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## YAGRGRAM #12

April 14, 1999

### COUNT DOWN IS ON

The count down is on for YAGRS fourth reunion that is to be held in Norfolk, VA on June 3,4,5 of 1999. Our host hotel will be the Hilton Norfolk Airport, 1500 North Military Highway, Norfolk, VA 23502. To make your reservations, you can call the hotel at 800-422-7474. Let them know that you are with the YAGRS reunion to receive our special room rate of \$72.00 per night. To those of you who will be driving in, there is free parking at the hotel. For those of you who will be flying in, the hotel has a shuttle that runs from the airport to the hotel. The shuttle leaves the airport from the baggage claim area on the hour and half hour. You should not have to wait longer then a half hour for the shuttle. If there is a problem, the hotel has a direct link phone at the baggage claim area also.

YAGRS has 150 rooms set aside for our use and we are well on the way of booking them all.

As in the past, we will have a Hospitality Room which we will keep open as much as possible. Snacks and drinks will be available while the room is open. **Thursday** will be for checking in and getting settled. **Friday** we will have our tour. Our tour this year will include MacArthur Memorial, a riding tour of Norfolk and the Norfolk Naval Base, with lunch at Breezy Point Officer's Club. **Saturday** we will hold our meeting in the morning. While we are holding our meeting, our wives/guests will have their breakfast. Saturday night we will hold our banquet.

The wives/guests are asked to bring a small item to be raffled off at the penny social. The cost should not exceed \$5.00 and handcrafted items are most welcome. Also, the wives/guests are reminded that a unique hat contest will be held this year for those who wish to participate.

In regards to the dress for the Saturday night banquet, most men wear a suit or sports jacket and the women a dress or suit.

### **The reunion fee this year will be \$65.00 per person.**

A registration form is enclosed. Please get it back to me as soon as possible. This will help me know how many rooms will be needed. Please make your checks out to YAGRS.

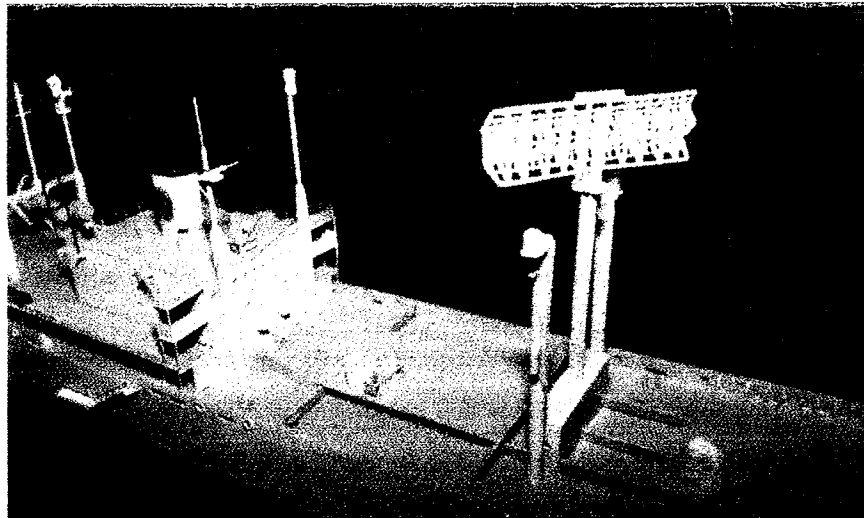
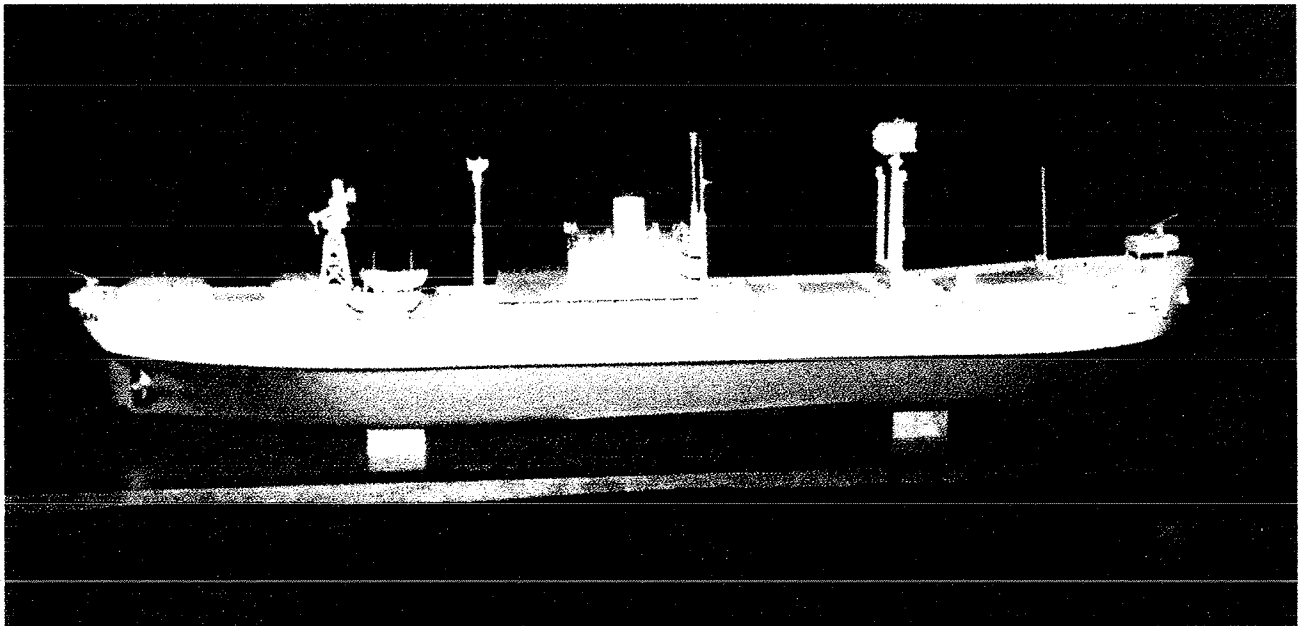
Admittance to all functions and the hospitality room is by reunion name tag only. The only exception to this is the Saturday morning meeting, which any dues paying member of YAGRS may attend.

### **Pre-Reunion Tour**

This year I have made arrangements to have a separate tour for those of you who arrive early. Marjorie Phillips Tours will conduct a tour on Wednesday, June 2, to Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Island. **This tour is not part of the official YAGRS Reunion and is not included in your \$65.00 registration fee.** You can call 877-440-0202 for more information. This is a toll free number.

## Ship Model

The model ship that Bill Simcox has built will be on display at this year's reunion. Bill has spent many hours on this project and I think that his work will be well received, judging by the pictures I have seen on his progress. We have raised \$2,068.45 of the \$2,500.00 needed for the model and display. We could not do this without your donations. If you would like to make a donation, even if it is a dollar or two, please send it to me. Make your checks out to YAGRS. Your help in this matter is most appreciated.



## **REUNION 2000**

Where will it be in the year 2000? We will decide the location at this year's reunion. It is hoped that we will be moving to a location somewhere in mid-America.

A vote will be held at the Saturday morning meeting, so if you are planning on attending this year's reunion and want to suggest a location, come prepared with information to present to the crewmen who be at the meeting.

## **YAGRS Book**

A report will be giving on the progress of this project at the reunion. In the next YAGRGRAM I will report on the decisions we make in regards to what has to be done to get us back on track.

## **1,034 CREWMEN FOUND**

1,034 former crewmen have been located. If you have any information on any former crewmen, let me know so I can get in touch with them.

## **DUES**

The dues for YAGRS are \$17.00 the first year you pay and \$15.00 per year after the first year. Dues are a necessary evil as any of you who belong to other organizations or associations know. Without these dues the Association will cease to exist. As a reminder, dues for the upcoming year ( June 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000 )will be due June 1, 1999, ( for that matter, have you paid this year's dues?)

**In the  
Past year  
YAGRS  
has located  
206 former  
crewmen.**

## **YAGRS Web Page**

To date 3,402 visits have been made to our web page. Since the last YAGRGRAM, 3 more former crewmen have located us through these pages.

## **Where Is The Skunk?**

The USS Locator AGR-6 had two mascots - a skunk and a dog. In fact the skunk was even shown on the Ship's Emblem. Does anyone know what happened to it or to the dog?

No one has gotten back to me in regards to what happened to these two mascots. I guess this will remain a mystery.

If you have any questions that you would like to have published in the YAGRGRAM, send them in and I will put them in as space allows.

## **Change of Address**

It seems that a lot of us are on the move. I know there are a million and one things to do when you move. Please remember to send me your new address along with your phone number.



**Ships Store**

(Items for sale)

I will again be ordering hats. If you want one, the cost is \$15.00, which includes postage. Send me your name, ship wanted and how many hats you want along with your check made out to YAGRS. PLEASE GET YOUR ORDER TO ME BY **April 26, 1999.**

**Ships emblems (logo):** All are approx 4 1/2" diameter printed on 8 1/2" X 11" glossy paper

AGR-1 Thru AGR-16

YAGR 2,3,5,6,7,8,9, and 10

YAGR DIV. 21

RADRON ONE

RADRON TWO-----\$3.50 ea.

**Silhouette drawing of ship :** Appox. 9 1/2" long, printed on 8 1/2" x 11" glossy paper-----\$3.50 ea.

**Pin for hat/lapel:** 3/4" diameter with logo of YAGRS in color-----\$4.25 ea.

**ALL PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO YAGRS**

**If you have ordered a hat, emblem or pin and have not yet received it, let me know.**

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**YAGRS**

**4th Annual Reunion**

**Norfolk, VA**

**June 3,4,5, 1999**

**REUNION REGISTRATION**

**\$65.00 PER PERSON**

**PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THEN MAY 1, 1999**

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of spouse/guest** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ship served on** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date on board** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank/Rate** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of people attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$65.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_ **Enclosed**

**Make all checks payable to YAGRS**

**This information will be used for your name tags. Use the name you want printed on your name tag.**