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JULY 2016

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

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*Party*



# BRANSON

*Top of the  
Rock*



*Branson Belle*



*Saturday  
Banquet  
& Dancing*



*We Hope To See YOU There!*



# President's Editorial

Chuck Parsons

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**In case you've  
forgotten....**

**Your  
REUNION SIGN UP  
SHEET**

**is due no later than  
August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Hi everyone!

A big thank you to all of you that contacted Kimmy and me to check on us after WV had floods in late June. We appreciate the concern that was shown to us. We were not affected by the flooding but areas not too far south and east of where we live were destroyed and towns and homes were totally washed away.

We are looking forward to seeing a big crowd in Branson for the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. We should feel proud that we have kept the association going this long. We live in a fast-paced world and I know it is hard sometimes to make time for a few days of relaxation.

I haven't talked to Ron Williams in a long time but I will bring an update to the reunion.

The Ship's Store order should arrive by the end of July and orders will be shipped at that time unless you're picking up your order in Branson.

I have signed the hotel contract for the 2017 reunion in Charleston, WV. Kimmy will work on the tours this fall. Beginning in 2018, reunion planning will be handled on a volunteer basis. Sharon Hammon and Kimmy will assist in an advisory capacity. See **Page 5** for more on next year and future reunions. And bring ideas for suggested cities to the business meeting.

I'll see you at the Wednesday night Pizza Party....

30 knots and no smoke....

Your shipmate, Chuck

# SCUTTLEBUTT



Received a phone call from **NEW MAN CHARLES DYE 59-60 SN**. Kimmy added him to the mailing list and sent him a newsletter. Hope to see you in Branson! See *Member Updates*.

Received the sad news that **DALE R. KLINE 56-59 MM3** passed away on April 11, 2014. Dale's wife Wava passed away in 2006. He leaves behind 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. See TAPS.

We are saddened to report the passing of **JESSE REYNOLDS 42-43 SC1** on May 5, 2016. Jesse was a USS Radford Plank Owner and served in the US Navy for 8 years. According to his obituary, Jesse manned the guns during the attack on Pearl Harbor and received a Congressional recommendation. While aboard the Radford he served in support of the Battle of Guadalcanal and Battle of Kula Gulf. Jesse was considered to be the oldest living Pearl Harbor survivor in Missouri. In June 2015 he was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of service to the VFW. Jesse is survived by sons Ron and Randy Reynolds, 4 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 4 great, great-grandchildren. Jesse thoroughly enjoyed the Radford reunions and attended as long as his health allowed. We will greatly miss this very special man. We hope his family will continue to attend the reunions. See TAPS.

Spoke to **ROBERT SHAFER 54-56 SN** who said he needs a blood transfusion. He'll be in a Nashville, TN hospital for the procedure. Hope all went well Bob and we hope to see you in Branson – please keep us updated.

The nephew of **ELDRIDGE B. CURTIS 43-46 SF1** reached out to let us know his uncle passed away November 4, 1997. See TAPS.

*That's all for now....*

## *Donations made between March 1 & June 30, 2016*

Sam Armao 44-45 SK2  
Marvin Bachison 55-57 FN  
George Boyle 61-64 MM2  
Dino Burelli 52-55 EM1  
Robert Cannon 66-68 BT3  
Richard Carson 58-62 BT2  
James Clark 68-69 BM3  
Paul Derridinger 59-61 Ltjg  
John Dirksen 60-63 Ltjg  
Louise Farel – In memory of John  
Brereton 43-45 Lt  
Radford Ferland – Son of USS Helena  
shipmate  
Al Funk 64-67 MM2  
Chris Mashburn – In memory of Bobby  
Mashburn 49-51 SN  
Bill McClure 50-52 EM3  
Jim Moffatt 54-56 Ltjg  
Charles Moretz 49-52 SK2  
Selmer Olson 53-56 MM2  
Richard Peterson 58-60 RDSN  
Fred Renken 64-67 BT2  
Fran Robak – In memory of Henry  
Robak 54-58 EM3  
Walt Schuman 63-65 ETR2  
Robert Shafer 54-56 SN  
Harry Thurston 63-66 RM2  
RADM George Wagner 62-65 Ltjg  
Richard Winnett 53-56 MM2  
Clarence Worth 57-60 BT2

*Your Generosity is  
GREATLY  
Appreciated!*

## MEMBER UPDATES

### 50's

Robert E. Boggs 50-52 SK3  
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Chillicothe, OH 45601

Paul Derridinger 59-61 Lt  
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Ft. Pierce, FL 34949

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Hohenwald, TN 38462  
931-796-5462

Richard Winnett 53-56 MM2  
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### 60's

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hominyrambo@live.com

Al Funk 64-67 MM2  
509-939-5396

John G. Hood 62-66 BM3  
719-395-2186 / 303-549-6310

## TAPS...

### 40's

Eldridge B. Curtis 43-46 SF1  
Nephew Steve Broce  
sbroce@starstream.net

Jesse Reynolds 42-43 SC1  
Passed away May 5, 2016  
Son – Ron Reynolds  
13895 Station Drive  
Platte City, MO 64079  
816-695-6061

### 50'S

Dale R. Kline 56-59 MM3  
Passed away April 11, 2014  
No family address available

*Rest in peace*

*At press time, these fine folks were registered for the reunion:*

Don & Wanda Coplin  
Larry & Marie Davis  
Larry & Mary Dean  
Richard Denton  
Paul & Billie Derridinger  
Jack & Clara Giuliano  
Bob & Sharon Hammon  
Bill & Carol Luchtel  
Jerry & Joan Maly  
James Martin

Jim & Dorothy Moffatt  
Marvin Munn  
Mike & Helen Nave  
Jack & Nancy Nelson  
Chuck & Kimberly Parsons  
Bob & Lori Sworden  
Earl & Dorothy Towery  
Larry & Sharon Uptegraff  
Steve & Pat Weigel  
Clarence Worth



The **SHIP'S ROSTER** is available  
on the USS Radford website.  
Those of you without computer access  
can request a paper copy.

Thanks to all of you that took the time to answer my email regarding the reunion location for 2017. Many different cities were checked but didn't pan out due to high price, lack of hospitality/banquet space, and distance from airport without shuttle availability. Chuck and I visited 5 hotels in our state capitol and we were fortunate to contract with the Marriott in the heart of Charleston, WV. It is a beautiful hotel that recently underwent an extensive renovation. We've been in touch with a tour company and there are many interesting and fun events that our group will enjoy. I will have more information in the next newsletter.

Kimberly Parsons

We will once again revisit the **REUNION PLANNING PROCESS** at the business meeting in Branson with the goal of getting the membership involved in planning future reunions. Suggested changes to the process will be presented by Mike Nave, 60's Director and will include:

1. The shipmate that suggests a site will research cost & availability & return the info to the Reunion Committee, made up of Sharon Hammon & Kimberly Parsons.
2. The Reunion Committee will review each suggestion and make recommendations which will be published in the newsletter.
3. Recommended sites will be voted on at the next business meeting.
4. The shipmate that suggested the "winning" city will lead a small working committee of volunteers to plan and finalize the reunion.

If you have a suggestion for a future reunion location and are NOT going to be in Branson, contact me by email or phone prior to the reunion. **It is important to remember** that if the city you suggested is chosen **you must** be willing to lead the planning process.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Hammon 55-57 GM2

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>	\$543.40	\$399.00	\$697.00	\$1,613.00	\$3,252.40
Donations/Ship's Store					
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$ 91.38	\$384.50	\$489.04	\$ 100.10	\$1,065.02
				<b>GAIN</b>	<b>\$2,187.38</b>

## 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)

Rate/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Ex: BT1, MM2, etc.

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

## USS RADFORD DD/DDE 446 REUNION SIGN-UP SHEET

25<sup>TH</sup> National Reunion  
 September 21 – September 25, 2016  
**800-335-2555 – ASK FOR RENEE**

Camden Hotel & Conference Center  
 2875 Green Mountain Drive  
 Branson, MO 65615

**\$80 Double/\$85 King per night – includes complimentary hot breakfast**

**Ask for RENEE – tell her you are with USS RADFORD GROUP – rate good until September 28, 2016**

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 21 – Pizza Party (sponsored by USS Radford Association & Auction)	NO CHARGE    how many? _____
Thurs. Sept 22 <b>a.m.</b> – Top Of The Rock Tour & Museum, includes lunch	\$46 per person    ___x\$46 =    \$ _____
Thurs. Sept 22 <b>p.m.</b> – The Presley's evening show	\$50 per person    ___x\$50 =    \$ _____
Fri. Sept 23 – Showboat BRANSON BELLE cruise, lunch & show	\$68 per person    ___x\$68 =    \$ _____
Sat. Sept 24 – Dinner Banquet & Live Music	\$25 per person    ___x\$25 =    \$ _____
Sun. Sept 25 – Farewell breakfast in hotel restaurant	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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**KEEP THIS LOWER SECTION FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

RETURN UPPER SECTION WITH MONEY ENCLOSED TO: <b>**WE MUST HAVE YOUR FORM NO LATER THAN AUG 19**</b> Make checks payable to: USS Radford Association	BOB HAMMON, TREASURER 4813 ROYAL KING COURT ST. LOUIS, MO 63128
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*Camden Hotel & Conference Center – 2875 Green Mountain Drive – Branson, MO 65615*  
 800-335-2555 - \$80 Double / \$85 King – Sept 21 – 25, 2016 – Rate good 3 days before/after

- Wed. Sept 21:            **6:00 p.m.** Pizza Party & Auction in hospitality room.
- Thurs. Sept 22:        **9:00 a.m.** Depart hotel for Top Of The Rock. Tour the nature preserve by golf cart and visit the Indian Artifact Museum. Includes lunch at Uptown Café.  
                                  **7:15 p.m.** Depart hotel for live Presley's Show.
- Friday Sept 23:        **10:15 a.m.** Depart hotel for Showboat Branson Belle cruise, lunch and show.  
                                  **4:00 p.m.** Group Photo – location to be announced.
- Sat. Sept 24:            **9:00 a.m.** Business meeting  
                                  **5:00-6:00 p.m.** Cocktail hour  
                                  **6:00 p.m.** TAPS, followed by dinner
- Sunday Sept. 25:      **7:00 a.m.** - ? Farewell Breakfast

Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.

*PLEASE join us in celebrating*

*this MILESTONE*

*25<sup>th</sup> REUNION*

*In Branson, Missouri*

USS Radford Association  
482 Windyville Road  
Spencer, WV

