



Radar Picket Ships

YAGRGRAM #53

Summer 2009

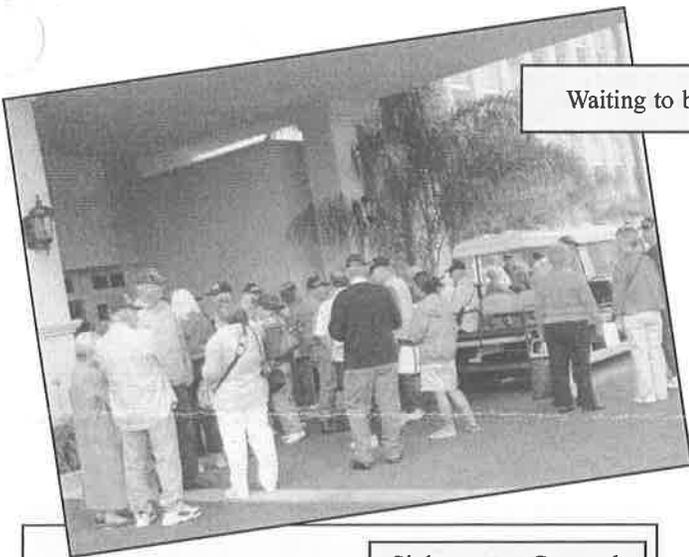
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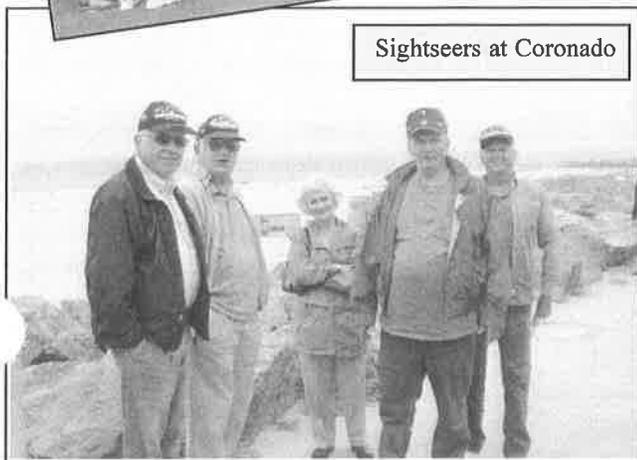
The San Diego reunion is now history. Even though we had only 140 in attendance, all had a good time. A large number of attendees arrived in San Diego to take advantage of the pre-reunion tours that were set up. This set the stage for the official reunion.

Tuesday May 19, 2009 San Diego Tour.

70 people took the San Diego tour which included a lunch at the Bali Hai restaurant



Waiting to board the buses



Sightseers at Coronado



Bali Hai Restaurant

Our group tour took us to the USS Midway and a harbor cruise. After spending a couple of hours on the Midway, we boarded a boat for a narrated harbor cruise. Once again, we were lucky to have some great weather.



Boarding the Midway.



YAGR men fitting in with the flight deck crew.



Taking in the sights while onboard the boat.



Having lunch on the boat.

YAGR'S 2010 Reunion Cruise

Pages 7 and 8 of this YAGRGRAM have the information and registration form for the reunion cruise. The registration form is from Holiday Cruises and Tours. This is the tour company who will be making all the cruise arrangements. It should be noted that only those who sign up with Holiday Cruise and Tour Company will be included in the shipboard YAGR'S functions -- no exceptions! The registration form on page #8 is to be sent to Holiday Cruises and Tours.

The next YAGRGRAM (#54) will have a registration form for YAGR'S. This will cover the cost of the reunion pin, name tags and other reunion expenses YAGR'S will have. It is anticipated it will be a very small registration fee. And as always, if you have family or friends who would like to join us, they are most welcome.

For those of you who are up in the air about the cost of a cruise, do the math. All food and entertainment onboard the ship is included, your ports of call are your group tour, there is almost no registration fee and probably the best feature of all, you can just do what you want, when you want.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Mens Meeting

The mens meeting was opened with 76 men in attendance. Gary Willett (AGR-5) was presented with a ship's plaque for being the first one up for the reunion. Also, Gerald Grusendorf (AGR-1) won the room raffle for 3 free nights at the hotel and Al Van Lennep won a copy book "Liberty Ships". Ken "RO" Rochette (AGR-5) was also presented with a plaque with a line drawing of a boxed liberty ship.

A vote was taken on where to hold our 2011 reunion. Nashville, TN won out by a narrow margin over Chicago, IL. Lee Doyel (AGR-15) will be helping out in Nashville.

The membership was informed that the YAGR'S book is now complete. The book will have 140 pages, 7 of which will be in color. In the next YAGRGRAM we will have an order form for it. There will be only one printing of the book. If after the book is published we receive enough new information, an addendum may be published.



Lee Doyle would like to get in touch with the crewman who nominated Nashville at the 2008 Newport reunion or anyone else who lives in the area who is willing to help out.

You can reach Lee at
2315 Bavarian Ct.
Pensacola, FL 32503
850-433-6930
E-MAIL mldoyel@cox.net

A thank you goes out to Mike NeSmith (AGR-9) for all his help in setting up the San Diego reunion. And also to Al and Lois Bump (AGR-12) for their help in the hospitality room.



Dues

\$17.00

Are you caught up on yours?

Dues for the June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 dues year are now being collected.

When writing your check, make it out to YAGR'S and send it to me (address on page #1).

If you have paid your dues and did not receive your membership card and latest crewmen list that is sent with it, let me know.

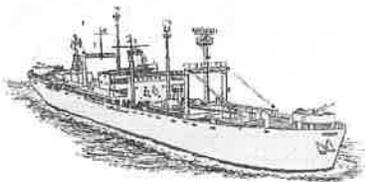
If your dues are up to date, a date will be above your name on the mailing label this YAGRGRAM came in.

Spouses/Guests Breakfast and Raffle

At this year's breakfast we had 63 people get together to enjoy our spouses/guests breakfast, raffle and tote bag contest. As usual each spouse/guest brought a gift to be raffled off. It seems each year the gifts get better. Barbara Marino won the tote bag decorating contest. Unfortunately we do not have a picture of her and her prize winning tote.



Hospitality Room





YAGR'S Exhibit

Battleship Massachusetts



YAGR'S Donates

YAGR'S once again has donated \$1,000 to Battleship Cove.

At the mens meeting it was voted to donate \$1,000 to the Battleship as a means of showing our support to the ship.

Captain Jack Casey accepting our \$1,000 check from Roland Cote (AGR-10)

YR-65 Display

Work is just about complete on the YR-65 model display. It has taken us way too long (since the last reunion) to get this display set up. But better late than never. All we have to do to finish the display is to touch up the paint on the wood base we built. Our chief painter (Roland Cote) has said it will take only 10 to 15 minutes for him to finish it up.

For those who might not know, Bill Simcox (AGR-4) built and donated the model to us. This is the second model he has built for exhibit. The first was of the USS Guardian (AGR-1).



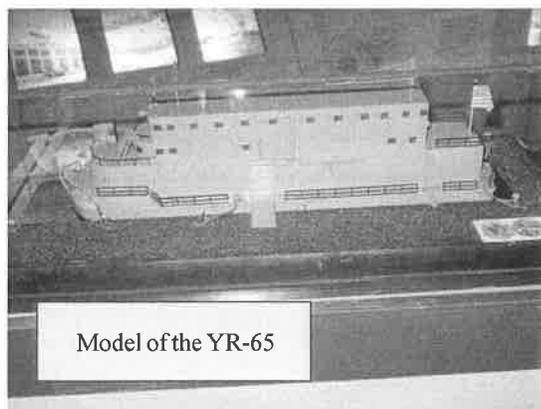
Dave Terry (AGR-10) and Roland Cote (AGR-10) setting up the angle iron base frame for welding.



John Hemminger (AGR-2) working on the plexi-glass display case.



Dave Terry, John Hemminger and Roland Cote looking over the nearly completed project.

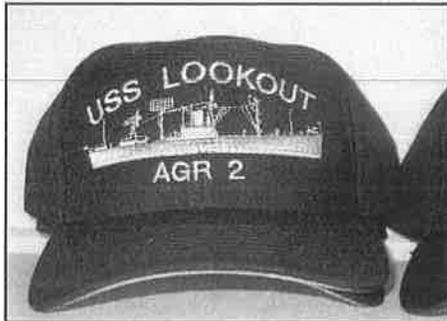


Model of the YR-65



Denim Shirts.

Harvard Square 7oz. long sleeve denim shirt with double needle tailoring, button down collar, seven wood tone buttons and a left chest pocket. It has a silhouette of a radar picket ship with your ships name and hull number embroidered on it.



Ships Store

All ships store items that have been ordered have been shipped. If you have not received something you have ordered, please get in touch with me.

ITEM	EACH		QUANTITY		SUB TOTAL
HAT SHIP HULL # _____	\$20.00	X		=	
DENIM SHIRT SHIP HULL # _____ SIZE _____ SIZE _____	S,M, L,XL \$34.00 XXL \$36.00	X X		= =	
ALL HAT/LAPEL PINS LISTED BELOW ARE \$4.75 EACH OR ANY TWO FOR \$8.50					
RADRON ONE		X		=	
RADRON TWO		X		=	
YAGR DIVISION 21		X		=	
USS GUARDIAN AGR-1		X		=	
USS LOOKOUT AGR-2		X		=	
USS SKYWATCHER AGR-3		X		=	
USS SEARCHER AGR-4		X		=	
USS SCANNER AGR-5		X		=	
USS LOCATOR YAGR-6		X		=	
USS PICKET AGR-7		X		=	
USS INTERCEPTOR AGR-8		X		=	
USS INVESTIGATOR AGR-9		X		=	
USS OUTPOST AGR-10		X		=	
USS PROTECTOR AGR-11		X		=	
USS VIGIL AGR-12		X		=	
USS INTERDICTOR AGR-13		X		=	
USS INTERPRETER AGR-14		X		=	
USS TRACER AGR-15		X		=	
USS WATCHMAN AGR-16		X		=	
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YAGRS					TOTAL
YOUR NAME					
PHONE #					

2010 YAGR'S REUNION CRUISE

**6 day cruise on the Carnival Freedom.
Carnival web site, www.carnival.com**

**Leaves from Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Sunday May 2, 2010 to Saturday May 8, 2010**



Day	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart
Sunday, May 02	Ft. Lauderdale, FL		4:00pm
Monday, May 03	Key West, FL	8:00am	5:00pm
Tuesday, May 04	Fun Day At Sea		
Wednesday, May 05	Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands	7:00am	4:00pm
Thursday, May 06	Ocho Rios, Jamaica	7:30am	3:30pm
Friday, May 07	Fun Day At Sea		
Saturday, May 08	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	8:00am	

Cost: Inside cabin from \$546 per person, Oceanview cabin from \$646 per person, Balcony cabin from \$786 per person.
This includes all taxes, port charges and government fees.

TIPS NOT INCLUDED. They will be added to your shipboard account, \$10 per day per person.

We have set aside 75 cabins at these prices. If we find we need more early enough, we can add more. But, remember the longer you wait the less chance you will have for our rates and functions. I would suggest you book now, as you will have a better selection of your cabin location. **EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM!!!!**

A \$500 deposit per cabin is due @ the time of booking your cabin (deposit is fully refundable up until final payment). Final payment is February 1, 2010. Non-refundable after February 1, 2010.

For those of you who will be coming in early, you can book a room at the Courtyard by Marriott Ft. Lauderdale/Airport & Cruiseport
400 Gulf Stream Way

Dania Beach, FL 33004 Phone number Direct (954-342-8333), Central Reservations (800-321-2211)

Room Rte \$109.00 per night (this rate is good 2 days before and after the cruise).

This rate includes airport shuttle, cruiseport shuttle and free parking for those driving in.

You can make your reservations at the hotel after May 31, 2009. When you do, tell them you are with the YAGR'S group.

Brian Forrester of Holiday Cruises and Tours (1-800-998-1228) will be taking our reservations for the cruise.

He will also assist you with your air arrangements if you cannot book online or do not have a friend or family member to help you.

He will also answer any questions you might have. When calling remember he is on PST time zone.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended- call Brian for details.

While on the Carnival Freedom YAGR'S will have;

Hospitality room (on sea days), \$25.00 shipboard credit per cabin, a one hour cocktail party and group dining.

We are **trying** to set up a special bridge tour of the ship for the first 15 crewmen who sign up for the cruise.

This tour is not available to the passengers.

ONLY THOSE WHO BOOK WITH BRIAN WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE YAGR'S GROUP FUNCTIONS.

CHECK ON THE LATEST PASSPORT REGULATIONS TO SEE WHETHER YOU NEED ONE.

Reunion Registration

YAGR'S Registration Form

Date May 02 - 08/2010 Carnival Freedom sailing from Ft.Lauderdale

Passenger 1 _____ Passenger 2 _____
 Date of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home # _____ Cell # _____
 Work # _____ E-mail (important) _____
 3rd person _____ 4th person _____

"LEGAL NAMES ARE REQUIRED ON ALL DOCUMENTATION"
 (i.e. ROBERT not BOB, ELIZABETH not LIZ)

***** PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING *****

Interior cabins from \$546 p/p _____ Oceanview cabins from \$646 p/p _____
 Balcony cabins from \$786 p/p _____ For single or 3rd/4th person rates call Brian @ 800-998-1228

*Above pricing includes all applicable taxes, gov't fees, port fees, onboard meals and all nightly entertainment. Prices are cruise only, per person, based on double occupancy and subject to change based on availability. A fuel surcharge may apply if implemented by the Cruise Line.

Travel Care Insurance is highly recommended. Cost per person is \$60.50
 YES @ deposit _____ @ final payment _____ NO _____

*If you have any pre-existing medical conditions, you are advised to purchase your Travel Care Insurance at the time of your deposit. Call Brian @ 800 998 1228 with any questions.

If paying by check, make checks payable to: Holiday Cruises and Tours
 Mailing Address: 6969 E. Shea Boulevard, Suite #101, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Credit card payments: Amex ___ Visa ___ MC ___ Discover ___
 Account # _____ Exp. _____
 Name as it appears on the card _____

Auto charge final payment to this card Yes _____ No _____

A deposit of \$250 per person is due @ time of booking to secure your cabin choice. Your deposit is fully refundable up until time of final payment which is February 1 / 2010.

I authorize Holiday Cruises and Tours to charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

CHECK ON THE LATEST PASSPORT REGULATIONS TO SEE WHETHER YOU NEED ONE.

Please sign and return by mail or fax to **480-998-3849**