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## Special Points of Interest

- **The 2002 reunion is history, but will not soon be forgotten. Read about it in the cover story. See what you missed if you didn't attend.**
- **If you wonder who attended the reunion, see page two for a list of attendees.**
- **Check out the Financial Report on page three.**
- **WELCOME MAT on page three has all the names of the newly located ship-mates.**
- **MAIL CALL begins on page four. If you wondered what happened to your April issue of the Messenger, see the reply to the inquiry.**
- **The best part of the newsletter is on pages six and seven—stories from you!**

## SAN ANTONIO REUNION A SUCCESS!

The 2002 reunion of the MCAAN group was an unforgettable event for all the 98 men and 81 guests who attended. San Antonio proved to be a great reunion site, with so much to do and see.

The reunion began with registration at noon on Thursday, May 16. The welcome reception at 5:00 PM gave everyone a chance to introduce themselves and become acquainted for the weekend of events.

After a buffet breakfast Friday, many chose to participate in the tour to the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg. The visit to this old historic German settlement and to the museum was enjoyed by all. A real treat also was

lunch on one's own at any of the traditional German restaurants in town.

Friday night was, by choice, a free evening to enjoy dinner on one's own with friends. Most chose to dine on the famous San Antonio Riverwalk, located in the heart of downtown and accessed by the trolleys. A terrific thunderstorm didn't dampen the spirits of the reunion goers, although many of the high school prom goers dining in the area were soaked to the bone in the downpour. There was plenty to do at the Riverwalk and everyone seemed to enjoy their evening on the town!

Saturday's tour was the Discover San Antonio Day. A visit to San Anto-

nio Shoe Factory and General Store was first on the agenda. Anytime shopping is included is a great day for the ladies, and this one was no exception! One person per bus even won a free pair of shoes. How much better can it get! Later the group visited the Mission Concepcion, the Alamo and several other places before having lunch at the River Center Mall. Next came the Sunken Gardens and San Antonio's Mexican Market, "El Mercado", for more shopping.

Arriving back at the hotel mid-afternoon, the business meeting was next on the agenda. Ship coordinators will remain

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the same, and the site for the 2004 reunion was chosen. It will be held in San Diego, CA. (Next year's reunion, as chosen last year, will be in Jacksonville, FL..)

Pre-dinner cocktails began at 6:30 PM along with a photo session for individuals, couples and groups. At 8:00 PM the much awaited MCAAN Group banquet began. After dinner a moving memorial service honored all shipmates who had passed away, or whose deaths had been learned of, since the last reunion. A bell tolled as the names were read from the Honor Roll of each group.

The last planned event of the reunion was the private buffet breakfast on Sunday morning. As everyone reflected back on the wonderfully full days of the 2002 reunion, they were already looking forward to next year in Jacksonville, FL. The many newcomers to this reunion had a great time and were made to feel welcome by the "old-timers." That was probably the best part of the reunion—old friends welcoming new friends and making them want to return. See you next year in Jacksonville!

## 2002 REUNION ATTENDEES

### AMPHION

Joe & Rose Mary Bastien  
Thomas & Lucille Clark  
Stephen & Jan Copas  
Frank & Mary DeStefano  
Gary & LaDonna Dugger  
Jerry Eltzroth  
Ronald & Donna Fralick  
Jacob & Polly Gessner  
Eugene Holler  
George Johnson  
Scott & Phyllis Mattson  
Robert Morgan  
Perry & Violet Parks  
Thirl Pavy  
Leroy & Hulda Scheidt  
John & Patricia Sleasman  
Lloyd & Beverly Stagg  
Albert Wagner  
Burlie Warner & Gilbert Wilson  
Donald & Gaylia Wilfong

### ARCADIA

Frank & Nancy Bahnsen  
William & Elizabeth Berry  
Hermann & Elise Bulach  
Earl & Evelyn Clay  
Ted & Barbara Crawford & Patricia  
Noel & Ruthie Dailey  
Nelson & Leslie Drosendahl  
Dewey Fallen  
Thomas & Willie Farrar  
Sylvia, Robert, Jr. & Paul Ann Hein  
Wibur & Connie Lebsack  
Clarence & Arlene Loose  
Andrew & Constance Malone  
Daniel & Nancy McDermott  
Dallas McKibbin  
Frederick & Andrea Norrick  
David & Barbara Jean Olson  
Gordon Rabens  
Henry & Susan Rocholl  
Joseph & Darlene Seck  
Edward & Maxine Sweeny  
James Tripp  
Joseph Whalen  
Ernest & Georgia Wisyanski  
Darrell Wylie & Arlene Hamilton  
Jerry & Ann Zuzolo

### CADMUS

Robert Baschmann  
Louis & Guy Demino  
Allen, Sylvia, Todd & Deanna Gillette  
David & Alice Gipe  
David & Laurie Gschwend  
Earl & Jan Honey  
Guy & Pat Jess  
Ronald & Ruth Johnson  
Donald Kelley  
Ronald & Josephine Kurfirst  
Thomas Manning  
Millard & Irene McAlister  
Gary & Deidre Metzger  
Jerry & Gail Moore  
Francis, Helen & Patricia Schmolke  
Ronald Sr., Mary, Ronald, Jr. Spiker  
Beverly Marks  
Bobby & Freada Whitson

### MARIAS

Wilmer & Peggy Anderson  
LeRoy & Jean Bollig  
Ray & Alice Bower  
George & Betty Cale  
Joseph & Marie Ann Caputo & Donald &  
Barbara Fodor  
David & Kathy Day  
James & Judith Denio  
Ron & Harlene Eggleston  
Donald & Linda Griesback  
Vernon & Georgia Hodde  
Edward & Linda Hrobak  
Roger Kolbrek & Trudy Steinberg  
Ronald & Utieve Korb  
Donald & Helen Kuebler

Joseph & Carolyn Morgan  
William & Dorothy Pence  
Duane & Glenda Reagan  
Winfield & Carmela Riley  
Jimmy & Mary Ann Stout  
Stephen & Connie Tagliarino  
Mercer & Irene Trefethen

### NANTAHALA

Walter & Joana Bergener  
Richard & Linda Cooper  
Thomas & Eileen Craig  
William Dailey  
Helen Franklin & Linda McDonald  
Jack & Rita Gibbs  
Kenneth Hart  
William & Allean McClintock  
Karl & Naomi Schmitt  
Jim Tallon

**Total Members: 98**  
**Guests: 81**

**GRAND TOTAL: 179**

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 04/02 **\$374.33**

Funds received since 04/02 issue  
**\$528.50**

Funds available for 07/02 issue  
**\$902.83**

Funds expended for 07/02 issue  
**\$1361.68**

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## WELCOME MAT

The MCAAN Group proudly welcomes these recently located shipmates. Although the numbers do not allow us to print all the addresses, we will list the names. If you see a familiar name and would like to have his address, just let us know at ML&RS and we will send it to you. If you are receiving the MCAAN Messenger for the first time, welcome aboard. We hope you enjoy your first issue and will contribute not only financially, but also with your stories and anecdotes about life aboard your ship.

### AMPHION

Ralph Searle (1955-58)  
Clarence Freeman (1959-61)  
Benny Buretti (1970-71)  
Richard Powell (1946)

John Hoge (1965-67)  
Edwin Eisenstein (1951)  
Peter Henninger  
Jerry Seufzer  
James Culver  
Charles Gears (1963-64)  
Walter Lemieux (1952-53)  
Stanley Thornton (1959-60)  
David Wenrich  
William Michael (1958-59)  
Lawrence Hicks  
Francis Maylock (1959-63)  
Russel Fox (1960-62)  
Wayne Pountain (1953-55)  
John Wainscott (1958-62)  
Jack Myers (1959-62)  
Frank Goggio (1958-60)  
Robert Raymond  
Joseph Kowalski (1957-61)  
Michael Dogan (1960-62)  
Stephen LaValle (1960-61)  
Gordon Strong (1956-59)  
Robert Dryfuse (1962-63)  
Stanley Smalenski (1952-56)  
Merle Fisher (1966-69)  
Chauncet Ellison (1946-48)  
Elden Churchill (1953-54)  
Carl Stringer (1948-50)  
Robert Cummings  
William Schultz  
Robert Rubicam (1964-66)

### MARIAS

Bill Horn (1977-78)  
Melvin Jones  
Harold Goff (1971-73)  
William Thompson, Jr. (1970-72)  
Alexander "Bud" Baker (1964-65)  
Gerald Box (1966-68)  
Wayne McLaren  
Bill Weidner (1969-70)  
Chuck Herr (1967-68)  
George Merkel (1951-55)  
Jerry Berlin  
Barry Angell (1968-71)  
Hedy Marias

### ARCADIA

George Inman  
Sen William Myers  
Donald Wright (1951-56)  
Edward Walsh (1961-65)  
Joe Richard (1953-54)  
John Lylak (1952-56)  
Nathaniel Jones  
Charles Bauserman (1951-55)  
Sanford Robinson  
Alex Kalinski  
Robert Payton  
Albert Schmid  
Dallas McKibbin (1965-67)  
Alex Tomkiewicz (1959-61)  
Jim Sheeley (1965-67)

Jim Dougherty (1962-66)  
Lawrence Crawford  
Charles Lucas  
Harold Neelson  
Noel Dailey (1964-666)  
Tom Winson, Jr  
James Zeren (1955-56)  
Mike Carey (1966-68)  
Richard Bugado (1965-68)  
Roland Seneff  
Rich Slusser (1962-63)  
Kenneth Gamo (1962-64)  
Ed Matheny (1964-67)  
Robert Smith (1962-63)  
Royce Anderson (1961-65)

### NANTAHALA

John Stanks  
Marvin Koch (1956-58)  
Gary Hines  
Bruce Aarnold (1968-71)  
Ken Johnson (1965-66)  
Russell Zaborek (1971-72)  
David Fulkerson (1962-66)  
Frederick Toomoth (1965)  
Bob Chamberlain (1962-63)  
Charles Marhafer, Jr  
Gerald McPherson (1971-73)  
Granger Lathrop (1966-67)  
Laverne Dickerson  
Robert Firehammer (1953-54)

### CADMUS

Gerald Petoskey (1964)  
David Hobson (1946)  
Bob Freeland (1955)  
Daniel Brennan (1962-63)  
Carl Bengel (1969-70)  
Robert Wanner  
Howard Bradshaw (1968-69)  
Albert Bateman (1948-52)  
Gray Kerrick (1967-68)  
Paul Dunn  
James Lesslie  
Will Folley (1948-51)  
Harold Frerichs (1949)  
Robert Cardenas (1955-58)

## APRIL ISSUE OF MESSENGER ON LINE ONLY

Due to insufficient funds, the April issue of the MCAAN Messenger was available only on line. To keep the printed issues coming, there must be sufficient funding. Please contribute today.



## TAPS

The *Messenger* learned of the following shipmates' deaths since the last newsletter. The deaths may not have been recent, but we just learned of them. Every member of the Association sends his heartfelt sympathy to the widows, families, and friends of the deceased. If we missed anyone, please accept our apology. Let us know and it will be published in the next issue.

*Thomas Reynolds (USS Nantahala)  
Died April 2001*

*Ezra Rickard (USS Amphion)  
Date of death not known*

*Emmar "Pete" Burnette  
(USS Nantahala)  
Died May 15, 2002*

*Robert Larkin, Sr (USS Nantahala)  
Died June 9, 2002*

*Walter R. Harding, Jr (USS Arcadia)  
Died January 5., 2002*



## MAIL CALL

Notice to All USS Amphion AR-13 Personnel:

I am an attorney in Buffalo, NY who has been retained by the family of John Michael Goellnicht who died as a result of his exposure to asbestos due in part to his service on the USS Amphion between 1956 and 1958. I am looking to speak with anyone who might have known Mr. Goellnicht or would be familiar with the asbestos products on the Amphion.

Please e-mail me or call Joe

Kremer at jkremer@lipsitzgreen.com or 1-800-870-8138.

Joe Kremer

Dear Dina,

I have received some letters from some shipmates, telling me that they got my address from the MCAAN Newsletter, which is great. I like to hear from them.

Problem is, if they got it from the newsletter, I did not get that newsletter. The newsletter that I have since I learned about it are as follows: Oct, 2001-Vol. 9, Issue 2; Jan. 2002, Vol. 9 Issue 3: That's it. I understand it comes out Jan. April, July & Oct. as of yet I did not receive April's 02. I also did make a small donation to keep it coming. Hope to get the April issue.

Thank you,  
Al Kuiper

*Editor's note: See Note at bottom of page three. We regret that not everyone was able to receive the April issue, but there was no funding for printing and postage. It over \$1000, depending on the number of pages, to copy and mail each newsletter. There was only \$447.83 available for the April issue. The newsletter is funded by your contributions, so please mail any contributions to ML&RS at our address on page two. Be sure to state that it is for the MCAAN Messenger. Pay attention to the Financial Report in each newsletter to see if the fund is running low.*

Arcadia Shipmates:

My husband was a member of the crew of the Arcadia. His neck was broken while a member of the ship's crew. I had the honor of being married to this wonderful, over-coming man for 23 years. His love for the Navy and his memories of serving on the Arc never left him. Even though severely disabled, he had a wonderful life. He has pictures on his den wall of the Arcadia

taken while she was at sea. He has the book showing his shipmates on the cruise. He never in his heart left the Navy. You men of the Arc would have been proud to know him. My loss of him has left me grieved and missing my dearest friend and boon companion. You would have been proud to know him. Please share this with the shipmates.

Thank you,  
Janice Lee Harding

This eulogy appeared in the local paper. I was the writer.

Walter R. Harding, Jr.  
US Navy Ret  
Dec 25, 1938—Jan 5, 2002  
USS Arcadia AD-23 (1957-58)

While serving in the United States Navy, Mr. Harding was injured rendering him a quadriplegic. This tragedy occurred on July 28, 1957. He was retired from the Navy on July 1, 1962. Since that time he has lived a valiant and wonderful life. He has accomplished things that many walking men have not. Mr. Harding graduated from the Catonsville Community College June 8, 1975. He was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Jack, as he was known to his family and friends, graduated from the University of Baltimore with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in August of 1982. A sea scout as a young man, after his retirement from the Navy, he re-established his connection with the Boy Scouts of America. Jack served over 30 years actively with the Boy Scouts. Some of his accomplishments are Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop and Explorer Post Committeeman, Merit Badge Counselor, District Committee, District Explorer Committee Chairman, Council Exploring Committee, Council Train the Trainer Staff, the accomplishments this valiant man made while serving with the Boy Scouts are just too numerous to mention. His devotion to Scouting

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saw him elevated to the Order of the Arrow, Wood Badge, Scout Award and Key, Explorer Award and Key, and the District Award of Merit. On June 24, 1981, Mr. Harding was given the highest honor a volunteer with scouting can be given. He was presented the Silver Beaver Award.

Throughout his life he has been an example of tremendous courage. Suffering many set backs physically over the years, he has fought back and continued on. His favorite saying has been "Don't Give Up the Ship." Jack's heart has always remained with the United States Navy. He was a hero out of uniform. His example has been an inspiration to his friends and family. He has fought for the rights of the handicapped. Jack was the first quadriplegic to drive in the State of Maryland. His driving record is exemplary. He fought for that right and opened the door to others like himself to the highway and freedom. He sat at Memorial Stadium with the Disabled in Action fighting for the right to have proper seating to see sports events. He fought for the proper building codes that would allow access to new buildings and modification to existing ones.

Mr. Harding was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Life Member of the DAV and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. He was a member of the Garfield Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans, former President of the Towson React, Inc. He was a member of the Raven's Roost #50 as is his wife Janice, known to many as RavenJan.

He was united in marriage to Janice Debelius Behr November 25, 1978. She remained his loving wife and companion till his passing. As a son, he was devoted to his deceased parents, Walter R. Harding, Sr and Helen Dorothea (nee Alhfeltd) Harding. He was beloved by his sister Mrs. Joyce Harding Marchesani and children Dina Heintz, James (Jay) Marchesani, Nicole Hall of Rome, NY, and Richard Marchesani of San Diego, CA. His brother James Harding, is with the Maryland State Police at La Plata, MD, his children James

Harding, Jr. and Robbin Harding Rice are of Baltimore. He is survived by his sister Elaine Harding Works of Lynchburg, VA. Also surviving Mr. Harding are his sister-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Harding of Baltimore; Andrea Jean Croop, daughter by marriage; Benjamin Perry Kraft, grandson; his loving mother-in-law, Ethel May Debelius; brother-in-law, Leslie H. Debelius, Jr.; sister-in-law, Jeane Holbrook Debelius; and his Aunt Doris Mulkey of Soquel, CA. Mr. Harding is survived by many, many cousins, grandnieces and nephews.

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Obituary for Robert James Larkin, Sr  
June 5, 1926—June 9, 2002

Larkin, Robert J., Sr., of Walpole died after a short illness on June 9th. Born in Walpole in 1926, Mr. Larkin moved to Medfield at the age of eight when his parents established Larkin Liquors on North Street. He attended Medfield Schools and studied at Bryant and Stratton School of Business. He served in World War II in the United States Navy as a storekeeper on Attack Oiler 60, the USS Nantahala. He sailed on his ship's maiden voyage and he received medals for participating in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign, the American Campaign and the Philippine Liberation. He was on board when the Nantahala was anchored alongside the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on the momentous occasion of the signing of the peace treaty with Japan and the re-opening of Tokyo Bay.

Upon Mr. Larkin's discharge from the Navy in 1945, he returned to Medfield to assume proprietorship of the family package store. He married Shirley A Picard of Holyoke in 1949 and together they owned and operated Larkin Real Estate for more that forty years. Mr. Larkin served the town of Medfield as a member of the Planning Board, the Financing Authority and he was the Chairman of the Medfield Memorial Day Planning Committee from 1981-1989. In 1986, he was commended by the Senator Barney Frank in the United States Congressional Record for out-

standing service as a local official. He was a corporator of the Ben Franklin Savings and Loan and the Medway Savings Bank. He was on the board of directors of the Walpole Visiting Nurse Association, a charter member of the Medfield Lions Club, a member of the American Legion and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars. He is immediate past-president of the 100 Club Golf League at Royal Crest in Walpole. In 1991, Mr. Larkin was honored by the Lions Club as Medfield Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Larkin is survived by his wife Shirley and his children Elizabeth Larkin Mantelli (MacGregor) and William B MacGregor of Walpole; Susan Pierce of Walpole; Richard Larkin and Lisa Leon of Mansfield; Jane T. Larkin and Mark Kolenski of North Andover; and Jill Daniels and Ted Larkin of Nashville, TN. He leaves his grandchildren Douglas and Hilary Mantelli of Denver, CO; Tony Rodriguez Larkin of Walpole; Melissa Ann Larkin of Walpole; Leon Larkin of Mansfield; and Elizabeth Larkin Kolenski of North Andover. His first great-grandson, Connor William Mantelli, is expected in October. Mr. Larkin is survived also by his sister, Janet Rooney, and his sister-in-law, Joan Larkin, both of Medfield. He leaves many nieces and nephew, cousins and friends as well. Mr. Larkin's son, Robert J. Larkin, Jr. preceded him in death as did his brothers, Richard and Allan Larkin, and his son-in-law, Gary Mantelli.

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### THE THREE MILE LIMIT

In view of the current controversy over the gambling ships, it is of special interest to note that the reason for three miles being the distance over which a nation has jurisdiction regarding coastal waters, is because at the time this international law was established, three miles was the longest range of any nation's largest guns, and therefore the limit to which they could enforce their laws.

## STORIES FROM YOUR FORMER SHIPMATES

### USS ARCADIA AD 23 DAVID E. OLSON ML3 TOUR OF DUTY FROM OCT. '51 TO MAR. '55

My tour of duty aboard the Arcadia started at least ten months before I went aboard. I lived about fifteen miles from the geographical center of the forty-eight states. The most water I ever saw was what I could pump by hand into the horse tank. I enlisted 1-10-51, boot camp in San Diego, MM School at the Lakes, then went aboard while the ship was in dry dock at Charleston, SC. If there was anyone else from west of the Mississippi River except Gene Burroghs and a couple of guys from Texas, I never met them.

I started out in refrigeration repair shop in Fourth Division, but ended up in the foundry. That wasn't too bad because when underway, the foundry was secured. I got to know just about every compartment from 02 deck down. It didn't take too long to learn how to keep out of all work parties, except two. We were receiving stores aboard, though that might be okay, but only thing I ended up with was a case of canned sour cherries.

The Med cruise in '53 was quite a vacation for me. I did go with the motor launch when the first mail caught up with us on an LST at Cannes. That's when I found out why a cookie crumbles in a mail sack.

I sure didn't like that storm we hit first or second night out from Newport though. Russell Wademan and I were sleeping on the sandbins in the foundry when we took a couple of thirty-five degree rolls. Stools, coffee pots, me and Russ and water made two or three trips across the shop. The covers on fresh air vents on main deck weren't in place. Meanwhile all bar stock in hold next deck below was breaking loose. Sure thought we were sinking. We were taking some house appliances to Naples for some officer and they were stored in bar

metal hold. Wasn't much left of them, especially the Gibson kitchen range.

If you were in the right place at the right time you could see some "funny" things happen. I watched as the OD sent Harrigan and another guy to bail out one of the motor launches that was filling up with water. We were anchored at Cannes. Anyway, the launch sank and they went for a midnight swim. They dug for it next couple of days but don't think it was found.

I remember watching as the LST hit us when we were anchored at Augusta, Sicily. Tore a few life rafts off port side. Was topside the day we tried to dock at Melville with no tug. Didn't do the dock or gangway too much good. Was up on the bow when we were coming into New York Harbor when we almost ran over a small oiler. Sounded like the taxi drivers in San Juan with all the whistles and horns going.

I went with the boarding party when the brigantine Madalan ran aground at night on Halfway Rock in Narragansett Bay. That's when I found out there were different kinds of sailing. They even had livestock aboard, fresh milk anyway.

Don't know if anyone remembers "Big" John Hoffman when he would hold one of his "seances" at night in the foundry. The only thing he really wanted was a live snake rather than just a piece of "rope."

Another late evening pastime was deep frying shrimp in the refrigerator repair shop. Sure had a lot of "buddies" when the aroma started drifting down the passageways.

Since I was discharged I've seen five of the guys from the ship—Jim Houk, Gene Burroghs, Al Reiman, Bill Ford and Jesse Samain. I was visiting my sister in Denver when I met Jesse. He had shore duty in Denver and was living in the same apartment my sister had lived in the year before.

Boy, what happened to Newport? A few years ago I wanted to

show my wife where I had been. Couldn't find too much that I recognized. Big new bridge and a whole new Thames St. Guess I thought the ships would still be there. Sure am glad to have found out about the newsletters and reunions. I hope I can make one sometime. I didn't drink coffee on board, but do plenty of it now. Anyone going down I-80 in Nebraska, I'm 15 minutes away and pots always on.

Dave "Ole" Olson  
911 Miller St  
Holdrege, NE 68949  
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### USS AMPHION AR-13 JIM DENO '58-'59

I reported aboard the USS Amphion (AR-13) in October of 1958 and I was assigned to the Personnel Office. I was able to get the rating of PNSN only because I was able to type with one finger and achieve 20 words per minute. Spell Check was unheard of and wouldn't have helped in my following story:

It was Sunday afternoon and I had the duty so it was my job to type out the "Plan of the Day" for the following day. The Amphion was going to shift their flag to the Cadmus, and it was to commence at 1300, Monday afternoon. Well, I mistakenly left the "f" out of the word "shifts" and ran off three dozen copies and distributed them throughout the ship, including "officer country." When I returned to the office, the phone was ringing and I was to report to the Executive Officer (Joseph Jeffords) immediately. Well, he let me know what I had done and demanded that I collect ALL COPIES IMMEDIATELY! I ran through that ship as fast as I

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could and grabbed every copy I could find. After that, I was not allowed to type anything for distribution unless it was proof read by one of my peers. Ernest Carter, PN1, was my boss and he just smiled every time I sat down to a typewriter thereafter. It all seems so long ago.

Jim Deno  
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Muskegon, MI 49445-1951

## STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

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The newsletter is intended to be a vehicle for the members to express opinions, make suggestions and especially share experiences.

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.

Letters demeaning to another shipmate will not be printed; letters espousing a political position will not be printed.

The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conform to space limitations and grammar.

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

## NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON LINE

The Newsletter for the USS MCAAN group is available to download from the Military Locator & Reunion Service Inc web site.

If you are able to visit our web site and download the Newsletter, and therefore do not need a paper copy mailed to you, please let us know.

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 MCAAN. 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.

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Dina Coffey

## FROM ANDY ROONEY'S WISDOM I'VE LEARNED THAT...

- the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- when you're in love, it shows.
- just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
- having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- being kind is more important than being right.
- you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.