



# U.S.S. Radford

DD/DDE 446

WINTER 2018

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"AS LONG AS ONE OF US LIVES, SHE WILL LIVE"

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## USS Radford DD/DDE 446 - 27th Reunion



Rapid City, South Dakota - September 2018

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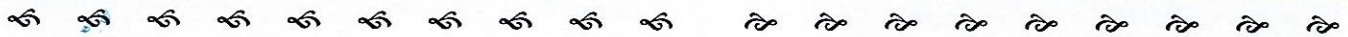
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## **2020 REUNION**

The following cities have been suggested for the 2020 reunion:

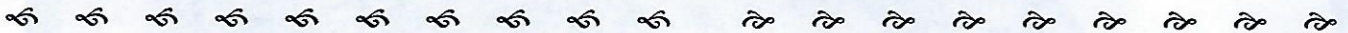
Grand Rapids, MI – Ralph “Skip” Young 68-69 BT3

Las Vegas, NV – Ken Arnold 65-68 ATNAN

Baton Rouge, LA – Larry Taylor 63-65 BMSA

Long Beach, CA – Bill Edwards 60-63 RD3

Contact me if you have a location suggestion for 2020 and I will send you a planning guideline that will help you to research hotels, tours, buses, etc.



**SCUTTLEBUTT**



### **On 02/11/18**

Dear Mr. Parsons, It is with great sadness that I report the passing of my father, John "Jack" T. Stricker (May 14, 1929-November 14, 2017). He loved his time in the Navy and was thankful for his correspondence with the Radford Society. I wanted to share a rough draft of one of his last letters that he wanted to send to you, likely within a few weeks of his passing. I did not put the following in quotes, because I took the liberty of editing. I tried to keep his words, content and spirit as original as possible, minimally adjusting grammar, usage, and composition.

*First I'd like to introduce myself and my homestead. Piqua Ohio is 35 miles north of Dayton, where at the age of 4 I heard and saw the Mills Brothers sing. I remember news of fellow Piqua native and WWII flying ace Dominic Gentile down 42 Nazi aircraft. WWII was a family affair for the Strickers. I was born May 14th, 1929, the 5th of 10 siblings, with four older brothers and five younger sisters. I heard that there was a Great Depression, but I never felt depressed.*

*Though I had no money to spend, I helped work the family garden and sold vegetables. I was happy to have a dime for Saturday movies, and a nickel left for the Sunday collection.*

*The US Navy was good to me and FOR me. I thank the members of the Radford Association for their invitation to write about the Radford within me.*

*Sincerely*

*John "Jack" T. Stricker*

The letter did not seem anywhere close to complete, so the last sentence before closing was the best I could manage. My father had so many fond memories of the Navy that he shared with our family, and we were fortunate to hear them. I've learned growing up that it is difficult for most veterans to talk about war for a variety of reasons. I believe it took a great deal of courage for him to talk of those experiences and share some of his last written words with you. Please also see the pictures I've attached, to add some color to the narrative. Also please click the link below for his obituary:

<http://www.melcher-sowers.com/obituaries/John-Jack-T-Stricker?obId=2915852#/obituaryInfo>

2005 was the one and only time that I was able to take daddy to a Memorial Day celebration to the former location of the Radford Museum here in Ohio. We were both thankful to meet Vane Scott that day, and our family still relishes that memory. The Stricker family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you for continuing the Radford Society tradition. We intend to stay in touch. With highest regards, Eric Stricker

**On 04/23/18**

I received your email, took a look at the April 2018 roster, and discovered that my name wasn't included. How can I have it included in the next edition? Robert (Bob) Hyatt, RDSN August, 1966 to May, 1967

**On 05/06/18**

Kimberly: Just got the April newsletter. Dad (Jesse Reynolds) had hoped that would be a choice. Sure wish he was here to go. I need to let you know some bad news about us. My brother, Randy Reynolds, was killed in December when he crashed his ultra-lite airplane on take-off. He attended the Nashville reunion with Dad and I. And, his wife had passed away while Dad and I were at the Baton Rouge reunion on our way to see the Radford memorabilia in Lake Charles. Randy had become quite close to several of the guys in a short time in Nashville.

**On 05/15/18**

Hello Chuck and Kimberly, I am dropping a donation into the mail today and wanted to update you, as we moved last November. My new address is: Robert McWhorter 187 Suncrest Drive, DeBary FL 32713. Looking at the newsletter we are seriously considering meeting all my shipmates in South Dakota in September. Still mulling it over. My health and Sandra's health are fine. I still tinker with a couple classic cars (1965 Cobra Replica, and 1965 Chevy Corvair), that I have and am enjoying my retirement in Florida. I am an officer here at the DeBary VFW post, and will probably be involved again next year. My phone is 727 459 8527, and has not changed recently. Keep up the great work with the newsletter. Robert McWhorter - SM-3 (65 - 66)

**On 05/23/18**

Mr. Parsons; my name is PHILLIP KRAY, I served aboard Radford in 68, and 69 as a BM. Through my negligence. I did not obtain a yearbook for either year; Do you know of any way I could obtain either one, especially the 69 one? May I also resume in receiving the newsletter. My address is 5445 81st Avenue Circle East, Palmetto, Florida 34221. Thank you PHILLIP KRAY

**On 05/25/18**

Hi, Can you give me details on the next reunion, i.e. place and dates. Regards, Paul Mohr  
ET3 67-68

**On 07/20/18**

I would like to know how I can sign up for the newsletter. I was on the Radford 68 - 70. Thank you, Richard Horn

**On 07/24/18**

Chuck and Kim, Just to let you know, Jim Hanley passed away this morning (7/24) at 10:15am. He was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer just a short time ago, and also had a stroke. Too much to handle, he went peacefully to be with his Father. Mike Nave

**On 08/11/18**

Received an email from Pam Dahl with an obituary link for Carl "Rick" Dahl who passed away on 08/07/18. - <https://www.dupagecremations.com/mobile/obit.php?id=1809428>

**On 08/22/18**

Hello Kimberly, I have a new email address [tomp322@outlook.com](mailto:tomp322@outlook.com) everything else is the same: 15455 Glenoaks Blvd Space 322, Sylmar, CA 91342, 818-400-8386 my cell. Have a wonderful day. Tom Padilla

**Sept 2018**

Treasurer and Reunion Planner Bob & Sharon Hammon were unable to attend the reunion in Rapid City but we surprised both of them with a phone call during the Pizza Party. Sharon said they both loved hearing from all of us and are looking forward to 2019.

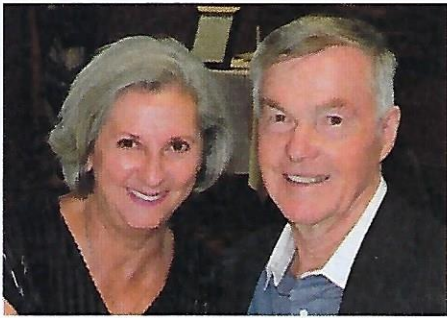
**On 10/01/18**

Hi Kim, Just had a nice conversation with Gil Poppe. Didn't know that Ben Brown was his best man. Also, Gil went on to become a LT in the Navy and stayed for 24 years. Anyway, Gil had given Ben the videos that we watched at the reunion way back in 1995 (I think). I had reached out to see if I could contact both Gil and Doug Bronnenberg since they both contributed the videos that I compiled onto a cleaned up version (yours is in the mail). Got an update on his address and phone number. He says he would like to get the emails announcing newsletters and rosters. Here is the updated Info: Gil Poppe, 1415 9th St, St Paul NE, 68873, (308) 754-5186, [gilinpoppe@gmail.com](mailto:gilinpoppe@gmail.com). Mike Nave

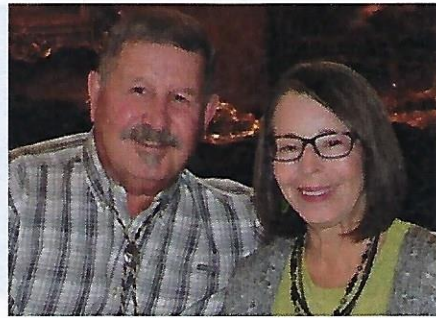
**On 10/29/18**

Need to change email and phone number for John Kelsey Priest. [jpriest670@gmail.com](mailto:jpriest670@gmail.com)  
Phone 352-461-6177. From Judy Priest

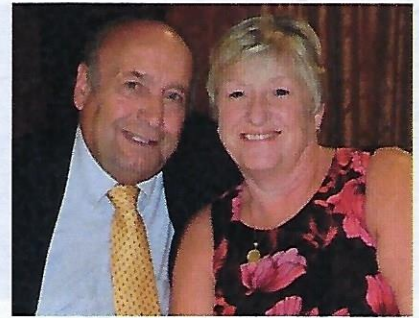
***Till next time.....***



Gloria & Dan Ahern 62-65 MM3



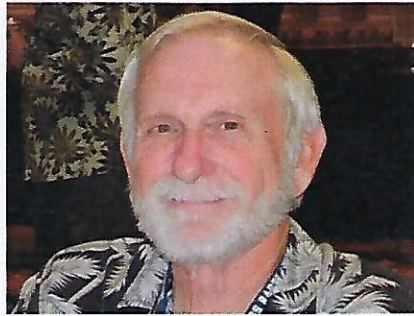
Sharon & Ken Arnold 65-68 ATNAN



Jeannie & Billy Bachor 63-66 BT2



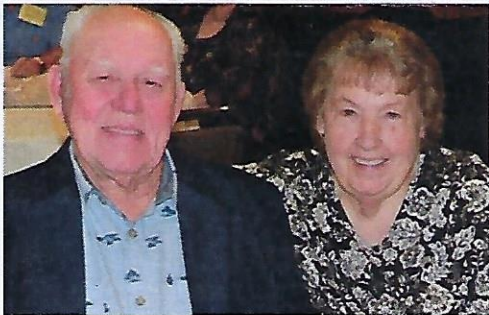
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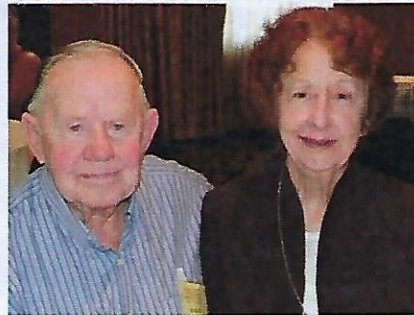
Jim Clark 68-69 BM3



Marcia Collins (Marshall "Barb" Collins 64-67 Ltjg)



Wanda & Don Coplin 51-54 BM1



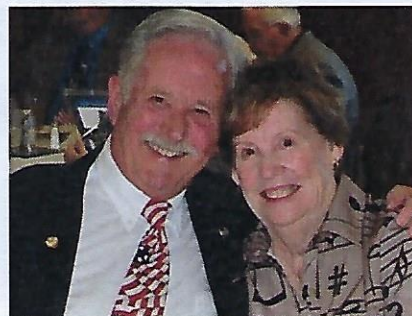
Darlene & Ed Davis 62-63 SF3



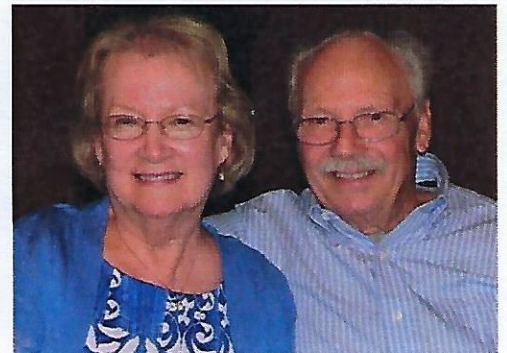
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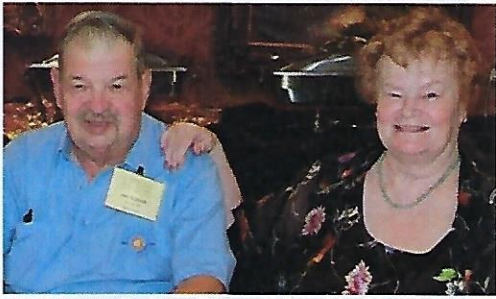
Mary & Larry Dean 66-67 SNPC



Pat & Bill Edwards 60-63 RD3



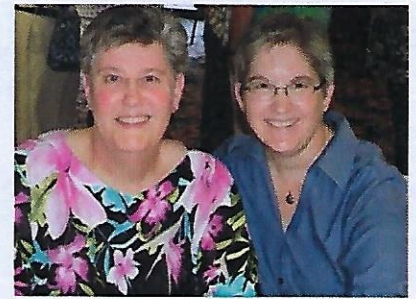
Larry & Sharon Foley 60-64 BT2



Nancy & Jim Glover 61-63 SN



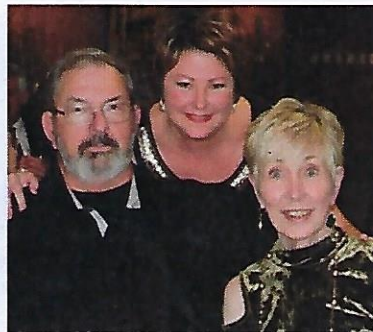
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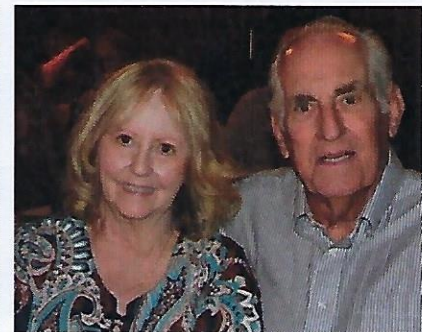
Cindy Klements & Denise Lachowski



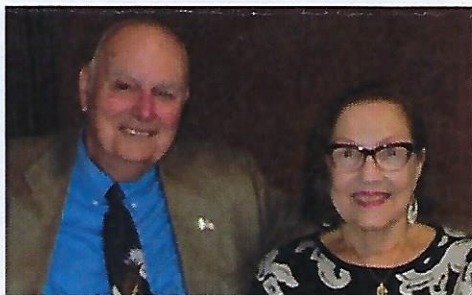
Nancy & John Lachowski 54-55 EM2



Nancy & Bill Lewis 65-66 SN  
Daughter Lara Lewis-Honea



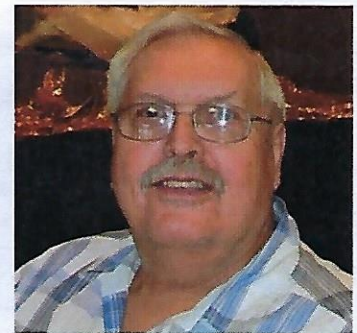
Carol & Bill Luchtel 60-63 MMFA



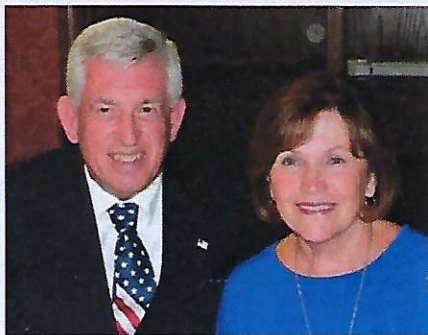
Dorothy & Jim Moffatt 54-56 Ltjg



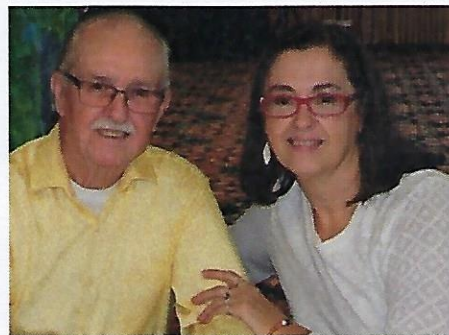
Jana & Paul Mohr 66-68 ET3



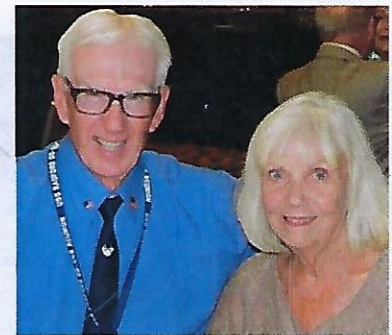
Marvin Munn 68-69 MM3



Helen & Mike Nave 64-66 Lt



Kimberly & Chuck Parsons 62-66 BTC



Barbara & John Sullivan 58-61 FT2

# TAPS...

## 40's

John "Jack" Stricker 49-51 MMFN – Passed away November 14, 2017  
Son: Eric Stricker - eric7x57@gmail.com

## 60's

Carl "Rick" Dahl 63-66 ETN3 – Passed away August 07, 2018  
Spouse: Pam Dahl 301C Village Creek Drive – Lake In The Hills, IL 60156 - 352-348-8897

James Hanley 64-65 Ltj – Passed away July 24, 2017  
1410 Sandchip Terrace - Chesapeake, VA 23320 - 757-676-6277

Robert Koeppen 60-64 RMSN – Passed away June 27, 2017. No information is available.



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## MEMBER UPDATES

### 50's

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### 60's

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414-545-0043

Phillip Kray 68-69 SN - 5445 81st Avenue Circle East, Palmetto, FL 34221

Robert McWhorter 65-66 SM3 - 187 Suncrest Drive, DeBary, FL 32713

Paul Mohr 66-68 ET3 – 7749 Corte Marin, Carlsbad, CA 92009 – 760-436-3351  
Paulmohr08@gmail.com

Tom Padiilla 67-69 SN – tomp322@outlook.com

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gilinpoppe@gmail.com

John Kelsey Priest 66-67 FN – jpriest670@gmail.com 352-461-6177

*Donations made between Apr 1, 2018 & Oct 31, 2018*

Marvin Bachison 55-57 FN  
Ben Brown 62-66 BM3  
Robert Cannon 66-68 BT3  
Richard Carson 58-62 BT2  
Marcia Collins – In memory of Marshall “Barb” Collins 64-67 Ltjg  
John Dirksen 60-63 Ltjg  
Louise Farel – In memory of John Brereton 43-45 Lt  
Larry Foley 60-64 BT3  
Jerry Freeze 63-65 BT3  
Steve Geboy 60-65 BM3  
Jim Glover 61-63 SN  
Harley Handel 64-67 RMSN  
Dale Holst 51-54 RD2  
Bob Kester 57-61 BMSN  
Arlene Kirby – In memory of George Kirby 59-61 SA  
John Lachowski 54-55 EM2  
Donald Lewis 62-64 BT3  
Bill Luchtel 60-63 MMFA  
Chris Mashburn – In memory of Bobby Mashburn 49-51 SN  
Carol McAdow – In memory of Ralph McAdow 62-66 MM1  
Bob McWhorter 65-66 SM3  
Jim Moffatt 54-56 Ltjg  
Paul Mohr 66-68 ET3  
John Sullivan 58-61 FT2  
Charlie Thomson 69 BTC  
Clarence Worth 57-60 BT2

*Thank you...*

*Your Generosity is GREATLY Appreciated!*



# President's Editorial - Chuck Parsons

Hi everyone!

I hope everyone enjoyed their time in Rapid City. I think it was a great place for a reunion. Jim Clark put in a lot of time getting everything set up and I want to thank him for his hard work. And I want to welcome our newest 60's Board Member, Larry Davis who has replaced John Mills after his resignation. Welcome Larry – we're happy to have you!!

The tour to Mt. Rushmore and the ceremony for the veterans was very well organized. I hope the evening was enjoyed by all.

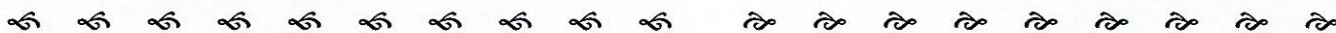
Jack Giuliano and John Lachowski had some unexpected setbacks and gave us a little scare...but they're old salts and will bounce back. Kimmy and I hope they are feeling back to normal.

Looking forward to Kansas City...Kimmy and Sharon are getting information together and I am sure it will turn out great. It is always enjoyable to see all the old shipmates and new ones too!!! They kept the Radford shipshape for many years and left behind a lot of great sea stories.

I want to thank all those that come to the reunion as well as the ones that cannot come but always support the association. We have a great group.

In closing, I want to honor the wives, sons, daughters and relatives who came to the South Dakota reunion in support of their families and our shipmates. Thank you!

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



## ***2019 Reunion***

*Kansas City, Missouri - September 25 - 29, 2019*

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*USS Radford Group*

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Hammon 55-57 GM2

	Income	Expenses
Apr	170.00	87.64
May	270.00	88.68
Jun	960.00	576.64
Jul	325.00	91.40
Aug	51.00	87.64
Sep	174.00	87.64
Oct	70.00	87.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2020.00</b>	<b>1107.28</b>

Income includes Donations/Ships Store

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



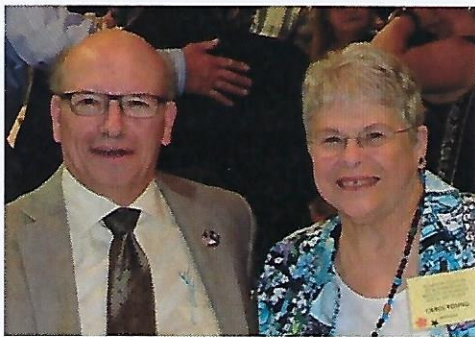
Virginia & Jerry Freeze 63-65 BT3  
Daughter & Son-in-law  
April & John Huisman



Lori & Bob Sworden 63-66 BM3



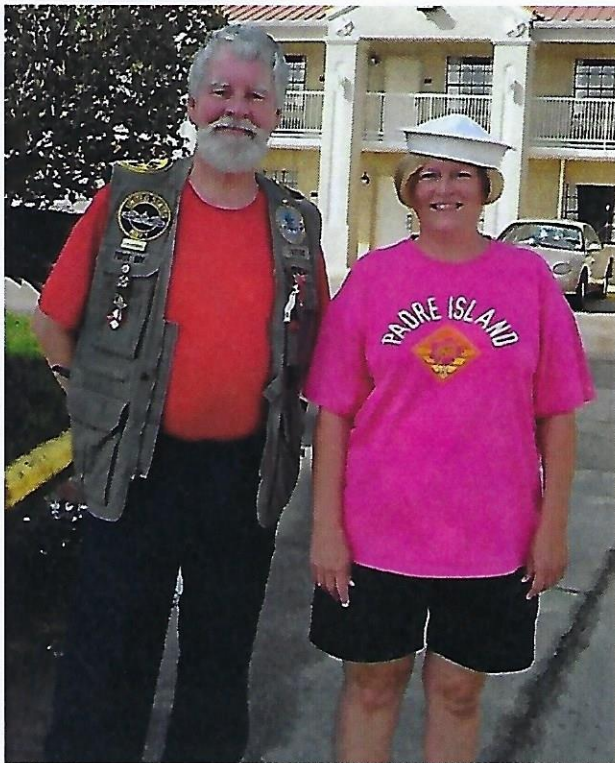
Betty & Larry Taylor 63-65 BMSA



Carol & Ralph Young 68-69 BT3



Don Coplin (2<sup>nd</sup> from lt ) & Mike Nave (far rt) assist with folding the Flag at the conclusion of the Veterans Ceremony at Mt. Rushmore



Larry Taylor & Grayson Poole Williams. Her father, James H. Poole, was picked up by the Radford after the Helena went down. Later, he was picked up by the Grayson DD435 when the Meredith DD434 was sunk. Had she been a boy her name would have been Radford. James passed away in 1980.

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

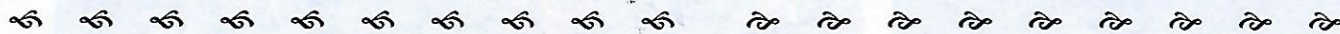
Paste the link below into your web browser to read the story of  
how the USS Helena was found on March 23, 2018.

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/news/uss-helena-wreckage-found-by-team-backed-by-microsoft-co-founder-paul-allen/>

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