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From the President

Greetings Fellow Shipmates...

Reunion time is almost upon us and we are looking forward to seeing all hands join us for a great reunion. Not only great but also the fact that we see old shipmates and greet new ones. So get your seabags packed for the 2019 gathering away from homeport and meet up in Georgia this year for a civil war experience. All attending will carry home some special memories and experience some of our proud navy history. It is believed all Bainbridgers will enjoy the very special venues and events that are planned.

As you are getting your gear together for the trip remember to bring along memories to share, i.e., photos, Cruise, ship and division books, and/or whatever other navy items you wish to share with your shipmates. Last reunion a Bainbridge Wedding Album was shared. The Coffee Mess will be humming with sea stories and all the items on display.

We are also asking that all attendees bring a gift for the Banquet Door Prize Seabag. In the past the committee had provided all the prizes however, one of our shipmates suggested each attendee provide the gifts again this year so we are going to see what jumps out of the Seabag at our closing dinner celebration.

Anyone attending the reunion who wishes to work behind the scenes and assist in making this gathering one of the best please contact me. There is always a way to help out to make a successful reunion in addition to a great Association.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on board for a great time. In continuing service...*Arline Member #150*

USNTC Bainbridge Association

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Check it out for the past and the most recent scuttlebutt
Keep in touch with the memories

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CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL Your Membership # follows your name. The last four digits are the year your membership expires as of 31 December. If your label shows 2018, or an earlier year please submit your membership. Those members who have not submitted dues since 2017 or earlier will not receive a newsletter until re-establishment of their membership.

Now Hear This !!!

Here goes the neighborhood-- A Chicago company, Great Wolf Resorts, is interested in building a \$200M, 500 room resort on 44 acres adjacent to the casino in Chesapeake Overlook. The project is planned to create 450 to 600 jobs if it is completed as expected by the summer of 2022 and has the possibility of attracting half a million visitors a year. The company has been in talks with the Mayor of Perryville and town commissioners. The resort would include an indoor/outdoor water park, a rope course and climbing wall, restaurants, shops and a conference center that would hold up to 1,000 people.

It appears the Maryland Department of Commerce has expanded the Cecil County Enterprise Zone to include the towns of Perryville and North East. This Resort would have a huge effect on economic development and tourism for Perryville and the surrounding towns of Chesapeake City, Port Deposit and Northeast.

Now I ask you, the area already had a resort of much larger proportions created in 1942 of over 2500 acres and thousands of sailors, dining halls, drill halls, swimming pools, with the excitement of Manual of Arms on steaming or frozen asphalt- dependent on weather-meeting rooms where activities of Ships & Air, Naval History, Leadership, Customs were shared, Marching, always marching, or guarding the dumpsters or clothes lines, descending the limestone cliffs to make way to the navy jetty on the Susquehanna River to man long boats and learn seamanship, and then scaling the limestone again to 'hit the line' and march to chow.

This was the fun times of USNTC Bainbridge from 1942 through it's closing in 1976. We were the fun folks at this government built and managed resort and all of us would have done it all over again. I'm wondering if any of us, in visiting this future planned Great Wolf Resort with our children, our children's children, if when experiencing the fun and excitement of the activities, a mist develops in the eye as we look toward where Bainbridge was, and the memories of our past come rumbling in like the fierce Maryland thunder storms. Time will tell...

Based on Baltimore Sun article sent by Paul Dimiler

NOW FOR REUNION 2018...

Unknown to Georgia and the US Army Infantry of Fort Benning the Bainbridge Navy Crew will be 'boots on the ground' invading Columbus and its environs.

We will begin by taking over our berths at the Columbus Hilton Garden Inn and celebrating our gathering at the Thursday evening All Hands Reception where we will receive a Welcome from the city of Columbus and enjoy some great southern food along with some local brewed beer. It will be a rousing time for All Hands.

Friday morning we will begin delving into civil war history by visiting Andersonville-the largest Confederate military prison for Federal troops. Civil War prisons are a cruel legacy of the War where we fought ourselves and imprisoned ourselves. During the time Andersonville existed-14 months- more than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined at this stockade with nearly 13,000 dying of disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition, overcrowding, or exposure to the elements.

We will also tour the National Prisoner of War Museum housed in the Visitor Center that honors American Prisoners of War of all conflicts and their courage and sacrifice. The shadow of John McCain rests among the exhibits in the Viet Nam era.



Departing the morning's venue with the memories of what conflict affects and what a war's aftermath can hold, we will head for noon chow at a Mennonite Restaurant. At the end of the meal you can visit their bakery and gift shop before boarding the bus for the route back to Port Columbus where we will tour the Navy Civil War Museum.

Our Memorial Service is planned at the end of our tour, in the Main Gallery facing the *USS Hartford*.

The Museum is working with us to make this a very special service to honor our shipmates in the presence of remnants of ADM David G. Farragut's flagship. We may witness echo's of "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead" during the Battle of Mobile Bay. It has been said that some visitor's can still smell the essence of burnt/charred wood in the remains of these battered pieces.

Following the museum we return to our berthing site and get ready to go to evening chow at a local favorite Asian restaurant located not far from the hotel. Plan on car pooling- don't forget to sign up at Thursday Registration. The food is great.

Saturday morning we will gather for the business meeting and then everyone can go on adventures around town to return for our Closing Banquet.

Shipmates Who Have Transferred To Heavens Fleet

Stanley Collender DTCmember # 137April 2019

Ruth L. Erno CDR Supporter since 2000 June 2019

Barbara R. NyceCapt USNTC Staff May 2019

William E. Powell, Jr. RADM SC USNTC 'boot'1959Feb 2019

Editor's Note: Please pass any decedent information to the Newsline editor at the following address so names may be added to the USNTC Memorial Roll Call: USNTC Bainbridge Association

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Association Business

Report on Reunion Survey - regarding interest in attendance and preferences of activities - created by Howard Dobson, Member #985. A total of 123 surveys were sent to members with 92 responding. Since Howard did not wish to submit a brief overview of the results I will attempt to share what I observe from the survey summary received.

Statistics can represent or misrepresent information. It depends upon how the questions are posed. In general, I did not see any surprises however there was an area that showed members did not prefer and maybe sometimes preferred to attend units they served with. In the area of transportation mode most preferred private auto within 500 to 1000 mile drive however since the starting point of A to B is problematic due to members being located across the country, in addition to England and Puerto Rico.

In closing, it is believed that you, the member, can make the best judgment call so the Survey Report Summary will be available for your perusal at the upcoming reunion and can be discussed at the business meeting. We appreciate Howard's work and dedication to our Association.

We continue to need someone to step forward and be our official Reunion Photographer who would be responsible for the visual photographic record to be used in the Post Reunion *Newsline* and the annual scrapbook.

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For the next issue by COB on 15Nov 2019

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-10th 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 - Baltimore, MD - USNTC Memorial & War of 1812

2015 - Erlanger, KY - USNTC in Daniel Boone Country

2016 - Aberdeen, MD-Dedication of Historic Marker Rt222

2017 - Wilmington, NC - *USS North Carolina BB-55*

2018 - Baltimore, MD - MD Fleet Week-Harbor Sail

SMALL STORES

IS OPEN

We have Bainbridge souvenir items for you as described below:

Ball Cap \$19.00 includes S&H
(standard navy blue ball cap with gold/yellow lettering)

Assn. Mug (shown)
\$13.50 includes S&H

License Plate Frame \$ 8.00 includes. S&H
(as shown , black plastic w/ white letters)

USNTC Bainbridge Patch \$ 8.00 includes S&H
(as shown, blue background with blk, gold & white)

USNTC Bainbridge Decal \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.
(as Patch, size and color)

USNTC Bainbridge Lapel Pin \$ 6.00 includes S&H
(as shown above, Cloisonné, 1 inch dia.)

Magnetic Address Book \$ 6.00 includes S&H
(as shown , gold matte finish
w/navy blue lettering)

Letter Opener \$ 5.00 includes S&H
(shown below, blue plastic w/ silver lettering)

Paper Weight \$12.00 includes S&H
(Silver on marble base)

Wall Clock 10" diameter w/ Bainbridge Logo \$21.00 w/ S&H

Clothing Items available:

T-Shirts - \$15.00 includes S&H

Golf Shirts - \$24.00 includes S&H

Windbreaker Jackets \$30.00 includes S&H
(all in Navy Blue with gold/yellow lettering)

Sizes: small, medium, large and X large are available.

Note: Sizes XXL and XXXL are special order items, add \$5.00 to above prices.

To order any items forward a check in purchase amount made out to: USNTC Bainbridge Association and mail to:

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