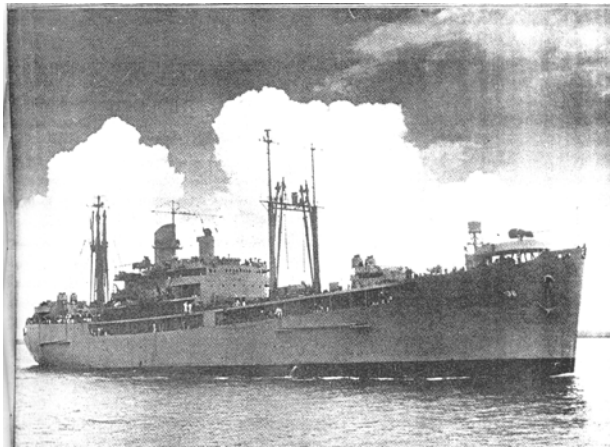


# BRYCE CANYON UPDATE

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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF USS BRYCE CANYON AD 36



### Points of Special Interest

- *See why Mike Nesbit says this was the best reunion ever. Read all about it on the first three pages.*
- *Thirty new members were located for the roster since the last newsletter! See their names in Welcome Mat on pages 3 & 4.*
- *Some interesting letters in Mail Call on pages 4-6. We would love to hear from you too.*
- *Read about Annapolis, MD, 2006 reunion location on pages 6 & 7. Survey is on page 8.*

## 2005 REUNION "BEST EVER!"

### AHOY BRYCE CANYON SAILORS:

The reunion held in San Diego, Oct 13-16 was the best ever. We had 98 people attending the event, and everyone had a great time. We had a lot of new BC Sailors at this event and everyone found someone they knew that was on the Bryce Canyon when they sailed on her. The highlight of the event was the tour on an active Navy Warship, the **USS HOWARD (DDG-83)**. Boy, have the ships changed! This Guided Missile Destroyer was almost as big as the BC and had a female Commanding Officer. We also went aboard the **USS Midway (CV-41)** which

was also a great tour. Some of the time was spent touring the great sites in San Diego, Coronado, Seaport Village and Old Town. For those BC Sailors that missed this reunion, you missed a great one.

**Next year's reunion will be held in Annapolis, MD, 2006, where we will tour the Naval Academy, the town of Annapolis and sites in Washington, DC. This will be a reunion not to miss. We also voted on the reunion for 2007, which will be in San Antonio, Texas, where the famous River Walk and Alamo are located. We decided at this reunion**

**to pick the spot for the next two reunions, so you could better plan your vacations.** I would like to thank Military Locator & Reunion Service for doing such a great job. Don't forget to send contributions throughout the year to the **ML&RS, Inc., PO Drawer 11399, Hickory, NC 28603** for the **BRYCE CANYON UPDATE** SO WE CAN SUPPORT THE POSTAGE AND CONTINUE TO GET THE NEWSLETTER. If you know of any former Shipmates, please send their name/address and years of service to ML&RS so they can start to receive the newsletter. I will again be

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the reunion coordinator for next year's reunion and thanks for all your help and support throughout the year.

This has been a great experience coordinating this reunion during the past year. I've met so many great people through e-mail and by phone, listening to their stories of life on the Bryce Canyon, what's happening in their lives today, but they all fondly remember the years spent on the BC and the great sailors they sailed with. I realize it's hard to get to some of these reunions, but everyone that has been wouldn't trade the experience for anything. If you didn't make this one, we'll understand, but try to make the next one. The experience will only enrich your life. Having served in the Navy and USAF with a total of 26 years, I've never had closer friends, never had any regrets, and have loved every minute of it. The bond between military members is eternal, and no matter what you do later in life, you'll never forget the memories of your time spent in the Military, the Flag, Duty, Honor and Country. I hope to see all of you at the next reunion. **GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS THE MILITARY!!!**

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## RECAP OF 2005 REUNION

The USS Bryce Canyon (AD-36) held its 2005 reunion at the Handlery Hotel & Resort in San Diego, CA, on October 13-16, 2005. The reunion was attended by forty-seven former crewmen and thirty-five guests.

The first shipmates began registering around 12:00 noon on Thursday and, after getting settled in their rooms, made their way to the hospitality room for refreshments and to await the arrival of old friends. This is where the real reunion takes place and where the stories are shared. It was to become the hub of activity for most of the reunion. Later on in the afternoon the first formal event of the reunion took place. At 5:00 PM the Welcome Reception gave everyone a chance to gather all at once to see who was attending. Reunion Coordinator, Mike Nesbit, and ML&RS, Inc. on-site representative, Phyllis Adams, welcomed the group and made introductions. They were happy to welcome many first-time reunion attendees. Then everyone was on their own for the rest of the evening to begin the fun and fellowship of a reunion.

Friday's breakfast buffet began the first full day of the reunion and was a pleasant way to start the day. Then at 9:00 AM those who chose the optional tour of San Diego departed the hotel for the tour of the city. The tour included many of San Diego's highlights such as Balboa Park and the Gaslight District. Particularly popular with the group was the beauty of Coronado, lunch at the harbor-side restaurant and shopping at Seaport Village. The beauty of San Diego was clearly seen during this tour. The group returned to the hotel in the afternoon and enjoyed some refreshments from the hospitality room. Those who had not gone on the trip were given a quick (or not so quick) recap of the day from those who had enjoyed the tour.

Dinner for the evening was an Hawaiian theme luau at the hotel.

Attendees were asked to wear their best Hawaiian style shirts and muumuus. John and Rita Manley won the prize for the best dressed. Everyone enjoyed the evening, which ended for most, in the hospitality room for reminiscing.

Saturday morning began again with a breakfast buffet and an optional tour. Today's tour was to the Naval Base for a tour of an active duty ship—just what many had come to the reunion to see. The active duty ship which the group visited was the warship USS Howard (DDG-83). It was amazing to see the new technology onboard an active ship and to compare it with the USS Bryce Canyon. The group was also able to tour the USS Midway and make a stop at Old Town for some shopping and exploring the historic area. It was a really great day of sight-seeing — making it clear just why San Diego was chosen for this year's reunion location.

After the tour returned to the hotel, the annual business meeting to decide on the future of the reunions was held. Michael Nesbit's was elected to serve as the coordinator again for another year. Annapolis, MD, was chosen as the location of the 2006 reunion and San Antonio, TX for 2007.

At 6:00 PM the pre-dinner cocktail hour and photo session began. The social hour gave everyone a chance to meet and greet the new arrivals who came just for the banquet. The main event of the reunion, the USS Bryce Canyon banquet began at 7:00 PM with the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Nesbit and John Manley gave welcoming remarks and introductions were made. Following the delicious dinner, the Memorial Service was conducted by John Manley. The USS Bryce Canyon shipmates wanted to remember all their fellow crewmen who had passed away by conducting a solemn service in their memory. Names of the deceased were read and a bell was tolled for them. The

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evening ended with many of the attendees remaining to chat with their tablemates or with some moving into the hospitality room for some more reminiscing.

Sunday morning's breakfast marked the end of the reunion, but its memories will live on forever. It was a most memorable reunion, with so much to do and see and so many friends to enjoy it with. Amid the handshakes and hugs, were the same words from almost everyone—"See you in Annapolis."

Leo Sangiolo  
John & Maureen Seagrove  
Daniel & Carol Seibert  
Donald Showaker  
Elroy & Onelda Snyder  
Jerry Sternberg  
Mobray Steward  
Kenneth & Jan Sudweeks  
Gayle & Barbara Teachout  
John Tully  
James Wilke

**Total Members: 47**  
**Guests: 34**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 81**

## 2005 REUNION ATTENDEES

Calvin & Margie Aitch  
Rodolfo & Susana Antonio  
Thomas & Mary Barefoot  
Philip Best & Julia Austin  
Garry Bevier  
John & Nancy Bozek  
Bruce & Susan Campbell  
Feliciano & Priscilla Cespedes  
Don & Cateline Chinery  
James Erickson & Sue Handshoe  
Dick & Patricia Finn  
Donal & Lois Frigerio  
Dick & Elaine Garcia  
Louis & Juanita Gardemann  
Danny & Marlene Hardy  
Roy & Linda Hendricks  
Harry & Peggy Heppler  
Paul & Dorothy Heppner  
Jose Ibarra  
LeRoy & Geraldine Johnson  
Donald Jones  
James Kamler & Lora Cuthbertson  
Francis & Joan Kane  
Gerry & Rose Marie Kirwin  
Robert & Marion Kronberger  
Gregory Kruszka  
John & Rita Manley  
Tony Manuel  
Robert & Nancy Matteson  
John & Jan Morris  
Charles & Alice Mullan  
Ted Myers  
Leland & Sydney Myers  
Michael & Misty Nesbit  
Clyde & Mary Lou Patrick  
Ralph Provost



## 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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## 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 families and friends of the deceased.

**Michael Ivers (1962-63)**  
Died August 22, 2005

**Rickey John "Lil Reb" Wash (1966-67) Damage Controlman**  
Died October 18, 2004

**Melvin McGinnis**  
Died May 4, 2005

**Charles Elzy**  
Date of death not reported



## MAIL CALL

Dear Sir,

Just a note to let you know I appreciate the newsletter a lot and am sending a contribution to offset cost of publishing the news. I was aboard the Bryce Canyon from August 1950 until December 1951 when we returned

from our first trip to the Far East. I didn't make the 2nd.

I noted in the Taps column that John H. Walk had passed away in 2002. I am pretty sure I knew him. I think he worked in the Dispensing Office and was a DK. I was in the Supply Office and there was a window between our offices. If he was who I think, we called him Jack. If there is anyone out there that knew him, I would appreciate getting his address.

I wrote in the past wondering what happened to the BC and got a response from a former crew member and was disappointed to hear that she was scrapped. I live near the Mississippi River and we could have found a spot for her on the river. Probably we would have had to haul her to our location on a pick up truck, as the river is only about ten feet deep here. It would take an extra large bed on the pick up also.

I was recalled with four other fellows. Two have died, one is in the Alzheimer's wing of the Veteran's home in Quincy, Illinois, and the two that are left including myself are much older.

Thanks again for your service,  
James W. Janes  
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Dear Sirs:

I live at Lompoc, CA, (60 miles west by northwest of Santa Barbara), however, I will be in Southern Missouri at the time of the Bryce Canyon Reunion in San Diego, CA. I haven't made it to a reunion yet, but I hope to one day.

I boarded the USS Bryce Canyon in Charleston, SC, about 3 months before she was commissioned. I stayed aboard until Dec. 5, 1951, which was when I was discharged because of some sickness in my family.

When I went aboard, I reported to the Signal Gang, because I was at the time a Seaman 1/c. Because I volunteered for Regular Navy when I

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went back in for the Korean Conflict, I lost my 3/c rating. I was immediately sent to the Mess Deck to pull Mess Cook duties.

While I hit it off nicely with the Regular Navy Chief and when my 3 months were up, I stayed working in the Food Service and later became rated Commissary Man 3/c. I have some good memories of that group that worked all areas of the Food Service Department. My favorite duty was the time I spent as the Butcher in the one-man butcher shop.

I want to keep in touch with the activities of the people of the USS Bryce Canyon and one day I would like to be surprised with a phone call from some former shipmate that remembers me.

I spent 26 months aboard the USS Brown (DD-546) from June 1944 through to the end of the war. I have learned the whereabouts of several former shipmates and have called them. That is a great experience. However, I have always remembered one shipmate that I knew real well, but never have been able to learn anything about him. I assumed he had passed on as so many have since 1946. To my great surprise, the last USS Brown publication I received had his name and phone number. I immediately called him and got to talk with him. Before telling him who I was or anything else, I started the conversation by saying, "I can still beat you at arm wrestling." His response contained a little profanity before he said, "You could not!" A great visit followed.

I know I got a little carried away here, but I do enjoy hearing from old and former shipmates.

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P.S. I have always heard about the Swearing Sailors, however, I spent 24 years with the Federal Prison System, and believe me, I heard

worse from some of those women doing time there.

Hi Dina,

I'm very pleased to see that Lt.Cmd Kronberger will be attending the reunion. He actually met with Bill Clinton. He was a really funny guy. This is a true story. During an inspection of the ship, some sailor, whom I do not know, hung a pair of women's red laced underwear over the overhead light (overhead is Navy speak for ceiling). On his inspection rounds, Lt. Kronberger spied the red undies, and instead of docking the department, he looked up and said, "Wow, nice decorations," and continued on his rounds. I know because I heard him say it. You should have heard the crew laugh when he left. He was one of the good guys. I believe he was ex-enlisted personnel that made good. He was an enlisted man's officer, always respected us, never forgot he was enlisted too.

Bruce Campbell

Bryce Canyon Sailors,

My husband Dale Kerns served aboard the BC from 1971 to 1974. I am writing to you to find out how many of the men who served aboard the BC have come down with some type of cancer. If you or if you know of a shipmate who has cancer, would you please let me hear from you with the date you were aboard, the ship and the type of cancer and date you were diagnosed.

Thank you for your time and help.

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Dear ML&RS,

I found another one of our shipmates. Stan Hitchcock was a coxswain on the Captain's gig in 1956. He told me one time when he got out of the Navy and back to Springfield, MO, he was going to try and get on

the Ozark Jubilee with Red Foley. It looks like he made it. I watch Stan's show on TV all the time.

Richard Pruitt

*The following is an article that Mr. Pruitt sent to us from Stan Hitchcock's web site*  
**www.hitchcockcountry.com.**

Hitchcock Country is run by the husband and wife team of Stan and Denise Hitchcock, with offices just north of Nashville in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Stan Hitchcock is the CEO of BlueHighways TV, a Dish and Cable Television delivered network which allows its viewers to turn off of the superhighway of day to day television programming and experience the arts, culture and pastimes of the real America.

Stan was part of the founding team behind Country Music Television (CMT) in the 1980's and then he went on to start Americana Television Network in the 1990's. While at CMT Stan began his popular "Heart to Heart" television shows with some of country music's most interesting artists and songwriters. The show derives its name from the observation, which Stan holds, that music is created from the heart and what better way to find out about the people who create music, and sing it from the heart, than in a Heart to Heart setting.

While at Americana Television Network, Stan led a team of television professionals in developing a network filled with original programming during a period of time when network television repeats were the standard fare for new cable television network start-ups. Much of this programming is the basis for our home video product sold in our Country Store here at the web site.

Many people know of Stan as the host of a nationally syndicated television show in the 1960's and 1970's, "The Stan Hitchcock Show," where they were introduced to many

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of the up and coming country music artists of the day such as Barbara Mandrell, Jerry Reed and Vern Gosdin.

And some of you out there remember Stan Hitchcock as the recording artist for Columbia Records and Epic recording label in the 60's through the 80's with the top-ten hits of "Honey I'm Home," "Dixie Belle," and "Shadow of Your Smile."

A few of you go back far enough to remember a young boy named Stan Hitchcock, traveling the mid-western fair circuit with the man who discovered him, Red Foley. When you listen to Stan's version of "Night Watch" on his "Softly and Tenderly from The Old Country Church" CD, you will understand how he can put the emotion into this Red Foley signature song.

Stan Hitchcock has carried music and his dedication to quality entertainment into nearly every aspect of this life. **A navy man, stationed on the USS Bryce Canyon during the 1950's**, Stan organized a country band, which quickly became the ship's band. Visiting dignitaries were greeted to solid American Country Music upon boarding the ship during those years! Following service, Stan joined his Uncle Bob Johnson in starting The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch just north of Springfield, Missouri. The Ranch depended on donations for its survival and Stan produced a regional radio show which presented good old gospel music and information about the boys ranch. Donations flowed into the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, but also interest about this young voice, Stan Hitchcock. A radio station engineer sent an air check tape to Nashville and not too long afterwards Stan received an invitation to visit Columbia Records executive Don Law, who signed him to a contract.

Currently Stan Hitchcock and his wife Denise have one son, Scott, living at home with them and many children and grandchildren living in surrounding states.

## ANNAPOLIS AREA FOR 2006 REUNION

You have chosen Annapolis, MD, as the site for your next reunion and it is a city you will enjoy getting to know. Annapolis has much history to tell and many ways to tell it. We will give you a brief description of the city and its attractions, and then you choose which ones appeal to you for your reunion agenda. Read over the following descriptions and then fill out the survey on the last page. We will use your choices, along with your coordinator's input, to produce your reunion package. Let us hear from you soon.

### ABOUT ANNAPOLIS

Annapolis, MD, celebrates 350 years as a city that boasts both a zest for living and its historical past. You can walk along the old brick sidewalks in the steps of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, who walked here when Annapolis was the Capitol of the United States. Architecturally, Annapolis has some of the finest 17th and 18th century buildings in the country—including the homes of all four Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence. In fact, Annapolis boasts more surviving 18th century buildings than any other city in America!

Annapolis, originally named Anne Arundel Town, was founded in 1649 by a group of Virginia Puritans lured by religious tolerance. It became the capital city of proprietary Maryland in 1695 and was renamed Annapolis, in honor of Princess Anne, heiress to the English throne. Located on the Chesapeake Bay, it became a bustling seaport with vessels sailing in to trade from all over the world. From November 1783 until August 1784, Annapolis served as the capital of the United States. It was in the State House that General George Washington resigned as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Armies, and the

Treaty of Paris was ratified, ending the war with Great Britain, and the birth of a new nation. In 1696 St. John's College was founded as King William's School and is the third oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. The United States Naval Academy, then known as the Naval School, opened in 1845 with seven teachers and 50 midshipmen. It is now a National Historic Landmark.

Today Annapolis is called "America's Sailing Capital," and you'll understand why when you see the beautiful sailboats that call Annapolis home port. It is also home of the world's largest in-water sail and power boat shows.

Today visitors can enjoy art galleries, theatre, museums, walking or boat tours, as well as many festivals. Annapolis offers an appreciation of its historic past and a view for the future. Enjoy it all in Annapolis.

### ATTRACTIONS

**THE STATE HOUSE:** The beautiful Maryland State House is the oldest state capitol still in continuous legislative use, and was the first peacetime capitol of the United States. Construction began in 1772, but was delayed by the outbreak of the American Revolution. It was finally completed in 1779. The present dome on the capitol was completed in 1794 and is the oldest and largest wooden dome of its kind in the United States. No metal nails were used in its construction and, to this day, it is held together by wooden pegs reinforced by iron straps forged by an Annapolis ironmonger. The lightning rod which tops the dome is a "Franklin" rod, constructed and grounded to Benjamin Franklin's specifications. Inside, you can still see the original Old Senate Chamber where General George

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Washington resigned his commission and where Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris.

**THE CITY DOCK:** The City Dock is at the heart of the Historic District where many of the city's original 18th century buildings still stand. In fact, the skyline of the friendly Annapolis harbor has remained much the same for hundreds of years. Here you'll find the Market House, harbor-master's office, work boats, tour boats, pleasure craft, and visiting ships. Numerous shops and restaurants line the waterfront. Located at the foot of the dock, you'll see the Kunta Kinte plaque, commemorating the site where the young African, immortalized in Alex Haley's "Roots," was sold into slavery in the 18th century. And you'll find a life-size sculpture of Alex Haley reading to children.

**ANNAPOLIS MARITIME MUSEUM:** Formerly the Barge House Museum, this museum houses a collection of maritime artifacts from the Eastport area of Annapolis. The museum's exhibits display historical and cultural information about Eastport's people, buildings, and maritime legacy.

**WILLIAM PACA HOUSE AND GARDEN:** One of the most impressive of the restored 18th century mansions in Annapolis, constructed between 1763-1765, stands today as one of the most elegant landmarks in Annapolis. The five-part Georgian residence was built as a town home for William Paca, a wealthy young planter who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The estate is well-known for its two-acre pleasure garden featuring five terraces, a fish-shaped pond and a wilderness garden. The house is furnished with a fine collection of antique furniture, silver, and decorative arts. Changing exhibits highlight different aspects of everyday life in the 1760s and 1770s.

**HISTORIC HOUSE MUSEUMS:** The entire downtown area of Annapolis is a National Historic District. Many of its houses and public buildings are more than 200 years old. Many of the buildings are available for tours, including the Hammond-Harwood House, regarded by many as the finest example of 18th century architecture in America. Others include the Chase-Lloyd House, where Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star-Spangled Banner" was married; the Charles Carroll House, which once belonged to the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence and one of the wealthiest men in colonial America; the Shiplap House, a tavern and lumber cutting business; the Waterfront Warehouse, where tobacco packed in huge barrels called hogsheads, waited to be sent to markets in England; and the Vicitually Warehouse, also known as the Museum Store and Welcome Center.

**SCENIC SEVERN RIVER CRUISE:** This narrated 6-mile cruise along the Severn River gives you a spectacular view of the historic and new mansions that dot the majestic shoreline. Hear about the history of Annapolis Harbor and the Naval Academy during this 90-minute cruise.

**U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY:** Ride along the "yard" past many of the Academy's landmarks. A brief stop will be made at the Naval Academy Visitor's Center where a kaleidoscope of Navy memorabilia is available for souvenir shopping. You may also choose a walking tour of the Academy grounds to visit the magnificent Chapel, the Tomb of John Paul Jones, and Bancroft Hall—the midshipmen's dormitory. While here, you may be able to see the Brigade of the Midshipmen perform Noon Formation.

**FORT MCHENRY:** This fort was the birthplace of "The Star-Spangled Banner," written after a long, hard battle with the British during the War of 1812. Witnessed by Francis Scott Key, the flag flying over the fort during the battle remained there in the morn-

ing and inspired Key to write our National Anthem.

**WASHINGTON, DC TOUR:** On this drive through tour of the federal district you will pass by the U.S. Capitol Building, the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, National Archives, and the White House. Visit the Korean and Vietnam Memorials. Stops can also be made at the Lincoln Memorial and the Navy Memorial. Of special interest at the Navy Memorial is the Lone Sailor Statue and a huge granite map—the world's largest map of the world. A wonderful naval museum and IMAX theater are also at the memorial. Many groups hold their memorial service there, complete with a bugler and color guard. Arlington Cemetery and Union Station are other popular attractions. That can be arranged if you like.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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Unless otherwise stated, the views and opinions printed in the newsletter are those of the article's writer, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the Association leadership or the Editor of the Newsletter.

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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You are encouraged to actively participate in the newsletter family, by submitting your stories and suggestions.

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## USS BRYCE CANYON 2006 SURVEY

In order to provide the kind of reunion you want, not what we "think" you'd like, please take a few minutes to look over, complete and return this survey to ML&RS, Inc. right away. The reunion agenda will be created from the responses and the Chairman's input. Let your voice be heard. Mail surveys to:

**Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.**  
**P.O. Drawer 11399**  
**Hickory, NC 28603-6402**

**OR FAX:**

**828-256-6559**

### Reunion format:

Do you want a welcome reception the first evening? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings as a group? \_\_\_\_\_  
 or just a farewell breakfast on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want entertainment after the Saturday night banquet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 No \_\_\_\_\_

### Please indicate which activities you would like to see on your reunion agenda:

The State House \_\_\_\_\_

The City Dock \_\_\_\_\_

Annapolis Maritime Museum \_\_\_\_\_

William Paca House and Garden \_\_\_\_\_

Historic House Museums \_\_\_\_\_

Scenic Severn River Cruise \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. Naval Academy \_\_\_\_\_

Fort McHenry \_\_\_\_\_

Washington, DC Tour \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN SURVEYS BY JANUARY 9, 2006**

**REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL BE MAILED OUT APPROXIMATELY  
 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REUNION.**