



# THE IRONMAN—A DOUBLE ENDER’S NEWSLETTER

## Membership Scorebox

Current	53
Lifetime	16
Past Due	140
Snail Mail Ad- dresses Only	251
Email Address	497
Total Shipmates	4,252

**Dues Notice!**

Please be sure to check your mailing label or email notation. If it doesn't say Current or Life above your name at the top of the label, you should renew your annual dues. To reach the greatest number of shipmates, we will publish the complete Association newsletter to any valid email or snail mail address. Your dues payments make this possible.

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## In Memory of Rear Admiral Richard Kern Fontaine, USN (Retired) May 31, 1928—June 11, 2017 Captain, USS Reeves (DLG-24/CG-24) 1973-75

Rear Admiral (USN) Richard Kern Fontaine (Rich) peacefully passed away at the age of 89, on June 11, 2017, at home in San Diego, California. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 31, 1928 to Jean Henri Fontaine and Lillian Dora Richard Fontaine, Rich attended Southwest High School as a star athlete in swimming and golf and as an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 119. Graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951, Rich had a successful career, achieving the rank of Rear Admiral in March 1978. His distinguished naval career included four at sea commands with the USS Parrot (MSC 97), USS Hissem (DER 400), San Diego based USS Hoel (DDG 13) and USS Reeves (CG 24). Among his numerous decorations and awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with gold star in lieu of second award), Republic of Vietnam Distinguished Service Order, and the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat V). Rich married his high school sweetheart, Sara Jean Wyatt (Sally) of Minneapolis on June 8, 1951 and they embarked on a lifelong adventure over their 67 year marriage. Upon retirement from the Joint Staff at the

Pentagon in 1984, Rich and Sally settled in Rancho Bernardo and Rich had a second successful career with Logicon as a member of the Senior Executive Staff. He was active in numerous local service organizations including the San Diego Navy League (Ship Commissioning Chairman), Military Order of World Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Freedom Foundation, and as a marshal for various PGA tournaments. In addition to the Navy, golf was Rich's lifelong passion and was only second to his enjoyment of his family and large extended network of friends from his childhood, the Navy and many avenues of life. Rich is survived by his wife Sara, 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Rich is remembered by family and friends as a fantastic husband and father, a true patriot who served his country well and as a rare "Golden Gate Good Guy". We wish you fair winds and following seas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in Rich's name to Wounded Warriors.

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## The President's Page



Greetings to the USS Reeves Association Family,

It is with heavy heart that we once again have a memorial edition of our newsletter to yet another fallen shipmate. We just expressed our respects to RADM Ming Chang in the last edition of the "Ironman", and now we find ourselves repeating the process for RADM Richard Fontaine – who was the CO of the Reeves from 1973 to 1975. Both were good men that we can say proudly commanded the USS Reeves, but more importantly..... these two were our shipmates.

I did not have the opportunity to have served with either of these men, but I know several shipmates from the days of RADM Chang's command, and they were very happy and honored to have spoken highly of the days when he was in command. Considering that that was about thirty years ago, that is quite a tribute. Unfortunately, I was at a loss for that level of information for RADM Fontaine. There was nowhere near the same amount of information available as we found for RADM Chang, and I only knew

one association shipmate that served with Captain Fontaine. So I hit the roster and looked for association members that served during the time when Captain Fontaine commanded the fortunes of the Reeves.

Cold calling people for information is one of my least favorite things. And so is the case for people not wanting to answer phone calls from strange area codes these days. I certainly don't blame them. Several of the numbers I tried were either not in service, or long-since disconnected. However, I stuck with the list and kept calling numbers until I actually found someone to answer the phone, or in a few cases I got called back after my phone message was considered. Overall, it went better than expected. I got to chat with several shipmates from the '73 to '75 days, and quickly discovered that once they knew why I called and what I wanted, we were also then shipmates.

I got to speak with three individual shipmates who spent their time relaying stories of what was going on as Reeves came out of the yards in Pearl, and the way they struggled to get the ship back to operational life. They spoke that Captain Fontaine

used extended underway time, and a considerable amount of fuel, to shake out the yard wrinkles, and to get the ship and crew integrated back into being a warship. I heard essentially the same story from three different perspectives. I didn't take notes, electing instead to just listen and learn that the struggles of the 1973-75 Reeves were not substantially different than that of any ship springing from an extended yard period.

What I did learn was that Captain Fontaine pushed the crew as hard and as far as he could to get Reeves back up to speed. All three versions of the timeline showed that the crew had a good level of respect for the leadership that pushed them, and at no time did I hear anything that resembled a complaint. Fortunately, memories are better at recalling the good times.

While it was great to hear these stories that are our ships' past, I was still searching for that one shipmate that would step up with an offer to write a story to help us celebrate the life and times of RADM Fontaine. I finally spoke with Bill Funk, who was an LT in the WEPS department throughout this time frame, and Bill graciously

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All comments, suggestions, submissions and criticism are welcome. My email is always open..

## Life Memberships

At the 2014 reunion in Portland, shipmates voted for a Life Membership.

After researching various Associations, it was decided that the US Navy Cruiser Sailor Association's plan was best for the USS Reeves Association. Monies for life membership are placed in an interest-bearing account and not mixed with operating funds.

The schedule is simple:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Under 50	\$500
Under 60	\$400
Under 70	\$300
Under 80	\$200
80 or older	\$100

We already have 16 life members.

## Emails, Etc.

Hi Guys;

I was looking through the roster and noticed that there was a shipmate (Earl Trantham) listed in the files as living right down the street from me. In fact he's just four doors down. So last week I stopped by to visit and took a DLG hat along just for grins. Turns out he's really a shipmate, and he was at the very first reunion in Colorado. Earl is completely blind, but has a lot of support from his wife. He said he hadn't heard from us in a while, so he forwarded his latest email addresses to me so we can get him back on the list. He really liked his new DLG ball cap, and looks like I owe the ships store \$20.

Later  
//tom

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Earl Trantham  
<earlt63@gmail.com>  
**To:** Tom Bailey  
<tombailey@ussreeves.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2017,  
5:48:20 PM MST  
**Subject:** Contact!!

Good Evening Tom:

Enjoyed meeting and talking with you this morning. I have two email accounts as follows:

[earlt63@gmail.com](mailto:earlt63@gmail.com)  
[earlt63@gmx.com](mailto:earlt63@gmx.com)

We'll have to stay in touch and I will check with my granddaughter on the May ladies day at the Penrose range!

Sincerely,

Earl

Shane Gilbert posted in Retired Sailor.

### Shane Gilbert

January 27 at 9:58pm

Okay my fellow shipmates, FYI I just got done making my hotel reservations for our reunion in October 4~8, 2018. Scheduled to be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Ave. Warwick, RI 02886. (401)732-6000. You need to ask for the in house reservations and talk to Sarah or Kelly. Make sure you ask for the Reeves Scheduled Reunion. We got a pretty good damn deal on the rooms. Regular rate was \$270.00 a night plus taxes But the reunion committee was able to fix ours at \$119.00. Good job guys. I will see you there come hell or high water. I had such a good time at the San Antonio reunion I actually cancelled a 15 day transatlantic cruise to attend this thing just to be with you guys. GO IRONMEN.

### Presidents Page (Cont)

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agreed to write a few words to help us understand life on the Reeves in the early seventies, and his interaction with then Captain Fontaine. Bill quickly provided us with an article, and that is included as part of this edition.

So I think we all owe Bill Funk for stepping up and giving us some insight into how things were on-board our ship forty years ago, and also into Captain Fontaine. We all owe you for helping us remember a CO that contributed to the legacy of our ship.

Hopefully we can take away the thought that our contribution to the Reeves makes us one with our shipmates. Whether you were a deck-hand chipping paint, a snipe cleaning bilges, a gunner guarding a missile house door, a signalman blinking out code, or even the CO, we are all forever connected to each other by our association to the Reeves. We should all be proud to be considered shipmates to all those before and after our time on the Reeves. So, if sometime in your future you get a call, cut the caller some slack, he may be looking for something special to say about one of us.

Here's wishing you all "Fair Winds and Following Seas"

Tom Bailey BT2 (SW) 84-87

## Captain R. K. Fontaine Memories



I served as Captain Fontaine's Fire Control Officer on Reeves from November 1973 to February 1975. Many memories fade after 40+ years but some stick with you.

Captain Fontaine joined REEVES during a Complex Overhaul at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipboard. During the overhaul; most of the senior officers were transferred so by default I was Officer of the Deck (OOD) underway for special details.

We all know Fairy Tales start with "Once upon a time" and Sea Stories with "This ain't no sh\_t."

**This ain't no sh\_t!** After the overhaul, during one of the REEVES' first underway periods we rendezvoused with a destroyer (name forgotten) whose Captain (name forgotten) was a former shipmate with Captain Fontaine. Captain Fontaine proposed to his former shipmate we conduct Leap Frog drills.

For those who don't know or may have forgotten, Leap Frog drills are shiphandling drills with one ship simulating a replenishment ship and the other ship making an approach for replenishment. Then the ships swap roles.

Destroyers are known for making high speed approaches; quickly decelerating to the replenishment speed (typically 12 knots), at replenishment station 50-100 feet on the beam of the replenishment ship. One of Captain Fontaine's former assignments was Commanding Officer of destroyer USS HOEL (DDG-13). (Note: The HOEL displaces a little over 4000 tons while the REEVES displaces over 8000 tons.)

As the senior ship, Captain Fontaine designated the destroyer to be the first to simulate the replenish ship. I was the OOD and Captain Fontaine assumed the CONN to make the first approach for the Leap Frog drills.

In true destroyer fashion Captain Fontaine's orders were "All Ahead Flank" and then to slow to replenishment speed "All Stop", "All Back Two Thirds", then "All Back Full". Unfortunately, the 8000 ton REEVES passed through the replenishment station at about 25 knots. It takes time for the REEVES to slow! I do remember Captain Fontaine calling the destroyer on Bridge-to-Bridge radio and making light of the high speed pass. I DO NOT recall him indicating who had the CONN.

Now it was REEVES turn to simulate the replenishment ship and the destroyer conducted a respectable replenishment approach. It was REEVES turn again and Captain Fontaine told me to take the CONN. As I remember, I made a respectable replenishment approach.

For REEVES next turn, Captain Fontaine had the CONN again and made a flawless replenishment approach. He was the quickest learner I ever met and an expert shiphandler. He also ensured REEVES had the best shiphandlers. I remember often returning to port and going to leeward side of Ford Island to conduct bumper drills (simulated mooring exercises) to pass his expertise along.

Captain Fontaine was a gentleman, Surface Warrior and the perfect Captain for REEVES. He had some Junior Officers, Bill Funk and Michael Robertson, who would occasionally stray off course but he was forgiving and would lead them back on track. Unfortunately I was reassigned before I could make a deployment with him.

**Captain Fontaine: Fair winds and following seas!**

Bill Funk, LT, USN

# Go PROVIDENCE

## PROVIDENCE WARWICK CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

### Providence Reunion Kick-off

The time is finally here to get the 2018 Providence reunion off and running. It's not that we haven't been planning and arranging the reunion for about the last year, it's more like it's time to officially launch the finalized product out to our membership, so they can make their reservations. Up to now you've heard news of our location, dates, and hotel selection. All that was decided last summer, when we selected the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick RI as our venue. The hotel choice was actually a no-brainer, as they met every one of our Request-for Proposal (RFP) requirements and offered a really good price for the time of the year and location. In addition, everything we learned about the hotel from our own members and other reunion groups confirmed it as a great choice. New England is always inundated with leaf-change-watching tourists during the first week of October, so the rate we got was exceptional. Our rate is \$119.00 per night vs the normal October rate of \$279.00 per night. Score! This rate applies if you decide to show up early or stay longer. It's good for three days before and three days after the reunion. The next phase, after the hotel selection was made, was to research the possibilities of the area, and make selections on things to do while we are there.

We circulated the date and rate location in our last edition of the Ironman, and recently had some action as a few of our shipmates made their hotel reservations, and reported the news on social media. The "I made my reser-

ations" news that was shared on Facebook actually started the show, and many of our shipmates soon reported that they had also reserved with the hotel. All very good news to be sure, but we felt a little left out of the action because we had not yet announced that activity through our newsletter. The fact is, we were not quite ready to go with all of the other information that had to accompany that announcement. While it sounds easy to say just get the info out there, the fact is that we were still chasing down a lot of the other stuff that makes the reunion work. Minor details like determining banquet meal selections, figuring out which tour locations we were going to offer our attendees, and worst of all - finding affordable transportation that could get us to our tours. We relied on some help from our shipmates in the Providence area to get the tour selections narrowed down to a couple that we thought would serve the best interests of our members, while keeping plenty of time available to scout out the local vicinity. We were reminded on a few of our reunions that wandering time to explore new places should not be restricted. We also wanted to make sure that we did not compete with shipmates who wanted to make a run to Boston to see the USS Constitution.

So now we have finally got all our tour ducks in a row, and have actually found transportation that wouldn't break the bank. Turns out we were somewhat surprised by the transportation (bus rental) rates that we were presented with. I guess the last few trips we were in a relatively low cost market for bus rides. That is not the

case in the Northeast during leaf-change season. The costs we got were way more expensive (per rental) than what we paid in Charleston, Portland, and San Antonio. And we are going for shorter rides. We thought our initial estimate was high until the other bids showed up, some of which doubled the first price we got. Needless to say, the follow-on bids taught us to appreciate the first bid. Bottom line is that while we can still get there safely, but the cost increase is noticeable. The tours selections were plentiful, as the NE is full of cool stuff to do. We elected to stay closer to the Providence area to cut down on long-winded traffic-packed excursions in favor of shorter bus ride with more time at the attraction. We were originally going to have a bus tour on Friday and Saturday, but the transportation costs made the Friday ride risky, since we couldn't be sure to fill all the bus seats.

We examined a variety of venues and finally came with one venue that we considered to be the one stop celebration of the nautical history of New England. The tour, scheduled for Saturday October 6th, is a visit to **Mystic Seaport**, in Mystic Connecticut. It's a 60 minute ride from the hotel. We depart the hotel by bus at 0900 on Saturday morning, and will return at about 1700. Mystic Seaport is the nation's leading maritime museum. Founded in 1929 to gather and preserve the rapidly disappearing artifacts of America's seafaring past, the Museum has grown to become a national center for research and education with the mission to "inspire an enduring connection to

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## 2018 Financials

**Bank Balances**      \$10,108.54

### Charitable/Educational Objectives

The USS Reeves Association is an educational, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service, FEIN 86-1163983. For that purpose at the 2010 business meeting, it was recommended that future excess funds be used for donations and scholarships as determined at business meetings starting in 2012.

### Shift Colors

To receive the Navy's Shift Colors newsletter via email send the following information to [Mill\\_ShiftColors@navy.mil](mailto:Mill_ShiftColors@navy.mil) -- First name; Last name; E-mail address; Title (Mr., Mrs., rank, etc.); and Military affiliation (retiree, surviving spouse, veteran, other). There is no longer any funding for hard copies to be printed and mailed. To receive Shift Colors it does not matter whether or not you're retired, active duty, a veteran, a surviving spouse, or just someone who's interested in receiving the newsletter.

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the American maritime experience." The Museum's grounds cover 19 acres on the Mystic River in Mystic, CT and includes a recreated New England coastal village, a working shipyard, formal exhibit halls, and state-of-the-art artifact storage facilities. The Museum is home to more than 500 historic watercraft, including four National Historic Landmark vessels, most notably the 1841 whale-ship *Charles W. Morgan*, America's oldest commercial ship still in existence. A stroll through the historic village enables visitors to experience firsthand from staff historians, storytellers, musicians, and craftspeople just what life was like to earn one's living from the sea. In the shipyard, they can watch shipwrights keeping the skills and techniques of traditional shipbuilding alive as they restore and maintain the Museum's watercraft collection and other vessels. Mystic Seaport offers a variety of dining venues and taverns. Everyone we spoke to that has visited Mystic said they'd love to go back and see it again, and we thought that to be a pretty good sign that it was a great choice for us. The \$40.00 (per person) Fee includes bus transportation, admission to both the Cove and the Museum, and driver gratuity. This one is going to be fun.

There are also a lot of other things to see within striking distance of our hotel. The Providence area is close to many attractions that we can organize smaller groups to attend. We'll have plenty of local maps and information available in our hospitality room to help you find cool things to do, and to organize smaller groups to get you there. More information will be in the newsletter between now and then. Besides..... we needed to give ourselves stuff to talk about in upcoming newsletters.

While we're at it, we actually have a bonus deal for one of our ship-

mates. How about a free hotel room night, with a value of \$119.00. We've struck a deal with the hotel for one free room voucher, to be raffled off to any member who has made their room reservations with the hotel prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. You don't have to do anything to play. We'll get a list from the hotel of everyone that has made their room reservation by close of business on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and draw one name for the free night voucher. That voucher will be good for one nights stay during the reunion.

The last issue to have come up as a result of people making reservations is that by calling the 1-800 number for Crowne Plaza may not get you the same results as calling the hotel directly. One of our shipmates called the 1-800 number and asked for two things in addition to his room: a handicap room and our rate for the day before the reunion. He was told that handicap rooms were not a part of our block, and that the Wednesday night rate was going to be about three hundred dollars. Wrong and Wrong! I called the hotel and got both issues straightened out in under five minutes. We do have handicap rooms included in our block of rooms, and we also get our negotiated rate for three days before and after the scheduled reunion dates. The issues were solved for that shipmate, but we're not sure we've seen the last of it. Historically, the 1-800 operators do not have our contract in front of them. They have direction for our negotiated rates, but not much more. I would suggest you call the hotel directly at (401) 732-0261 if there's anything special you need beyond reserving a standard room for October 4-7. Otherwise, the 1-800 number will probably work for you. If you have any problems with the hotel or reservation process, please don't argue with the operator. Call or write me (Tom Bailey), and I'll be happy to get it straightened out. That's why you guys pay me the big bucks..... (for a volunteer).

# Ship's Store

*Ships Photos (\$10) + s/h*



1968— Entering Sydney Harbor



1985—Yokosuka from Australia



1975—Departing Pearl Harbor



1992—Seattle Sea Fair Festival

*Challenge Coins (\$14) + s/h*



*Ball caps (\$12 each) + s/h*

2009—San Diego

2010—Chicago

2012—Charleston

2014—San Antonio



*Golf Shirts—all sizes (\$20) + s/h (2XL/3XL-add \$2)*

*T-Shirts—allsizes (\$15) + s/h XL/3XL-add \$2)*

*Mousepads (\$10) + s/h*



*Ship—DLG 24*

*Ship—CG 24*



## USS Reeves Association – Ship's Store Order Form

Price	S/H	Total	Description
		Total	

**Shipping and handling:**  
Shipping is via USPS Priority or Fedex. Please add the following for each item to cover the Association's packaging and postage costs:

- Photos: \$2 per photo
- Ball caps: \$4 each
- Mousepads: \$3 each
- Challenge Coins: \$2 for 1, \$.50 for each additional coin
- Shirts: \$5 per shirt

**Shipping Label**

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send order to: USS Reeves Association  
c/o Michael Robertson  
15709 N Sycamore St  
Mead, WA 99021



# USS REEVES (DLG/CG-24) ASSOCIATION REUNION 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

October 4-7, 2018

## Make your Hotel Reservations

Make hotel reservations with the **Crowne Plaza Hotel at The Crossings, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI, 02886**. Reservations: (401) 732-0261 and tell them “USS Reeves Association Reunion” to ensure proper credit to receive our group rate (\$119.00 per night). OR you can Email them at: [reservations@providenceri.crowneplaza.com](mailto:reservations@providenceri.crowneplaza.com). Use code URV

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm

Hotel registration. Reunion check-in at the Hospitality Room.

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Welcome Reception in Hospitality Room with open bar and heavy hors d’oeuvres

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 4:00 pm

Mystic Seaport Tour, Mystic CT. (Optional, transportation provided. Reservations required. Meals not provided.)

Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Association meeting – Hospitality Room

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Cash-bar happy hour: Group/Individual Photos

7:00 – 10:00 pm

Reunion Banquet:

Choice of :

Sliced London Broil with a Peppercorn Sauce

Chicken Saltimbocca, with Prosciutto, Swiss Cheese, and Marsala Mushroom Sauce

Baked New England Scrod (with Lemon Herb Butter)

Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Dinner also includes: Garden Salad, or Soup, Chef’s Selection of Potato and Vegetable, fresh baked rolls and butter. Coffee, decaf coffee, and Tea. Desert selection includes Ice Cream Parfait, Mousse Cup, NY Style Cheesecake, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Cake.

Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am -12:00 pm

Hotel checkout & departure

NOTE: There is a single, all inclusive fee of \$115 per person for the reunion that includes the Welcome Reception, beverages & snacks for the hospitality room, banquet cost, reunion ball cap and attendee materials. Tours are not included in this fee.

**Association Shirt** – This is a handsome, high quality, Navy Blue polo shirt with the USS Reeves Association logo embroidered on the left chest. The shirt is an exclusive product of our Post Falls, ID, supplier. Reunion date and place are included on the complimentary reunion ball cap. Sizes available: S, M, L, XL, XXL and XXXL. The price for shirts are \$20 (add \$2 for sizes XXL and XXXL).





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## Reunion Tour Information

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**Please complete this page and return with payment to the address below**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Years served on board: 19\_\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_\_, Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate onboard \_\_\_\_\_

Reeves Reunions Attended: Longmont\_\_\_\_, DC\_\_\_\_, San Diego\_\_\_\_, Chicago\_\_\_\_, Charleston\_\_\_\_, Portland\_\_\_\_, San Antonio\_\_\_\_.

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Banquet Dinner Selections / Choice of (please indicate number of orders — ):

#\_\_\_\_ Sliced London Broil with a Peppercorn Sauce

#\_\_\_\_ Chicken Saltimbocca, with Prosciutto, Swiss Cheese, and Marsala Mushroom Sauce

#\_\_\_\_ Baked New England Scrod (with Lemon Herb Butter)

#\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

I will attend the reunion \_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s).

Total attending x \$115 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total for Mystic Seaport Tour \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$40.00 each)

Total for Shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 each + \$2.00 extra for XXL and XXXL sizes)

Yes, I would like a shirt(s). Qty: \_\_\_S, \_\_\_M, \_\_\_L, \_\_\_XL, \_\_\_XXL, \_\_\_XXXL

Association Dues Renewal: \$ 20 per year. Enclosed for Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Enclosed (Reunion + Tours + Shirts + Dues = \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

***Please complete and return this page no later than 8/31/2018 (sooner if at all possible!); make check payable to:***

**USS REEVES ASSOCIATION**

**Mail to: Tom Bailey, Reunion Planner**

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### **Special Early Room Reservation BONUS**

Win a **free room night** (\$119.00 Value) for making your room reservation prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. We will raffle off one free room voucher to any member who has made their room reservations with the hotel May 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll get a list of everyone signed up by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and draw one name for the free night voucher.

## Captain Alfred Nelson, USN, Ret USS Worden CG-18

A message from Kurt Stuvengen to Tom Bailey concerning the Captain of the USS Worden (CG-18)

Tom, while not the Reeves CO, he was the Worden CO during the cross deck in 81. So quite a few Reeves crewmembers served under him. Thought it warranted consideration for the newsletter.



Carl Alfred Nelson, Capt, USN, ret, 87, of Chula Vista CA passed away Feb. 3, 2018 from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Carl enlisted in the US Navy and then attended the US Naval Academy at Annapolis. Following graduation in 1956, Carl married Barbara Long; Barb died in 2004.

Carl spent over 33 years in the Navy, including four tours of duty during the Vietnam War, but enjoying most his command of three ships. His war decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with combat V, two Air Medals, the Combat Action Medal, and 14 others,

Following retirement, Carl earned a doctorate in business administration and taught international business at various colleges and universities in the San Diego area. His prep notes from teaching became his first five books on international trade. Writing fiction was more fun, and he published a series of five novels which roughly followed his Navy career. Carl wrote poetry, short stories, and professional articles, a play, a musical, and two memoirs.

In 1981 Carl, as captain of the USS Worden in the South China Sea, rescued 44 Vietnamese 'boat people' who were facing certain death. Fifteen years later they located him, have treated him as their honored parent, and even named a 'grandchild' after him: Carli Grace.

In 2006 Carl married Dolores Hansen of Centerville and they enjoyed a wonderful life in California. Carl and Dolores spent 13 years traveling the world, playing golf, and fly fishing.

Carl leaves behind his wife Dolores, three daughters, six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and Dolores's extended family.



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Dues Per Year: \$20.00

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I am interested in helping the Association grow and become successful. I wish to serve on a committee, provide other assistance or have an interest as follows:

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