



# U.S.S. Radford

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SUMMER 2019

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

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## KANSAS CITY

September 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

## MISSOURI

Trolley Tours

Fort Leavenworth

Lewis & Clark

Barbecue

Sign-up Sheet In This Issue.....

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## **2020 REUNION**

We will be voting on these cities at the business meeting in Kansas City. If you suggested a city and are coming to the 2019 reunion, please have all information available about hotels, tours, etc. If you are not attending, please send me the info you've collected.

Grand Rapids, MI – Ralph “Skip” Young 68-69 BT3  
Las Vegas, NV – Ken Arnold 65-68 ATNAN  
Baton Rouge, LA – Larry Taylor 63-65 BMSA  
Long Beach, CA – Bill Edwards 60-63 RD3



**SCUTTLEBUTT**



### **On 12/08/18**

Dear Mr. Parsons, Recently I received a pamphlet from U.S.S. Radford. I was not yet born when my father, Dwight K Gaston was in the Navy, we didn't discuss his years in the military much, so I'm just assuming that he was on this ship during his time with the Navy. I wanted to inform you of his passing on June 18th 2018. I do have his records if you need to know the years he was in or any other pertinent information. Just drop me an email and I can look it up for you. Thank you for your service!

**On 12/15/2018 received by Bob Hammon**

I served on the Radford from Jan '43 to the end of '44. At the age of 97, I may possibly be the lone survivor from that era. If you know of others, I would appreciate it if you would let me know so that can get in touch with him. I do not know you or any of the others covered in the monthly newsletter, but I still enjoy knowing what's going on. I live alone in a condo in Sandy Springs, GA. I am still in relatively good health, albeit with a cane. Respectfully, Hank Sturgess, Lt.

**On 02/01/2019**

Chuck Parsons my name is Billy Paul Henry, was aboard the Radford from 64 to 66. Was SNSM3 , I would like info about a 2019 reunion and updates from back last century. My number is 706-633-6030 address is 737 Tabby Linch Rd, Moreland GA 30259, thanks in advance and thanks for keeping Radford alive.

**On 02/10/19**

Hello Radford Crew, Wanted to report the passing of my father Richard Haid. He served as an ensign on the Radford in 1953-54. He often talked warmly of the ship and her crew. Yours - Tom

**On 02/17/19**

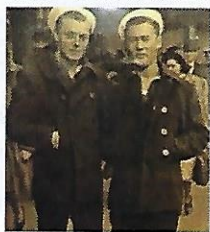
On March 7th, 2019 I am returning back to Florida where Rick and I lived for 10 years, before he came ill. My new address is: 1508 Spring Lake Cove Lane, Apt. 1, Fruitland Park, FLA 34731. Everything else, phone, email stays the same. Pam Dahl

**On 02/19/2019**



I just had a visit from a shipmate I had not seen since 1967. Paul Brenden, ET3 1965-1967, and his wife Mary stopped in for a visit. We told some sea stories, caught up on each other's lives and went out for a nice dinner. I asked him what caused him to look me up and he replied that he follows the newsletters and saw my name come up. He was in the area so decided to see if we still lived in area. He is doing well, still lives in Minnesota and is retired from electronics and is now farming. I hinted (strongly) that the reunion was in Kansas City this year and was in his backyard. We would sure enjoy seeing him there. We were looking in the 1966 cruise book and noticed that in the OI Division pictures Chief Tookey and LTJG Nave are reverse labeled? Marie said Mike looks better now; Helen must be taking better care of him than the Navy did.... Marie & Larry Davis 64-67 ET3 (on left in photo)

**On 03/03/2019**



Received this photo from Elijah Bender, grandson of Irving Bender 42-43 SN. It was taken in Australia. Irving is on the right and on the left is Al Bergeron 42-45 GM3. Elijah said Irving was proud of his time aboard Radford as well as the crew. He passed away in October 2012.

**On 03/11/2019**

Received a copy of "The Log" - Fort Worth's Tin Can Sailors monthly newsletter from Bill McClure 50-52 EM3. In it was Bill's memories from his time aboard the USS Radford. It was a great read and we'll bring it with us to the reunion so that all can enjoy it.

***Till next time.....***

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## **TAPS...**

### **40's**

Irving Bender 42-43 SN - Passed away October, 2012  
Grandson: Elijah Bender - ebender96@gmail.com

Edward MacLamroc 49-50 FA - Passed away May 27, 2017

### **50's**

Richard Haid 53-54 ENS - Passed away February 9, 2019  
Son: Tom Haid - trhaid@gmail.com

Robert Shafer 54-56 SN - Passed away April 26, 2019

Condolences may be mailed to 8533 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Street - Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

### **60's Family**

Sammie Mills - Passed away August 8, 2018. Wife of John Mills 61-64 MM3  
625 NE 81<sup>st</sup> Terrace - Kansas City, MO 64118



## MEMBER UPDATES

### 50's

Ronald Murphy 57-60 Ltjg – 270 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Claremont, CA 91711

### 60's

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## 2019 Reunion

The sign-up sheet is included in this issue. If you know you're coming, please take the time now to fill it out and send it in.

 **SEE THE NEW ADDRESS TO SEND YOUR**   
**SIGN UP SHEET AND MONEY.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is a limit on the Thursday City Tour – if you want to take part in that tour, please sign up early. Also, if you are having any trouble with your hotel reservation, please let me know.

# President's Editorial - Chuck Parsons

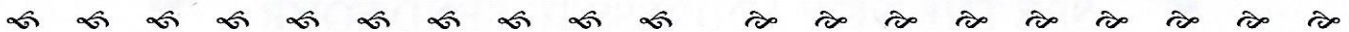
Hi everyone! I hope everything is going well with all of you. Now is the time to start thinking about Kansas City, MO and I'm hoping to see a large crowd this year. Ron Williams contacted me recently but I wasn't home. I've called him back and now we're playing phone tag. We will connect soon and I will bring all that information to the next reunion. When I've spoken with him in the past he has always been very upbeat and he thinks they will get the money to get the Orleck ready for Lake Charles.

This is my eleventh year as president and I have enjoyed it very much. The Radford was one of the most dependable and cleanest ships in the fleet. She never failed to get underway on schedule and perform her missions. It is easy to understand why, when you meet the sailors that sailed her from the 40's, 50's & 60's. I have met a lot of new shipmates at the reunions and enjoyed their stories and tall tales.

After 11 years I have decided to step down as president. I want to thank Jim Moffatt, Bob Hammon, Bill McClure, John Mills, Mike Nave and our newest Board member Larry Davis for all their help during my presidency. It takes a good team to keep an organization together and I appreciate you all very much. I want to thank Sharon Hammon for all her work in setting up the reunions and all the ladies that volunteer to help whether at the reunion or on tours.

I especially want to thank my wife Kimmy for all the work she has done. Without her I could not have done this. She has done all the newsletters, answering the phone, ordering Ship's Store supplies, getting them mailed out, mailing out sympathy cards, the list goes on. She has done a wonderful job and has always had the answer to any question when someone would call. So with that I ask that you think about who you want as your new president and come to the meeting and vote. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Kansas City.

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



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Hammon 55-57 GM2

Bob Hammon has asked that I let all of you know he is resigning the treasurer's position due to medical issues. A new treasurer will be elected at the business meeting in Kansas City.

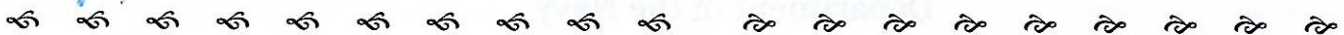
All income and expenses from November 2018 through September 2019 will be given to the new treasurer for inclusion in the next newsletter.

*Donations made between Nov 1, 2018 & Apr 30, 2019*

To all those who donated in the timeframe listed above, we want to say....

*Thank you! Your Generosity is GREATLY Appreciated!*

Due to illness, the donations list is not available. It will be given to the new treasurer for inclusion in the next newsletter.



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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

***LAST BUT NOT LEAST.....***

Received this info from Bob Cannon 66-68 BT3:

The USS Radford has been added to the list of vessels that operated on inland waters in Vietnam. Visit this link for more information:

[www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp#R](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp#R)

If you want information on hazardous substances you were exposed to you can submit a detailed request to:

Department of the Navy  
Bureau of Medicine & Surgery  
2300 E. Street NW  
Washington, DC 20372

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USS Radford Association  
482 Windyville Road  
Spencer, WV 25276



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

28<sup>TH</sup> National Reunion  
September 25 – September 29, 2019  
800-445-8667

Hilton Kansas City Airport  
8801 NW 112<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64153

**\$114 per night – includes continental breakfast for 2**  
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 25 – Pizza Party & Auction (sponsored by USS Radford Association)	NO CHARGE	how many?	_____
Thurs. Sept 26 – Fort Leavenworth, Lewis & Clark Ctr, Driving Tour, Buffet Lunch	\$20 per person	___x\$20 =	\$ _____
Fri. Sept 27 – Kansas City Trolley Tour & Private Lunch at Jack Stack BBQ	\$20 per person	___x\$20 =	\$ _____
Sat. Sept 28 – Dinner Banquet & DJ with Karaoke	\$40 per person	___x\$40 =	\$ _____
Sun. Sept 29 – Farewell breakfast			
	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>		\$ _____

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## KEEP THIS LOWER SECTION FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RETURN UPPER SECTION WITH MONEY ENCLOSED TO:

**\*\*WE MUST HAVE YOUR FORM NO LATER THAN AUG 16\*\***

Make checks payable to: USS Radford Association

**CHUCK PARSONS, PRESIDENT**  
**482 WINDYVILLE ROAD**  
**SPENCER, WV 25276**

*Hilton Kansas City Airport – 8801 NW 112<sup>th</sup> Street – Kansas City, MO 64153*  
800-445-8667 - \$114 per night – Sept 25 – 29, 2019 – Rate good 3 days before/after

- Wed. Sept 25: **6:00 p.m.** Pizza Party & Auction in hospitality room.
- Thurs. Sept 26: **9:30 a.m.** Depart hotel for Fort Leavenworth. Visit Lewis & Clark Center, Frontier Army Museum, Buffet Lunch at The Solarium & Driving Tour of Leavenworth, MO.  
**5:00 p.m.** Group photo – location to be announced
- Friday Sept 27: **9:00 a.m.** Depart hotel for Kansas City Trolley Tour and private lunch at Jack Stack BBQ.  
**THIS TOUR HAS A MAX LIMIT OF 60 PEOPLE – GET YOUR SIGN UP SHEET IN EARLY**
- Sat. Sept 28: **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. 29: **7:00 a.m.** - ? Farewell Breakfast

Please let us know if you have special dietary needs  
need a wheelchair? Call Mobility First at 816-350-7600 or Chuck's Mobility LLC at 913-859-0290