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SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION - FALL - 2022



From The Editor: Hello shipmates, spouse's and friends of the McCaffery. Welcome back, Hope you all are well . In this issue you will find some interesting articles sent / phoned to me by shipmates about personal experiences before and while serving on the Mac. If any one has a story to tell, send it to me.

Respectfully, James Bell - Editor

From the President:

Hello Shipmates!

I hope you are well and have enjoyed the summer. Our reunion, as part of the Tin Can Sailors Association reunion in Texas, is just around the corner. I am told that the hotel has a cut-off date for reservations, so please hurry and sign up.

So far we have approximately 10 Shipmates, plus spouses, grandkids etc., signed up so we should have a nice group. I have signed up for the tour to the Houston space Center for the first day and for the Navy ship visits on the second date.

There will be dinners and time to get together with old friends. Please sign up, get your room and let Ron Trippet know that you are coming so we have an accurate head count. Hope to see you at our reunion. Best, Doug

Look who are attending: Add your name to the list.

Ed Azarian - 1958-60 - SK3 - Bell, James E.— 60-63 MM2 - John Bell - LT - 61-63 - Raymond Bergeron - 1967 - 1968 BM2 - Dick Bordner - RM3 - 1961 - 64

George Cromie - SK2 - 1959 - 61 - Ron Gebhard - OS2 - 1971 - 73. - Doug Hackett - LTJG - 61 - 63. - Ron Trippet - YN3 - 61-63 — Liles Charles L. 61-64 -ET2



WE SERVE WITH HONOR

Tradition, valor, and victory are the Navy's heritage from the past. To these may be added dedication, discipline, and vigilance as the watchwords of the present and the future.

At home or on distant stations we serve with pride, confident in the respect of our country, our shipmates, and our families.

Our responsibilities sober us; our adversities strengthen us.

Service to God and Country is our special privilege. We serve with honor.

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Listed below are the shipmates that have contributed to the publication of the newsletter. **Your continued support is needed** and greatly appreciated. When sending checks, **please make payable to James Bell** with McCaffery Association on the memo line.

Name	Year	Rank/Rate	Link III, Robert U.	65-68	LT
Abercrombie Stan	65-67	QM3	Kartasiewicz, Michael J.	1960	SN
Alexander, Frank J.	68-73	ST1	Mehl Ed	57-59	YN2
Biegen Robert J.	71-73	FTG2	Raymond, Robert W.	60-63	LTjg
Caretti, Kenneth	69-71	GMGC	Rogers JR, William H.	62-63	DK3
Catanzaro, Mario F.	50-53	SN	Shaw, William J.	59-62	RM3
DeCelle, John E.	57-59	SN	Thomason, John W.	66-69	SN
Eippert Veachel H.	1953	SA	Wright, June,	in memory of	
Foster Torrey N.	57-58	LT	David B.	54-56	RM3
Hackett Douglas M.	61-63	LTjg	Thanks for the generous contributions.		
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www.benefits.va.gov/compensation

Bell, James E. 60-63 MM2 -My first day and following years aboard the Mac.

On 8 June, McCaffery arrived at Norfolk. **Bell** and Twenty midshipmen reported aboard for MEDMID-CRU 60. McCaffery then got underway for the midshipmen Mediterrean cruise. McCaffery exercised and trained at sea until standing in at Rota, Spain on 20 June. Proceeding into the Mediterrean Sea, McCaffery punctuated her at-sea periods with high-line transfers and underway fueling exercises, and, on 25 June, anchored at Golfo de Palmas, Sardinia. McCaffery proceeded to Barcelona, Spain, and arrived on 2 July for a brief port visit. McCaffery arrived at Palma, Mallorca, on 8 July. Ships of the Sixth Fleet, as well as ships of the Italian, French, and Spanish navies were also moored at Palma.

McCaffery got underway for Naples, Italy, and conducted ASW exercises while en route. McCaffery anchored in the harbor for a brief period on 21 July, and then got underway for Cannes, France. During this leg of the cruise, McCaffery, with the assistance of the Requin (SS-481), recovered a man who had fallen overboard. McCaffery arrived at Cannes on 29 July, and remained in port until 3 August, when she got underway for La Spezia, Italy, for a short port visit. McCaffery then returned to Naples, and arrived on 6 August. On 12 August, McCaffery began the homeward voyage, and stopped at Gibraltar for a two-day visit on 20 August.

After McCaffery departed Gibraltar, the Midshipmen were transferred by highline to Valley Forge (CVS-45), for disembarkation at Norfolk. McCaffery continued on to Newport, and arrived on 31 August.

During the months of September and October, McCaffery remained in the Newport area. On 21 October, McCaffery steamed for Bridgeport, CT., and returned to Newport on 23 October. On 9 November, McCaffery entered dry dock, and remained there through November. She left the dry dock on 1 December, and spent 9 December at sea for electrical casualty drills. The balance of December was spent at Newport with brief periods at sea.

On 31 December, 1960, McCaffery was moored at Newport, R.I.

. SOURCE: USS McCAFFERY -- 1945-1974 by Edward W. (Bill) Maslak .

Shipmates: We are introducing something new in the N/L called “Scuttlebutt”. In it we will include brief one-liners concerning the comings and goings of our shipmates that are worth sharing, both good and not so good. Please feel free to submit brief one liners about what is going on in your life that you would like your shipmates to know about. No politics, please.

SCUTTLEBUTT:

Bob Raymond (60-63 LTjg) recently flew from Anchorage to San Diego to visit (and spoil) his great -grandson. He also sent a note with a contribution offering many thanks for the newsletter “I really appreciate hearing fellow Mac shipmate stories. Stay safe — Best wishes “

Larry Collette (69-71 LTjg) says that he had been hospitalized with Parkinson’s, but is coping, and sends his best wishes to shipmates.

Doug Hackett (61-63 LTjg) took a group guided tour to Egypt (bucket list item) last April and explored the Pyramids, Karnak, Aswan, Cairo, Abu Simbel, King Tut’s Tomb in the Valley of the Kings and even rode a camel.

Laura Kuroski, daughter of former VP Rich Kuroski, participated in a 3 day VIP cruise on the USS NIMITZ off San Diego as part of a Navy PR effort.

Hollie Tiedemann (60-63 LTjg) is an independent living facility in VA Bch, and sends his best to all.

Jim Bell (60-63 MM2) recently enjoyed a camping trip to the FL east coast with family for sun & fishing.

John Bell (62-64 LT) in TX says the upcoming reunion in Houston is close enough such that he can drive to it, and plans to do so.

Also - Karen Toland - “ Dear Sir, This letter is to inform you that one of your Shipmates has passed away. John William Smith (51-53 EM3) died May 06, 2022 . My dad always looked forward to attending your reunions. He took great pride in telling others he served on the USS McCaffery.”



McCAFFERY MERCHANDISE : **Please disregard the adds on social media, get your items here.**

Blue Polo Shirts s-m-l-xl \$20.00, xxl \$24.00, xxxl \$26.00 , white T's at \$8.50 with pic , blue T's with Tin Can Pic on back \$20.00 (limited supply) , Pic's can be found on TCS web and Mac web.

Jackets \$35.00, xxl , \$38.00 Caps \$17.50 , Lic Plate Holders \$8.00 , Patches . Drive Them Into The Sea” & “Hedgehogs” \$5.50 each/two for \$10.00. USS McCaffery Shoulder Patches \$2.50. **Bumper stickers are 4 by 11”. Cost \$5.50 each or two for \$10.00.**



Roberts, John E. (46 -FN)



This photo taken on Huangpu River in Feb 1946 the morning we arrived in Shanghai. Photo by a Chinese entrepreneur. McCaffery allowed Chinese vendors on the main deck several hours a day. Tourist stuff.

This is not Tin Can related but is a great piece of Naval history. The worlds first nuclear powered submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN 571) CO report of arriving at the North pole submerged. (Unverified original)

The USS Orleck DD-886 at the Jacksonville Naval museum



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LT Edward M. Jones, USN			

We have a new Facebook group named USS McCaffery DDE/DD 860 (change is that we put DDE first). We have changed the group because the old group was being inundated by people selling McCaffery items that were not items from Ron Trippet. The moderators of that group are all deceased. If you are on Facebook join the new group. I am only allowing McCaffery shipmates and members of their families to join this group. I have had a number of requests from those who advertise their products and I have turned them down.

Nick Donatiello 57-59 YN2



Shipmate letters:

Eippert, Veachel H. 1953 SA

Thanks for sending me the McCaffery newsletter. I would like to say to all of you that keeps the Newsletter and all the other important information coming a big bravo Zulu.

The newsletters bring back old memories of the time I served on the Mac. She was the my first ship during my naval career from 1952 –1981, with some broken service, Seven Tin-cans and TAD to a Tender.

I am getting a little slow so with deep regret I won't be able to make it to any reunions. But I will stay active and give my support to the shipmate association, so enclosed is my check and I will send more as time goes by. How many plank owners we still have, I think I must be around the oldest of the regular crew. I am 88.

I wish all of you fair winds and following seas

Eippert, Veachel CPO retired.

Biegen Robert J. 71-73 FTG2

Thank you for all that you do for our McCaffery Association, it is well appreciated by me and all of our Shipmates. Joining the Navy and serving aboard the McCaffery was not something I ever aspired to, but it turned out to be the most memorable epoch of my blessed life.

Our Association keeps the memories and friendships alive and for that I am most thankful. Sincerely,
Bob Biegen FTG 2 1971-1973

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If you plan to attend the upcoming reunion in Houston TX, please send a completed copy of this form to Ron Trippett. The details for the Tin Can Sailor sponsored reunion in September in Houston TX. It will take place 24-29 September, You are encouraged to ask for the info packet from Tin-can Sailors (TCS)508 677 0515), and sign up. You must register separately at the Hilton Houston North Hotel (866 577 1154). Ask for the TCS rate, (\$119.00) and mention that you are with the USS McCaffery reunion group. Come on down !!!!!