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Third YAGR'S Reunion to be held in Charleston, South Carolina

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YAGRGRAM #5

The second YAGR'S reunion that was held in Baltimore, MD was a success by all accounts. The weather even co-operated.

Thursday was a busy day in our hospitality room as old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made. In fact the hospitality room proved to be very popular the whole weekend. It served as a place to meet before going out to visit the sights of Baltimore and as a place to just sit around and relax with a drink and a snack. Of course this was the place to tell sea stories.

Friday we were bused over to the SS John W. Brown. The Brown proved to be a good location for our reunion. While not exactly like the YAGR'S, she was close enough to bring back memories both good and bad. On board the Brown we had the run of the ship with very few spaces off limits. The engineering plant was lit off as the Brown was getting underway for Philadelphia that day. Noontime we had a catered lunch aboard in the #2 hold which has been converted to a display area about Liberty ships and the Armed Guard that served aboard her during the Second World War. There is also a small display on Liberty Ships that were converted to Navy use. YAGR'S donated quite a few items to enlarge this display. John Draves (AGR2 1959-61 & AGR-9 1961-62) donated an Ensign that flew on the U.S.S. Lookout AGR-2 and a log book that was found on the Lookout from when she was named the SS Claude B. Kitchin. Also donated were computer generated drawings of the logos (ship emblems) for all 16 of the YAGR'S, along with the RADRON ONE and TWO logos and the YAGR DIVISION 21 logo.

Saturday morning our spouses/guests had a buffet breakfast. After their breakfast, they held a penny social. I don't know what was going on but there was a lot of laughing and they got quite boisterous at times. The penny social brought in \$126.00 which was donated to the YAGR'S. Our spouses/guests want to do the same thing next year. More information will follow in upcoming YAGRGRAMS.

While all of this was going on we held our meeting of former YAGRMEN. During the meeting we voted on a logo to be used for YAGR'S. John Draves had the winning design. For his efforts John received a ship's hat and one year's paid membership. You will be seeing our logo as soon as we get the artwork completed. I will be getting in touch with some printers to do our envelopes and letterhead once the artwork is done. If there are any printers associated with YAGR'S who would like to give a price for envelopes and letterhead, get in touch with me as soon as possible.

We also held a drawing for the ships logos. This raised \$448.00 for YAGR'S. A lot of people asked whether they could buy these logos. They will be made available unframed for \$3.25, postage included. These logos are app. 4 1/2 " diameter and are printed on 8 1/2" X 11" glossy paper. The logos available are



RADRON ONE, RADRON TWO, YAGR DIV. 21, AGR 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, YAGR 6, 8, AGR-8 & AGR-8 are the same except for the YAGR, AGR letters). I have AGR 6, YAGR 2 and 7, but I have not started working on them yet. I will let you know when they are ready. I have been told that there are two logos for AGR-16. I don't have the one showing a watchman holding a spyglass. NOTE IF ANYONE HAS LOGOS OTHER THAN THE ONES LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE SEND THEM TO ME. I **GUARANTEE** THAT IT WILL GET BACK TO YOU. I want to thank all who have sent me these logos. Because of you the SS John W. Brown will have all of the YAGRS logos. This is most likely the only time all of these have been in one place at one time.

A lot of people also asked about the computer drawing I did of a YAGR, looking at its port side. It is fairly well detailed and in color. The ship is 9" long by 2 1/4" high and is centered on 8 1/2" X 11" glossy paper. The cost of this will be \$3.25 as well.

I want to thank Bill Strong (AGR-1 CO, 1965) (AGR-3 CO, 1963-64) for his donation of the AGR-1 ashtray and the AGR-3 pins that were also raffled off.

The next item that was discussed and voted on was the location for our next reunion. Six locations were brought up and voted on. Charleston, SC got the most votes.

Charleston, SC	34	Norfolk, VA	2
Orlando, FL	19	Philadelphia, PA	2
Wilmington, NC	9	Penscola, FL	2

As you can see, everyone did not vote. I guess they figure they will have a good time no matter where the reunion is held. Charleston, from what I am told, has something for everyone. It has a rich history and has many historic areas. It also has a large Naval display at Patriots Point. I am sure we will have a memorable reunion there. The dates are not set yet but most likely will be late May or early June, 1998. Keep these time periods in mind for the coming year.

The next thing discussed was the book that Bruce Bailey (AGR-5 1959-61) published and is available from him at 1940 East Sycamore St., Anaheim, CA 92806, (714) 635-9278. It was suggested and approved that YAGR'S pool our resources with Bruce so we can come out with a book that will have more information on the YAGR'S. In talking with Bruce, he thinks it's a good idea to work together to produce a book that will show what the YAGR'S were and what we did. A thank you goes to Bruce for his donation to YAGR'S. For each book he sells he makes a donation to the organization.

We are looking for anything about the YAGR'S and I mean anything. We want information on all the systems that were aboard the YAGR'S. This includes radars, radios, engineering plant, dates the systems were changed and the amounts of fuel, water and other items that were carried aboard. If you know how much food was brought aboard for a picket, we want to know that. We want information on the picket stations, latitudes and longitudes, station names, call signs for the ships, etc. A lot of information is missing, especially for the west coast. As you can see, we want anything you might know. Putting this together isn't going to happen overnight. It's going to take a few years. Your input is very important!!!! Bob Sangster (AGR-1, 1959-62) has started his search at Annapolis. Good luck, Bob.

We started Saturday evening with a wine and cheese reception followed by our dinner banquet at the Tremont Plaza Hotel. Again, by all accounts, a good time was had by all. A quartz clock was given to the YAGRMEN that attended this year's reunion. After the dinner banquet our hospitality room was again put to good use.

Sunday was spent saying our goodbyes as we prepared to go home.

At this years reunion we had 81 former YAGRMEN and 60 spouses/guests for a total of 141 people. We just doubled last year's turnout. This, as you know, was just the second reunion, and with the turnout we had, I'm sure the next will even be better.

A birthday was celebrated at the reunion. Charlotte Wirt (wife of George Wirt AGR-11, 1962-65) turned 21. I thought she turned 21 at last year's reunion, but she said she is 21 now. I guess I was wrong.

I will be placing another order for hats. Please get your order to me by the 21st of July. Send your name, ship's hat wanted, amount of hats wanted along with \$14.00 for each hat. We now have hats for the two YR'S. The YR crewmen that were at the reunion voted on the design for these hats. They will have RADRON TWO across the top, a YAGR ship silhouette in the center and USS YR-23 OR USS YR-65 across the bottom. Make your checks payable to YAGR'S.

I still have some coffee cups left over. These cups list all the ships and YR'S by squadron with RADRON ONE on one side and RADRON TWO on the other. The cups are white with blue lettering. The cost for each cup is \$8.00, postage included.

We are still trying to locate former crewmen who served on the YAGR'S. If you know of anyone, please get their names to me. I will need their first and last name. If you know the area of the county they came from, that will be a big help.

Dues for the 1997-1998 (June 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998) are now being collected. Dues are \$17.00 the first time pay and \$15.00 after that. The extra \$2.00 is helping to pay for the postcards and postage in locating former men. Please make your checks payable to YAGR'S and send it to me.

Enclosed with this mailing is your new membership card if you have paid your 1997-1998 dues. If you have paid and did not get a card, get back to me and let me know.


Also with this mailing will be a list of former YAGRMEN from the ship/ships you served on. If you did not receive a list it means that I have yet to get your Information Request Form that was sent to you. I will need your name, address, phone number (tell me if you want it listed on the list that I send out), ship served on, date on ship/ships (such as 1960-62) and rank/rate while aboard. If you did not receive your list, you will know that I need the above requested information from you. **If you decide not to send this information, I will assume you no longer want to be kept informed about the YAGR'S organization.** At this time I have been in touch with 537 former YAGRMEN, and the list is growing almost daily. To put out a newsletter to all, takes quite a bit of work and the cost keeps going up. This is why it is important for me to know if you want to be kept on the mailing list.

In the last couple of YAGRGRAMS I enclosed information and logos for 2 ships. I did not with this YAGRGRAM because of space limitations.

In answer to what YAGR and AGR stands for.

YAGR is an Ocean Station Radar Ship (Service Craft)
AGR is an Radar Picket Ship (Auxiliary Ship)

Note: There were a few items left in the hospitality room. If you are missing something, get in touch with me. I might have it.


Harry Miller (AGR-11 1962-64) (YR-65 1964-65)

USS TRACER AGR 15

	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP CODE	RATE/YEAR	TELE #
	ASMUNDSON, FRANKLIN	13350 SAINT ANDREWS DR 68A	SEAL BEACH	CA	90740	CO	
2	BAKER, BROWNING	41 WIND WARD WALK	NORTH KINGSTOWN	RI	02852-4022	BT3 1958-61	401-294-7811
3	BERNARD, ARNOLD	26 COOK DR	WILLIAMSTOWN	NY	13493	MM2 1958-60	315-964-2518
4	CATES, G.V.	9016 ELLENWOOD LN	FAIRFAX	VA	22032		
5	COLEMAN, JIM	23 ROCKWELL COURT	ANNAPOLIS	MD	21403-1502	LTJG 1958	SHIP SUPT.
6	DOYEL, M. L. "LEE"	2315 BAVARIAN CT.	PENSACOLA	FL	32503	LTJG 1960-62	904-433-6930
7	EUSDEN, RICHARD	135 RICHARD RD	ASTON	PA	19014		
8	GORMLEY, JOE	16901 CRANFORD LANE	GROSSE POINTE	MI	48230-1547	LTJG 1958-60	313-886-6226
9	HOKANSON, WARREN	12634 HASTINGS ST. NE	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55449	AG 1960-64	
10	MARCHESCHI, LEE	700 EAST GREGFORD	HINSDALE	IL	60521		
11	NANNINI, AL	125 KAY ST	NEWPORT	RI	02842-2832	LTJG 1960-62	401-846-4579
12	PRIEST, CLAUDE	1071 MARYS LAKE RD	ESTES PARK	CO	80517	ENS 1963-65	970-586-3081
13	REVELLE, JIM	1843 KETELLA ST	SAN DIEGO	CA	92154	1959	
14	SCARROW, FLOYD	1457 MANNING RD	SUFFOLK	VA	23434	DC3	
15	SPILLUM, MIKE	6876 NORTHCREST WAY EAST	CLARKSTON	MI	48346	LTJG 1959-62	810-625-5332
16	SZAKAS, CHARLES J	231 TILESTON AVE	ZANESVILLE	OH	43701	DC3 1964	
17	TINGLEY, RONALD	1641 SOUTH SWEET BRIAR LN.	SPRINGFIELD	OH	45505	SFM3 1959-64	937-324-8311
18	WINER, MEL	6652 W. BROADWAY RD	PHOENIX	AZ	85043-6508	1958-60	

