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Points of Special Interest

- *The cover story will tell you everything you want to know about the 2008 reunion. An attendees list follows, then Mike Nesbit will tell you more in his column on page three.*
- *Welcome Mat starts on page three with 31 new names for the roster.*
- *Swabbie Stories begin on page five. See what your shipmates have to say.*
- *See if you know the shipmate from "Where's My Shipmate?" on page six.*
- *Please read pages 7 & 8 about what to see in Norfolk for 2009 and send back the survey on page 8.*

2008 PORTLAND REUNION REVIEW

The 2008 USS Bryce Canyon (AD-36) reunion was held on October 9-12, in Portland, OR at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport. Forty-five of the former crewmen and thirty-four of their guests attended the annual reunion.

Registration for the reunion began on Thursday, Oct 9 and as soon as each attendee had registered, the first thing almost everyone did was head for the Hospitality Room to see who had arrived. The Hospitality Room was the place to gather for stories, share memorabilia or for just a cup of hot coffee or a cold soft drink—and maybe something to munch on while listening to

all those “sea tales.” As the afternoon progressed, more and more shipmates registered and the Hospitality Room became abuzz with excitement. At 5:00 PM everyone was called together for the Welcome Reception, although that was really just a formality—everyone had probably already “welcomed” one another in the Hospitality Room. It was a chance to sample the hors d’oeuvres and have something more than just a soft drink if one was so minded. Mike Nesbit, group coordinator, welcomed everyone to the reunion and any necessary introductions were made. The remainder of

the evening was free, so many had dinner in the hotel, some ventured out into Portland for a night out on the town and others retreated to the Hospitality Room for more conversation.

After Friday’s breakfast the optional tour into Astoria started out at 9:00 AM. The trip to Astoria was quite lengthy, but the scenery was nice along the way. The first stop after arriving in Astoria was to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, containing one of the finest displays of nautical artifacts and ship models in the country. After lunch the group visited Astoria Column, constructed

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by descendants of John Jacob Astor and the Northern Pacific Railway. This structure is the only one of its kind in America and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The column contains scenes depicting different historical events from our country. The drive back to Portland again gave everyone a chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Pacific Northwest. After a short time to relax after the tour, the evening social hour began at 6:00 PM and gave everyone a chance to enjoy a drink and share in the day's events with everyone. At 7:00 PM a buffet dinner including many Pacific Northwest favorites was served. Everyone enjoyed the meal and relaxing with friends after dinner.

Saturday was also a day of touring for most of the group. The tour again left at 9:00 AM after breakfast, this time for a Portland city tour and the Evergreen Aviation Museum. The Evergreen Aviation Museum houses the famous Howard Hughes airplane known as the "Spruce Goose." It was to be the biggest airplane ever built and probably the most prodigious aviation project of all time. Inside this truly amazing place is home to several other planes such as cargo aircrafts, bombers, fighters, trainers, commercial aircraft and many more. Lunch was at the museum. After the aviation museum the tour continued on to a Willamette Valley winery where visitors had an opportunity to taste the wine and learn about the growing and wine making techniques. On the return trip the tour took in the sights of downtown Portland with a "City of Roses" tour. Washington Park is home to 10,000 roses, with 4-5,000 different varieties in the International Rose Test Garden. It is a beautiful sight! Upon returning to the hotel it was time for the annual business meeting of the USS Bryce Canyon. Mike Nesbit was selected to remain as coordinator for the group and Norfolk, VA was chosen as the 2009 reunion site and Chicago for the 2010 loca-

tion. Continuing with the busy day, at 6:30 PM the pre-dinner cocktail hour and photo session kicked off the evening's events. Everyone again enjoyed socializing before dinner and since all were dressed in slightly more formal wear, it was an appropriate time for pictures. Individual, couples and group photos were made for the post reunion Memory Book. Then at 7:30 PM the main event of the reunion, the Bryce Canyon (AD-36) banquet began with the playing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Nesbit made the welcoming remarks and then dinner was served. After dinner entertainment was the gift exchange and raffle. The gift exchange was what some call the "Yankee Swap," where gifts that were brought in by the attendees were drawn for and then either kept or exchanged for someone else's gift. Everyone had been asked to bring a gift for the exchange that was representative of their hometown or state, which makes for interesting exchanges. Following the gift exchange and the raffle, was the Memorial Service that honors all USS Bryce Canyon shipmates who have passed away, especially those since the last reunion. Mike Nesbit, with help from other members of the crew, participated in the service, reading the names of the deceased and tolling a bell in their memory. Those remembered in the service are as follows: John Bair, James Boyer, Herbert Burdick, Harry Bushor, Philip Carlson, Kelly Disher, Ruster Duhon, Boyce Foster, Robert Geeter, Bruce Gregory, Charlie Gullledge, LeRoy Johnson, A.G. Keeter, Roger Kennedy, Robert Kronberger, Milton Larsen, Richard Lathrop, Bill Lewis, James Mahan, James Martinson, Al Merrill, Michael Olson, Charles Paul, Darwin Reed, Bob Ring, Denis Schramke, Elroy Snyder, Richard Spires and John Thomas. The Memorial Service brought the evening to a close, so most everyone said good night for the evening, although a few stayed to continue sharing stories with old friends.

Sunday morning breakfast was the last event of the reunion. Everyone

was not at all eager to say good bye and be the first to leave, but some had to get on the road, others had flights to catch and eventually the room was empty. Another reunion had come to a close, but next year will hopefully bring everyone together again. We hope all who were in attendance will be able to return for the 2009 reunion and bring along a new recruit. See you in Norfolk.

2008 REUNION ATTENDEES

Sidney Anderson
 Garry & Lynda Bevier
 John & Nancy Bozek
 Cyril & Mildred Buehler
 Clarence & Beverly Buse
 Bruce & Susan Campbell
 Terry Capps
 Harold Captain & Sally Stolley
 Clyde & Judy Cordell
 James & Elaine Dougherty
 Wendell & Ruby Downer
 James Erickson
 Dick & Teresa Fairbank
 Richard & Elaine Garcia
 Ronald & Marian Germano
 Donald & Debbie Germano
 Roger Guy & Margot Sonksen
 Ronald & Carla Hardenbrook
 Dan & Marlene Hardy
 Roy & Linda Hendricks
 Samuel Henke
 Harry & Peggy Heppler
 Paul & Dorothy Heppler
 Paul & Karen Hunn
 Richard Ingram
 Duane & Danene Knowlton
 Gregory Kruszka
 Ambrose Marquez
 Robert & Nancy Matteson
 Jim Moya
 Ted Myers
 Leland & Sydney Myers
 Matt Neil & Lillian Adams
 Michael & Mitsy Nesbit
 Clyde & Mary Lou Patrick
 Richard & Barbara Pruitt
 Ronald & Jacqueline Ross
 Dan & Carol Seibert
 Richard & Janet Silvernail
 Dan & Valetta Smith
 William & Farol Stroyan
 Ken & Jan Sudweeks
 Jim Swan
 Gayle & Barbara Teachout

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John Tully

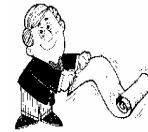
Total Members: 45
Guests: 34
GRAND TOTAL: 79

COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

AHOY, Bryce Canyon Sailors,

The Oct 9-12 Bryce Canyon Reunion held in Portland, Oregon was a Huge Success. We had 79 attendees at the four day event and everyone had a great time. I want to thank all the new Sailors and their Wives that attended this reunion for the first time. We all enjoyed your company. Again the Holiday Inn turned out to be a great place to stay, the food was terrific along with the accommodations. The Astoria City tour was great along with the Columbia River Maritime Museum on Friday and the Saturday tour of the Evergreen Museum where the Spruce Goose was housed was fantastic. I greatly Apologize that we didn't get to see the 2nd Evergreen Space Museum and spend more time in those museums. This little mistake won't happen again, but thank you all for going along with the program. Our Banquet on Saturday night was great and a lot of people went home with some wonderful gifts from the Gift Exchange and also the Raffle. Thank you, Harry Heppler, for the CDs of previous reunions and also for those of you that brought gifts for the raffle. The Grand Prize of the Framed Bryce Canyon Picture was won by Garry Bevier along with everything else he won. I want to especially thank John Bozek and his volunteers again for all their hard work in updating our mailing list and coming up with a zip code list for e-mailing the BC sailors within a 5-6 state area surrounding where the reunions will be held, making it possible for more people to attend. At our

business meeting on Saturday we decided on our reunion for 2010 which will be held in Chicago. This will give us a chance to see the Great Lakes Boot Camp where many of you attended when you came into the Navy. Next year's reunion for 2009 will be held in Norfolk which promises to be a great reunion. We will be spending the day at the Navy yard and will schedule some tours on some active war ships, and also hoping to have lunch on one of the ships. We'll also be looking at a tour of the famous Williamsburg which will be an all day experience. This will be held October 8—12, and we'll get back to you on the exact details. For those of you that stayed over Sunday, I want to thank Matt Neill and his special girlfriend, Lillian Adams for the tour of Mount Hood, the great luncheon there, and especially the catered dinner at Lillian's house Sunday night—what a spread of fantastic food, dessert, beverages and fun for 12 of us that attended. For those of you that couldn't make this reunion, we hope to see you at the next one in Norfolk. Remember those reunions are for you and any help from people living in or near the area of the reunion on what to see is always appreciated. I also want to thank Dan and Marlene Hardy for bringing their daughter and son-in-law. Their daughter has a new record for having her gift stolen 3 times during the gift exchange and I understand she's seeking legal advice. Just kidding! We also appreciate all the hard work Lynne of the Military Locator and Reunion Service did to make this reunion a success. Thanks, Lynne, and thank you all for coming. Don't forget your \$20 annual BC Association dues will be due the end of December. These Association dues make it possible for our great newsletter to be mailed out to over 800 sailors. Please mail them to ML&RS, Inc, address on page six. My name is Michael Nesbit (69-71) and I'm your reunion Coordinator and BC Association President. 619-562-5690. E-mail thenezz@cox.net.



WELCOME MAT

The USS BRYCE CANYON Association announces the following former crewmen have recently been located. Welcome aboard and we hope to see you at the next reunion.

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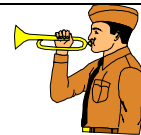
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TAPS

The Bryce Canyon Update learned of the following shipmate's death since the last newsletter. Every member of the Association sends his heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Denis Schramke
(1951-52) DC2 6th Div
Died March 6, 2008

Charles Paul
(1950-52) Lt(jg) Supply
Died November 2007

Herbert Burdick
(1956-60) SN 1st Div
Date of death not reported

A.G. Keeter (1951-54)
Died July 29, 2002

Kelly Disher
(1972-79) IM2 R-4 Div
Died August 2005

Ruster Duhon
(1950-54) DC3 6th Div
Died January 2008

John Thomas
Died 2006

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Roger Kennedy
(1968-70) HM1
Died July 3, 2006

Philip Carlson
Plankowner QMQ3 N Div
Date of death not reported

Al Merrill
(1954)MM3 R Div
Date of death not reported

James Mahan
(1952-53) IM3
Date of death not reported

Charlie Gullede
(1951-53) SN S Div
Date of death not reported

Richard Lathrop
Died 1995



SWABBIE STORIES

REUNION IN AUSTIN

OLD Shipmates Robert D. (Doug) Williams ('57-'58, Signalman) and Albert J. (Big Al) Walker ('54-'58, Radioman) met in Austin on July 6th after an approximate 50-year break. These two old salts established contact through the MLRS web site and have been periodically communicating by mail. Doug's visit to Austin for his Marine son's wedding on July 5th provided a perfect opportunity for these old shipmates to once again lift a brew and reminisce about the good old days on the BC, and to salute old shipmates both living and in that place where the water is always calm and the winds are always favorable. The ears of certain old shipmates who are still with us must have been burning during this reunion. Al and Doug both agreed that they both look exactly the same and are truly blessed to still have good health and for having ridden out the storms and enjoyed the calms that life brings a person. Sincere greetings to all of our old shipmates who read this.

Robert (Doug) Williams
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YOUR HELP NEEDED

My name is SH3 Danny Fowler, and I need help in getting a pension from the VA for my hearing loss. The VA turned me down the first time around, said that I didn't have proof

that I was on the gun crew because I was a SH. If any shipmate can verify that my GQ station was a 40 mm gun, I was a first loader on MT 41 on the Bryce Canyon. I was stationed on the BC 1958 to 1960 and this happened when the cable from the plane to the sleeve was shot off. I would appreciate any help.

Danny Fowler
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MEMORIES OF THE BC

We thought that we were far from the Korean War until we had ships come alongside that had serious damage from mines and shore batteries. Those guys were amazing at the accuracy they had and many ships from cruisers to mine sweepers were damaged from these shore batteries. I remember how thankful I was being a member of the crew of the BC, as I

was prone to sickness in rough water, rather than a destroyer. I remember seeing a destroyer with the entire front five inch mount completely gone—it had made a turn during a typhoon and the force of the waves removed the mount. Remember the first time we went from Yokosuka to Sasebo and when we entered the Sea of Japan and several watches were set on deck with automatic weapons to shoot floating mines. We stood on deck and watched the mines float by as sharp shooters tried to detonate them. I went to Google and entered ships damaged during the Korean War and there were at least 60-70 seriously damaged and many casualties. Do you remember that we thought it was real good going to Sasebo through the Sea of Japan on the end of the month and the first of the next-then we did not have to pay income taxes as we had entered a war zone? How many remember the event when we entered Sasebo Harbor and some-

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Robert (Doug) Williams and Albert Walker

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one thought a sub had followed us through the sub nets and all hell broke loose that evening—motor whale boats manned the crews with automatic weapons searching the shore for the sub crew. Of course nothing came from it, but the hair still stands up on the back of my neck when I think of “all hands, THIS IS NOT A DRILL. GENERAL QUARTERS.” Fifty-five years later I can still hear it.

A word of caution for those attending this year’s reunion. The troopers in Oregon will give you a ticket for even one mile over 55, so be warned. I know as I made a donation for 2 miles over the limit.

Ted Marsh RD2 (1951-55)

WHERE’S MY SHIP-MATE?



Looking for a lost shipmate? Send in his name and any information you have about him and we’ll see if anyone can help you locate him. The lost shipmate is:

I am trying to locate **Stan Dixon**, SN, Weapons Div 2 who was aboard the USS Bryce Canyon AD 36 1967-68.

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All letters and stories submitted will be considered for publication, except unsigned letters will not be published. Letters requesting the writer’s name be withheld will be honored, but published on a space available basis. Signed letters with no restrictions will be given priority.

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“Our Reunions Work So You Don’t Have To”

WOMEN’S REVENGE

“Cash, check or charge?” I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. “So, do you always carry your TV remote?” I asked.

“No,” she replied, “but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.”

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OCTOBER 8-11

NORFOLK, VA

NORFOLK HILTON HOTEL



HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FROM MILITARY LOCATOR & REUNION SERVICE, INC STAFF



RE-VISIT NORFOLK IN 2009

If you haven't been to Norfolk since your Navy days, you won't believe the change! Come see for yourself what the city is like today by being an attendee at the 2009 reunion of the USS Bryce Canyon (AD-36). Read the attractions described below and then choose those you would most like to visit at the reunion. Return the survey to ML&RS, Inc and we can get to work on planning a great reunion for you!

ATTRACTIONS

MacArthur Memorial:

Visit the **MacArthur Memorial** for a glimpse into our country's history. Beautifully landscaped MacArthur Square in downtown Norfolk, Virginia is the site of the four buildings that comprise the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial.

The Memorial's theater contains several special exhibit galleries and continuously shows a twenty-four minute film on the life and times of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, one of the most colorful and controversial men in American history. The Jean MacArthur Research Center (named after the General's widow) houses the library and archives, an education wing, and the administrative offices for the MacArthur Memorial and the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation. The gift shop displays General MacArthur's 1950 Chrysler Imperial limousine which he used from 1950 to the end of his life.

The museum proper is housed in Norfolk's stately nineteenth century City Hall. A monumental rotunda is the General's final resting place where he lies surrounded by inscriptions, banners, and flags heralding his long and glorious career. Nine separate galleries arranged in two levels circle the rotunda and portray the principal periods of the General's life.

A visit to the MacArthur Memorial provides a unique glimpse into the 20th century and can renew your faith in those American values of Duty-Honor-Country, values which

motivated Douglas MacArthur as he served our nation through some of its greatest crises and finest hours.

Norfolk Naval Station Tour:

A "must" is a riding tour of Norfolk Naval Base, the largest naval installation in the world, headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, and homeport to more than 100 ships and 27 aircraft squadrons. Of interest are the historic homes along the "Admiral's Row" which house the Flag Officers, Atlantic Fleet training centers, awe-inspiring aircraft carriers, formidable cruisers and destroyers, versatile amphibious assault vessels and sleek submarines. Due to increased security, you will not be able to visit an active duty ship, however the Battleship Wisconsin is permanently berthed on the downtown Norfolk waterfront.

Harbor Cruises:

Cruise Hampton Roads harbor from downtown Norfolk aboard either a luxury cruiseship, a 3-masted topsail schooner or a paddlewheeler. Also available are sightseeing cruises in downtown Hampton and Virginia Beach.

Williamsburg Tour:

Tour the restored area of Colonial Williamsburg with a guide. Visit historic homes, public buildings and 18th century craft shops where costumed hosts recreate the sights and sounds of America 200 years ago. From 1699 to 1780 Williamsburg was the capital of England's oldest, largest, richest and most populous colony and the seat of power in the new nation's most influential state. Named in honor of William III, King of England, and designed by Royal Gov. Francis Nicholson, Williamsburg is one of the country's oldest planned communities. In its shops, taverns, government buildings, homes and streets George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, George Mason and other Virginia patriots established the ideals—liberty, independence and personal freedom—that influenced the founding of our nation and have in-

spired generations of Americans and others around the world.

Yorktown and Jamestown:

Two American milestones, one historic place... 1607 and 1781, and you are there.... Southeastern Virginia offers one of the best "two-fers" in history.

Two world-changing events that might have happened hundreds of miles apart took place instead on a single narrow peninsula between Virginia's James and York rivers.

Only a few miles from where America's colonial history began at Jamestown in 1607, colonial America came to an end with the Siege of Yorktown 174 years later, and a new nation began.

Today at Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center, the struggles, adventures and hopes of those momentous early years are brought to life in vivid detail through engaging exhibits and dramatic living history, all within a 20-mile stretch of road.

Virginia Beach Tour:

Visit the Marine Science Museum, see the film in the IMAX theater and enjoy many hands on exhibits. Tour the Old Coast Guard Station with exhibits pertaining to shipwrecks off the Virginia coast, and a special WWII exhibit. Enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay during narrated riding tour of Virginia Beach.

Hampton & Newport News Tour:

Visit the Air & Space Center, official visitors center for NASA Langley. See exhibits relating to history of flight and space travel and film in IMAX theater. Ride through historic downtown Hampton. Tour the War Memorial Museum, Fort Monroe, and the Casemate Museum.

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Nauticus:

Journey through the world's oceans at Nauticus, The National Maritime Center, a 120,000-square-foot, multi-level maritime showcase. Featuring more than 150 exhibits including computer and video interactives, commerce and military-related displays, and exotic aquaria, Nauticus offers a fun and exciting educational experience for all ages. A highlight of the visit here will be a visit to the battleship USS Wisconsin which saw action in WWII, Korea and most recently in the Persian Gulf War. The main deck and sections of the two upper decks are open for you to explore.

Chrysler Museum of Art:

Located in downtown Norfolk, the museum is home to one of America's premier art collections, ranging from ancient Egyptian to contemporary American art. The European collection of paintings, sculpture and drawings includes work by Bernini, Renoir, Matisse and Picasso. The collection is especially rich in Italian and French paintings from the 17th through the early 20th centuries. The Chrysler Museum's collection of American art includes works by Cassatt, Sargent and Hopper, as well as contemporary works by Lichtenstein, Diebenkorn, and Warhol. This group includes an assembly of 19th - century American Neoclassic sculptures, considered one of the most important of its kind. The museum's world-renowned glass collection includes works from the fifth to second centuries BC, as well as carved and blown sculptural works by Tiffany, Galle and Lalique. Additionally, the museum houses a gallery devoted solely to photography. This collection includes images ranging from 19th - century pioneers, such as LeGray and Robinson, to contemporary artists, such as Mann, Close and Lopes. The Chrysler Museum of Art has been called " one of the pleasantest places in the United States to while the day

away" (*New York Times*)

Moses Myers House:

The late Georgian, early Federal-style house sits amidst the bustle of downtown Norfolk. One of the first red, Flemish-bond brick homes built after the American Revolution, the restored Moses Myers House contains 70 percent of its original furnishings. Built by Moses Myers, a prosperous merchant, the house is the only historic site in the United States to offer visitors a chance to see the historic interpretations of the traditions and lifestyles of early Jewish immigrants. Special tours and ceremonies throughout the year commemorate Jewish religious holidays.

The Virginia Marine Science Museum: One of the Top Ten marine science facilities and aquariums in the country, boasts a 300,000-gallon aquarium, river otter and sea turtle habitats, and outdoor aviary, a salt marsh preserve with nature trails, a harbor seal pool, and the Family Channel IMAX® 3-D Theater.

Just across the harbor is historic Portsmouth Olde Towne, Old Downtown Hampton and Newport News. Each present their own unique attractions including the Children's Museum and Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth, the Virginia Air & Space Museum in Hampton and the Mariners Museum in Newport News.

Virginia Air & Space Center: Located in Hampton, this is the birthplace of America's space program and the visitor center for NASA Langley Research Center. Your imagination will soar as you launch a rocket, pilot a shuttle and try on wings to feel the lift that makes things fly. Come face to face with the Apollo 12 Command Capsule that went to the moon, a moon rock, a Mars meteorite and historic planes. Experience an IMAX film in the giant-screen IMAX Theater...you have to see it to believe it!

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Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey and return it to ML&RS at the address at the bottom. We will tally your responses and finalize the plans for your reunion according to your wishes.

About the reunion:

Do you prefer breakfast all 3 mornings? _____
or only on Sunday morning? _____

Do you want entertainment after the banquet? Yes _____ No _____

Please check the attractions you would like to see included in the reunion agenda:

- _____ MacArthur Memorial
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 _____ VA Marine Science Museum
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