



Radar Picket Ships

YAGRGRAM #58

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YAGR'S 16th Reunion, Nashville, TN

May 26 to May 28, 2011

Nashville Airport Marriott
600 Marriott Drive
Nashville, TN 37214

Room rate is \$99.00 per night. This rate is also good for three (3) days before and three (3) days after the reunion. Complimentary parking, complimentary airport shuttle and complimentary Fitness Center are included. Call 1-800-770-0555 to make your room reservation. Mention that you are with YAGR's when you call in order to get the above room rate. As always, very important that you reserve your room as soon as possible. The Marriott has set aside 100 rooms for YAGR'S. It will more rooms to our block if rooms are still available. **Room reservations must be made by April 28, 2011.** Don't miss out!! If you have any problems, please give me a call.

Proposed Schedule of Events

The reunion format will be the same as past reunions:

We will have optional pre-reunion tours on **Tuesday** (May 24th) and **Wednesday** (May 25th).

On **Thursday** (May 26th) we will open the hospitality room at noontime where you will pick up your reunion packet.

On **Friday** (May 27th) we will go on our group tour with the hospitality room opening upon our return.

On **Saturday** (May 28th) the mens meeting and spouses/guests function will be held in the morning. The hospitality room will open afterwards and finally the banquet will be held on **Saturday** evening.

On **Sunday** (May 29th) it is time to check out of the hotel and start your trip home.

Reunion Registration

The reunion registration cost this year will be \$95 per person for dues paying members and their spouses/guests and \$112 per person for nondues paying members and their spouses/guests. A dues paying member is one whose dues have been paid for the year. If in doubt, look on the envelope mailing label this YAGRGRAM came in. If a date of 5/31/11 or later is on it, you are a dues paying member.

The registration cost covers the hospitality room, group tour, Saturday evening banquet, spouses/guests breakfast, name badges and printing costs associated with the actual reunion. **As always, the reunion registration refund policy is "If YAGR'S doesn't have to pay for it, neither do you."**

Group Tour (Friday, May 27, 2011)

A guided city tour of Nashville including a drive by of Bicentennial Mall, State Capitol, Historic Second Avenue, Music Row, Vanderbilt University, The Parthenon. The tour includes admission to Historic Ryman Auditorium, known as the Mother Church of Country Music, and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Lunch is on your own.

Optional Pre-Reunion Tours:

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

5:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

GRAND OLE OPRY

\$55 per person

Enjoy a show of the world's longest running live radio broadcast.

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

10:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

GENERAL JACKSON SHOWBOAT LUNCHEON CRUISE

\$70 per person

Enjoy a 2-1/2 hour cruise aboard a great showboat. Includes lunch and entertainment.

Spouses/Guests program

Once again all the spouses/guests will gather for a breakfast buffet and raffle while the men are at their meeting.

For the raffle we ask that you bring an inexpensive item to be raffled off. I am often asked what to bring. My answer is always the same: Bring something that you would like to win yourself. Arts and crafts and other handcrafted items are always a favorite with everyone.

Many of the spouses/guests feel this is the best part of the reunion. It is a fun time and everyone is friendly. If you are a first timer, come and meet the other spouses and guests. You won't feel like a stranger and you will definitely have a good time.



YAGR'S Association

I want to thank all of you who called or sent cards wishing me well. I am doing well and things are going fine with me at the time. My MRI's and other tests are good and my doctors are happy with my progress. I expect to see you all in Nashville in May.

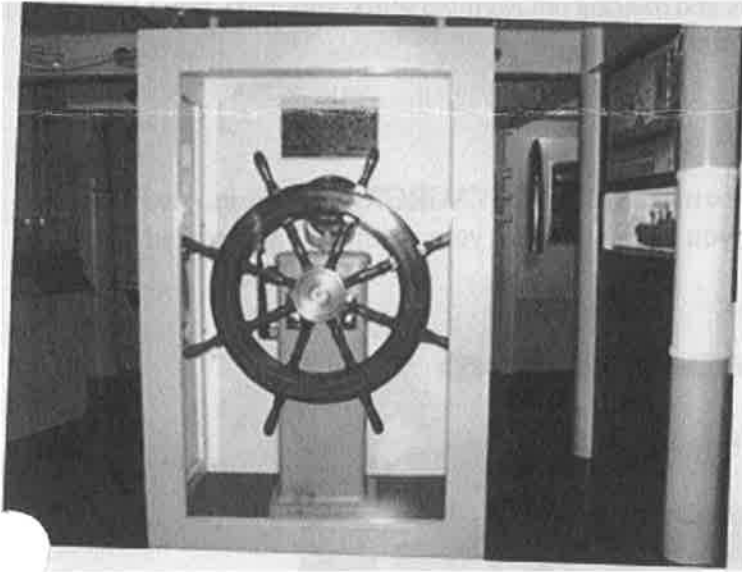
I am looking for some help in the day-to-day running of the Association. If you are willing to lend a hand, please let me know. Although it would be best to have someone fairly close to Rhode Island in order to make it easier to coordinate things, any and all help will be appreciated.

I want to thank Roland and Yvonne Cote (AGR10) for their help with this YAGRGRAM. Also thanks to John H. Cote (AGR2) for all his help with the dues and membership cards.



YAGR'S Exhibit

Battleship Massachusetts

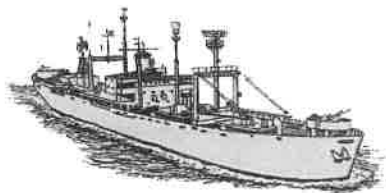


We are still hard at work on our Exhibit even though Harry has not been able to join in because of his health condition. Roland Cote (AGR-10), John Hemminger (AGR-2) and Dave Terry (AGR-10) are still working on the display cases for the binnacle, helm and engine order telegraph..

We moved the ship's wheel that was mounted on the after bulkhead and made a new display case for the wheel and installed a sign where the ship's wheel was originally on display.

After we built the case, we had to make the moulding that will hold the plexi-glass panels in place. Unfortunately, the mouldings are not stock items. Once we picked up stock lumber, the milling process got started to produce the moulding we need to secure the plexi-glass in place.

YAGR'S wants to thank Paul Gosslen, a volunteer on the Battleship Massachusetts, for doing some welding for us and for helping install the sign by welding brackets on the bulkhead.



Dues

\$17.00

Dues are now due for the dues year of June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011.

John Hemminger has agreed to assist me with collecting dues and mailing out Membership Cards and Crew Lists. When paying your dues, please make your check out to YAGR's and mail it to

John Hemminger
24 Ballou Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

If you have paid your dues, a date will be above your name on the mailing label this YAGRGRAM came in. Also if you have paid your dues and there is no date above your name or you did not receive your membership card and latest crewmen list that is sent with it, let me know.



Roland Cote (AGR-10), Dave Terry (AGR-10), Harry Miller (AGR-11), Executive Director "Skipper" Brad King, John Hemminger (AGR-2) and Director of Finance David Keyes.

A \$5000 donation from the "Beveridge Family Foundation" was made to the Battleship Massachusetts. The YAGR organization was asked to make the presentation to Executive Director Brad King on behalf of the foundation. This foundation is a philanthropic society funding many nonprofit organizations. In the past it has also made donations to YAGRS enabling us to educate the public in the role the Radar Picket Ships played in the Cold War.



The YAGRS logo patch is the only item we have for sale from the ships store.



3 inch YAGR'S embroidered logo patch in color.

Thanks to Charles "Chuck" Coons (AGR-13) we now have the YAGR's logo patch available. If you would like to order one, the cost is \$5.00 each, postage included. We have a limited quantity of these patches so if you want one, do not wait too long to order yours. Once they are gone, they are gone.

QUANTITY _____ x \$5.00 TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to YAGRS and mail to me at the address on Page 1.

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____



