



USS RADFORD

Newsletter

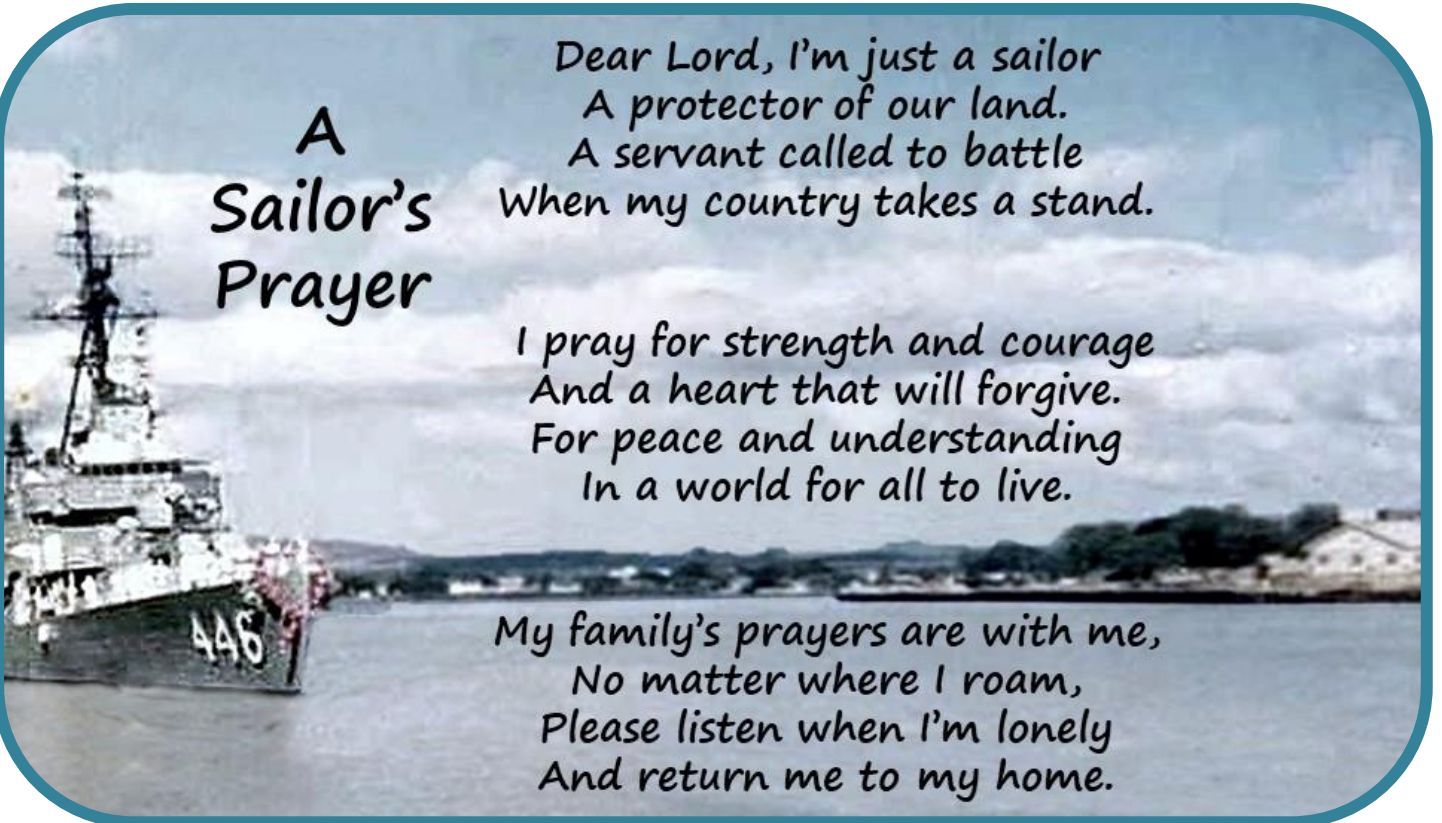
2023 Pre Reunion Edition

A Sailor's Prayer

Dear Lord, I'm just a sailor
A protector of our land.
A servant called to battle
When my country takes a stand.

I pray for strength and courage
And a heart that will forgive.
For peace and understanding
In a world for all to live.

My family's prayers are with me,
No matter where I roam,
Please listen when I'm lonely
And return me to my home.





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IMPORTANT!
PLEASE READ

The **Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act** of 2022 (PACT Act) represents the biggest expansion of Veteran benefits in history, and many Veterans may be eligible to receive compensation for their service. The PACT Act adds toxic exposure-related conditions to VA's list of service presumptions, including **hypertension** (yes, hypertension). On your VA Annual Health evaluation, veterans with chronic hypertension are being picked up for benefits.



VA has received many reports of unaccredited law firms or companies targeting Veterans to offer their services to file claims. These malicious schemes can show up in text messages, social media accounts, email, and even phone calls. If you personally did not reach out for the information, you will be at risk. Do not respond to any scheme you receive, regardless of how official it may sound or look.

WHAT SHOULD I DO



To avoid being a victim of these schemes, apply directly to VA. You may submit your application securely online via VA.GOV or in person at any regional office. You may file your claim directly with VA, and VA will help you gather the necessary evidence to support it. Of, if you visit the VA for an annual health review, you can talk to your doctor about your conditions that may qualify you for benefits. There are no costs or hidden fees to apply. Do not agree to pay an unaccredited individual or organization a percentage of your disability compensation payment or retroactive entitlement.



please note

This year's reunion in Springfield, MO will be from September 13 to September 17. Our hotel is the **Oasis Hotel & Convention Center** 2546 North Glenstone Avenue Springfield, MO 65803. The cutoff date for reservations is **Aug 17, 2023**. When calling for reservations (**417-866-5253** or Reservations at **888-532-4338**) tell them that you're with the "USS Radford." The rate is \$124 per night. That rate is good if you want to arrive one night early on Tues Sep 12. Breakfast is not included in this rate. Airlines serving Springfield include United, American, Delta, and Allegiant. The hotel does offer free shuttle service to and from the airport, but you must make advance reservations. If you are flying in, call the hotel a few days early to arrange for the shuttle.

This year's Reunion will cost each attendee a fixed fee of \$100.00. Here's a registration form to send with a check to Kim Parsons for our reunion or, if you prefer, call her at (304) 927-0094 or email her at ussradford@gmail.com with the information. **She will accept payment on your arrival.**



Name(s) for badges: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (c) _____ email: _____

Current City/State: _____

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

Day	Time	Tour/Event	Number Attending
Wed	1800	Pizza Party and Auction	_____
Thurs	0915	Bus departs hotel at 0915 Tour Fantastic Caverns (this tour is on a tram and is limited to the first 55 people who sign up) Buffet BBQ lunch at Whole Hog Cafe Tour Springfield, MO	_____
Fri	1030	Bus departs hotel for Branson at 1030 Lunch at Paula Dean's Restaurant	_____
	1315	Group Photo at King's Castle Theater - pay photographer if you decide to purchase	
	1400	New Jersey Boys show	
Sat	0900	Business Meeting	
	1700	Cocktail Hour - open bar	
	1800	Dinner Banquet and DJ	_____

Please send this form & payment to Kim Parsons at: 482 Windyville Road - Spencer, WV 25276

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COST PER PERSON: \$100.00



**HERE'S A
SNEAK
PEEK
AT OUR
2023
REUNION**

**WEDNESDAY
PIZZA PARTY
& AUCTION**



THURSDAY

**FANTASTIC
CAVERNS
TOUR**



**BBQ BUFFET AT
WHOLE HOG CAFE IN
SPRINGFIELD, MO**



**TOUR
SPRINGFIELD, MO**



FRIDAY

LUNCH AT
PAULA DEAN'S
RESTAURANT
IN BRANSON



GROUP
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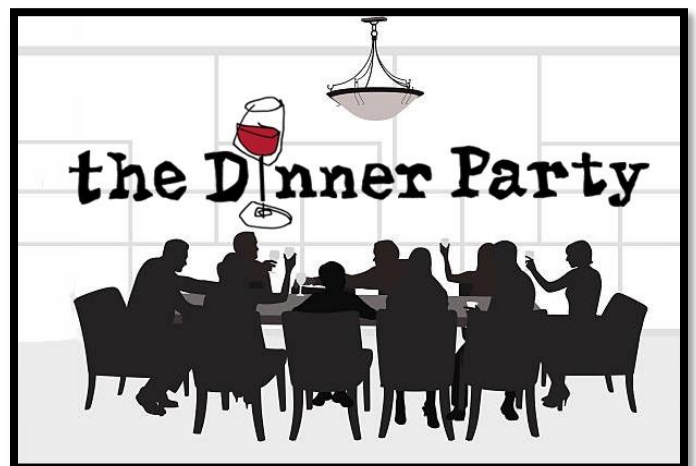
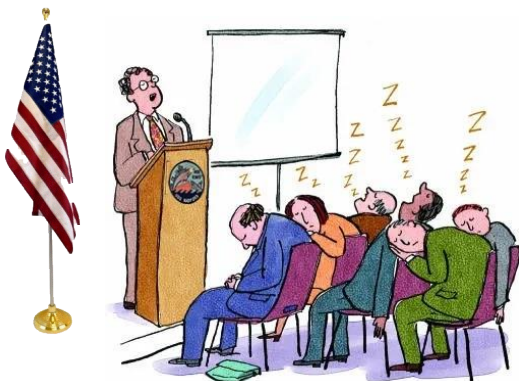
NEW JERSEY NIGHTS
SHOW AT
KINGS CASTLE
THEATER IN BRANSON



SATURDAY

BUSINESS MEETING

COCKTAILS



USS RADFORD



MUSEUM

Larry and Marie Davis visited the USS ORLECK on Friday, February 3 and sent us the following report:

The USS Radford memorabilia is still in the aft bunk area. They have not had an opportunity to inventory it yet. We talked to Mr. Bernat and he stated that the USS Orleck has to move by March 31st so all hands are concentrating on getting the new dock area ready. The ship will move to its permanent berthing. Once in place the dock house will be constructed to house both ships' memorabilia. The ship is in very nice condition.

On April 3, 2023, News4JAX reported the following update:

The USS Orleck, which had been docked outside the Hyatt Regency downtown for more than a year, finally relocated to its permanent home in the Museum District, also known as the **Shipyards West**, on Monday, April 3. When the Orleck first arrived in Jacksonville, it had to dock at a temporary home in front of the Hyatt Regency in March 2022. Since then, more than 35,000 visitors have come to tour the warship museum, making it a downtown fixture.

DONATIONS

March 2023

Mike Martin 66-68 LTjg

(in memory of **Marshall 'Barb' Collins** 64-67 LTjg & **Douglas Dean Vaughan** 66-68 LTjg)

Horst and Linda Jeddelloh 63-65 LTjg

(in memory of our friend – **Jack Nelson** 63-65 LT)

Louise Farel

(in memory of my father **Jack Brereton** 43-45 LT)

April 2023

Fran Robak

(in memory of **Henry Robak** 54-58 EM3)

RADM Donald Sturtz 55-57 LT

Ben Brown 62-66 BM3

Robert Cannon 66-68 BT3

May 2023

Robert Lombardi 65-66 DCFN

F.P. Jesse James and Charlene James

(in memory of **Frank Snyder** 57-60 GMSN)

Al Evans 67-68 YN3

THANK YOU



Mark Radford suggested the following websites to get more information about our ship:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5mpG9J3ybzGcKBnw9>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Radford446/>

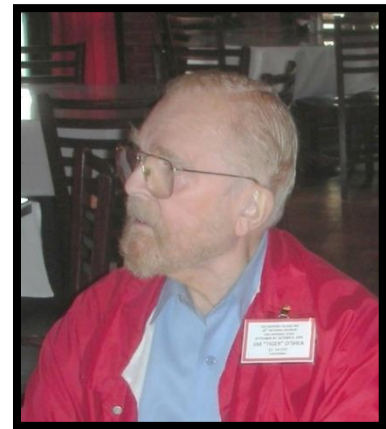
<https://www.facebook.com/1467290225/videos/10210878481825882/>



Herb Dahm



Jim O'Shea





★ **Gayle & Gary Opphile**
New address:
461 Barnett Avenue
Newcomerstown, OH 43832

★ **Harley Handel** 64-67 RMSN
New address:
620 N. Main Avenue #108
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

★ **Richard Carson** 58-62 BT3
New address and phone:
182 Tysonridge Court
Kernersville, NC 27284 - 9979
423-715-1892

★ **Mark Radford**
(son of Harry J. Radford 56-59 MM3)
New listing information:
Ft. Worth, TX
markrad4@gmail.com



★ **George Boyle** 61-64 MM2
Passed away on March 2 2023

★ **Paul Derridinger** 59-61 LTjg
Passed away on March 4, 2023

★ **Nancy Effenberger** (wife of Jim Glover 61 - 63 SN)
Passed away on March 4, 2023

★ **Thomas Aiello** 68-69 FA
Passed away on August 8, 2021

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