



# THE IRONMAN—A DOUBLE ENDER’S NEWSLETTER

## Membership Scorebox

Current	26
Lifetime	7
Past Due	159
Snail Mail Ad- dresses Only	261
Email Address	498
Total Shipmates	3,911

### 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 The Blue Water Navy

Mike,

It's Veteran's Day, and I thought I would take this opportunity to reach out to you concerning USS Reeves, and 'Agent Orange'.

I reported aboard USS Reeves DLG-24 in 1966 in Long Beach, Ca., prior to Reeves deploying to Yokosuka, Japan, for a home port change.

I was an MM3 at the time, and had just recently returned stateside from a WestPac cruise aboard another, much older 'tin can'. I was assigned to Main Control (F.E.R.) on Reeves, and remained there throughout my tour, which ended in 1968, when Reeves departed Japan to return to the USA, via Australia. Myself and Jim Vantine, another Machinist Mate, cast off the bow line from the pier that morning... We had both volunteered to stay homeported in Japan, and we were waiting for our new ships to arrive in Yokosuka.

But I digress. The reason that I am writing to you concerns 'Agent Orange' and the VA's list of authorized 'Blue Water' Navy ships.

During my tour on Reeves, we had a fairly significant fire on board, which destroyed the after missile radar electrical and electronics. I believe this occurred sometime in 1966, and if my feeble memory is correct, happened while transiting from Subic Bay, P.I. to the South China sea, on the mid-watch. The fire burned long and hot before being extinguished, burning through the deck into the space below,

and burning and warping the adjacent weather deck bulkheads.

As we were still some distance from Vietnam, the CO made the decision to 'carry on' and complete our mission, as if nothing happened. A massive cleanup commenced the following morning, and the Deck department, under the direction of BM1 'Red' Coward, began the arduous task of prepping and painting the weather deck bulkheads, and by the time we made landfall, only a trained eye could detect any outward signs of fire damage.

This is what I think is so important.... **Reeves pulled in and anchored in the harbor at Da Nang, Vietnam.** We stayed at anchor for all of that day and the following day. Several boat transfers to the pier were conducted during that time. I don't know who, if anyone, has the time and dates for the events I have stated, but they did happen. What I can NOT understand, given the intense operations and significant amount of time Reeves spent in the South China sea, performing plane guard, search and rescue, and forward air controller duties, that **Reeves is NOT on the VA's approved list, and should be.**

Many of our shipmates from that era are now suffering from health issues that are directly related to 'Agent Orange', and are receiving absolutely nothing from the Veterans' Administration, and that is a shame, and a

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## The President's Page



Greetings to our USS Reeves Association Family;

Happy New Year to everyone, and welcome aboard to 2016. This is

going to be quite a year by practically every standard we think we know. For starters, we're knee-deep in election hype (with plenty more on the way), we have more than a growing concern for the safety of our country, and the weather patterns of the latest El Niño are sure to keep us on our toes. Sounds like this pending New Year could maybe use some good news.....

All these predictions of a tough year make me very happy to consider that we're now actually in the same calendar year as our next reunion, and that we can finally speak of San Antonio in near real-time terms. I know that many of us have been looking forward to San Antonio as the port-of-call for our 2016 reunion since the decision was made in Portland. The San Antonio venue has a lot to offer us, and I think it has the potential to be one of our best reunions to date. We have many shipmates that are proud to call San Antonio home, and these guys have been instrumental in the planning pro-

cess to get us to visit their hometown. Many of our 50+ Texas shipmates are planning on extending a Big Texas Welcome to us when we arrive, so let's not miss this party. We have a great location that places us within walking distance of River Walk, Down Town, and Old Town. We have a tour planned to the National Museum of the Pacific War (Admiral Nimitz Museum) in Fredericksburg. And we have plenty of free time to hang-out with our Reeves shipmates and/or explore the area. There will be more than enough to keep us occupied, and the time will likely go fast.

Now it's time to get started on our paths to San Antonio. It's time for us all to start considering our travel plans for San Antonio, and to get them penciled onto our calendars. It's time to arrange the time away from work, or attempt to fit it in with your busy retirement schedule. It's time to talk to your families and/or significant-others about the idea of a Big Texas Adventure for next fall. It's time to look into air fares and see what early purchase deals are out there for the taking. And, most importantly, it's time to track down your old long-lost shipmates to see if they'd be interested in joining us in Texas. It never hurts

to ask, and maybe, just maybe..... those guys would love to hear from you.

So there, the first positive information about 2016 is now in your hands. It's just the initial planning stage, but it's a start in the right direction to help get you to San Antonio. It may also end up being the best distraction going to help you overcome a predictably irritating election year with more than a good chance of goofy weather.

So for what it's worth, we hope you consider joining us. We have a great track record for putting together reunions that are well worth the energy to attend. We have a core group of shipmates that have a demonstrated talent for promoting a friendly and welcoming atmosphere at all our past reunions. We plan to do the same for Texas, and hope you consider joining us for a great time in San Antonio. There's more to read about our reunion news in this copy of the newsletter, and lots more information will be included as the time gets closer. We hope to see you there.

Here's wishing you fair winds and following seas!

Tom Bailey – BT2 (84-87)

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## 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:

Age	Amount
< 50	\$500
<60	\$400
<70	\$300
<80	\$200
=>80	\$100

We already have seven life members.

**Emails, Etc.**

Happy Veterans Day,

Guess we have been forgotten; I was on the REEVES from 1970-71 as a RM 2 and Jim Eastwood was a signalman from 70 to 72.

We were a hand picked crew put together in Norfolk as the ship was being refitted in Bath, Maine.

Was quite exciting.

Also, I was on the USS HULL (DD 945) before being transferred to the REEVES. Got off the REEVES when I volunteered to

go to Saigon and work in communications till I was released in '72

I was assigned to the Reeves while it was refitted in Bath. I stayed on the ship till I was transferred to Saigon for duty as a RM2, in '71 and released from duty in 3/72.

Should I be concerned about Agent Orange?

Also, I was on the DD 945 from '68 to '70, and had two to three WESTPACs. One of our officers actually wrote a magazine/log explaining our assignments off

the coast of 'Nam which I still have.

I'm sure we were in the vicinity of some exposures effecting us.

Can you shine some light on any of this?

Thanks, Scott Garvey RM2 69-72 Retired Customs and Border Protection Officer

*Ed. As you served on HULL during both SEADRAGON and NGFS support ops, that should give you eligibility for Agent Orange - but only if you entered Danang or some other port and actually set foot on dry land. The Blue Water Navy issue is still being heavily contested in Congress. If it ever passes, and the President signs it, those of us who sucked poisoned water through our evaps will qualify.*

*The fact that you were in Saigon before 1973 definitely qualifies you for Agent Orange benefits. Were I you, I would contact the VA soonest with your DD214 and establish your eligibility for a future claim.*

*Please let me know how it goes.*

*As far as getting you onto the roster, what you have done is exactly how it works. You find the website. You send me an email. I add you to the list. Now you will get the quarterly email newsletter. I have rounded up over 3600 names of shipmates from several sources. I have snail mail or email addresses for 756. So, it's a slow and tedious process.*

*BTW, I had Jim Eastwood's name in the database but no contact info. If you could, send me his email address. I will update the web roster.*

**VA Claims Assistance**

The Veterans Law Blog at <http://www.veteranslawblog.org/tap-into-power-veterans-law-blog> is written by a VA Accredited Attorney and focuses entirely on Title 38 Claims for Service Connected Disability. It provides close to 1,000 posts of information, teaching you:

- How to file VA claims
- How to introduce evidence into your VA claim
- How to argue your claim more persuasively.
- How to understand Court decisions
- How to fill out forms
- How to prepare for hearings And more.

*This site is not endorsed by Veterans Affairs.*

**Valuable News Sources**

As I have said before, the semi-monthly RAO Bulletin is an invaluable source of USN/DOD news for this newsletter. I strongly recommend every Veteran subscribe to this informative and timely source:

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<http://frabr245.org> or

<http://vets4vets.zymichost.com/rao.html>



**"If ye break faith - we shall not sleep" IRISH PROVERB**





## Blue Water Navy (continued)

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travesty.

I'm asking you as President of the Reeves Association, and anyone within the Reeves family, to promote the cause to have Reeves added to the VA's approved list. I am not certain which is the best way to do it, but possibly letters to congressmen would help 'get the ball rolling'.

It would be great if you were able to announce at the 2016 reunion that **'...Reeves is now on the VA's APPROVED 'Blue Water Navy' list for 'Agent Orange'!** Our shipmates from that era would be truly grateful, and I think the task at hand would be both honorable and gratifying.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

John Briquelet

LCDR, USN (ret.)

*John,*

*I am putting this into the newsletter and will keep you informed about any changes in the Blue Water legislation.*

*Mike*

Thanks, and I sincerely hope the VA will include Reeves in the approved list of Blue Water ships.

Our older shipmates are now suffering an assortment of medical conditions associated with 'Agent Orange', and no help is forthcoming for them at this time.

I am in touch with several from the Vietnam era, my old shipmates, and all have some

form of disability.

Diabetes, cancer, heart and kidney problems seem to be the most prevalent. Most of these guys are tough old birds, and it is just heart wrenching to see and hear of the issues that they are facing, and living with each and every day.

If you have any influence, any at all, I would urge you to take a moment to utilize it to help our shipmates. It's a worthwhile cause.

As for me, I'm lumped in with the rest, and have suffered some issues. What is different for me is that I served on a couple of other DD's that did make the VA's approved list, and I am receiving VA benefits. Maybe I have a guilt complex, but I feel that we all 'put it on the line' each and everyday that we served in the combat zone, and each and everyone should be entitled to the same benefits. Just my thoughts.

I hope the Reeves Association can help sway the VA to do the right thing.

Respectfully,

John 'Brick' Briquelet

*First of all, I am not the President of the Association. That honor belongs to Tom Bailey—who has shouldered that responsibility since our 2008 reunion in Crystal City, VA.*

*Secondly, John is absolutely correct: we need to continue working to get the Blue Navy List approved by Congress so that those ships that dug all those holes in the Gulf waters and sent tons of ammunition into Vietnam and be recognized for sucking mega-gallons of Agent Orange*

*polluted water into the evaps of every Navy ship anywhere near the coast. So, we ingested Agent Orange as we brushed our teeth, ate meals, drank at the scuttle-butts and showered when not on water hours.*

*We all need to contact our congresspersons and demand support for reinstating ships from the Blue Water Navy to the original lists of ships on the Agent Orange list.*

*For more information, please contact and consider joining:*

*Blue Water Navy Association, PO Box 1035, Littleton, CO 80160-1035*

*<http://www.bluewaternavy.org/>*



My wife suggests that I spend too much newsletter time on Agent Orange. Email, especially recently, suggests otherwise. We have shipmates dying from the effects of Agent Orange. I've talked to them on the phone—and it wasn't light-hearted.

I am not a repository of Agent Orange issues. I was there in the 60s and 70s. Thankfully, I don't seem to be effected. Regardless, the REEVES was there many times in her early lifetime. Please go to: <http://bluewaternavy.org/public%20support.htm>

...for information, especially what you can do. Don't fail to read the History and Public Support sections.

## Reunion 2016: San Antonio, Texas

Back at the Portland Reunion in October 2014, our shipmates selected San Antonio as our 2016 reunion site.

In a search of all of San Antonio venues, dealing with the CVB, and a conversation with HotelPlanners for the hotels alongside the River Walk and elsewhere in San Antonio in 2015, only one was able to accommodate us at a reasonable rate in the place we'd really like to be: [El Tropicano River Walk Hotel](#).



**El Tropicano Pool**

We received six proposals from hotels throughout the San Antonio area: airport, Western Hills, northern suburbs, etc. Many hotels declined to submit a proposal as they couldn't meet our RFP criteria. Room rate was the overriding but unstated reason for disinterest.

Only two River Walk hotels provided a proposal. An in-depth search on the Tivago website was very informative.

Before suggesting San Antonio, we didn't know just how expensive any accommodations along the River Walk would be. It was a very rude awakening. Without exception, daily room rates varied from \$150 to over \$300 per day, even in October, our preferred meeting month. And, as we found out, there is no such thing as complimentary

transportation from the airport to downtown hotels—or complimentary parking on the hotel properties.

In the proposal from El Tropicano, several problems were overcome. The largest was an acceptable daily room rate (\$115). The next was the daily complimentary breakfast. This was followed closely by no charges for the hospitality and banquet rooms, or setup and daily service fees. And lastly, the hotel agreed to participate in our Friday welcoming reception. Basically, the hotel was willing to negotiate.

Since there is so much to do on the River Walk, and the nearby Downtown and Old Town (Mercado) areas, only one day trip is planned—to the National Museum of the Pacific War (Admiral Nimitz Museum) in Fredericksburg. There will be more information in future issues of the newsletter.



**Admiral Nimitz Museum**

San Antonio tours depart the hotel regularly and cover all sites of interest. The most complete city tours are the all-day Ultimate Trolley Tour and the Grand City Highlights Tour.

As there are no plans for a dinner cruise, evenings are free to explore the many restaurants throughout the area. As done at past reunions, there will be a

Welcome Reception in the Hospitality Room with hosted bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres on Friday evening.

Thursday and Saturday evenings will be free to explore the



**La Villita Restaurant**

culinary delights along the River Walk and in the Mercado.

For those who feel more agile and adventurous, there is the Ultimate San Antonio Segway tour of the downtown tour highlights. That would be a memory worth a million pictures.

Set aside the dates 6 October 2016 through 9 October 2016 to meet with many shipmates at the El Tropicano River Walk Hotel in downtown San Antonio. Many of our 50+ Texan shipmates are already planning a big Texas welcome.



**The Alamo**

## FY 2016 Financials

### FY 2016 Operating P&L

#### Income

Dues	\$260
Donations	\$110
Reunions	\$0
Ship's Store	\$36
Misc	\$3
Cost of Goods	-\$22
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$387</b>

#### Expense

Advertising	\$0
Newsletters	\$143
Postage/Delivery	-\$3
Reunion Expenses	\$0
Flag Set	\$403
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$543</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$156</b>

### FY 2016 Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$8325
Liabilities	\$69
Net Equity	\$8281

### 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.

## Owyn Preacher Bradford - A Shipmate Post

Gather around lads, and I've got a story for ya. Now this ain't no shit, shipmates. Back in 1966 we put into Yokosuka and you younger fellers who didn't get there yet dunno what you're missin'! Anyway I went over right after chow and made right for Thieves' Alley. Hit the Shitkicker Club and dug some sounds while I put away a few barley pops, looked at a couplea souvenir stalls, then proceeded to go down one sidea the street, havin' an Asahi at each place, then down the other. Sure was fun and saw a few fine gals along the way. BUT...finally...I had to drain the lizard and by this time the street was startin' to spin - just a bit, mind you, just a bit. So in I staggered to the next joint, went up to the beertender and in my best Japanese, asked "Doko o benjōsan?" "Over there, sailor," he grunted in pretty good English and off I went quick as I could to get 'er done. Now the old fashioned toilets in Japan have a slopin' floor an' there's a hole in the corner...piss or shit right there, and it's for men and women too. So I got my business done and was it GOOD! Man, whatta relief! Buttoned up an' was startin' to go out when I saw a naughty book some other guy had left, so I picked it up. Walked out to go get a cold one at the bar, fell down, and landed on my knees. Walked on my

knees to the bar, pulled myself up to the stool, and got my beer. A few of my mates were there, laughing, 'specially old Chief Woody who hollered out, "Bradford, we're gonna call you The Preacher. Down on your knees with a Good Book - yep, you've been christened, lad!" Everyone applauded, tossed some beer to baptize me, and it was a done deal. Now you know why the rest of my Navy life they called me The Preacher! O's and enlisted alike. Like I said, it's no shit. All that goes in the hole in the corner...

01AUG66 Sea daddy and I cross the Shit River Bridge into Olongapo City. By the time we got poured into the cattle car, I'd consumed mass quantities of San Miguel, gotten three short times, eaten balut, monkey meat, lumpia and pancit, been in one helluva bar fight, played Smiles without losing, and seen more than I ever thought I'd see in my natural life. When the cattle car stopped on Alava Pier and we started to get aboard, sea daddy whacks me on the back and says "Well, Bradford, now you can call yourself an old Asia hand!" Shoot, little did I know this was just the beginning!

Owyn's CG-24 Facebook Posting

## Corrected Attribution

In Spring Newsletter 8-2, when answering an email, I stated that the Wikipedia version of the ship's history was copied from the REEVES' website. It turns out I was wrong. The original history version was copied from Wikipedia to the REEVES site. Looking at the editorial history of the Wikipedia page, there was new content published in July/October 2006 by an unregistered IP address. In the spirit of proper attribution, I can only assume that the IP address belonged to Tony Bussard, especially with the break-away theme music information. All of that predates the domain registration date of the REEVES website.

The following preamble has been added to the website's ships' history

page:

*This history has been compiled over time from many sources and edited to present a comprehensive narrative. The basis of this history, its original structure and format were found on [Wikipedia](#) when this website was undergoing construction, and were apparently written by shipmate JOSN Tony Bussard (85-87) in July/August 2006 (as attributed by Wikipedia to an unregistered IP address). Many additions and expansions from the original narrative as seen on this website have not been copied to Wikipedia. There are many contributors to the Wikipedia version. Both versions should be read.*



## 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

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

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

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

*Ship—DLG 24 Ship—CG 24*



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



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

2009—San Diego

2010—Chicago

2012—Charleston

2014—Portland - Sold out



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

## Veterans Affairs

**Seminole, FL** – In response to letters and pressure by Congressman David Jolly (FL-13), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is instituting a new process to avoid wrongly declaring veterans deceased.

“This is a problem that has gone on far too long and I applaud the VA for taking steps to prevent these types of mistakes from happening in the future. As we have seen, wrongly declaring a veteran dead can create financial hardships and it is extremely disconcerting,” Jolly said.

In a recent letter sent to Jolly, the VA says it erroneously stopped benefits to 115 people between July 7, 2014 and April 1, 2015.

The Tampa Bay region has seen at least 6 cases in the past 18 months where the VA declared a veteran dead when they were still alive.

Following two high profile Pinellas County cases and Jolly's pointed inquiries the VA says it is

instituting a new process to help verify a veteran is truly dead before halting benefits. The VA says under the new guidelines, beneficiaries like Clearwater's Mary Ann Clough, who was incorrectly declared dead last fall, will have an opportunity to correct an error before the VA terminates their monthly benefits.

Jolly had Clough's benefits restored and the VA records corrected shortly after being notified of the error.

In November, Jolly helped Michael Rieker of Dunedin after the VA mistakenly said he was dead and terminated his benefits.

After receiving national attention for his work on this issue, Jolly was recently contacted by a Vietnam veteran from California with a similar problem. Carl Colamonico says the VA told him their records showed he was already dead and buried at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, CA. The VA also informed Colamonico that their records actually showed he

served during World War II and was at one point a Prisoner of War.

At Jolly's urging, the VA has conducted a review and now says Colamonico's records are accurate.

“It is extremely difficult to hear from veteran constituents not only living in Pinellas County but from across the country whose records have been erroneously altered by the VA. These are very human stories with serious consequences and I am hopeful the new protocols implemented by the VA will ensure these errors never happen again,” Jolly added.

On November 4, 2015 Jolly wrote VA Secretary Robert McDonald highlighting Rieker's situation and asking what steps the VA was taking in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to prevent future cases of veterans wrongfully being declared dead.

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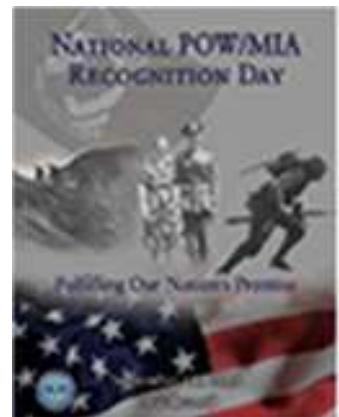
## POW/MIA Recoveries

"Keeping the Promise", "Fulfill their Trust" and "No one left behind" are several of many mottos that refer to the efforts of the Department of Defense to recover those who became missing while serving our nation. The number of Americans who remain missing from conflicts in this century are: World War II (73,515) Korean War (7,841), Cold War (126), Vietnam War (1,627), 1991 Gulf War (5), and Libya (1). Over 600 Defense Department men and women -- both military and civilian -- work in organizations around the world as

part of DoD's personnel recovery and personnel accounting communities. They are all dedicated to the single mission of finding and bringing our missing personnel home. For a listing of all personnel accounted for since 2007 refer to <http://www.dpaa.mil/> and click on 'Our Missing'. If you wish to provide information about an American missing in action from any conflict or have an inquiry about MIAs, contact:

Mail: Public Affairs Office,  
2300 Defense Pentagon,  
Washington, D.C. 20301-

2300, Attn: External Affairs  
Call: Phone: (703) 699-1420  
Message: Fill out form on  
<http://www.dpaa.mil/Contact/ContactUs.aspx>





**USS REEVES (DLG/CG-24) ASSOCIATION REUNION  
2016 REGISTRATION FORM  
October 6-9, 2016**

*Important! See Additional Information on Reverse!*

Make hotel reservations with the **El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel**, 110 Lexington Ave, San Antonio, Texas 78205, Reservations: 877-736-4311 | Email: [reservations@eltropicanohotel.com](mailto:reservations@eltropicanohotel.com). Tell them "USS Reeves Association Reunion" to ensure proper credit to our Association and receive the group rate (\$115.00 per night).

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

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

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

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

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

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm Hotel registration. Reunion check-in at the Hospitality Room.

**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 – 8:00 pm Welcome Reception in Hospitality Room with open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – 4:00 pm National Museum of the Pacific War Tour, Fredericksburg, TX. (Optional, transportation provided. Reservations required. Meals not provided.)

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 – 4:30 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 (please indicate number of orders — vegetarian entree available upon request):

#\_\_\_ Grilled New York Strip (10 oz., topped with sautéed mushrooms & caramelized onions, loaded smashed potatoes)

#\_\_\_ Chicken Roulade (stuffed with baby spinach, mushrooms, & parmesan cheese, garlic cream sauce, rice pilaf)

#\_\_\_ Grilled Atlantic Salmon (with lemon dill caper cream sauce, with wild rice pilaf)

Dinner also includes El Tropicano salad with ranch dressing, fresh Market Vegetable Medley, fresh baked rolls and butter, Dulce De Leche or cheesecake, regular or decaf coffee, fresh brewed iced tea.

**Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am -12:00 pm Hotel checkout & departure

There is a single, all inclusive fee of \$110 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.

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

TOTAL attending x \$110 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL for Museum/Fredericksburg Tour \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL for Shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see back) TOTAL Enclosed for Reunion \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Renew your 2017 Association Dues at this time: \$ 20 per year. Enclosed for Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete and return no later than 8/31/2016 (sooner if at all possible!); make check payable to:*

**USS REEVES ASSOCIATION**

**Mail to: Michael Robertson, Reunion Planner  
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October 6-9, 2016**

**Reunion, Tour Information & Reservations**



**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. Most reunion shirts have date and place information included in the embroidery. This shirt will appear as shown. 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). **Latest date for returning registration forms and ordering shirts is 8/31/16.**

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like a shirt(s). Qty: \_\_\_ S , \_\_\_ M , \_\_\_ L , \_\_\_ XL , \_\_\_ XXL , \_\_\_ XXXL

**General San Antonio Tour Information.** Other than the Nimitz Museum tour, reunion-organized tours will not be offered. Tour opportunities in San Antonio are so diverse that the organization couldn't possibly guarantee 25 participants for any particular tour and cover the cost of transportation and entry. There are tours of nearly description, from the 8-hour grand tour, to the 2.5-hour Segway tour, to the hop-on hop-off double decker downtown shuttle, to the have-it-your-way walking tours ranging from ½ mile from the hotel to 1.5 miles from the hotel (and visit everything from the Mercado (Old Town) to the west and the Alamo to the east). If you have access to the internet, go to <http://www.eltropicanohotel.com/life-on-the-river-en.html> for a sampling of site destinations. For the best recommendations, go to <http://www.viator.com/San-Antonio/d910/top-attractions>. Tickets may be purchased on-line for many of the motorized tours, some at savings over regular prices.

**National Museum of the Pacific War (Nimitz Museum) — Departs hotel @ 0830 (8:30 am) returns by 1730 (5:30 pm).**

The National Museum of the Pacific War is a dynamic, world-class experience designed for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. It is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II. Located on a six-acre site, the Museum includes the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Pacific Combat Zone, Plaza of Presidents, Memorial Courtyard, Japanese Garden of Peace, and (opening soon) the Nimitz Education and Research Center. Explore the Museum Complex and immerse yourself in Pacific War history, American and Japanese culture of the time, and heartfelt tributes to the heroes of the Pacific Theater. Feel what it was like to walk the wooden dock alongside a PT Boat, stand in the hangar deck of an aircraft carrier as a torpedo bomber is readied for a strike, and view Japanese battlefield entrenchments.



**Admiral Nimitz Museum** - This is the flagship of the Museum Complex on a 6-acre campus. A landmark in Fredericksburg since the late 1800's, the building was the old Nimitz Steamboat Hotel, owned and operated by Admiral Nimitz's grandfather Charles Henry Nimitz Sr. and is where Chester W. Nimitz spent his early childhood. Today, fully restored to its original splendor, the iconic building houses exhib-



its on the life and career of Admiral Nimitz, the Cailloux Education Center, and the Admiral Nimitz Grand Ballroom and Mezzanine.

**Fredericksburg** - founded in 1846 by German immigrants, today Fredericksburg is the unofficial capital of the Texas Hill Country, attracting visitors from around the world. The town has maintained its charm by preserving architecture and institutions of historical importance and encouraging the development of Main Street's shops, galleries, brew pubs and restaurants, which range from "down home" to cosmopolitan. The Museum is located on Main Street (Texas Route 87) in downtown Fredericksburg.

The most difficult decision of the day will be selecting one of many restaurants for lunch. Fee includes transportation, admission and driver gratuity.

\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will participate. Number participating: \_\_\_ x \$25

**Amount Enclosed For Shirt(s) and Nimitz Tour \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please copy to front page)**

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## Internet Speed

Consumer Reports suggests verifying that you are getting the speed you need, especially if you're paying for better performance than you're receiving. The popular movie and TV show streaming service Netflix recommends a download speed of 5 megabits per second for HD-quality video. However, Consumer Reports says that is insufficient for a multiple-person household: Given how much data Americans consume, 5 Mbps isn't going to cut it since performance can suffer as your broadband speed is split among more simultaneous users and/or activities.

You can check your Internet speed on websites like Ookla's Speedtest.net (<http://www.speedtest.net>). Consumer Reports recommends testing it multiple times over the course of a

few days, including at varying times of day.

For streaming video, it's important to focus on the download speed. If you upload a lot of photos or videos or play games online, pay close attention to the upload speed. If your Internet isn't delivering the speed you need, Consumer Reports offers the following tips:

To help determine if an older modem or router is part of the problem, verify that your router supports the 802.11n standard "at the very least," Consumer Reports says. If not, ask your Internet service provider about getting a newer model that supports a newer standard, called AC, that is capable of faster speeds.

To determine whether your wireless connection is part of the problem, switch to a wired connection and retest your Internet speeds.

If your wireless connection is spotty, try moving your router to a more central location. Also make sure it's away from obstructions like walls or ceilings, and never keep it in a closet or cabinet.

If you suspect interference from a microwave oven or cordless phone system, for example, consider switching to a dual-band router that can operate on both the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequencies. "Switching to the higher 5 GHz band can help avoid interference from other devices that operate in the 2.4 GHz range," Consumer Reports explains.

For intermittent problems, try rebooting your modem and routers by unplugging their power connections for about 30 seconds. "Sometimes simply restarting these devices will help clear up any issues," Consumer Reports says.

[Source: MoneyTalksNews | Karla Bowsher | June 18, 2015 ++]



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### Valuable News Sources

As I have said before, the semi-monthly RAO Bulletin is an invaluable source of USN/DOD news for this newsletter. I strongly recommend every Veteran subscribe to this informative and timely source:

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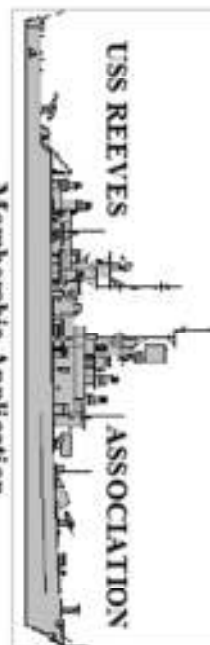
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I served on the USS REEVES (DLG-24/C3-24) as a \_\_\_\_\_ (rate/rank) from 19 \_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_.

Membership in the Association includes the right to vote and hold elective office. It also includes receiving a newsletter, email updates and further privileges as to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Dues Per Year: **\$20.00**

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