



It's Almost Reunion Time Again May 4th—May 8th 2009

Well the planning is almost completed for the 7th reunion of the USS Aeolus Association to be held in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. Based on the preliminary agenda, this reunion promises to be another in the string of successful occasions. Make your hotel reservations right away and make sure you mention the USS Aeolus Association to receive the reduced rates that the group has negotiated. Also get your registration for the reunion in as soon as possible so that an approximate number of attendees can be determined.

The hotel for this years reunion is the Hampton Inn at Atlantic Beach. Registration will again be in the hospitality room at the hotel.

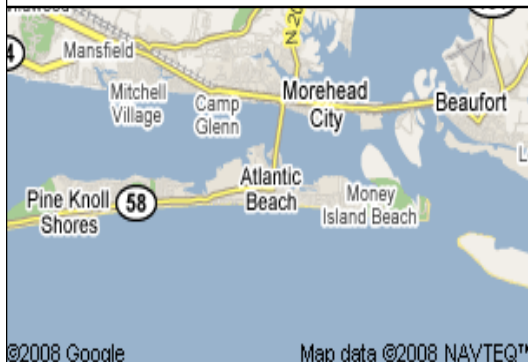
Tuesdays lunch will be at the North Carolina Aquarium which as reported in the fall newsletter, is one of the best in the country. After lunch we will tour the aquarium.

All of you swabies will have to renew your sea legs for the cruise out to the gravesite of the USS Aeolus.

Thursday's banquet speaker, Capt Robert Purifoy, will make a presentation on the sinking of, and diving on the USS Aeolus which promises to be very entertaining.

Along with all of the other activities as well as the fellowship with your shipmates, will make this a fun filled week.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the reunion in May.



Map of Atlantic Beach area

Happy 233rd Birthday US Navy Oct 13th 2008

On October 13th 2008 we celebrated the Navy's 233rd birthday. It's historically relevant that we consider the influence the Great White Fleet's deployment a century ago had on our Navy's development.

President Teddy Roosevelt said back in 1902 that " a good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace." His words still hold true today.

The accomplishments of the Great White Fleet has shaped today's Navy and the core capabilities of its maritime strategy. The historic tour of our warships 100 years ago sent a clear message: America is a respected world power, with a strong Navy leading the way. Today the Navy remains an essential element of US military power and foreign policy, deployed around the world 24/7, assuring friends, deterring potential adversaries, forging cooperative partnerships to maintain security at sea, and defending our country.

Although the Navy did not have a forward presence in 1907, Teddy Roosevelt envisioned the fleet being utilized for diplomacy and international partnership so he sent a portion of the Atlantic Fleet on a world tour to test naval readiness, establish global presence, generate international goodwill, and garner enthusiasm for the US Navy. With their hulls painted white except for the gilded scrollwork with a red, white, and blue banner on each of their bows, these ships would later come to be known as the Great White Fleet.

Today, the home porting in Yokosuka, Japan of the carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) as part of the Navy's Forward Deployed Naval Forces, shows America's commitment to peace and security in the region.

The US Navy was established in 1775.

MEMORIES FROM OUR SHIPMATES

From Preston Law, ET2 1955 to 1956 (Plank Owner)

My fondest memories are of being stationed at Fort McHenry, Baltimore as we worked to fit out the ship during conversion and pre-commissioning, then later taking on cable at Kittery, Maine, and best of all, the wonderful summer of '55 laying cable in the Caribbean and visiting magnificent ports-of-call. I remember with fondness our young, athletic crew. It was great fun seeing many of them again at the 50th reunion in 2006 at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore.

After my enlistment I graduated from the University of Maryland in electronics engineering and first was employed at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, DC, and then at the Naval Engineering Center, and the Naval Sea Systems Command, in Crystal City, VA. Having enlisted at age 18, I retired from Federal Service in 1992 at age 58 with 40 years service. During my career I authored two naval engineering books, Shipboard Antennas, and Shipboard Electromagnetics, both published by Artech House in Norwood, MA. And for any Civil War buffs hiding out there in the Association, I also published a book entitled "Gone Diggin", Publishers Press in Orange, VA about hunting, finding, and collecting dug Civil War artifacts.

The old sun is setting right fast now, but I'll always treasure the memories shared with my shipmates when it was high noon on the Aeolus. Those days were a gift from God.

Look for me in the ET Shop
Preston Law, ET2

P.S. Does anyone remember which one of you guys helped

From Sam Strofance PN3 1960-1964 (and then some)

In San Francisco, we got hit by a tanker on the port side in the harbor coming into port in the fog. It put a V shape in the bow port side which took one month to repair. Boy, that was great liberty in San Francisco. Then we came back to the east coast through the Panama Canal which was also another great liberty port. We went to Boston for final repairs since the repair in San Francisco was only temporary. Our home port was Portsmouth, New Hampshire at that time, a great little town just 50 miles from Boston. I did all the ships logs in the ship's office. I shared a stateroom on the ship with three other guys.

Many Thanks

Many thanks to those who have sent in remembrances. Keep sending them in and we will include them in future issues. Send to starlingt2001@yahoo.com.

From Kent Missler EM3 1969-1973

Captain Manduca was my commanding officer. I was in engineering and made 3rd class electricians mate. I stood watch on throttles and emergency diesel. I took care of the battery locker and shipboard lighting. I also did shore power hook up. Went through the Panama Canal 5 times and Hawaii 5 times. Those were great places. We also went to Adak, Alaska and along the West Coast. Our bunk room was around and above the mid-ship's cable hold. The food was great, and I knew almost everyone in the crew. My daughter found the ship and what happened to her on the internet. A real nice way to go as a reef instead of just scrap. I am proud to have served on the Aeolus. I went aboard in San Diego and left in dry dock in Boston.

Kent Missler

IN MEMORIAM

We have learned of the passing of several of our shipmates since the last newsletter. It is with sadness that we report the passing of four more of our Aeolus shipmates:

Mark Landus Anthony, BMC USN Retired 1958-1961. Passed away March 7th 2007. Mark was the originator of the USS Aeolus Association and instrumental in organizing our first reunions in Portsmouth, NH. Mike Jarvis wrote that Mark was his chief (BMC) when he was a seaman on the Aeolus. He was a firm but patient leader. His life was changed by Mark's advice and counsel that he gave to a 17 year old seaman. He is survived by his wife, Dora, in Port St Lucie, FL.

Charles (Chuck) Richard Speck, CS3 1955-1957. Passed away October 31, 2008. He was a plank owner on the USS Aeolus. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Speck of Pocahontas, AR.

Richard (Dick) Eugene Stovall, BT USN Retired 1955-1957. Passed away December 24, 2008 from pancreatic cancer. He was a plank owner and was transferred from the ship while in San Francisco in 1957. He is survived by his wife, Britta Stovall in Glenpool, OK.

Charles (Chuck) Lloyd Skipper Sr. MM1 1956-1957. Passed away January 18, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Becky in Columbia, SC.

If anyone is aware of any other of our shipmates that may have passed away and have not been listed in previous newsletters, please send the information to Tom Starling, at starlingt2001@yahoo.com or by mail to Tom at 6549 West Law Rd, Valley City, OH 44280.

USS Aeolus Association

Reunion 2009

Hampton Inn(America Suites until 4/15/2009)

Atlantic Beach, North Carolina

May 4-8, 2009

Preliminary Agenda

Monday, May 4, 2009

Hampton Inn	Registration	All Day
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Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Hampton Inn	Registration	8AM-11AM
North Carolina Aquarium	Lunch	Noon
	Tour Aquarium	1:30PM- ???
Local Restaurant	Dinner	7PM

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Carolina Princess or Capt. Stacey IV	Boat tour to USS Aeolus	10AM-4PM
	Lunch aboard	
Dinner	TBA	

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Golf, tours, lay on beach, fishing, etc	On Your Own	All Day
Banquet	Crystal Coast Country Club	7:00PM

Capt. Robert Purifoy will make a presentation on the sinking of and diving on the Aeolus

The cost of this including two dinners, two lunches, admission to the aquarium, the all day boat ride to the Aeolus, and registration package will be \$250.00 per person. There will be a hospitality suite (with refreshments) open for the entire meeting

Hampton Inn & Suites – Atlantic Beach

(America Suites until 4/15/2009)

118 Salter Path Road

Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28515

252-247-5118

RESERVATIONS

**IN ORDER TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM AT THE
REUNION RATE (\$70.00 PER NIGHT PLUS TAX),
YOU MUST RESERVE BY MARCH. 15, 2009.**

DON'T WAIT, DO IT TODAY!!!

Call the HAMPTON INN at 252-247-5118

(You cannot get our rate from the Hampton Inn national reservation center – you must call the hotel directly)

- 2. Ask for reservations**
- 3. Give the reservations clerk our group name (USS Aeolus)**
- 4. They will require a deposit (they accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express)**

REGISTRATION FORM

USS AEOLUS REUNION 2009

NAME _____

SPOUSE/COMPANION _____

RATE/RANK (WHEN ABOARD) _____

YEARS ABOARD _____

SHIRT SIZES (s,m,l,xl,xxl,3x,4x) MEMBER_____COMPANION_____

Registration fee is \$250.00 per person (Includes most meals, Boat ride to the Aeolus, admission to the NC Aquarium, Registration package, refreshments, etc.) Mail check and form to:

Michael Jarvis
Secretary/Treasurer
USS Aeolus Association
28800 Mound Road
Warren, MI 48092

Call Mike with any questions at 586-501-3130

***(IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE 2009 REUNION PLEASE
SEE THE PROXY ON THE NEXT PAGE)***

U.S.S. Aeolus (ARC-3) ASSOCIATION
(INCORPORATED IN PORTSMOUTH, NH)
NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING FOR 2009

The annual general meeting of the members of the U.S.S. AEOLUS (ARC-3) Association, Inc., will be held at the Hampton Inn, Atlantic Beach, NC on May 7, 2009, at 6:00 PM.

Agenda

- **President's Report**
- **Change of officer elections from every two years to every other reunion.**
- **Selection of location for fall, 2010 reunion.**

MEMBER: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED PROXY FORM AND E-MAIL OR RETURN IT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. IT MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO OR NO LATER THEN April 17, 2009

Please send an e-mail to mjarvis@nandc.com (just cut and paste the proxy statement below) or mail the form to:

MICHAEL JARVIS
USS AEOLUS ASSOCIATION
28800 MOUND ROAD
WARREN, MI 48092

U.S.S. AEOLUS (ARC-3) ASSOCIATION, INC.

LIMITED PROXY FORM FOR 2009

The undersigned member (or his voting representative) of The U.S.S.AEOLUS (ARC-3) ASSOCIATION, INC., hereby constitute and appoint the officers of the association, their designee, or _____ as nominee, and proxy with powers of substitution for and in the name and place of the undersigned, to appear, represent, and cast votes in reference to all matters to come before the U.S.S.AEOLUS (ARC-3) ASSOCIATION, INC., meeting to be held at the Hampton Inn, Atlantic Beach, NC on May 7,2009, at 6:00 PM.

Member signature_____