



USS Noxubee AOG 56

Shipmates Association Newsletter

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Reunion News

Reunion August 2010 update

Reunion 2010 is August 15-18, 2010. Hotel Reservations are now being accepted. You must identify as being in the *Noxubee Reunion Group*

Hotel: Adam Mark Hotel
120 Church Street
Buffalo, NY
716-845-5100 or 800-444-ADAM
Rate: \$91.00 and parking fee is waived

There will be a visit to the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park (<http://www.buffalonavalpark.org>). Three ships are located there; the USS Little Rock CL 92, USS Croaker SS 246 and the Destroyer USS Sullivans DD 537. In addition there are Military aircraft and other equipment on display. On the tour date, lunch will be served on the fantail of the Little Rock (pictured at left).

Visit to Niagara Falls is also in the works, possibly a trip on the Maid Of the Mist. Anchor Bar Restaurant home of the Original Buffalo Wings is also being looked at. It is also suggested that a US Passport or US Passport Card be obtained for those that plan to cross the Canadian Border for a visit.

There will be more information forthcoming. Check the Noxubee web site [ussnoxubee.org](http://www.ussnoxubee.org) for additional information as it becomes available.

Our Memorial Page continues to grow, why not plan to meet former Shipmates at the next reunion. Don't put off an opportunity to get together again before it's too late. Let's all plan on Buffalo 2010.

Tenative Cruise Reunion 2011

The current plan is to arrive in Miami and stay one night at a motel. There we can have our opening ceremony. The next day we board a Carnival Cruise ship for a 4 day cruise to Key West, Fl. and Cozumel, Mexico. Based on October 2010 rates, the cost would be between \$200 and \$300 per person per cabin based on double occupancy and whether you chose an inside or outside cabin. We haven't contacted a travel agent yet as we do not know how many would be interested. The reason for October is that it is the end of hurricane season and the chance for better weather. If you are interested in attending a Reunion Cruise in October, please contact Dick Barber.

Howard and Frances Justice are going on a 10 day cruise in March 2011, anyone interested in joining them can contact them at handyman365@verison.net.

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Agent Orange Updates

If you have not filed for VA Benefits in the past I urge you to do so now. It takes about eight months for a claim to be processed. If approved and you have a disability it is retroactive to the date of your original filing. Even if you have no symptoms or problems you never know when something may start up. I have just filed a claim for exposure to Agent Orange from service in Vietnam 1965-66, and two other short stints 1967 and 1970. The addition of Ischemic heart disease October 2009 to the list of diseases related to Agent Orange appears to cover my malady. Additional information about Agent Orange and VA's services and programs for Veterans exposed to the chemical are available at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs has a place to sign up to receive newsletters via e-mail on hazardous exposures. There is also a section that allows you to read old newsletters on the subjects listed.

Lost Shipmates, Mail Returned

There are quite a few newsletters returned due to shipmates address changes. If you relocated in the past eighteen months please check to see if the Newsletter has been forwarded from an old address. If not, please contact Dick Barber with the correct mail address.

Received a November 2009 newsletter back that was mailed to Edgar Sconyers, resent to the new address and it was again returned as undeliverable. Has anyone had contact with Ed recently?

Other shipmates that have dropped from sight are listed on the Noxubee Web site. For convenience of those that do not have computer access the names are printed here. Does anyone know their whereabouts?

- Bruce Chippendale LTJG 73-75
- William Clothier SF1 70-71
- William Donald SN69-70
- Raphael Ferrugia SA 52-54
- James Hoffman RM1 1974
- Charles Jarrell BT2 69-70
- Donald Keimig YN1 1975
- Charles Kelly F2c 46-48
- Marvin Knebel BM3 68-70
- Louie Medlock EN1 50-54
- John Mignault ICFN 1954
- Harry Nell CS3 45-48
- Robert Pauli HT3 72-74
- Roger Pederson QM2 67-70
- Leroy Rhodes SK3 66-67
- Thomas Solchenburger BM3 51-52
- Dave Ursprung LT 66-68
- David Whorley SN 68-69

Shipmates Crossed the Quarter Deck

Willis (Bill) Glasgow SK2 1954-1958 19 May 2009
 H. M. Ethridge Jr CS3 1952-1955 21 Dec 2009
 Richard "Dick" Peaslee RM2 1951-1952 14 February 2010

Address Changes

The following shipmates have address changes posted to the Shipmates Directory.

- James H Arrington
- Clifford Crowl
- John Darnell
- Harry Griffith
- James R Harness
- Robert Harlan
- Earle McKeever
- Dino Rotatori
- Richard Shingle
- John Stanfield
- Doug Talton.

Thank You

Dick Barber would like to thank all shipmates for the e-mails and cards received after Open Heart Bypass surgery just before Christmas. I am doing fine and pretty much back to normal activities now.

Noxubee Shirts and Hats



We have one XL and two L shirts w/pockets also hats available. \$16.50 for shirts and \$10.50 for hats, plus shipping.

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