



USS RADFORD

Newsletter

2025 First Edition

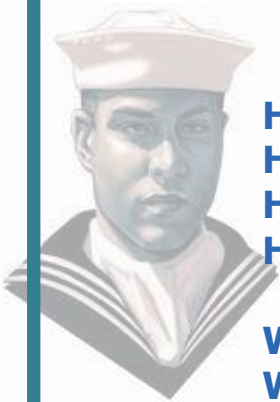
This edition kicks off the 2025 series of our RADFORD Newsletters, with details about our September reunion in Nashville, TN.

A Sailor You Be

By Noel Payne

**Have you felt salt spray, upon your face?
Have you seen porpoise at the bow, keeping pace?
Have you viewed sea birds, above the wake in flight?
Have you fixed on a star, at sunset shining bright?**

**When you have secured the decks, for the night to turn in
When you have mustered at sunrise, seen a new day begin
When you have dogged down hatches, in mountainous sea
When you have known all these things, a sailor you be**





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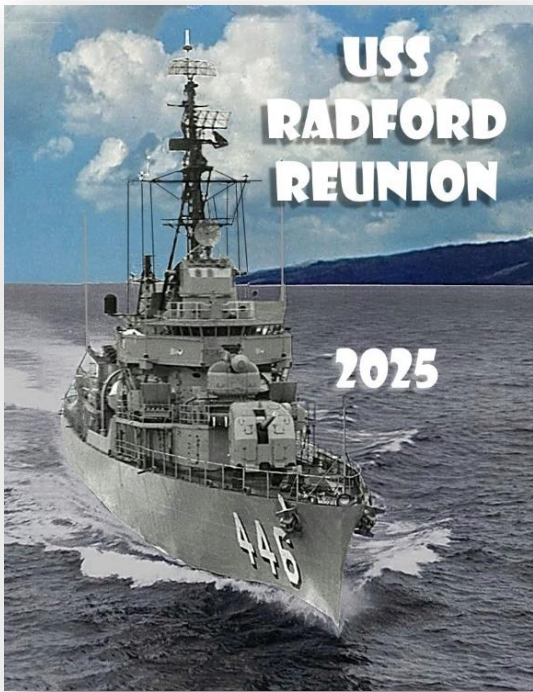
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HERE'S THE LATEST ON OUR PLANS FOR THIS YEAR'S REUNION IN NASHVILLE, TN.

Date: 16 – 20 September 2025

Location: La Quinta Inn and Suites, Nashville Airport 531 Donelson Pike

The rate is \$109.00 per night and you can make reservations through August 15 2025.

To make your reservation call the central reservation desk at 800-753-3757 or call the hotel at 615-885-3100 and give them either our Group code 091525USS or inform them you are with the USS Radford Reunion Group.

HERE'S A QUICK GLIMPSE OF THE TOURS PLANNED FOR THE REUNION IN NASHVILLE, TN.

Wednesday



Enjoy a cruise on Tennessee's Cumberland River on one of the largest showboats ever built, and discover all the legendary music and entertainment that Tennessee has to offer along with a mouth-watering Southern meal.

Thursday



Take a ride on the Nashville Guided Hayride Tractor Ride and Sightseeing Tour. Explore Nashville's charm and history on an immersive 35-landmark tour. Discover the city highlights in a unique way as you take to the streets in a bright red, open-air tractor.

HERE ARE A COUPLE SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR EVENING MEALS

Since our hotel in Nashville does not have a restaurant, getting out to dinner might be difficult for some. Here's a novel idea that might be a great way for us to all dine together on Wednesday.

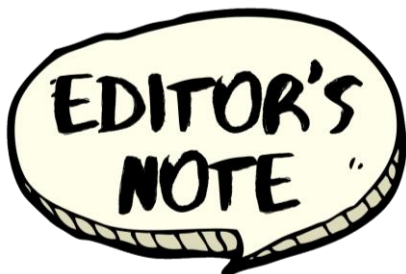
We take a look at a list of different types of restaurants that have food that can be delivered for dinner. A flyer will be available in the Hospitality Suite providing a listing of restaurants along with contact and delivery information! You might find that others are interested in the same type of food as you, so you can get together and combine your orders for delivery. Bottom line, we set a time for dinner, you order whatever you want, have it delivered or pick it up, and we dine together in the Hospitality Suite. We have our built-in bar, so we can provide the necessary drinks. Naturally, this is just an option. If you prefer, you can dine out.

On Thursday, we will offer another idea: we have a Sub Sandwich Party in the Hospitality Suite, similar to our Pizza & Wing Party on Tuesday night.

The Radford Association will order a wide variety of sub sandwiches and have plenty of chips and drinks available in our hospitality suite for your Thursday night meal. The Radford Association will pick up the tab for this event.

Please call, text or email either Kim or Mike and let them know what you think about these two ideas: the Hospitality Suite Dine-in and the casual Hospitality Suite Sub Sandwich Party.



On the next page, you will find a reunion schedule of our tours and events and costs associated with each to help you make a decision. Recall, we decided at our last reunion to return to the Ala Carte approach on costing out the reunion due to a limited amount of funds remaining in our association.



Often, we don't have an accurate count of people attending when we are in the process of making our various arrangements because many wait to make their decision until the last moment. In this issue, we are bringing you as much detail as available and as early as possible so that you might be able to make your decisions earlier. This will enable us to provide businesses a better estimate of the number of people who will be attending (for things like the hotel, transportation, pizza night, the banquet and, of course, the tours) and allow us to get our contracts awarded earlier.

Please contact Kim Parsons as soon as possible if you will be attending the reunion this year.

REUNION TOUR AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Tour/Event	Cost per person	# people	Amount Paid
TUESDAY	1800	Pizza Party and Raffle (no cost to participants)		_____	_____
WEDNESDAY	1100	Group Photo at our hotel (pay photographer)		_____	_____
	1200	Luncheon Cruise & Show on General Jackson Showboat Shuttle departs hotel at 1130	\$75	_____	_____
	1800	Hospitality Suite Dine-in		_____	_____
THURSDAY	1000	Nashville Guided Hayride Tractor Sightseeing Tour shuttle departs hotel at 0930	\$32	_____	_____
	1630	Hospitality Suite Sub Sandwich Party (no cost to participants)		_____	_____
FRIDAY	1000	Business Meeting		_____	_____
	1700	Cocktail Hour - open bar		_____	_____
	1730	Raffle and Auction		_____	_____
	1800	Dinner Banquet and DJ	\$25	_____	_____

If, after looking over our reunion plans above, you decide to attend, please consider sending Kim Parsons your intentions in terms of number of people attending each event above. If desired, you can send your payment to Kim at:

Kim Parsons
482 Windyville Road
Spencer, WV 25276



- ★ **Foy "Jesse" James** 58-60 SHSN
Passed away on December 05, 2024
- ★ **Charles Griffin** 1957 BT3
Passed away on January 22 2024
- ★ **Kirchel LaMaster** 59-61 MM3
Passed away on June 4 2024
- ★ **James Lee** 51-53 RD2
Passed away on July 8 2024
- ★ **Frank E. Davis** 66-67 SF3
Passed away on December 27 2024
- ★ **Ora C. Hughes** 60-64 SN3
Passed away on March 11 2024
- ★ **Amado Santos** 62-64 DK1
Passed away on December 15 2024
- ★ **Sharon Moad**
(wife of **Ray Moad** 61-65 MM2)
Passed away on July 20 2024

- ★ **Richard "Rick" Hall** 65-69 TM3
Passed away on October 26, 2024
- ★ **William Danneels** 53-54 ENS
Passed away on September 9 2024
- ★ **Robert Nokleby** 53-54 SN
Passed away on May 23 2024
- ★ **Billy Skiles** 58-60 GM3
Passed away on August 12 2024
- ★ **Harold "Toby" Davis** 64-68 SH3
Passed away on December 3 2024
- ★ **RADM Donald L. Sturtz** 55-57 LT
Passed away on April 15 2024
- ★ **Leonard J. Craig** 63-66 RM3
Passed away on September 3 2024
- ★ **Betty Brown**
(wife of **Ben Brown** 62-66 BM3)
Passed away January 23 2025
- ★ **Richard Horn** 68-69 FN
Passed away on September 17 2024
- ★ **Larry Procter** 66-68 STG3
Passed away on February 1 2024
- ★ **Barry Weinman** 64 LTjg
Passed away on April 15 2024



A Note from the Editor

Kim Parsons has been working on an update to our Roster. In the process of looking up shipmates who have not been in touch with us, she has come across many reports that they had passed away. What you see here are just those that have recently passed away. If you wish to see the entire list, check our website for the updated list of TAPS. You can also check the new Roster and look in the first column for each name. If a D is present, that indicates the shipmate is deceased.



Jim Bird 64-67 MM2

New listing:

jimbird1005@yahoo.com

Ken Haught 68-69 QM2

New listing:

554 E. Pinecrest Drive
Pinetop, AZ 85935

kenhaught723@gmail.com

Jerry Hamling 60-61 SO1

New listing:

9584 Hamling Lane NW
Bremerton, WA 98311

hamlingja@msn.com

Bettyann Clark-Cheney

(widow of **Don Clark** 63-65 HM3)

New Listing

211 N. 40th Avenue
Adams Building #203
Yakima, WA 98908
509-930-8493

Robert Boggs 50-52 SK3

New address information:

430 Willow Lane

Chillicothe, OH 45601-3730

Ken Blake 64-68 RD2

New email listing:

blake1@oh.rr.com

Nancy Hall

(widow of **Richard "Rick" Hall** 65-69 TM3)

New email Listing

nlnhall5228@gmail.com

Robert Fasbender 65-67 RD3

New contact information:

1020 Sunset Drive

Carroll, IA 51401

jefasbender@gmail.com

Ronald Drake 63-66 Ltjg

New listing:

PO Box 461

Boca Grande, FL 33921

ronalldrake@att.net

DONATIONS

December 2024

Fran Robak

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

Louise Farel

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

Jim Clark 68-69 BM3

February 2025

William Beastro 52-55 GM2

Robert Lombardi 65-66 DCFN

January 2025

Robert Cannon 66-68 BT3

Donations can be mailed to:

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THANK YOU

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On December 24, 2024, Larry Davis sent the following email to Mike Nave:

Subject: Museum Residuals

I would like to thank everyone who responded and claimed the items that were left from the museum.

Mark Radford, son of Harry Radford MM3 '56-'59, has assumed the task of creating a facebook page for the VHS tapes. Included was one of the museum which I hope he can save to share with us.

The ashtray to Carolyn presented by the Radford wives was reclaimed by their family (Edwin Deremo).

All that was left and not claimed has been donated. The only items not claimed were the albums.

Ed. Note: Our thanks to Larry for his outstanding job of handling all issues associated with our museum.



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