



USS RADFORD

Newsletter

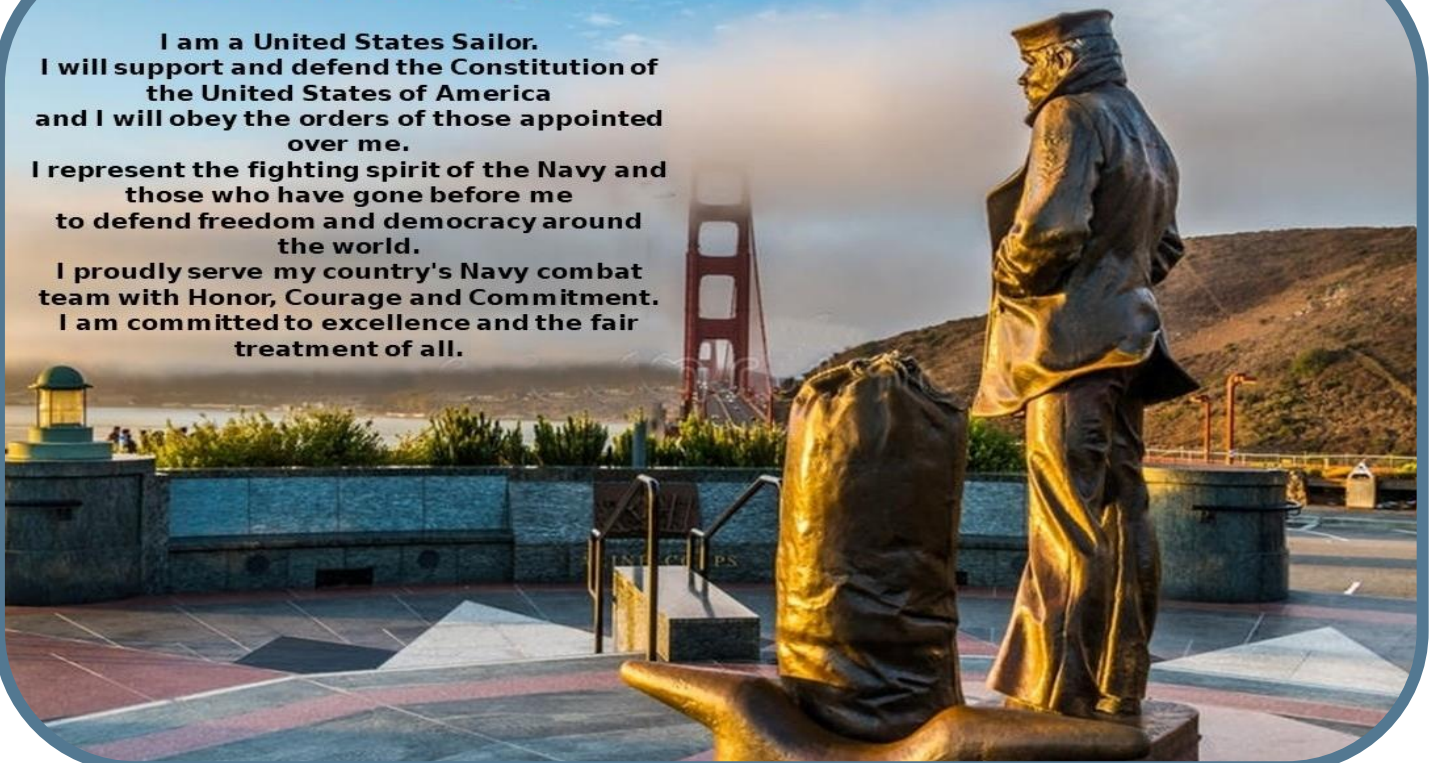
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The Sailor's Creed

**I am a United States Sailor.
I will support and defend the Constitution of
the United States of America
and I will obey the orders of those appointed
over me.**

**I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and
those who have gone before me
to defend freedom and democracy around
the world.**

**I proudly serve my country's Navy combat
team with Honor, Courage and Commitment.
I am committed to excellence and the fair
treatment of all.**





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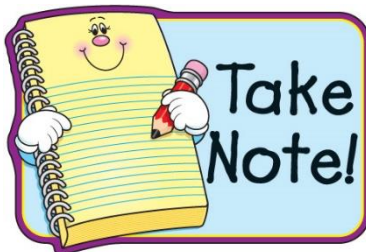


Our reunion this year will be held in Harrisburg, PA. This reunion will be slightly different from our previous reunions in that it will start on a Tuesday (September 17) and conclude on a Friday (September 20). Tuesday and Friday are travel days while Wednesday and Thursday will accommodate the tours plus our business meeting and departure banquet.

Our hotel for the reunion will be the Hotel Indigo in Harrisburg/Hershey, Pennsylvania and they offer a special price of \$121.00 per night. Reservations must be made prior to **August 17, 2024**. You can make your reservation by calling IHG Reservations at **1-877-424-2449** and telling them you are with the **USS Radford Ship Reunion**. The hotel will honor the special rates from Sunday the 15th through Sunday the 22nd. The hotel has free parking and provides shuttle service to and from the airport as well as local trips within a five mile radius. If you desire to use their shuttle, you must reserve your ride 24 hours ahead of time. The hotel offers many amenities and looks to be quite appealing. If you are interested in learning more about the hotel, visit their website at: <https://www.ihg.com/hotelindigo/hotels/us/en/harrisburg/mdteb/hoteldetail>

In our Pre-Reunion newsletter, which will be coming out in May or June, you will find more details about our hotel, our tours, and other notes of interest about our reunion. There you will find the registration form for the reunion.

In the meantime, if you know you will be attending, please pass that information to Kim Parsons now, so she can start a record of the number of people who will join us this year.



Flight reservations are already filling up during the time of our reunion, so if you plan on flying, you might consider booking your flights soon.

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MUSEUM

Our Museum has taken quite a turn this past year. The Jacksonville Naval Museum, which owns our artifacts, has opted to accentuate the USS Orleck in all museum displays, and as a result, decided to return our artifacts for our personal disposition.

Larry Davis, your Museum Coordinator, along with Bob McWhorter made several trips to Jacksonville to pick up those items which may be of value to us. Unfortunately, Larry estimates that upwards of 99% of paper goods and photos did not survive the Texas or Florida humidity and had to be discarded.

The items they now have are stored in Larry's garage and he is working to dispose of them in the forthcoming months. Larry inventoried the items that had been collected. He and Kim Parsons contacted many of the people who had donated items to the museum (many items had a name on them). Those items have been sent to the people who wanted them. Larry suggests that any of you who desire to obtain any of the remaining items contact him as soon as possible. Larry can provide you with a list of items, or you can ask Larry if he has a specific item that is of interest to you. Larry will donate items left unclaimed to The Military Museum of North Florida. He would like to complete this as quickly as possible, so don't put it off if you are interested.



★ **Lloyd Keanu Young** 66-69 MM3
New listing information:
P.O. Box 196
Kaneohe, HI 96744
emyoung28@outlook.com

★ **Ken Arnold** 65-68 ATNAN
New email address:
ken7970053@gmail.com

★ **Hank Sturgess** 43-45 LT
Revised listing information
A.G. Rhodes at Wesley Woods
Unit #401
1819 Clifton Rd NE
Atlanta, GA 30329
404-295-0422 (cell)

★ **Elmer Dave Barber** 61-63 MM3
New phone listing
361-349-1038

★ **Terry Don Spinks** 53-56 BM3
New Address
1591 CR Road 8
Clovis, NM 88101



On July 8 2023, Kim Parsons received the following note from Bob Fasbender:

"Keep the newsletters coming, nice & colorful & informational - good job - go Radford."

On August 10 2023, Kim Parsons received an email from a Daniel Sims (not a Radford shipmate):

Daniel had been visiting a friend at a nursing home in Michigan and struck up a conversation with another resident named William Danneels. Turns out William served aboard the Radford!! Daniel did a quick search online, found my contact info and sent me an email. Just today, I mailed William several back issues of the newsletter.

On Monday, September 4, Mike Nave received the following email from RADM George Wagner 62-65 LTjg:

When I reported aboard RADFORD in the fall of 1962, Ltjg Dirksen was the very experienced Operations Officer and he mentored me, a fledgling Ensign, so very well.

RADFORD had been his first ship after graduating from the Naval Academy in 1960. In the summer of 1963 he moved up the ladder to an Executive Officer position aboard USS INFLICT (MSO-456) in Sasebo, Japan. Following that he took command of USS WARBLER (MSC-206), where he participated on Market Time operations off the coast of Vietnam. From there he moved to Europe, where he served as aide to the Deputy Commander in Chief, US Navy Europe.

In 1970 John left active duty for the Navy Reserves and returned home to Oregon. While in the Navy Reserve he held various positions, including Reserve Executive Officer and Reserve Commanding Officer of USS ROGERS (DD-876) homeported at Swan Island in Portland, Oregon. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a Captain in 1991. He was laid to rest on August 31st in Willamette National Cemetery with full Military Honors.

On November 2, 2023, Kim Parsons received the following note from Shane Williams, son of Richard Williams:

I'm not sure if you guys keep track of these statistics, but my father Richard James Williams who served on the Radford during the Korean war, passed away on August 24th at the age of 92. All of his children made it to see him just the day before he passed.

His oldest son, myself, and my youngest brother Darren went to the state capitol a few weeks after his passing for the Korean 70th anniversary of the armistice. We were hoping so much that he could make it long enough for the Korean consulate to come down to his residence in Washington City from San Francisco to do the presentation while he was still alive. But sadly he didn't make it . . . Richard Shane Williams

On February 5, 2024, Kim Parsons received this story written by Paul Alwine, who experienced his Midshipman cruise aboard Radford in 1961:

How a USS RADFORD Cruise Changed My Life...

CAPT Paul Alwine, SC, USN (Ret)
February 2024

Way back when, I was fortunate to be able to attend the University of Southern California (USC) on a Naval ROTC scholarship. As a part of my Naval Science curricula, all Midshipmen students had to complete cruise training each summer. In the summer of 1961, I was excited when I received orders to the USS RADFORD (DD-446) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii!

After an Air Force hop from Los Angeles to Hickam AFB, I made my way to the Naval Station to check-in aboard RADFORD. I had never been on a destroyer, as my prior NROTC summer cruises were on an aircraft carrier and a cruiser. As I was checking aboard, I was told that the berthing space was tight, and so I was going to share a stateroom with a junior officer. It turns out that the LTJG was the ship's Supply Officer (SUPPO), and I believe that it was LTJG Lloyd Tosse. As I settled in, we got to know a bit about each other. He asked me, "what are you studying at USC?" I replied, "Business." He then asked if I had ever considered becoming a Navy Supply Corps officer? I said, "I don't even know what that is!"

Over the next few weeks of my summer cruise the SUPPO did a "sales job" on me about what Supply Corps officers do as the "businessmen of the Navy!" He said that with a Supply background while serving, it would look really great on my resume' if I decided to pursue a corporate job after my active duty.

For the next 5 weeks I got to learn about all the various departments on RADFORD and stood watches in all the major areas. We had a number of at-sea periods, and I got to experience what it was like to be underway in a FLETCHER-class destroyer, including cruising in some post-typhoon weather that we encountered with really high waves and lots of up and down action! Sleeping was a challenge as I kept being raised up and down on my bunk!

All in all, I had a fantastic experience on RADFORD in the summer of '61. I enjoyed seeing Pearl Harbor and exploring some of the history of the base. I also enjoyed time off to go to Waikiki, as well as seeing a lot of Oahu with a few of the other midshipmen that were also doing their summer cruise.

Looking back, my summer midshipman cruise on RADFORD changed my life, as I became a Navy Supply Corps officer, which led to my lifetime career in computers and IT!

Many good memories of my time aboard RADFORD in the summer of 1961...



- ★ **Arcola Hughes** 56-57 SA
Passed away on June 7, 2023
- ★ **Francisco Vela** 54-56 MM3
Passed away on November 7, 2022
- ★ **Richard Williams** 49-52 MM3
Passed away on August 24, 2023
- ★ **Fayne Parker** 44-46 MM2
Passed away on July 24, 2023
- ★ **Stuart Kagan** 54-56 Ltjg
Passed away on September 12, 2007
- ★ **James E. Ledford** 53-55 RM2
Passed away on April 21, 2020
- ★ **George S. Coody** 42-44 S1
Passed away on November 18, 2016
- ★ **William Wagner** 42-44 MM1
Passed away on January 12, 2010
- ★ **William Upthegrove** 50-53 Ltjg
Passed away on May 25, 2016
- ★ **Herbert Bird** 63-66 MR2
Passed away on September 9, 2021
- ★ **Clyde Jenkins** 61-64 MM3
Passed away on October 2, 2023

- ★ **Ira Riskin** 55-58 Ltjg
Passed away on February 12, 2023
- ★ **Nancy Mathis**
(wife of **William Mathis** 50-53 ME3)
Passed away on March 22, 2023
- ★ **Paul A. Panzer** 50-52 BT1
Passed away on October 22, 2010
- ★ **Gary L. Dixon** 61-63 MM3
Passed away on March 2, 2023
- ★ **Thomas Little** 61-65 ST1
Passed away on March 7, 2022
- ★ **Ronald G. Morrison** 66-69 RD3
Passed away on September 23, 2022
- ★ **Robert Rennels** 55-57 FT2
Passed away on June 10, 2012
- ★ **David Roe** 66-69 ST3
Passed away on August 28, 2020
- ★ **William M. Wolff, Jr.** 52-53 Ltjg
Passed away on September 3, 2005
- ★ **Manual B. Cabral** 42-44 BM3
Passed away on October 2, 2017
- ★ **Larry Proctor** 66-68 STG3
Passed away on February 1, 2024
- ★ **Stanley Sadeski** 42-43 GMI
Passed away on February 18, 2008



Kim Parsons, in her quest to locate shipmates who, in the past, donated their personal and/or Radford articles to our museum discovered that many of those people have passed away in the past two decades. That is why you see many old entries in the listing above..

DONATIONS

November 2023

Dale Holst 51-54 RD2

Fran Robak

(in memory of **Jack Brereton** 43-45 Lt)

Christine Mashburn

(in memory of **Bobby Mashburn** 49-51 SN and
William & Nancy Mathis 50-53 ME3)

December 2023

Foy "Jesse" James 58-60 SHSN

Richard Peterson 58-60 RDSN

Jack Johnston 61-64 QM3

Robert Cannon 66-68 BT3

January 2024

Roy Estes 64-67 SN

February 2024

Robert Sworden 63-66 BM3

THANK YOU



To all WWII and Korean War veterans: We would enjoy hearing some of the sea stories you have from your time on board Radford. Please send any of your fond recollections or memories to Mike Nave, so he can pass them on to the rest of our association in this, our newsletter. See page 2 for Mike's contact info.

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