



## From the President

Greetings Fellow Shipmates...

What a great reunion was had by all and each year it seems to pass too quickly. What a gift it is to be able to meet each year, see old shipmates and friends and at the same time gain new friends and shipmates.

It just happened that Baltimore's celebration of Navy Fleet Week transpired during our planned reunion and we took advantage of it. All enjoyed getting their sea legs tested and over-heard by a shipmate "...can you believe we are on a boat in Baltimore Harbor watching an air show..." Goes to prove one reunion is as different in many aspects as the last or the next, so stay turned and see where the USNTC Bainbridge's land next year as the adventures continue to sail on...

May everyone have a joyous, memorable, and safe Holiday Season and Welcome in the coming New Year – 2019 with good cheer and health and the USNTC Bainbridge Association's 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary year.

In continuing service...*Arline Member #150*

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With the New Year approaching and Tax time coming here are some hints to make things go easier:

- *Get all the needed forms and papers together in a folder or box*
- *By Mid January IRS forms and publications should be available-remember this is the first year that the President's revised Tax process goes into effect.*
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*the complicated nature of military-related tax issues.*

If you are planning on purchasing a new car this year do your home work by checking out the April issue of Consumer's Report which illustrates the history of makes, models, and years in addition to tests on the new cars for the year. For New Car Discounts ask a dealership for a military discount or check on-line manufacturer's sites for discounts. If an electric model will do the job for you it is rumored that IRS will be offering a tax credit due to environmental and fuel usage issues.

**Filing Deadline is Monday 15 April 2019**

## **2018 Bainbridge Reunion**

### **"Reliving the Memories"**

*As seen through the eyes of;*

*Jo Anne Jensen, YN Striker, member # 1386*

*Stuart Jensen, EMC, member #1393*

*USS Pollack SSN-603.*

04 October to 07 October...

Stu and I arrived in Aberdeen at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, 05 October at 12 noon. As we drove into the hotel, welcome signs proclaimed our gathering for all who served. It was very warming to know we would relive our brief days in Aberdeen, Port Deposit, Bainbridge and Harve de Grace.

We registered in the Hospitality/Coffee Mess and examined the Welcome packets and received our official membership card and name badges. At 1800, All Hands Welcome Reception was held. There were quite a few new members (my husband and myself included). During the event a special presentation was made to our Association from David Hollenback, member

#1363 of a Spirit of America Foundation Flag and a copy of the Congressional Record of the House of Representatives of the Honorable Jackie Walorski of Indiana when she honored Dale Hemphill, a Navy veteran who created this foundation to assist, network, and support our nation's veterans. There were so many who wanted to have an active part in this reunion which showed from the Small Stores items displayed, the Sea Bag of gifts, the donated items for the Raffle, 50/50 drawing, and lastly the Women and men uniforms on display. Kudos go out to the Hilton staff for the very tasty grub (appetizers).

On Friday, we shoved off at 0900 sharp for our Navy Day Events. The weather was cloudy with light mist and on the cool side. We traveled by luxury coach (with Baltimore Ravens wrapped all over it) to arrive for the Memorial Service in Veterans Plaza to dedicate our Memorial Stone's Blue Jacket statue in Port Deposit. Manning the Stone was SH3 Paul Dimler. The Memorial remarks in addition to the Roll Call of 144 Deceased Bainbridge Veterans were read by HMC Caliger, Association President and ET2 Dobson III tolling the bell. This was a very somber moment as each of us reflected on our own immortality. Each member then placed a lei over our Blue Jacket statue as is tradition signifying our remembrance of all those who have gone before... We sang the Navy Hymn to conclude our Memorial Service.

We had time to visit the small display of Bainbridge artifacts in the newly renovated Gas House Visitor's Center. As a side note, this display had a First Base Recruit graduation photo from 1942, priceless. Vicki Rickerman, the Town Administrator was very welcoming to our group and has been a key to having and maintaining the Bainbridge display at the Visitor's Center.

Our second stop was to the Historical Marker at the old entrance to NTC Bainbridge on Rt 222.. A ceremonial wreath was presented and pictures taken. As a side note, I walked up to the gate and I was right back in 1970 and coming to the base for the first time by bus as a female recruit for Basic Training. Stu was recalling his studies at the Nuclear Power School. I would have loved to have had the opportunity to drive through the base but the gates were locked.

Boxed lunches (paper bags) prepared by the Hilton staff were handed out as we continued our trip to the Baltimore Inner Harbor. Our trip to the Inner Harbor was unremarkable. We arrived an hour early, so those of us who wanted to explore the harbor could do so.

At 12:45 sharp we mustered onto our Watermark Yacht Annapolis II for a 3 hour tour. (Anyone remember - Gilligan's Island). (The weather was still cloudy but no rain). Our Captain was Greg Mucci with the Crew Captain Joe Christino, who gave us narration of what we would see, which included active military ships (USS Milwaukee, a LCS; USS Stout, a DDG; USS Oak Hill, a LSD; USS Tornado, a PC (which is responsible for maritime homeland security) a retired diesel submarine, and Canadian vessels ( HMS Monmouth - a Frigate known as "The Black Duke" and the HMCS Moncton, a minesweeper), and City of Baltimore fire boats. Our yacht was not allowed to go outside the harbor into the Chesapeake Bay due to Homeland Security, who had blocked the harbor entrance for protection, during the Navy Fleet Week activities. It was evident with the harbor police and U.S. Coast Guard present everywhere.

The air show started with the PB Flybys of the U.S. Navy with the aircraft performing precision flight maneuvers. The diverse flying expertise

of the team members align with the unique components of their overall performance. The planes are two seat advanced trainers (SNJ). The aircraft served as the classroom for most of the pilots who flew during WWII. There was an A10 Warthog "Tank killer" demonstration, this plane is considered the ugliest plane but I found it to be a "pretty" plane (to the dismay of my husband). We also witnessed the Scott Francis MXS maneuvers. WOW! Did he put on a show. His single engine carbon fiber custom built monoplane was designed to do the stunts he demonstrated. The air show ended with the USAF Thunderbirds. Their F-16 Fighting Falcon, is commonly called the "Viper". The Thunderbirds are assigned to the 57<sup>th</sup> Air Wing based at Nellis Air Force in Nevada and were created 65 years ago in 1953. All the maneuvers flown demonstrate the awesome capabilities and skills that all fighter pilots must possess from loops and rolls, formation flying and high speed passes. The four plane diamond formations demonstrated the precision and training of the air force pilots as well as the gracefulness of the F-16. The solos displayed the power and maximum capabilities such as the Calypso Pass where one F-16 is inverted on top of the other. The reflection pass is when one F-16 is inverted below the other. They did the arrowhead loop (4 in formation), the crossover break (2 F-16's) but my favorite was the Delta Burst ( all 6 jets). What really impressed me was the fact they fly as close as 18 inches apart. during the air demonstrations.

We returned to our Baltimore Ravens' bus to return to our temporary home base in Aberdeen. We had a quick turn around for a mini muster at Mamie's for a home cooked dinner. The little diner was a hub of conversations regarding all the Navy history on the walls along with the events of the day. The food was superior and

the portions were very large with dessert included. It seemed everyone had a take out bag. Saturday,

Stu and I spent the day exploring the area. One of those places was the Broome Bloom's Dairy in Bel Air. I saw a program on television called 'Farm Her' which featured this Dairy. It is a woman run Dairy with the state of the art technology to monitor the cows, their feed and the amount of milk they produce. In addition to the dairy, there is a wonderful hidden gem of a deli and ice cream shop. The place was very popular. They are most famous for their homemade ice cream.. I got Carmel and Cashew. Yum!!! Yum!!!

Saturday evening was the formal highlight of our reunion. We had members in uniform and others dressed in their finery. The sit down dinner consisted of a garden salad, petite filet of Mignon and a Maryland Crab Cake with rice and vegetables. Our Mistress of Ceremonies was the Association President. We all stood to the Pledge of Allegiance recited by YN2 Emogene Signor. RMC Lowell Steele's presentation of the 'Missing Shipmate Tribute' had my attention. It gave me and I believe everyone in the room pause to remember all those who were no longer with us to share in this banquet. The invocation was read by AT3 Cathy German and then the ceremonial cake was cut by our President and Guest Speaker.

During dinner each table presented a Toast made to our Nation, Commander-in-Chief, to all people of the world, to our missing comrades-in-arms, to those who made the Supreme Sacrifice, our Honored guests, and finally to the United States Navy. Those seven Toasts gave us all pause as to why we joined the Navy, our boot camp training and service schools attended, what we did and where we went to defend our Nation to preserve our Freedoms.

Following the main course the guest speaker, Michael Hannon of U.S. Army Communications was introduced. As a teenager of 17 he tore apart his first computer and rebuilt it a year later to his parents dismay. The timely topic of 'Cyber-Security- both National & Personal-in this age of electronic eavesdropping allowed us to gain important suggestions on how to protect both ourselves and our country. Michael pointed out a fact that about 95% of adults have some kind of electronic device. To help protect ourselves he presented four main points: (1) have strong password of at least 12 characters, do not use dictionary words, pet names, children's names or birthdays or anniversary dates, (2) If you have a tablet - install antivirus software and do all the updates when prompted, (3) If you are using Microsoft do not use the administration's account but create a user's account to access the internet, (4) Try never to use a public WFI to do on-line banking or anything of a private nature. This only opens you up to someone taking your personal information. There were many questions on monitoring companies i.e., Life Lock, who monitor your credit and report unauthorized use to you and then takes care of it. He stated, it is like an insurance policy, If you feel it would help your sense of security and can afford it, it would not hurt to have it. He gave Stu and I some things to review on our privacy and security and how to wisely use our cell phones, smart phones, tablets, smart TV's and computer systems.

After the discussion on Cyber-Security we were ready for the door prizes. This year the process was different in that the attendees all brought a bagged or wrapped gift for the Sea Bag. As Reunion Registration numbers were called each member had a chance to fish for a gift. Everyone seemed delighted in what they received. The raffle was next and then to close our evening was a 50/50 drawing.

The Benediction was read by HM3 Fleet Marine Corpsman Alfred White. That brought a close to our Reunion festivities. As Stu and I were making our way back to our room, a young man was getting off the elevator and asked why we were dressed up. One of our members answered we were part of a reunion remembering our time at NTC Bainbridge. Before the doors closed he thanked us for our service. It made me feel good to hear that.

As we all travel home, my hope is, we will all meet again for the next gathering. Stu and I had so much fun. It was a well-planned gathering and congratulations are in order for all who worked so hard to make this a successful, meaningful and enjoyable event. See you next year in Georgia to continue our celebration of the USNTC Bainbridge Heritage and Legacy...

**New Members for 2018**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Barr, Robert L.      | SA     |
| Caldi, Irene F.      | HN     |
| Caldi, Verlin L.     | FN     |
| Crane, Rose          | Sister |
| Frank, Jeannette, H. | Spouse |
| Frank, John E.       | SK1    |
| Hamm, Eugene H.      | AWC    |
| Jensen, Jo Anne      | SN     |
| Jensen, Stuart       | EMC    |
| McDaniel, Nancy L.   | DP2    |
| Newman, Joyce        | Spouse |
| Sparks, Patricia     | Spouse |
| Sparks, Richard L.   | RMSN   |
| Todd, K. Eileen      | Spouse |
| Wener, Faye          | Spouse |
| White, Donna M.      | Spouse |

**Reunion History**

**How many did you make?**

- 1999...Aberdeen, MD - USNTC Bainbridge visit
- 2000...Wilmington, DE- USNTC Bainbridge visit
- 2001...Milwaukee, WI - Maritime Museum of WI
- 2002...Aberdeen, MD - *USS New Jersey* visit
- 2003...Columbia, MD - Navy Memorial & Navy Yard
- 2004...Aberdeen, MD - Farewell tour of USNTC Bainbridge
- 2005...Charleston, SC - *USS Yorktown* & *CSS Hunley*
- 2006...Metro DC (MD or VA) - World War II Memorial
- 2007...Springfield, MA - Joint Venture w/CO125-1957
- 2008 - Aberdeen, MD - Bainbridge Legacy-10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 2009 - Norfolk, VA - *USS Bainbridge DDG-96*
- 2010 - Aberdeen, MD - Naval Academy Annapolis
- 2011 - Kings Bay, GA - TTF facility & *USS Rhode Island*
- 2012 - Aberdeen, MD - Dedication of Memorial Stone
- 2013 - Chattanooga, TN - Civil War Remembrance
- 2014 - Gaithersburg, MD - Fort McHenry & War of 1812
- 2015- Erlanger, KY - Daniel Boone Country
- 2016- Aberdeen, MD - Dedication of MD Historical Marker
- 2017- Wilmington, NC - *USS North Carolina BB-55*
- 2018- Aberdeen, MD - Dedication of BlueJacket at Stone

**2019 Reunion**

**Mark your Calendars**

**10 Oct to 14 Oct**

**Columbus, Georgia**

Watch for the Call to Reunion issue

**SHIPMATES WHO HAVE TRANSFERRED  
TO HEAVENS FLEET**

- Bamberger, Richard H. BMCS-D member #1371 2018
- Purvis, Melvin J. S 1/c RM member #554 2018

## USNTC Bainbridge Association

### has lost one of their own...

Member #1371

BMCS-D Richard E. Bamberger USN (Ret)

September 1938 - August 2018

Senior Chief Bamberger, our Maryland State Corporate Officer who had also served on the Reunion Planning Committee, lost his life in battling the effects of Agent Orange. Senior Chief served our country in the U.S. Navy for 24 years retiring as a Senior Chief Diver and veteran of the Vietnam War.

Richard was originally from Pittsburgh, PA and following retirement settled in Waldorf, MD. He volunteered his life to serving veterans in several capacities in his local community and the state of Maryland. Richard held many positions in the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) including being Maryland State Commander and also a local commander of DAV Chapter 36. He was also Commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post, and held memberships in American Legion, AMVETS, Knights of Columbus, and the Elks Lodge. Richard was a Service Officer who assisted many veterans in receiving the benefits they deserved and was honored to serve as a transportation officer by volunteering his time to transport veterans from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to and from the VA Hospitals. He is survived by a son, two daughters, and several grandchildren.

Many members at our 2018 Reunion noticed Senior Chief's absence and were shocked to hear of his sudden passing. Those of us who held Richard as a close friend and shipmate wished him Fair Seas and Following Winds as his name was read and the bell tolled in his honor at the Memorial Service in Port Deposit.

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## Association Business 2018

Discussion of membership and reunion attendance were the major topics during meeting. Numbers have been decreasing due to age and medical issues regarding reunion attendance and membership.

Eligibility was reviewed and mention made that this is the first reunion that there has not been a WWII member present. Member Howard Dobson will be working up a survey to be mailed out to membership relating to membership and reunion attendance in order to assist in future planning.

Under Unfinished Business the addition of a Blue Jacket Statue was added to our Memorial Stone at the Veterans Park in Port Deposit as our continual mission to USNTC Bainbridge's Heritage and Legacy and was dedicated at this reunion's Memorial Service.

Under New Business discussion of the New York reunion being moved to a possible 2021 date as more time is needed so that hotel selection and planning of other required reunion resources can be completed.

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Reunion Photos by members Michael  
Newman and Rose Crane