USS MACDONOUGH REUNION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER WINTER/SPRING 2022

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President's Message:

Wow! Time for the 2022 spring newsletter already! Snowbound and frigid here in the northeast as we speak, but now we can turn our thoughts ahead to the warm grand strand of beaches in sunny Myrtle Beach…only three months away!

You may (or may not) recall that in 2021 we had **TWO** very successful Macdonough reunions…in spite of the Covid-19 gremlins. **Yes, two!** One was the media-featured "Weekend Warrior" get-together in Myrtle Beach in May, and the other was the twice-delayed but highly productive and enjoyable "General Quarters" muster held in Maine in September. It turns out that there were a few shipmates who attended both! Each reunion featured a display of the ensign which flew over the Macdonough when it was decommissioned in 1992…and the shipmate who brought this huge flag was none other than our ship's skipper at the time (see arrows in the pix).

This year, in addition to the traditional Sunday through Thursday reunion event, as a bonus we are offering the option of having this group join forces with the "Weekend Warrier" group by staying through the weekend (Friday through Sunday) and getting together with the a crew who have normally met on weekends only. Joyce Paton has already planned an "informal" get-together in the same hotel as our "General Quarters" group. *PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to attend the weekend event ONLY, **DO NOT** use the reservation form, but contact Joyce directly at 904-589-1891 or email sweetnspunky717@aol.com to make your arrangements*.


"Weekend Warriors" reunion group, Myrtle Beach, May 2021

One attraction that will be featured for whoever chooses to stay over is to be able to attend the magnificent military-friendly Alabama Theater extravaganza on Friday evening which has been praised by all who have previously experienced it (including me), and a limited number of reduced-price tickets have been set aside for those who want to extend through the weekend and attend (see registration form).

Many have already expressed an interest in shipping over for this weekend event, (including me) so if you wish to do so also, it would behoove you to make your reservations asap so you don't miss out!

Smooth sailing, and see y'all soon…Merrill


"General Quarters" group visiting Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, September 2021

REMARKS FROM OUR MYRTLE BEACH REUNION CHAIR

Greetings.
Covid may not be over, but we are back on schedule for your annual USS Macdonough reunion in May. This year's reunion will be held at The Beach Cove Resort, May 8-12. As it turns out the other Mac reunion group will be at the same hotel May 13-15. The Bayona's are planning to stay for both reunions to enjoy the beach and fellow shipmates.

Since Boom Boom handled the planning of this reunion, she had to shake things up a bit. Instead of the usual pizza dinner on Sunday, we will be having an AllAmerican cookout of hamburgers, hotdogs, and sides.

Some of you expressed an interest in a Dolphin Watch Cruise. I have arranged for a tour out of Crazy Sister Marina on Monday morning. The maximum number of guests is 40, so the first guests to register for the reunion and pay their fees will be guaranteed a seat. If you are not interested in the Dolphin tour, you can make your own arrangements to play golf, fish, shop, or enjoy the many pools at the resort.

Tuesday is a full day with a Memorial Service and box lunch aboard the Barefoot Queen. Later that day we will set sail for the Pirates Voyage dinner and theater.

Wednesday is a lazy day with only the Business meeting and a trivia game (with prizes) scheduled during the day and A Taste of Italy banquet in the evening.

All rooms at The Beach Cove resort are oceanfront suites. This includes a sitting room and kitchenette. As such, breakfast is not included in our room rate. If you would like to add a daily breakfast at the restaurant, please indicate that when you make your reservations. If you add breakfast for your entire stay, you will be charged an additional $11.95 per person, per day. If you prefer, you can just drop by the restaurant and pay their regular rates. Our discounted room rate is $117.60 per night, Sunday-Thursday. When making your reservation, please ask for the USS Macdonough DLG rate. The weekend rate, Friday-Sunday, is $138.80 when you use the code is Beach Time Reunion. If you pay for your hotel before your arrival, or pay by DEBIT CARD, you will avoid the additional service fees for checking out with a credit card at the end of your stay.

Each of the outside activities require a final count by April 10. Therefore, registration forms and payment are due by April 1, 2022. We look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Helene and Ed Bayona

USS Macdonough 2022 Reunion Registration:

Please fill out, copy and mail this form along with your check made payable to:
USS Macdonough Reunion Association, c/o Glenn Wilson, 9094 E. 1050th Ave, Robinson IL 62454-7400.

Name _____ Guest Name _____
Address _____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____
Phone _____ Email _____
Emergency contact name _____ Phone _____

2022 Merchandise Available (to be delivered to you at the reunion)

- Commemorative T-shirts (enter quantities): Small @ $10___, Medium @ $10___, Large @ $10____,XL @ $10____, XXL @ $11___, XXXL @ $12_____.
  T-shirt total $ _____
- Zipper Hoodies: Navy blue, Gold lettering "USS Macdonough" and an anchor on left pocket (enter quantities): Small @ $25 ____, Medium @ $25____, Large @ $25____, XL @ $25____, XXL @ $28____, XXXL @ $35 ____.
  Hoodie total $ _____
- **Challenge coins are in limited supply; they will be at the reunion for sale.**
- If you are **not** attending the reunion, coins may be ordered separately for $6 each including shipping, but without tracking or insurance. If you want insurance, shipping is $9.50 for up to 10 coins. Send your order and check to the address at the top of the page.

Merchandise Total (enter here and below): $ _____

Location/Date Beach Cove Resort, 4800 South Ocean Blvd, N Myrtle Beach, SC 29582.

1-888-974-5531. May 8-12, 2022. Ask for the **USS Macdonough DLG** rate; which is $90.00* per night, Sunday-Thursday, for oceanfront suite with kitchenette. If you extend your stay to attend the Weekend Warrier event, the Friday-Sunday rate is $125.00* per night. If you are attending the weekend event **ONLY,** do not use this form, but contact Joyce Paton (at 904-589-1891 or email sweetnspunky717@aol.com) to make your arrangements. (*$117.60 & $156.80 respectively with fees & tax)

Activity/Item Cost — Quantity — Total

- Registration fee: $20 per person or couple $20
- Transportation fee for 2 days of tour bus travel to events, $30 per person.....(x _____) = _____
- Sunday: Welcome reception and All American cookout, $10 per person.... ..... (x_____) = _____
- Monday: Crazy Sister Maria Dolphin Cruise, $30 per person.....(x_____) = _____
- Tuesday: Barefoot Queen Riverboat; Memorial Service/Lunch, $28 per person.(x_____) = _____
  Select sandwich: Ham & Cheese _____ OR Chicken Salad _____
- Tuesday: Pirate Voyage Dinner/Show, $48 per person.....(x_____) = _____
- Wednesday: Banquet at hotel, $50 per person.....(x_____) = _____
- Friday: Alabama Theater, $28 per person...(if extending for the weekend).....(x_____) = _____
- Merchandise total (from above):. ..... _____
- 2022 Annual dues, and for any prior years unpaid, $20 per year.....(x._____) = _____

All monies are due **March 25, 2022**

2022 Treasurer's Report

Glenn "Sparkey" Wilson

The bank account is in the green with operating capital. All bills are paid and up to date.
When paying DUES, please mark the check for what year they are for, and put your phone number on it so if I have any questions I can get back to you. The dues you pay are used to pay for the newsletters and other expenses. Thank you to those who pay dues.
I have ordered more hats and they should be here in 2 weeks, both DDG 39 and DLG 8 hats (yes, I put 39 in front of "8" because i am a 39er...LOL!) Challenge coins are in limited supply...almost out. I will have them at the reunion, but call me for details if you want to order some.
Hope to see you all at the reunion in Myrtle Beach in May.
It's been an honor to be your treasurer!! Thank You!!
Glenn Wilson, Treasurer

2022 Reunion Membership Report

Bob Kahle

Having been Membership Chairman since 2005 (17 years), I think it is time for me to step down and let someone else try their luck. I have enjoyed finding new members and have taken us from about 250 members to the current 866 (at one point it was 916 but has waned somewhat). I will be glad to pass on my database (Access), all the search sites I have collected over the years and other items such as the Deceased Member Memorial outline to anyone who wishes to pick it up as well as assist the new person for as long as I can. Please speak up someone!

Current Membership

Active - 886
Deceased - 353
Missing - 94
Contact NI - 89 (Not Interested)
Potential - 2813

In 2013 we elected to donate to the Tin Can Sailors Ships Memorial Fund which goes to help for the maintenance of the museum ships scattered across the country. If any of you have traveled around, you may have seen or visited some of them. If not, they are being maintained with donations by many organizations. Our donations since 2013 have totaled $1947. And have been declining over the past 3-4 years. When you pay your dues, please add a few dollars and designate them for the Thomas J. Peltin Destroyer Museum Grant Program. Thank you.
Looking forward to seeing you all in Myrtle Beach in May.

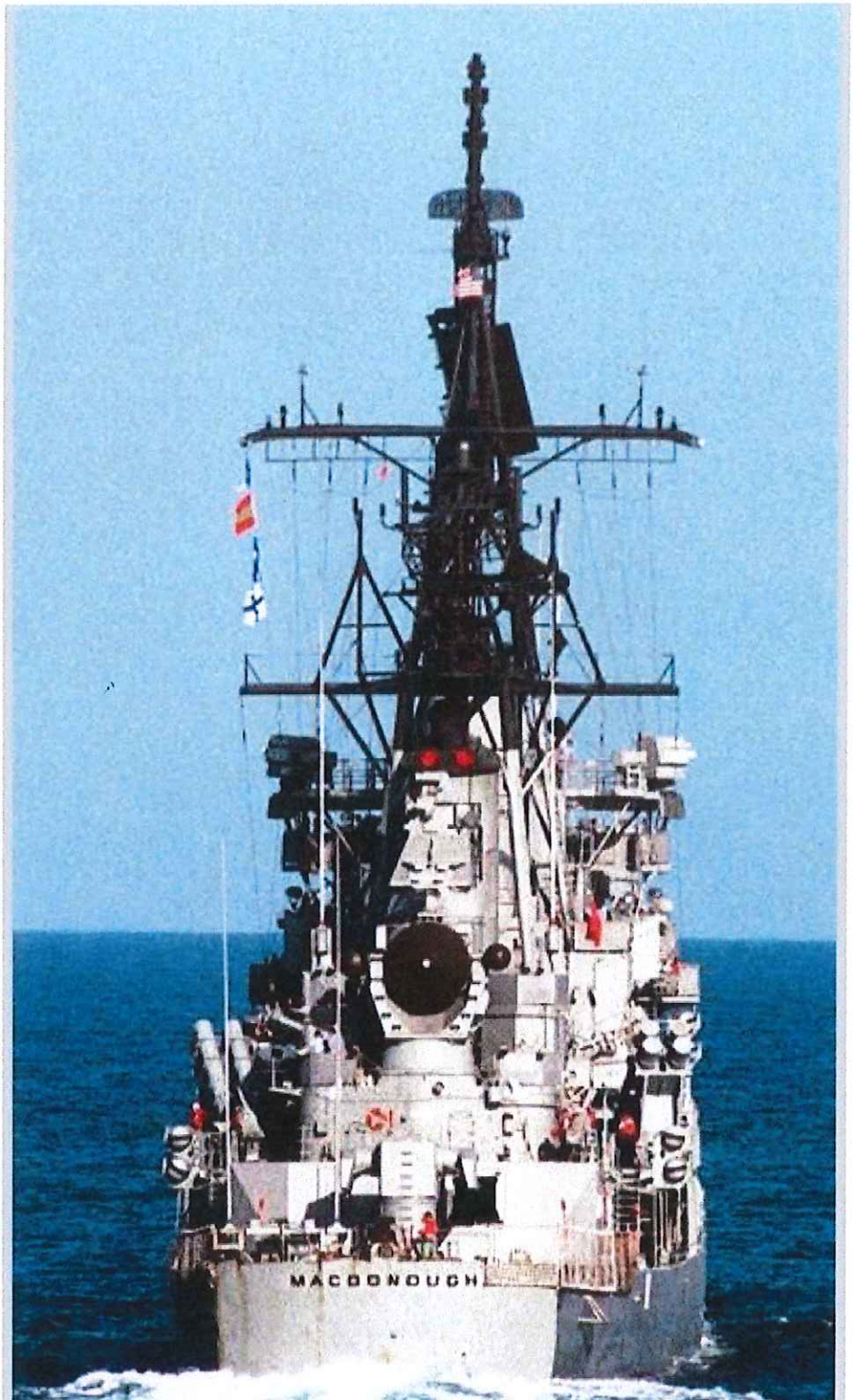
Bob Kahle - Vice-President, Membership

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Association Secretary over the last few years. As specified in the Association By-Laws, my term must end with this reunion. During my tenure, I am pleased to have converted much of our newsletter from snail mail to e-mail. This was accomplished with the considerable assistance of Membership Chair Bob Kahle. With this change, we have saved Association resources and have provided speedy delivery and occasional re-delivery. We've also been able to send the newsletter to previously unidentified shipmates. Color pictures are also a feature of the e-mail delivery.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't pay due credit to my wife Jody. She has been very instrumental in helping put the newsletter together. As with most of you swabbies..... I most definitely MARRIED UP!!

Phil Griffith



SEE YOU IN MYRTLE BEACH !