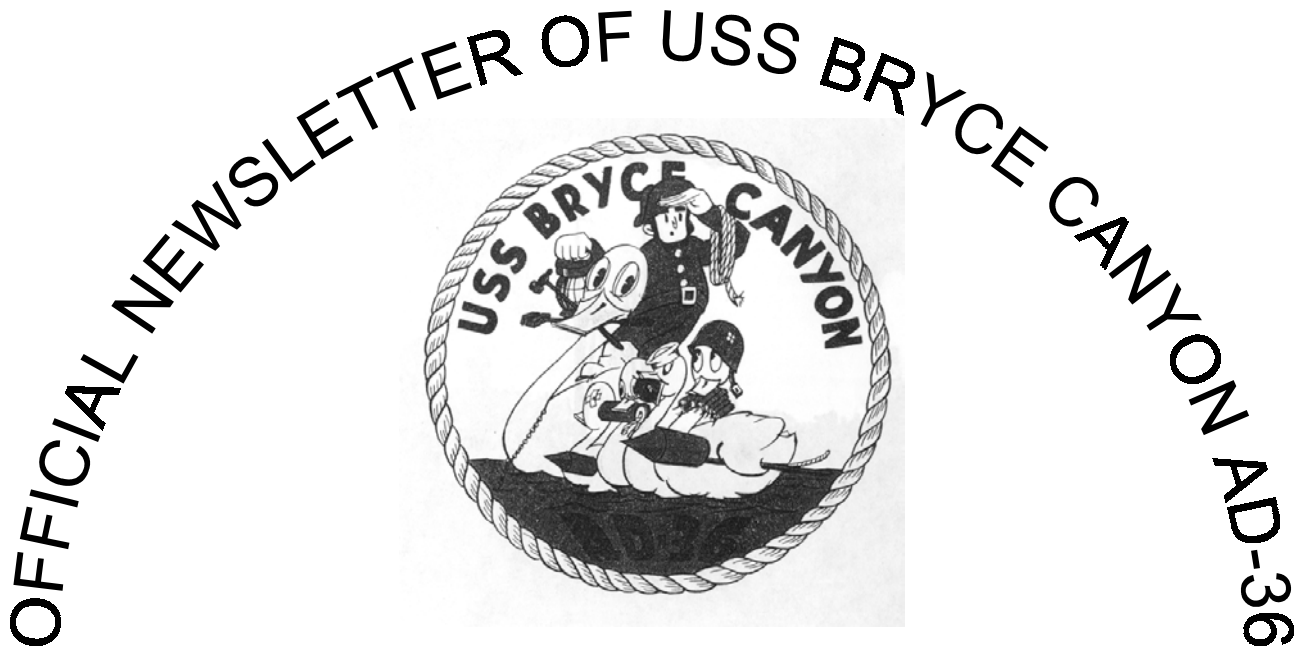


# BRYCE CANYON UPDATE

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## *Points of Special Interest*

- *Some history of the Bryce Canyon not told before is in the cover story. Maybe you remember time also.*
- *WELCOME MAT on page three has thirty-three new names! Way to go!*
- *A letter from your coordinator is in MAIL CALL on page four. See if you can be of any help in several matters.*
- *Another poem by James Harris is on page four.*

## 1958-1960-LIFE ON THE BC LEFT OUT

*By: Rik Klein*

I was stationed aboard the Bryce Canyon in 1958 to 1960. I was assigned to the R-4 division and I was an IC3. The BC had just returned from WestPac. She was tied up at net pier, Terminal Island, Long Beach.

With a high percentage of men getting out, the BC suffered from untrained personnel, officers and enlisted men combined. She got a new Captain and Exec, along with approximately 70 percent of the crew.

The BC had earned the battle efficiency "E"

three times in a row, and all efforts went into training, second only to repair of the endless line of DDs that came along side. By the grace of God and a lot of work by many great members of the crew, we went out and were awarded our fourth "E".

With assignments in San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle our nine months stateside were over and we prepared for another tour of West Pac.

Before we left I was advanced to 2nd class IC and for the lack of any first class IC men, I was put in

charge of the R-4 IC men and Electrical motor repairmen. We had an exceptional group of talented and well trained men.

After a R&R in Hawaii, we continued to the Pacific. Formosa, Subic Bay, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Japan were our ports, several places several times. During the tour, we, the crew and ship, were awarded the fifth "E" which was a Gold "E" for battle efficiency.

During my time aboard, we did some interesting projects. With the "Can Do" spirit, the officers volunteered many of our

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services whenever they came along.

This is a quick glimpse of two years on the Bryce Canyon. I have a Cruise Book of this period that has many pictures and tells of an exciting period of life for over 800 dedicated NAVY men.

I look back on this time as a great period in my life. I will try and give you any further information if you are interested. I do believe that you have left out a fantastic period of time for a great Navy Ship.

I know that the ship was put over in Hawaii for a few years to sit on her coffee grounds as a repair facility. Then she seemed to have disappeared and I think that that is where you finish your Log on her fate.

As you know, a tour on a great ship gives you a feeling like she is a second mother to you. I was on several other ships of this class, and only the BC has a place in my heart.

I thank you for the information in this article and hope I have given you a little more to tell.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Please visit our web site at [www.mlrsinc.com](http://www.mlrsinc.com), then follow the link labeled Reunions, then scroll down until you see the listing for the USS BRYCE CANYON. Click on the button labeled Newsletters, and in a few minutes the newsletter should appear on your screen. (As a side note - it took about 4 minutes on my computer). This will only work if you have Adobe Reader 4.0 or higher. You can also download this viewer for free from our web site.

If this works for you and you would like to receive all future mailings from us in this method, please send me an e-mail requesting to subscribe to the BRYCE CANYON E-mail Roster. Each time something new is available, we will send you an e-mail informing you something new is available on the web site. **Please let us know if your e-mail address changes so you don't miss any important information.**

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Your name and postal mailing address will remain in our computers and will appear on all mailing lists, etc distributed to other members of your group.

If you have any question regarding this, do not hesitate to ask!

Dina Coffey



## 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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#### NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

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## TAPS

The Bryce Canyon Update learned of the following shipmates' deaths since the last newsletter. Every member of the Association sends his heartfelt sympathy to the widows, families and friends of the deceased.

Anyone knowing of, or learning of, the death of a shipmate, please inform ML&RS so his name can be added to the Honor Roll and included in TAPS.

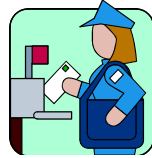
**Marvin O. Pierce**  
Died September 28, 2001

**Lee A. Martner**  
Died February 7, 2002

**Ted Campbell**  
Date of death not known

## VACATION DESTINATIONS

Some 70 percent of all Americans have visited either Disneyland or Disney World.



## MAIL CALL

Dear Editor:

Please be advised my husband, Lee A. Martner, passed away on February 7, 2002. He served in the Navy from June 10, 1959 thru September 16, 1963. He was very proud of his military service. He had good friends and memories of those years.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Judy M. Martner  
W5505 38th St  
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Dear Friends,

Marvin Pierce was aboard the USS Bryce Canyon AD-36. I don't remember the year for sure. Marvin passed away Sept. 28. His heart was bad and he died before they could help him. It was a shock to us all. He loved his shipmate friends. He was a very patriotic sailor. We miss him dearly.

His wife,  
Eileen Pierce  
PO Box 631  
Baynard, NE 69334-0631

Military Locator & Reunion Service,  
I received a phone call from a Don Volland who served aboard 1963-64. He wanted to advise that a shipmate, Ted Campbell, MM3 from Paris, Arkansas, who was aboard in 1963-64 passed away a couple of years ago. He also asked for any assistance any shipmates can give in locating a crew member he is trying to find. The subject is a Jerry Williams. He also served during 1963-65 and lived somewhere near Amarillo, TX. If anyone knows of him, please have them contact Don Volland, 4382 Zinnia Ct, San Diego, CA 92154 or call 619-690-3611.

I also want to remind everyone that gets the newsletter to get with it and sign up for the BC Cruise. Let's have a large turn out. We need all your help to get the word out. Since I was named coordinator for this year's reunion last October in Seattle, I have been contacted by only 4 or 5 people. Thanks.

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## EVIL JUSTICE

By James Irwin Harris  
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They cited me not to unleash my  
song  
When syndicate's madness ripped  
me apart.  
Killed me without proof for a song not  
sung.  
Powers and evil silence ripped me  
apart.  
Distain within their minds left others  
in fright  
As I challenge those and demand my  
pride.  
Aside from unknowing all join in my  
fight  
Pressure applied—political suicide.  
Shall I forgive all the groups known  
so well?  
Their stations render loathsome—  
dignities,  
From within grins they laden me with  
hell,  
In prominence created miseries.  
Purge me no more you violent Sons  
of Cain,  
Legal reward is yours when I am  
slain.

## THE BAHAMAS

The Islands Of The Bahamas is an independent nation and a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, retaining many of the traditions of the English.