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YAGR'S

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BALTIMORE, MD
 MAY 29, 30, 31, 1997
SECOND YAGR'S REUNION

November 21, 1996

YAGRGRAM #3

I thought that I would get this YAGRGRAM out before we get into the holiday season.

First of all, things are coming together for the Baltimore reunion. Our hotel will be the Tremont Plaza (see separate sheet for hotel information). As I said in YAGRGRAM #2 our special room rate will be \$95.00 per night. To get this special rate you will have to book your room by April 29, 1997. You can call the Tremont at (800) 873-6668 and identify yourself with the YAGR'S reunion. After the 29th of April the hotel will accept reservations on a space available basis, and at the regular hotel rates only. So place your reservations early to insure you get our special rate. Also by making your reservations early, it will enable me to negotiate for more rooms if we have a larger than anticipated turnout.

When we are in Baltimore, we will be going on a tour of the SS John W. Brown and having lunch aboard her. In the next YAGRGRAM (mid January) I will give you times, places and cost of all the reunion activities. I will be sending out the reunion registration forms in January also, but as I said earlier make your hotel reservations as soon as possible!

Since my September 21 YAGRGRAM we have added 92 more former YAGRMEN who now know of our organization. This brings our total to 379. This 92 represents crewmen from all 16 ships and the YR-65. This list of new names and changes to the last list of crewmen that I sent out is enclosed. If you do not have this list with your YAGRGRAM, it means that I have not received your Information Request Form. If you wish to kept abreast of all new listings, please send me this request form. If you no longer have it, I will need the following info. Your name, address, phone number, ship served on, dates aboard ship (such as 1962-1964) and your rank/rate while aboard.

I have been in touch with Bruce "Beetle" Bailey who served on the Scanner AGR-5. Bruce is writing a book about the YAGR'S. He asked me to pass along his thanks for those of you who got in touch with him and gave him information about the YAGR'S. He is planning to go to print the first part of January 1997. If you have anything you think Bruce can use, you still have time to reach him.

Bruce Bailey
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Reminder. Dues are \$15.00 per year with a one time fee of \$2.00 for a total of \$17.00 for the first time you pay dues. This one time \$2.00 fee is being used to help fund the search for former YAGRMEN. If you have any names of former YAGRMEN, please send them to me and I will try to locate them. To date 119 of 379 have paid their dues. Those of you who have paid your dues will have your membership card enclosed. If you paid your dues and did not receive a card, get in touch with me and give me hell for not getting it to you.

My thanks to the following YAGRMEN for their help in sending out reunion notices for the YAGR'S organization:

Richard Platt	AGR-1	Fred Ackerman	AGR-2
Robert Matthews	AGR-2	Scott Henderson	AGR-8
Thomas Giardina	AGR-3	George Wirt	AGR-11
Don Baldwin	AGR-4	George Overstreet	AGR-12

A lot of west coast crewmen have asked what the YR-23 and YR-65 are. The YR's were repair ships for the east coast YAGR'S. They did all major work that did not require going into the shipyard and work that was too big for the ship's company to handle. The YR-23 was replaced by the YR-65, because as I understand it the YR-65 was larger. The YR-65 had a crew of around 70, mostly engineering rates. Besides having work shops on board she had berthing and mess facilities for the crew. Also RADRON TWO was headquartered aboard. Note that YR's do not have an engineering plant. When they are to be moved, they have to be towed.

On my hunt for what the ships patches (logos that we sewed on work jackets) or plaques looked like, to date I have

GUARDIAN
LOOKOUT (need to know what colors were used)
SKYWATCHER
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RADRON TWO
YAGR DIV 21

I am still looking for SEARCHER, LOCATOR, INTERDICTOR, TRACER, WATCHMAN, RADRON ONE and YAGR DIV west coast. If you have a patch, please send it to me. **IGUARANTEE THAT IT WILL BE RETURNED.** If you have a plaque, take a picture of it. I can use that. Quite a few people have told me that Walt Disney designed all of the drawings (logos) for the picket ships. I passed this information along to Bruce Bailey. He checked with the Walt Disney studios and was told by them that they did not do any for the picket ships. Another rumor put to rest!

Some new information has reached me about the U.S.S. Protector AGR-11. The Maritime Administration (MARAD) has moved her from the top of the list to be scrapped to the bottom of the list. I am told it will take about two years to move to the top of this list. She was towed to Norfolk, VA on October 25, 1996. While in Norfolk she will be made available to the SS John W Brown and other interested parties. To everyone who wrote to their Congressmen and Senators, job well done.

I wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season.

See you in Baltimore!

Harry

**THE TREMONT PLAZA
222 ST. PAUL PLACE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202**

LOCATION **The Tremont Plaza is a high-rise hotel located at 222 St Paul Place, in the hub of Baltimore's exciting Inner Harbor and Business District. Within walking distance to Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Antique Row and the Theater & Restaurant District.**

ACCOMMODATIONS **Each of the 230 suites makes a sophisticated statement. Separate living and bedroom areas, private baths and fully-equipped kitchens offer guests the luxury of extra space and room for pleasure, entertainment or business.**

FEATURES **Our fully-equipped kitchens include stove, oven, refrigerator with freezer, automatic drip coffee maker, toaster, cooking utensils and place-settings for four.**

All suites have color televisions in both living and bedroom areas and offer complimentary cable television featuring ESPN & CNN. Pay per view movies are also available

SERVICES **In-house fitness center featuring stationary bike, treadmill, rowing machine, and universal equipment. The center is fully mirrored and is equipped with a big screen television with stereo. Complimentary exercise and aerobic videos are available. Private men's and women's saunas and locker rooms.**

Outdoor pool with on duty Life Guard, open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Features a pool side snack bar and game room.

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT **Tug's Restaurant & Lounge, a relaxed, casual atmosphere featuring American Continental cuisine in a Bistro setting. Noted for its before and after theater gatherings. Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and light fare.**

The award winning Plaza Deli features gourmet foods, freshly made bakery items, and catering for the most finicky palate.

MEETING & BANQUET FACILITIES **Nine tastefully decorated banquet rooms offering 10,000 square feet of flexible banquet meeting and banquet space to accommodate groups of 10-200.**

ATTRACTIONS	Amtrak Station	1 mile	Meyerhoff Symphony Hall	10 blocks
	Light Rail Stop	3 blocks	Baltimore Arena	3 blocks
	BWI Airport	10 miles	Inner Harbor	6 blocks
	Walters Art Gallery	5 blocks	Oriole Park at Camden Yards	8 blocks
	Baltimore Museum Art	2.5 miles	National Aquarium	8 blocks
	Antique Row	8 blocks	Johns Hopkins University	3 miles
	Lyric Opera House	10 blocks	Johns Hopkins Hospital	1 mile
	Mechanic Theater	3 blocks	Pier 6 Pavilion	8 blocks
	Science Center	6 blocks	Little Italy	1 mile

PARKING **Overnight Valet Parking is available for a nominal fee with in and out privileges.**

RESERVATIONS **Call (410)-727-2222 or 1-800-TREMONT (873-6668) for hotel accommodations.**
FACSIMILE **Front Desk - (410)-685-4215 or Sales Office (410)-685-4216**

ABOUT THE

U.S.S. PROTECTOR AGR-11



LAUNCHED AS SS WARREN P. MARKS, HULL NO. 2346 FEBRUARY, 1945. BUILT BY J. A. JONES CONSTRUCTION CO. AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA.

COMMISSIONED USN: FEBRUARY 20, 1957 AT CHARLESTON, SC
DECOMMISSIONED: JULY 28, 1965

The Protector is the only Radar Picket Ship afloat at this time. On October 25, 1996 she was towed to Norfolk, VA. While in Norfolk she will be made available to the SS John W Brown to remove her screw and other equipment as needed. Also there are plans to remove her main engine for use in a local marine museum.

U. S.S. PICKET AGR-7



LAUNCHED AS SS JAMES F. HARRELL, HULL NO. 3138 JUNE, 1945.
COMMISSIONED USN: FEBRUARY 8, 1956 AT PORTSMOUTH, VA.
DECOMMISSIONED: SEPTEMBER, 1965
SCRAPPED JANUARY, 1978 AT RICHMOND, CA.

USS TRACER AGR 15

	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP CODE	RATE/YEAR	TELE #
1	ASMUNDSON, FRANKLIN	13350 SAINT ANDREWS DR 68A	SEAL BEACH	CA	90740	CO	
2	BAKER, BROWNING	41 WIND WARD WALK	NORTH KINGSTOWN	RI	02852	BT 1958-61	
3	CATES, G.V.	9016 ELLENWOOD LN	FAIRFAX	VA	22032		
4	DOYLE, M. L. "LEE"	2315 BAVARIAN CT.	PENSACOLA	FL	32503	LTJG 1960-62	904-433-6930
5	NANNINI, AL	21 PHELPS RD	MIDDLETOWN	RI	02842	LTJG 1960-62	401-846-4579
6	PRIEST, CLAUDE	1071 MARYS LAKE RD	ESTES PARK	CO	80517	ENS 1963-65	970-586-3081
7	SCARROW, FLOYD	1457 MANNING RD	SUFFOLK	VA	23434	DC3	
8	SZAKAS, CHARLES J	231 TILESTON AVE	ZANESVILLE	OH	43701	DC3 1964	
9	TINGLEY, RONALD	1641 SOUTH SWEET BRIAR LN.	SPRINGFIELD	OH	45505	SFM3 1959-64	937-324-8311

