



May 2020

2020 Annual Reunion Postponed: On May 4 2020 I sent out a letter to all shipmates on our mailing list that the planned reunion in Milwaukee had been canceled for this year and postponed to next year. It will still be hosted by John and Darlene Kraft in the Milwaukee area. The date will be in August or September. A featured attraction for the reunion would have been attending a recruit graduation ceremony at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. However, the Navy canceled guest attendance at graduation ceremonies. In addition the companies that normally provide buses and tours were not offering services. And of course there was our own concern for the health and wellbeing of our reunion association members. Thanks to John and Darlene for all the effort they put into making the reunion happen. They had previously hosted reunions in Green Bay in 2009 and in Branson in 2011. John was aboard Hubbard from 24 December 1966 to 13 December 1967. He left the ship for radioman school at Naval Training Center San Diego and completed his Navy service aboard submarines, reaching the rate of RM2 (SS). He is one of our five elected executive board members.

GMM3 Robert R. Fabianski: Sadly we report the death of shipmate Bob Fabianski April 14 2020. Bob came aboard at the start of the Korean War and stayed a year before leaving as part of the reactivation crew of a cruiser. He attended most of the reunions. He and his wife Dee hosted the 4th reunion, in Chicago in 1992. After her death he came with a host of family members up through our last reunion, in Nashville, where he volunteered to host another Chicago reunion. The day prior to his death he had talked to Al Eisenbraun and to Rear Admiral Roy F. Hoffmann, his gun boss on Hubbard during the Korean Conflict. When the staff of the place where he lived knocked on his door the next morning he did not answer and when they entered they found he had passed away in his recliner sometime earlier. If by chance you have a copy of the March 2009 edition of this newsletter you will find a picture of a model of Hubbard that he had painstakingly built. It was very large. I recall that he wanted help taking it to the reunion that year but we

were unable to do so. It was correct as originally built with the smaller caliber guns that preceded installation of the 3"50 mounts. His model had twin motor whaleboats whereas some years it only had one. Looking at the picture I see it has the tripod mast.

GMG2 Michael D. Peters: In the mailed version of this newsletter I indicated that we had lost contact with Master Chief Gunners Mate Michael D. Peters. After the newsletter had gone to the printers we learned that he had died 29 April 2020 in Albuquerque NM. Mail to him had been returned and yet we could not at that time find any indication that he was deceased. His sister also had lost contact but then she contacted us with the sad news. Mikey has hosted reunions in 2006 and 2010 in Albuquerque, once for the Gathering of Nations and once for the annual balloon festival. He attended reunions up through 2016 and usually was the bell ringer for the memorial service two bell ceremony.

Our departed shipmates: In the mailed newsletter there were a total of 51 deceased shipmates listed. These included GMM3 Gary H. Livingston who died 19 April 2020 as the newsletter went to press. We received word of the deaths of Mikey Peters, TM3 James M. Hicks (1950-54) 24 April 2020 in Wetumpka Alabama and QM1 Richard C. Gossett (1967-68) too late to be printed in the newsletter. The deceased shipmates have been added to the Memorial Pages which are a part of this website. You will find the tab on the left side "Memorial." We are continually updating and correcting the listings. Normally it includes the rank or rate, home at time of death, years aboard Hubbard, date of birth and date of death. It usually also shows the service ribbons. Commanding Officers and Executive Officers are indicated.

Memorial List Since 2019 Nashville Reunion

GM3 Billy D. Allinson 1960-61 12/19/16 Aberdeen Washington

GM3 Allen V. Anderson 1955-58 1/26/20 Chesapeake Virginia

SK3 Bill Atkinson 1959-60 10/9/93 Morris Illinois

S02 Rex B. Aylesworth 1958-60 6/14/16 West Jordan Utah

SN Carlton R. Baker 1958-60 1/23/19 Hensley Arizona

FT3 Perry H. Baker 1953-55 11/28/18 Roanoke Alabama

PN3 Don W. Barnett 1967-68 7/26/19 Longview Texas
SN Billie F. Belcher 1958-61 8/30/15 Tucson Arizona
RD2 Vern W. Burch 1951-54 5/21/17 Longview Washington
FN James A. Calicchio 1968-69 3/9/13 Staten Island New York
LTjg Frank R. Cepel 1957-58 1/16/17 Los Angeles California
TM2 Lindsey Charles Colbert 1966-67 1/10/15 Beaumont Texas
SN Darrell L. Congleton 1953-55 8/5/14 Colbert Washington
SN Cleonard C. Conner 1960-61 2/6/16 Colmesneil Texas
BT1 Roy O. Cothran 1967 5/29/18 Moss Point Mississippi
LTjg John A. Culver 1952 2/16/13 Seabrook New Hampshire
SFP3 Gerald W. (Jerry) de Flores 1964-68 3/27/20 Rio Vista California
SN Robert Dicus 1956-57 4/14/18 Bruceton Tennessee
BTG3 John P. Erb 50-52 1/8/14 Middletown Ohio
GMM3 Robert R. (Bob) Fabianski 1950-51 4/14/20 Norridge Illinois
MMFN Robert E. Fitzwater 1951-53 12/2/12 Wilmot Ohio
EM3 Felix A. Fox 64-67 11/24/19 Long Beach California
RD3 Clifford T. Gosney 1956-57 9/30/18 Sparta Wisconsin
QM1 Richard C. Gossett 1967-68 2019 Virginia Beach, Virginia
RMSN James B. Green 1949 4/20/14 Wynne Arkansas
LTjg George R. Grisham 1952-54 9/18/19 San Antonio Texas
SN Bill L. Grother 1949 6/14/17 Eldridge Iowa
SM3 Joseph W. Grubbs 1959-63 1/28/18 East Dublin Georgia
TM3 James M. Hicks 1950-54 4/25/20 Wetumpka, Alabama
BT3 Jerome A. Inderrieden 1963-66 8/18/17 St. Cloud Minnesota
BMSN Lloyd C. Karlstrom 1959-62 7/28/17 Independence Missouri
YN3 Bruce D. Kellner 1951-52 2/16/19 Lancaster Pennsylvania
SN Bob Kommer 1957-59 12/31/19 Green Bay Wisconsin
STG2 Sydney A. Kraul, Jr. 1966-69 12/23/19 Kona Hawaii
Plankowner GM S 1/c Michael Kuzmin 44-46 7/25/19 Bethlehem
Pennsylvania
DK3 Tom E. Larsen 1951-54 4/30 19 Bountiful Utah
SK3 David M. Lasser 68-69 12/7/19 Tyler Texas
GM2 Wayne L. Lemons 1956-59 9/18/16 Bloomfield Indiana
GMM3 Gary H. Livingston 1961-63 4/19/20 Omaha Nebraska
CS3 Charles M. Nanney 1950-54 12/8/19 Canton North Carolina
BT3 Delbert Lee Otey 1957-59 6/8/15 Maysville Oklahoma
GMG2 Michael D. Peters 1960-66 4.29.20 Albuquerque, New Mexico
STG3 John J. Quick 1968-69 9/17/18 Edmonds Washington
RD3 Mario Ramirez 1963-66 7/24/19 League City Texas

MM2 Paul W. Roberts 1950-54 8/17/18 Woodland California
EM3 Donald P. Rosenbaum 1967-68 9/21/19 Pennsylvania Furnace,
Pennsylvania
IC2 William H. Roseware 1962-66 August 1995 Apple Valley California
Plankowner YN1 Robert G. Scigliano 1944-46 10/14/19 Concord New
Hampshire;
YN3 Lowell J. Soli 1963-64 10/13/19 Iron Mountain Michigan
EM3 Thomas Earl Taylor 1951-53 6/11/19 Montgomery Alabama
HN Charles A. Turturici 1960-62 6/26/19 Saugatuck Michigan
LTjg Robert L. Wehner 59-62 12/25/18 Venice Florida
RD1 Richard H. Wright 1951-54 3/9/16 Spring Texas
Cdr. Terry N. Ziemann (Ltjg) 55-57 3/2/19 La Cross Wisconsin

Memorial ceremonies:

At each reunion there is a memorial service at which we read the name of each shipmate whom we have lost or whose death we have learned about since the last reunion.

I don't know when we started having memorial services. In Mobile in 2000 the memorial service was held aboard the battleship USS Alabama at its mooring in Mobile Bay. Rear Admiral Roy Hoffmann made some moving remarks about the bonds between those who served together aboard a ship. In our first newsletter June 2001 there is a listing of those who attended the Omaha reunion in May 2001. Reading the list brings back fond memories of some of those colorful characters like Bill Hastings and his pet mongoose but also sadness that he like many others on that list are now gone.

The pictures of reunions from 1998 Tacoma up through our last one, Nashville 2019 are on this website.

The February 2003 newsletter had the obituary of Captain Philip R. Bush, probably the most admired and beloved of all the Hubbard CO's, July 1965 to October 1967. In the newsletter is a moving tribute by John Kraft. Our memorial service for that reunion was in the hotel immediately preceding our business meeting.

Looking back I remember the memorial service in Albuquerque in 2006. Outside our hospitality room was a garden and there we gathered using whatever seating we could find. Someone played a recording of The Navy Hymn on a boombox and the names of the

deceased were read. Some of our services have been held on Navy craft. At the Green Bay reunion in 2009 the service was alongside the former USS Cobia (SS-241) at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc. The shipmates and guests sat in chairs on the dock while myself and others conducted the service standing on the Cobia facing the audience. Again we had the benefit of some inspiring words from Rear Admiral Roy Hoffmann. The services that I remember aboard destroyers were those in Seattle in 2012 where we had a service on the fantail of the USS Turner Joy (DD-951) and in Charleston in 2015 on the fantail of the USS Laffey (DD-724). Also the windy memorial we held atop Point Loma overlooking San Diego.

It's All About Communications:

For about twenty years we had the benefit of *dd748 yahoogroups*. It was mentioned in the February 2001 newsletter. This was an interest group. We could post something on the website and a notice would automatically go to all shipmates who had signed up with Yahoo to receive such mail. Further, shipmates could respond with their own reply and once it had been approved it would go out to all the shipmates who received the first notice. It was working well until Yahoo cut off the service. It and all similar groups are now gone. One of the things we did was notification of the death of shipmates. I generally did these as soon as I got the word from Al. We do not do anything until we have been notified by a family member or located an obituary, either in a newspaper or on a funeral home website. I would then collect some of the details or perhaps copy the obituary or notice and send them out to the yahoo group. Many of our shipmates had interesting careers in civilian life and reading them and relaying them gave us a real sense of the shipmate as a person.

Al has created a site on Facebook to replace our yahoo group. It is better in that one can usually see the original message and the responses on one screen. If you are already on Facebook you know how this works. To others all I can say is that you will have to join Facebook and then contact Al so that you can be "friends" with "USS Harry E Hubbard DD748". It works as if the friend is the ship. Once you are friends with the ship you will see messages when you open Facebook. Mine is set up so that I receive notices whenever someone posts

something on Facebook. You will have to contact Al for a better explanation and instructions. For me it is like I am Dorothy and there is a voice coming from a loudspeaker behind the curtain in the Wizard of Oz. It is hard to believe that I was an Electronics Material Officer on two ships as I apparently did not learn very much from the experience. Facebook is the best system we have for now and hopefully it will not deteriorate. It has the problems of all such public sites - intruders who post political and other unwanted content - but we try to keep them out. As I write this it has 466 members & 51 friends. As soon as we know any details for sure for the 2021 reunion it will be posted on Facebook.

We will also try to send messages. We need you to keep your email address up to date. People forget their passwords or accidentally change them or get their computers compromised and give up on them. Hang in there. Or get one of your grandchildren to do it for you. If you are reading this and are not on our active mailing list you may join by contacting Al or me at the addresses listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

How many men served aboard Hubbard? A Good Question!

I am still working on the answer. Yesterday as I was comparing the Memorial Pages on the Hubbard website with our crew list files I found four men I had overlooked.

Years ago we set about compiling a list of men who had served aboard as part of our effort to build and expand our active roster. In doing so we obtained all of the personnel diary lists in the National Archives, except for 1966, which they were unable to locate. Combining years we produced spreadsheets that indicated when a man reported aboard and from whence he came, as well as the date he departed and his onward assignment. Obviously there were errors and omissions as with any large body of Navy records.

There were other issues. Prior to 1960 officer lists did not appear in the personnel diaries produced in the ship's office. Instead officer arrivals and departures appeared only in the ship's logs. These were not available on microfilm and photocopies were too expensive to purchase since there were one or more sheets produced each day the ship was in commission. We have some. We have the initial list of officers from the original commissioning in 1944 and from the recommissioning in 1949. Some ship logs and action reports were obtained in doing stories about the kamikaze attacks at Okinawa and

the rescue of POW's from Manchuria at the end of the war and so we have added a few officers to the initial list. There was no such initial list when the ship was recommissioned for the second time in 1950 and for the fifties we are dependent mainly on the the ship cruise books that were produced and from the personnel recollection of crew members. The absence of data for 1966 was not a terrible problem because most of those aboard either reported in a prior year or were transferred in a following year. The ones we are missing are those few who came aboard and left that same year in 1966.

So, the total number we have is 4428. That includes 780 men and 39 officers from WWII, 330 men and 39 officers from the 1949 recommissioning and 3240 officers and men from the final commissioning period, 1950 to 1969. On the active roster we have 11 men from WWII and 603 from the 1950-1969 period. We also have 15 men located but not presently on our active roster for various reasons, our inactive roster. For the deceased we have 222 from WWII, nine from 1949 and 915 from 1950-1969. Our memorial pages on this website are getting quite lengthy.

A few years back we noted some discrepancies and discovered that some of our active roster and some of our memorial list actually served on a different ship, USS Hubbard DE-211. We think we have that straightened out.

In the case where a shipmate had more than one tour aboard the ship we have counted only one but listed them twice in the crew list. Among current crewmembers these include Larry Clem and Dennis Dastrup. We have two men who served aboard our ship when it was in reserve status as part of the reserve crew. Karl Hudson was a Signalman Third Class when he served on active duty aboard Hubbard from 29 April 1957 to 14 July 1959. Later he served as part of the reserve crew in 1969. He lived nearby. For a long time I doubted whether Senior Chief Machinist Mate Jesse Fox served aboard the ship in 1969. I kept going over the personnel diaries and transfer logs until one day I found him on the list of the reserve crew as an MM1. He made E-8 in the reserves. I have not included him in the totals cited above. Someday I will go back and add into the totals the reservists in the reserve crew.

I first heard about the 1949 “brief recommissioning” from a Korean War shipmate who alerted me to an item about it in the 1950-51 cruisebook. Naval Archives indicated they had no listing other than the ship log papers available as photocopies and so I purchased those. Somewhat later when I purchased the 1950-51 microfilm crew list I discovered the crew list for 1949 attached to the 1950-51 crew list. So, that episode is very well documented. I was looking through them in doing this report and found them very interesting, as someone who has never been on a ship being recommissioned or decommissioned or even a ship in drydock. Recommissioning began May 14 1949 in San Diego. Hubbard made it from San Diego to San Francisco and back under its own steam, returning 18 September 1949 her last underway period in that chapter of her life. From then until decommissioning 12 December 1949 she was either at pier 4 or on blocks in drydock No. 1. In 1950 she was recommissioned for the Korean conflict.

A lot of names and dates on our website do not exactly match up with the data we have. Relatives reporting the death of a shipmate to us in the old days would often give us dates corresponding to when the shipmate enlisted and when he returned home and the name they were known by in civilian life might not correspond to the name on their Navy record. Often a middle name became the preferred name and the first name retained only as an initial. We have several shipmates who have changed their names formally, exchanging a birth name for that of a foster or adoption parent or perhaps reverting from a foster/adopted name to an original birth name.

Where do our Shipmates Live? Here is how our membership is distributed by state. California is #1 with 117 shipmates. Texas is #2 with 42. Washington (35) and Oregon (24) are popular among our crew, who seem to have stayed on the west coast after Navy service. There is also a trend toward states in the Southern U.S. for retirement, such as Florida (27) and Tennessee (16) which have no state income tax. Two states have no shipmates and three have just a single shipmate. Alabama 8, Alaska 0, Arizona 21, Arkansas 5, California 118, Colorado 17, Connecticut 3, Delaware 2, Florida 28, Georgia 9, Hawaii 4,

Idaho 11, Illinois 14, Indiana 9, Iowa 9, Kansas 11, Kentucky 3, Louisiana 11, Maine 1, Maryland 4, Massachusetts 4, Michigan 15, Minnesota 14, Mississippi 4, Missouri 11, Montana 4, North Carolina 9, North Dakota 0, Nebraska 10, Nevada 17, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 7, New Mexico 10, New York 10, Ohio 15, Oklahoma 14, Oregon 24, Pennsylvania 14, Rhode Island 1, South Carolina 4, South Dakota 6, Tennessee 16, Texas 42, Utah 7, Vermont 1, Virginia 13, Washington 35, West Virginia 3, Wisconsin 9, Wyoming 3. Our total number of active shipmates is 614. We also have 17 associate members to whom we mail newsletters and 15 inactive shipmates to whom we do not mail newsletters. Most of the associates are recent widows of our shipmates. A number of other shipmates and associates follow us on Facebook or our webpage without being listed as active or associate members. We do not have a count or record of these.

Hubbard Official Ship Store: We have a ship store in which we sell items of clothing with the name of the ship. In a new service we now have to personalize the items at no extra charge. There is a tab for the store on this website. It is near the bottom after the listing of reunion photographs. There is an outfit in Texas that sometimes sends emails to people claiming to the USS Harry E. Hubbard Ship Store. He is not and we have warned him to cease and desist. Do not do business with him. The Hubbard Official Ship Store provides income that helps us finance reunions, publish a printed newsletter and maintain this web page. Thank you for your support.

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