# USS MacDonough

# Reunion Association

## Newsletter - August 2023

### Presidents Message!

Hello again Mighty Mac family,

First and foremost, I hope this newsletter finds all our fellow shipmates and their families in good health and wellbeing I hope that all those who attended the Myrtle Beach reunion in the spring had a great time. I sure did even though I was summoned to captain's mast by Joe Nierdorgt. Also, great to see shipmates I haven't seen since 1978. A lot of laughs and sea stories for sure. I hope that everyone is happy with the directions that the Macdonough Reunion Association is going as a group. I want to thank Eddie and Helene Bayona for hosting and continuing to host our receptions. Fantastic job in Myrtle Beach!!! I also want to recognize John Curtain who has decided to stay on as treasurer. He has done a great job and I'm sure he will continue to do so. I want to recognize our new secretary Mr. Leonard Dalenberg. I Also want to welcome aboard our new vice president Mr. Dominick (from New York) Pacel. Next year's reunion Is slated for May 5 – May 9th 2024 in Jacksonville, Fl. Helene and Eddie are putting everything together now. Details and registration will be in the next newsletter. We hope to see as many shipmates as possible. I Hope everyone has had a nice summer and continue to have a nice end of 2022.

Best Regards
Vic Radelia.

### Myrtle Beach 2023

We missed many shipmates at our 2023 reunion in Myrtle Beach (MB), hosted by the Bayonas. Grand Shores was smaller and quieter than Beach Cove (2022 MB

reunion). Nevertheless, we had a great visit. With only 40 guests, everyone was able to socialize with one another. We all enjoyed Legends, the tribute show; trivia games in the hospitality room; the silent auction; and the banquet, which is where we had our Memorial Service. The only hitch during our stay was the service at our Sunday night dinner. The upside to waiting for dinner was that we got to chat with our friends. We welcomed a few first timers and hope they come back and bring their friends. The Bayonas will host the next reunion in Jacksonville, FL. Registration for the May 5-9, 2024, reunion will be available in the January newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you all.



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## 2024 Reunion

5 May - 9 May 2024
Jacksonville, Florida
Hosted by: Helene and Ed Bayona



Re: Wikipedia (9/2/2023)

Jacksonville is a city located on the Atlantic coast of northeastern Florida, the most populous city proper in the state and the largest city by area in the contiguous United States as of 2020. It is the seat of Duval County, with which the city government consolidated in 1968. Consolidation greatly increased its population relative to its extended size which placed most of its metropolitan population within the city limits. As of July 2022, Jacksonville's population was 971,319, making it the most populous city in the Southeastern United States and the largest in the South outside the state of Texas. With a population of 1,733,937, the Jacksonville metropolitan area ranks as Florida's fourth-largest metropolitan region.

## Secretaries Report

I am happy to be your new secretary. Be aware that I am new to our group so need all of you to help keep me informed of anything that I need to know. I welcome submissions and ideas for our newsletter. I need to be told of and of our members who pass away so I can keep our member logbook updated. Note, Annual dues remain $20.00, and are technically due the first of each year. My apologies for this, my first newsletter, being a tad late.

## Treasurers Report:

Thank you to all dues paying members as well as Reunion attendees. The funds we receive ensure future newsletters as well as a memorial donation or flowers to our lost shipmates. In recent Reunions we try to defray costs using funds from our Treasury.