working parties. John Ackerman, Bill Edwards, and Mike Nave have volunteered to head that up and I've given their contact information to Ron Williams of the Orleck.

At print time, Ron will be part of a conference call to get more information for a dry dock move date for the ship. He will let me know the outcome but will also put the information on the Orleck website.

Enjoy your newsletter and all the pictures.

Kimmy and I wish you a blessed Christmas with your loved ones and a Happy New Year.

30 knots and no smoke....
Your shipmate, Chuck

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2016 REUNION INFO

September 21 - 25

*Camden Hotel &
Conference Center*
2875 Green Mountain
Drive

Branson, MO 65615
800-335-2555
\$80 Double / \$85 King

➡ ASK FOR RENEE ◀



WILLIAM BACHOR 63-66 BT2 is now back on the newsletter list. Enjoy it William – hope you can join us in Branson. See *Member Updates*.

Heard from **DAVID BAKER 64-66 LTJG**, who had been contacted by previous shipmate **MIKE NAVE**. After Radford, Dave served in the Naval Reserve Politico-Military Unit at the Navy Office in DC and left in 1970 when his term was up. He currently works as VP, External Affairs at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Welcome back Dave!! See *Member Updates*.



Received a picture from **RON BAY 64-67 QM2** of **LANNY H. "FROG" BUROFF 63-64 QM3** who was killed in action July of 1970. Ron said Lanny was in the Cam Mau region (Nam Can "Sea Float") when he was hit with a ladder that came loose

from the USS Krishna after it was attacked with a B-40 RPG. Ron included this picture of his shipmate.

Heard the news that **CARL "RICK" DAHL 63-66 ETM3** has an incurable ocular disease and is blind in his left eye. He is now experiencing symptoms in his right eye and will likely become totally blind in a short amount of time. Wife Pam said he will be going into a program that will teach him how to live without sight. She said Rick is handling things well but asked that we pray for him.

HAROLD DAVIS 64-68 SH3 is back on the newsletter mailing list. See *Member Updates* for contact information.



In October, Kimmy received an email from **MADELINE DOBLE**, daughter of **RALPH KEEFE 49-51 EM3**, letting us know her Dad was nearing the



end of his life. Sadly, Ralph passed away on October 23, 2015 but before he died he had the chance to hold his 32nd great-grandchild Ezra. Madeline said

Ralph had a 21-gun salute at the cemetery and a military service. She also said wife Dorothy is doing well and is in the process of sorting through Ralph's possessions. We will miss Ralph at the reunions but hope his family continues to attend. See *TAPS*.

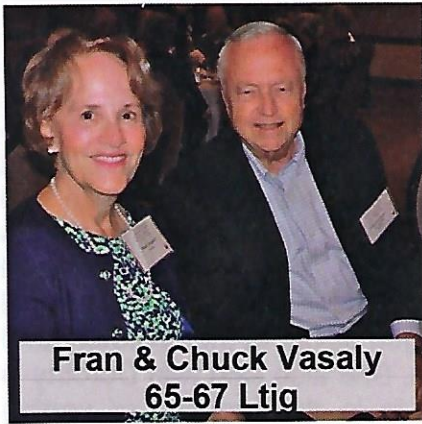
Received an email from the daughter of **NEW MAN JOHN "JACK" O'CONNOR 45-46 S1**. Maureen said her Dad went on an Honor Flight in September and really enjoyed it. Welcome back Jack – enjoy your newsletters. See *Member Updates*.

In the August 9, 2015 edition of the Kansas City Star newspaper, a story was done on our very own **JESSE REYNOLDS 42-43 SC1**. The story covers Jesse's memory of December 7, 1941 as well as his years after discharge. And, his local PBS station interviewed him for Pearl Harbor Day. I've put the links to the article and PBS episode on page 6. Jesse is the oldest living Pearl Harbor survivor in Missouri and possibly the oldest WWII survivor as well. He was honored at the NASCAR race on October 18, 2015 and watched the race from the VIP Suite. Jesse will turn 100 years old on February 18, 2016 and we wish him a wonderful birthday celebration. If you'd like to get in touch with Jesse his contact info is in *Member Updates*. We sure hope to see Jesse and his boys in Branson.

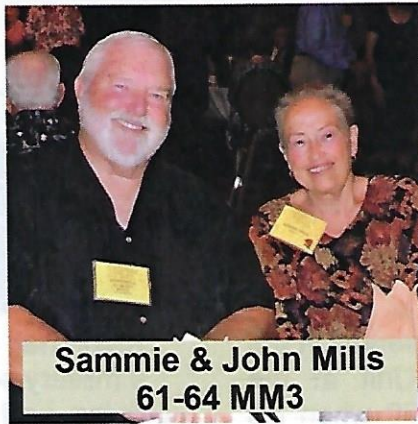
LLOYD TOSSE 61-63 LTJG has a corrected address – see *Member Updates*.

Received the very sad news that **SAUNDRA WINNETT**, wife of **RICHARD WINNETT 53-56 MM2** passed away September 14, 2015 from stomach cancer. We are all so sorry to hear of her passing. See *TAPS*.

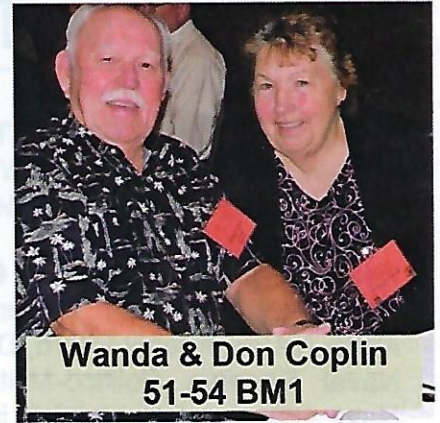
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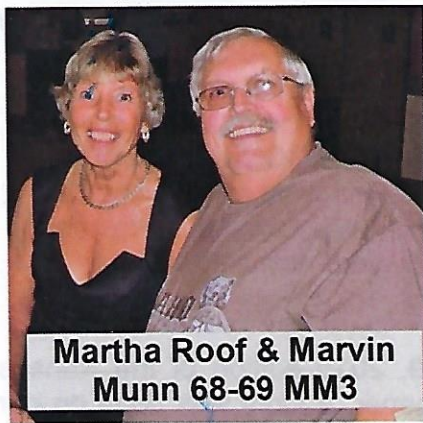
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65-67 Ltjg



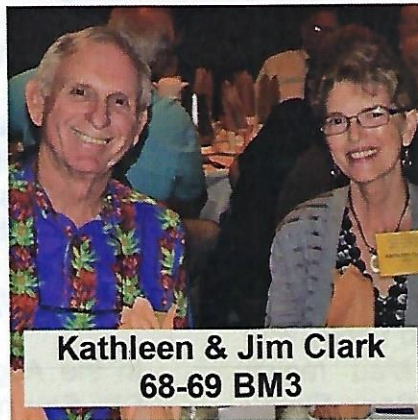
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61-64 MM3



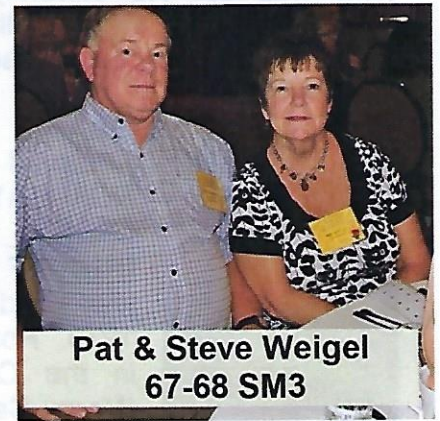
Wanda & Don Coplin
51-54 BM1



Martha Roof & Marvin Munn
68-69 MM3



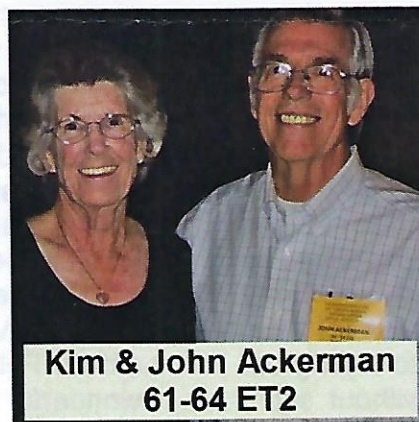
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68-69 BM3



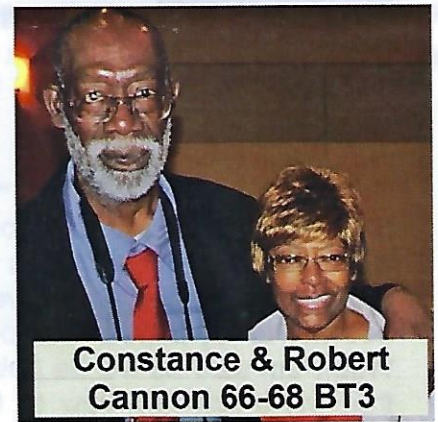
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67-68 SM3



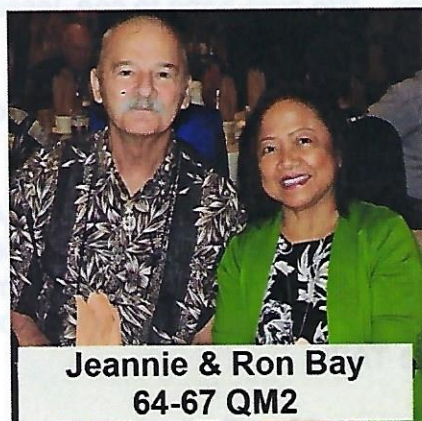
Marie & Larry Davis
64-67 ET3



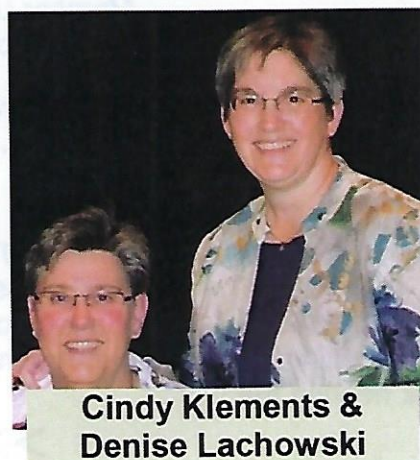
Kim & John Ackerman
61-64 ET2



Constance & Robert Cannon
66-68 BT3



Jeannie & Ron Bay
64-67 QM2



Cindy Klements & Denise Lachowski



Linda & Horst Jeddloh
63-65 Ltjg

Donations made between August 1 and November 30, 2015

Dan Ahern 62-65 MM3

Richard Carson 58-62 BT2

Louise Farel – In memory of John Brereton 43-45 Lt

George Gourley 49-52 FC3

Jack Johnston 61-64 QM3

Bill Luchtel 60-63 MMFA

Jesus "Jess" Mendoza 63-65 RM2

William Severns 66-68 MM2

Lloyd Tosse 61-63 Ltjg

Donald Walsh 61-63 PNCM

Ralph Bach 63-65 PN3

Larry Davis 64-67 ET3

Walter Harvey 57-60 Ltjg

Edward Kline 59-61 CMDR

Edward MacLamroc 49-50 FA

Gerald Paxton 56-57 SN

Richard Skoien 54-55 RD2

Earl Towery 58-59 FTA3

Radford Ferland – In memory of Lionel Ferland 63 YNC, USS
Helena

Robert Cannon 66-68 BT3

John Dirksen 60-63 Ltjg

Al Funk 64-67 MM2

Horst Jeddelloh 63-65 Ltjg

Donald Lewis 62-65 BT3

Mike Martin 66-68 Ltjg

Fran Robak – In memory of

Henry Robak 54-58 EM3

Charles Vasaly 65-67 Ltjg

Your generosity is GREATLY appreciated!



A note from Mike Nave...

During our annual meeting in Portland, we once again had a brief discussion about the location for our reunions, but never came to any final conclusions. A proposal has been made to devote time at our next reunion in Branson to develop a reunion planning process. The process we develop should clarify who will be involved, where we will hold the reunions and establish a framework for continuing the legacy of the RADFORD.

In that regard, a meeting agenda will be published prior to the next reunion which will outline the major topics we will discuss at our Saturday morning meeting. More on the agenda in the next issue.



Let Me Know....

With the April 2016 issue of the newsletter, I will be uploading the *Ship's Roster* to the USS Radford Website. **As soon as possible**, please call, email, or write me and let me know if you want your contact information to be confidential. If so, the only information that will be visible will be your name, year(s) served and rate/rank. If I don't hear from you, I will assume you have given your consent. Those of you without computer access will still be able to request a paper copy. Thank you.

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TAPS...



>> MEMBER UPDATES <<

40's

Ralph Keefe 49-51 EM3
Passed away October 23, 2015
Spouse – Dorothy Keefe
2964 Villa Drive
Sylvania, OH 43560

50's

Sandra Winnett
Passed away September 14, 2015
Spouse – Richard Winnett 53-56 MM2
902 S. Main Street
Kenton, OH 43326

60's

Lanny Howard Buroff 63-64 QM2
Killed in action July 6, 1970

40's

John "Jack" O'Connor 45-46 S1
10030 S. Talman Avenue - Chicago, IL 60655

Jesse Reynolds 42-43 SC1

c/o Ron Reynolds
13895 Station Drive - Platte City, MO 64079

50's

Richard G. Skoien 52-55 RD2
35 W. 133 Chateau Drive - West Dundee, IL
60118 - 847-428-6112
Djskoien7537@aol.com

60's

William Bachor 63-66 BT2
43 Mountain Road - Shokan, NY 12481
845-657-8674

David Baker 64-66 Ltjg

1906 N. Fremont Street - Chicago, IL 60614
773-929-6739 - bakerd@iit.edu

Harold Davis 64-68 SH3

562 5th Street - Carrollton, OH 44615
330-476-8030

Lloyd Tosse 61-63 Ltjg

11256 Juniper Drive - Nevada City, CA 95959

Rest in peace

WEBSITES

Jesse Reynolds

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article30506655.html>

<http://www.flatlandkc.org/people-places/missouris-oldest-living-pearl-harbor-survivor/>

<http://www.veteranprograms.com/id1933.html>

(make sure you check out the "Locate War Buddy" link on this site)

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/MjPmmCtHmFE?rel=0>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Hammon 55-57 GM2

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	TOTAL
INCOME	\$1,600.00	\$ 270.00	\$1,641.00	-----	\$3,511.00
Donations/Ship's Store					
EXPENSES	\$ 219.22	-----	\$ 948.46	\$ 125.39	\$1,293.07
DONATIONS			\$3,300.00		

*October income includes proceeds from reunion auction
 October expense is a \$3k donation to the USS Orleck &
 \$300 donation to Tin Can Sailors*

GAIN \$2,217.93

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.
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\$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: _____

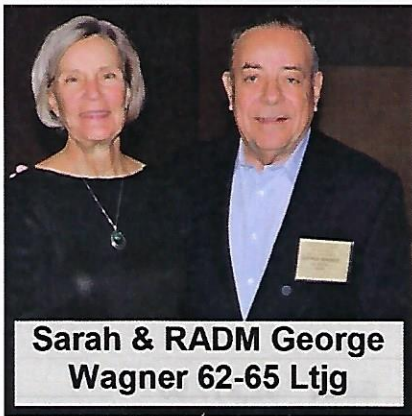
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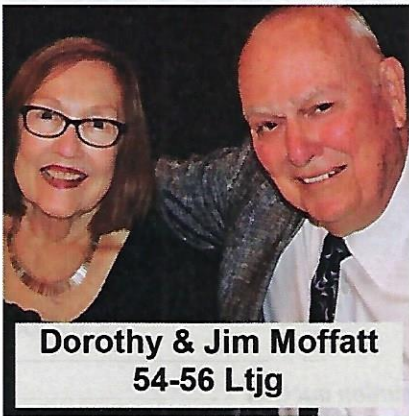
Rate/Rank: _____

Ex: BT1, MM2, etc.

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



**Sarah & RADM George
Wagner 62-65 Ltjg**



**Dorothy & Jim Moffatt
54-56 Ltjg**



**Vera & Gary Rusher
58-60 SN**

All photos submitted by Denise Lachowski
More pictures in the next issue

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