



USS RADFORD

Newsletter

2024 Pre-Reunion Edition

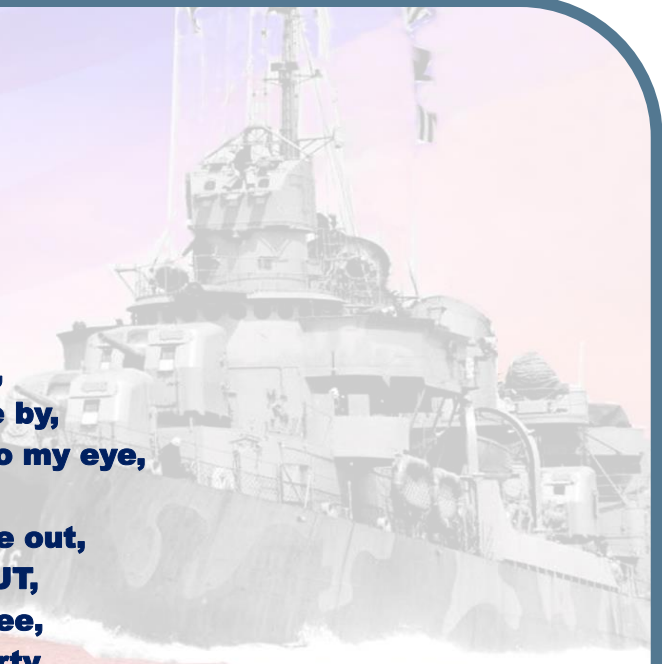
MY NAVY DAYS

When I was young many years ago,
I joined the Navy. Why? I don't know.
I went places, I'd never dreamed,
time went so fast, or so it seemed.

I met people, I'll never forget,
and even some, I wished I'd never met,
But as I think back on those days gone by,
my ship, my shipmates, brings a tear to my eye,

I guess we all feel the same after we're out,
the pride we feel, that's what it's ABOUT,
having served our Nation, keeping it free,
protecting our way of life, and our liberty.

Would I do it again? Any day,
and to all my shipmates, Anchors Aweigh!





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This year's reunion in Harrisburg, PA will be from September 17 to September 20. We will be staying in 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. Breakfast is not included in this rate. Airlines serving Harrisburg include Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, and United Airlines. If you are flying in, call the hotel a few days early to arrange for the shuttle.



Name(s) for badges: _____

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

Current City/State: _____

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

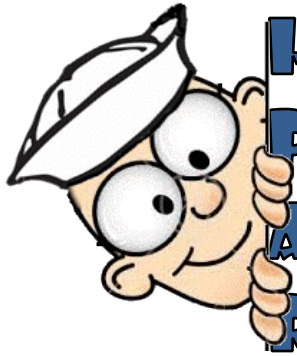
Day	Time	Tour/Event	Number Attending
Tues	1800	Pizza Party and Auction/Raffle	<u> </u>
Wed	0845	Bus departs hotel for Gettysburg	<u> </u>
	1000	Tour Gettysburg Battlefield	
	1200	Group Photo – pay photographer if you purchase	
	1230	Lunch in Gettysburg	
Thurs	0930	Bus departs hotel for Lancaster	<u> </u>
	1030	Tour Amish Countryside	
	1200	Authentic Amish Lunch	
	1430	Business Meeting	
	1730	Cocktail Hour	
	1800	Dinner Banquet and DJ	<u> </u>

Please send this form & payment to Kim Parsons by August 6 at:
482 Windyville Road Spencer, WV 25276.

COST PER PERSON:
\$100

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TUESDAY



**HERE'S A SNEAK
PEEK
AT OUR 2024
REUNION**

Join us for
our Pizza
Party
Tuesday
Evening



WEDNESDAY

**In the morning,
tour the
Gettysburg Battlefield**



**Followed by
our Group Photo
and then Lunch in
Gettysburg**

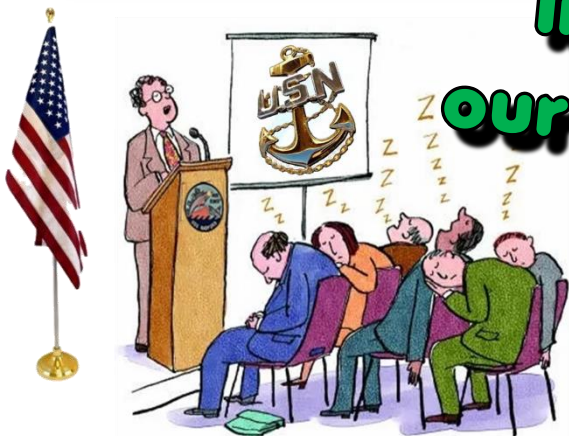


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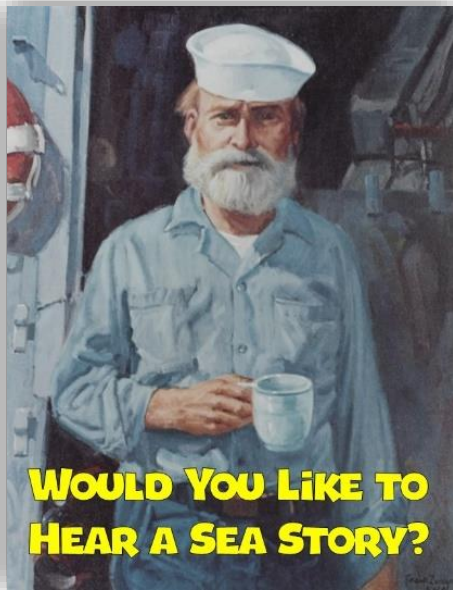
**In the morning,
explore the Amish Countryside
followed by an authentic Amish
luncheon.**



**In the Afternoon,
our Business Meeting**



**In the Evening,
our Banquet Dinner**



THIS NEW SECTION WILL BRING YOU MEMORIES FROM OUR SHIPMATES WHO RECALLED ONE OF THOSE SPECIAL DAYS WE ALL EXPERIENCED WHEN WE SERVED ON BOARD USS RADFORD.

HERE IS THE FIRST SEA STORY FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE:

USS CONSTELLATION

By Michael Casey 61-63 RM3

The USS Constellation passed through our neighborhood in 1963. DESRON 25 was invited to come out and play. Constellation was the biggest ship we had ever seen. Each destroyer came alongside so they could impress us with the super carrier size and demonstrations of all their state-of-the-art missile mounts and what-not. The Captain of the Constellation had been in the navy for over 20 years and was familiar with another old navy veteran, DD-446. When Radford came up, the captain of the Constellation made an announcement to his 5000 man crew:

“All hands who would like to see a real fighting ship, take a look off the starboard quarter. There’s one coming alongside right now!”



Now that we had all been mutually admired, Captain Peed decided we should impress them airdales with a high-speed departure.



Yup, there I am, right there on the 01 deck, right below the signal bridge. Whadaya mean you can't see me. I'm right there. Right there, for cryin' in a bucket!

Side Note

If you have a favorite story or memory of your time aboard RADFORD, please send it to Mike Nave to share with all your shipmates.



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DONATIONS

March 2024

Humphrey Family

(in memory of our husband and father **Harry Humphrey** 54-57 BT3)

Fran Robak

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

Mary Carson

(in memory of **Richard Carson** 58-62 BT2)

Louise Farel

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

Jim Moffatt donation to be used for 2024 Reunion Expenses

Dorothy Moffatt donation to be used for 2024 Reunion Expenses

Dave Baker 64-66 LTjg

April 2024

Walt Schuman 63-65 ETR2

May 2024

Fran Robak

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

THANK YOU

Donations can be mailed to:
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Spencer, WV 25276
Tax Exempt EIN 34-1901062



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