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## YAGRGRAM #88 - SPRING 2022

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### 2022 YAGR Reunion hotel Info

The hotel is:

Radisson Hotel Nashville Airport

1112 Airport Center Drive

Nashville, TN 37214

615-889-9090

Reunion dates:

Tue - 4/26/2022 through

Sat - 4/30/2022



Room rate is:

\$119 plus 15.25% room tax plus \$2.50 daily city room tax.

Rate includes breakfast for 2 persons.

Free self parking and airport shuttle.

Cut off date for room reservations is Thursday, March 10, 2022.

Tour cut off date is Friday, April 1, 2022.

Due to supply chain issues the reunion shirt cut off date is Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

I am making Tue 4/26/22 as registration rather than the usual Thursday. It worked well in Colorado Springs. You can still get your registration if arriving after Tuesday as was the case in CS.

As from previous memos this reunion will be different from past ones in several ways. As I said with run up to the Colorado Springs, the same applies to this reunion. Be prepared to be flexible. You were and I know you will be this time.

## Upcoming Nashville Ladies Breakfast

Hello Fellow Navy Wives,

Looking forward to our Nashville reunion?

The contest theme this year is a decorated one dimension guitar made from cardboard, foam board ,or very thin wood like Balsa wood. Any size that you feel comfortable transporting.

Don't forget to bring a gift in the \$20 range to participate in our gift exchange. Handmade gifts are always a big hit with the ladies. Some ladies who had limited room in the airline luggage have just purchased something in the city we were in.

As always we will take up a collection to donate to a local VA Facility.( To be determined) I will research what facilities that are in proximity to our hotel and make those arrangements. For those who choose to write a check to the facility, I will include that information on our breakfast agenda that is part of the registration package. Donations will be collected at our Breakfast Gathering. (Cash, Checks and comforts items)

For those who like to shop comfort items for our Vets most appreciated are: Must be NEW.un-used :::

1.Small denomination gift cards and gas cards (Not more than \$20) to places like McDonalds, Walmart, Target, etc. These are given to homeless veterans.

2.Socks and underwear, Jockeys not tightie whities ) , also t-shirts in sizes Medium, large and X-large.

3.For the men..... Lounge pants are popular and for the lady Vets lounge pants and leggiings with some t-shirts Also in sizes medium and large..

4, Hoodies that are zippered are requested. The zipper in the front makes it easier for the disabled to put on and off.

5.For the lady Vets::::: Sports bras and toiletries appropriate for a women.

6. General toiletries they need are the usual tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant, moisturizers, chapstick, hand sanitizers.

7. Small blankets. If you can find the ones that are 70 inches long would be the best.

8. Religious items like prayer cards, Rosaries, Bibles, ( can not be hardcover)

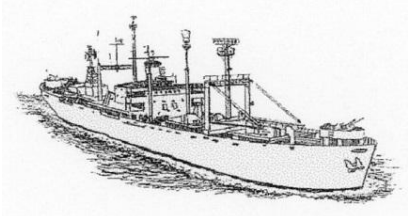
Warm regards, Patricia Reichling

## Memos from Lee

I have a copy of all past YAGRGRAMS published. If any one wants a past copy (or two) I will be glad to copy and mail it to you. Let me know the newsletter number or at least the year and time frame (fall, spring, summer, etc) so I can locate it.

During the Colorado Springs reunion there was discussion about how to show appreciation to the anonymous benefactor. Several suggestion were put forward but it was decided that letters/notes of expression would be best. The messages were to be sent to me and I would forward them to the benefactor. I received a grand total of three messages of appreciation. Although Connie Biggs went an extra mile and gave him some knitted hot pads.





## Sea Stories

send your sea stories to [mel.harder@snet.net](mailto:mel.harder@snet.net)

### Flying boat open sea rescue of USS Watchman sailor

At the Colorado reunion MMA member, Bob Noble related an open sea medical evacuation involving a YAGR ship off Seattle .He could not recall the ship or the crew members name. I asked and he volunteered to check his records and forward the details. Unfortunately he died ( he was 96) before he could find the information. However his daughter, Carla Noble, going through his belongings came across my business card with a note on the back about the incident. She subsequently found the newspaper article about the operation and graciously forwarded it.

The crewman that was evacuated was Signalman Petty Officer 2 (SM2) R.L.Cypher from the USS watchman AGR-16  
YAGRS Association has no record that Petty Officer Cypher was ever located or was member of the group.

9-2-59



### **VP-50 crew makes open sea evacuation**

An emergency call was received by Navy Operations about 2 p.m. Wednesday from the USS Watchman, a Navy ship several hundred miles at sea.

Petty Officer 2nd class R. L. Cypher from Vallejo, California was stricken with what was believed to be appendicitis and it was considered advisable that he be transferred ashore to more adequate medical facilities.

Within an hour a Navy P5M Marlin from Patrol Squadron 50 based at Whidbey Island was winging its way to the ship to accomplish the transfer.

The pilot, LCDR R. E. Noble, reported the open sea landing uneventful despite heavy swells that were running in the area. Pilot Noble stated he was extremely proud of his Marlin and her crew.

Transfer of Cypher from ship to plane was completed in jig time and about 9 p.m. they were landing back at Whidbey Sea Drome.

Cypher was transferred to the Whidbey Island Naval Hospital where his condition was diagnosed as not critical. He will remain there for observation for a brief period before returning to duty aboard his ship.

**CREW OF THE P5M "MARLIN"** flying boat that evacuated a critically ill sailor from a patrol craft off the Washington coast the night of Sept. 2 are: (left to right, back row) AD1 C. R. Hart, AO3 E. H. Earland, LTJG D. H. McDonald, LCDR R. E. Noble, the plane commander; LT D.

P. Kirchner. (Front row) AE1 R. D. Brown, ADC J. N. Bostick, and AT3 A. E. Britton. All of the crew members are from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Oak Harbor. The Marlin made an open sea landing to bring in the sick man.

**ship's coordinators** : Lee Doyel

Ship's coordinators maintain an email list that is used to forward memos from the chair and advance notices of reunion plans to crew members. If you wish to be included, send an email to your ship's coordinator. Due to various circumstances, I now need coordinators for AGR-1 & AGR-7. Howard Oberstein recently stepped in as coordinator for the Interpreter. I can supply group lists to anyone who takes one of these ships. Duties are not extensive. Primarily forwarding what I put out to the ship's email list.

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AGR-4 Steve Mierzejewsk [stevejackie43@gmail.com](mailto:stevejackie43@gmail.com)  
AGR-5 Bob Werstler [rdwerst@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdwerst@sbcglobal.net)  
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AGR-7  
AGR-8 Ron Stasiak [ronstasiak@rocketmail.com](mailto:ronstasiak@rocketmail.com)

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**Dues Payment Form** - dues are \$17/year

Make checks out to YAGRS. Mail to:

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Current membership year ends May 31, 2022. Highlighted date on address label is the date your current membership expires. If that date is **5/31/2021** or earlier, please update your membership by making a dues payment. Upon dues payment, you will receive an updated membership card and crew list. Please complete the information below and mail to Ray Ostrowski with dues payment.. You may pay for more than one year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 Nashville reunion shirt**

order form on registration page

Due to supply train issues I will need your shirt order by Tuesday, March 15, 2022 even if you have not submitted your reunion form which has a cut off date of Friday, March 25th 2022.

Go ahead and inform Ray (even if you haven't submitted a registration form) so he can get it on the list and I can get it to the vendor in sufficient time for the reunion. You can pay for it on the registration form but please notify him by March 15th. Right now the shirts are listed at \$22. This may change due to inflation but will deal with that at the reunion. Sizes are Sm, Med, Lar, XLar, XXLar. Below is the reunion shirt for Nashville.

Looked at various colors but black was the most available.





# REGISTRATION FORM - YAGR'S 25<sup>th</sup> annual reunion

Nashville, TN - April 26 - April 30, 2022

Return completed registration form as soon as possible but no later than March 10, 2022. Mail to YAGR'S treasurer Ray Ostrowski, 123 Barbara Drive, Newburgh, NY 12550. Print exactly as you want your name to appear on your name tag. Also, indicate your choice of beef, chicken, or fish for the Saturday evening banquet

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDITIONAL GUEST(s) \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHIP \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EVENTS	COST/ PERSON	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
Registration April 26, 2022	\$10.00		
Hospitality Room – Beer, Soft Drinks, Snacks, Sea Stories	\$10.00		
Tues, 4/26/22 Gen. Jackson Dinner Cruise 6 PM	\$140.00		
Wed. 4/27/22 Redneck Comedy Bus Tour 2PM	\$35.00		
Thur. 4/28/22 Sight seeing Tour 6 ½ hours includes lunch 8:30 AM	\$131.00		
Fri. 4/29/22 Dinner and Grand Ole Opry 5PM	\$131.00		
Sat. 4/30/22 Banquet	\$40.00		
<b>TOTAL FOR REGISTRATION</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Staying in hotel	yes no	REUNION SHIRTS	# of shirts	tot cost
sharing room	yes no	small @ \$22 ea	_____	_____
if yes with whom _____		medium @ \$22 ea	_____	_____
use a walker	yes no	large @ \$22 ea	_____	_____
use a wheelchair	yes no	x-large @ \$22 ea	_____	_____
powered chair	yes no	xx-large @ \$24 ea	_____	_____
hotel room conf. # _____		if not attending reunion		
email address _____		add \$5.00 shipping		_____
special dietary needs _____		total for all shirts		_____

See back of mailed copy of this form for registration fees explanation and tour details

Due to the combining of YAGRS & MMA the registration form has been modified. Since there is to be no mingling of monies between the two groups, each item has to be listed separately. The front side shows the breakdown. This way it makes it easy to keep the monies separate.

The tours are optional as usual. You can decide not to take a particular tour and do something on your own. The ladies breakfast cost is included in the room fee. We do need a count for the hotel so they know how much breakfast to prepare. Ladies as usual bring your bazaar item to the breakfast. This is the first time both groups will be together where both send monies to their treasurers. Doug Miles (MMA), Brian and I will monitor the monies received to keep them from mingling.

Being the first time together, there will probably be "hiccups" so please be patient if we have to change/adjust onsite.

The registration fee covers the registration packet items and their admin costs. The hospitality room fee covers beer, wine and snacks. Hard liquor drinks must go through the hotel bar.

#### Tours

The General Jackson fee covers the dinner and show.

The Redneck Comedy Bus Tour is 2 Hrs of driving around Nashville sites with an onboard comedian.

The One Day Sightseeing tour is 6 hrs (on & off the bus) and includes Historic Lower Broadway, Nissan Stadium, Vanderbilt Uni. The Parthenon, State Capitol, Ryman Auditorium, Country Music Hall of Fame and much more. Lunch is included.

The Grand Ole Opry includes dinner & show.

All tours include gratuity and transportation from and to the hotel. The above tours can be explored more in detail on the internet.

