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# THE IRONMAN—A DOUBLE ENDER’S NEWSLETTER

## Membership Scorebox

Current	52
Past Due	124
Snail Mail Ad- dresses Only	265
Email Address	472
Total Shipmates	3,225

### Dues Notice!

Please be sure to check your mailing label or email notation.

If it doesn't say **Current** above your name at the top of the label, you should renew your annual dues. To reach the greatest number of shipmates, we will publish the complete Association newsletter to any valid email or snail mail address. Your dues payments make this possible.

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## Coming Home

The Association received an email recently from a retiree in Michigan who was cleaning house and getting rid of “stuff” at the same time.

“While cleaning the other day, I came across a lighter that I'd found many years ago while swimming. It was at the bottom of a lake, so it must have fallen out of someone's pocket. It has the USS Reeves on one side and the ship's insignia (noting it as DLG-24) on the other side. If your association would like to have it, or if you think there's a way to find it's owner, I'd be happy to send it to where it needs to go. *Jim Breuker, Grand Rapids, MI*”



The Association quickly accepted it as an historic artifact. Jim shipped it along with an explanation of how he came into its possession:

“...My recollection about how I found the lighter is a bit hazy, since it was so long ago that I remember finding it.

“My rediscovery of it was due to a combination of my having moved recently and retiring. It's now time to clean out "stuff" and as was going

through boxes of collected items, I came across the lighter and did a Google search that resulted in my contacting you.

“The specifics that surround my original discovery of the lighter are, as noted above, a bit hazy. However, I think I found it on the bottom of the lake in the swimming area of Stony Lake Park, west of New Era, Michigan. The park is near the west end of the lake, near the outlet to Lake Michigan. It was probably at least 30 - 40 years ago that I found it, which would coincide with the years you noted that the ship was designated a "DLG". It took a little time and effort on my part to make the lighter function, but it still sparks. How you can use it for your collection. Maybe you'll even find its owner.

“Blessings to you and those who served on the ship.”

*Jim Breuker*

Stony Lake Beach and Park is located inside the boundaries of Benona Township, Michigan, fronting on east Lake Michigan and is 33 miles north of Muskegon, Michigan.

The lighter was probably lost by a crewmember who served on REEVES before June 22, 1975, when CAPT Fontaine was relieved by CAPT Dickman in Subic Bay and REEVES was redesignated as a CG. Also, there is a large group of FTs who used to gather periodically in Michigan. And, the

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## The President's Page—What it takes to be special.....



Greetings to the Reeves Association Family;

It's time again to get everyone on-board for our upcoming reunion, and I've been

thinking about the lengths we have taken over the last few years to get our shipmates interested in joining us. From a numbers point of view, this should be a fairly easy undertaking. We have roughly 175 members (both current and past due) who have taken time to sign up and pay dues. We have other snail and email addresses that help us reach out to another 735 members. Then you can add in a number of shipmates who find us through social media (Facebook, etc.) or those who manage to spot our reunion announcements in some of the veterans' publications (Legion, VFW, Navy Times, etc.) where we take advantage of the reunion columns. That gives us a fair amount of reach for a small organization with limited resources. Unfortunately all that advertising still doesn't quite lead us to more success in the reunion business.

Fact is that we have always struggled to get our numbers up to the point where we can get better reunion deals for our members. It figures that bigger groups get more for less. We have averaged about 30 (or so) participants per

reunion (including significant others), since our first reunion in Longmont, CO. We're not complaining, as we've been fortunate to have built a dedicated following of shipmates who really enjoy the reunions, and make plans to come back every time. These folks are the core of our organization, and they belong to a very exclusive club. Just how exclusive?

Consider this. The population of the United States on July 4, 2014 was right at 318,504,632. Yep, that's the plus side of 318 Million – at least according to the census bureau. Out of that head count, there are 21,619,731 that are listed as veterans. That means that veterans make up only 6.78% of the US population. Of those 21.6 million veterans, there are 4,834,178 Navy veterans, which is 22.3% of the veteran population. The US Army is roughly twice the size at 9.2 million.

Now on to some Reeves stats: It has been guess-timated that there were approximately 4,000 Navy veterans that had the good fortune to call the USS Reeves home during her thirty years of service. That means that Reeves Shipmates account for about 0.08% of all Navy veterans. Drilling down a step further to the 30 to 40 Reeves Family members that attend our reunions, and we see a population that represents about 0.75% of the Reeves available audience of approximately 4000

shipmates. If we go one step further and count only the shipmates that make reunions, the margin drops to 0.375%.

Okay, so we lack statistical significance. However, the Reeves shipmates who have attended our past reunions are members of a very exclusive group. What we lack in stats is clearly off-set by the good times we have always had at our reunions. This very exclusive group is getting ready to do it again, so the push is on to get more Reeves Shipmates to make the decision to join us in Portland. More participants may weaken our exclusivity, but I'd think we'd still be pretty special if our reunion ranks doubled and we soared to 0.75%. It's worth the risk to be somewhat less statistically significant in the big picture.

It's actually very easy to make this leap to 0.75% work: Make plans to be there, convince your significant other it will be fun, make reservations, buy tickets, catch-up on your dues, and by all means ..... call on an old Reeves Shipmate and offer them the opportunity to be part of our very exclusive group.

Portland and October will soon converge, and we hope to see you there.

Till then, we wish you *Fair Winds and Following Seas*

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## The End Of Plasma TV's

Plasma televisions appear to be headed to the tech graveyard, joining dinosaurs like the VCR and floppy disk. Despite being praised by sites like CNET for having the best picture quality available in a television (Samsung PNF8500), the demand for plasma televisions has dropped. According to CNN Money, plasma TV shipments plunged 16 percent globally in the first

quarter of 2014 compared with a year ago. Plasma televisions have largely been replaced by LCD TVs, which are thinner, more energy efficient and cheaper, Vox said. The death of plasma is an incredible success story for LCD technology, but it's also a sad reminder that disruption doesn't always mean the best products win: No LCD TV has ever looked as good as

the best plasma TVs. Panasonic quit making plasma TVs in 2013. Samsung recently announced it is pulling the plug on plasma TVs in November, leaving LG Electronics as the last major international plasma TV manufacturer. But LG plans to halt production later this year, CNN Money said. [Source: MoneyTalksNews | Krystal Steinmetz | July 7, 2014 ++]

## Mail/eMail/Decklog/Facebook From Our Shipmates —

Hi Mike,

Hope you are doing great. Oct. is around the corner. A friend of mine gave me a web site for Armed Forces Vacation discounts. [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com) I checked it out. I found some great weekly savings for military people. Maybe the next reunion, wherever it might be, this might be helpful. Or, maybe our fellow shipmates might be able to use it for themselves. See you soon

Tony Borba

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Michael

Sorry I've been busy. Just mailed off the Items this morning to you from USPS. Two packages, one is a tube with a couple of photos, the other has magazines, photos, patches, a couple of lighters, one is a plank owners lighter, and the cruise books. I have acquired another 66-68 Far East cruise book if you are interested. It has no writing in it. That makes three of the 66-68 cruise-books. I don't need them all. The only reason I got them is because I wanted to get them for the USS REEVES before they disappeared. I would rather have someone associated with the Reeves get them than let a dealer get them.

Neal Cozart

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Hey Michael,

We were wanting to know if there is any update on the Agent Orange processing.

I just returned from our local VA office and submitted a claim. According to the list, the Reeves is not on the Blue Water exposure list yet. What can I do to help get our ship included?

Any information would be

greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you in October in Portland. Nancy and I are very excited about coming.

Charles Elkins

PS We have completed the advertising for the reunion and hopefully you will see some results very soon.

*We are pursuing any avenue we can with Paul Richmond. For the moment, all our efforts can only help those who were onboard when REEVES swung on the hook on 5 Jul and 6 Jul 1966, and rode a boat to the landing, stepping ashore, and thereby establishing physical contact with the Vietnamese mainland. Anyone else who may have been in or around Vietnamese between 1964 and 1973 are S.O.L.*

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Michael

Just a thought, have you ever looked in to setting up a Paypal account or something similar so people could renew their memberships right on the website. A couple of other organizations I belong to have something like that and a reminder notice about renewal usually sends me to the website with a credit card or my Paypal account. Snail mail renewals bring out my procrastination alternate personality. Might help, what do you think? Anyway we will see you in Portland.

Gerry

*Until our membership and ship's store activities get to another level, Paypal or any credit card processor will cost us a lot more than we take in. I tried it a couple of years ago, and cancelled when I was the monthly charges vs. our income.*

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Michael,

I noticed your ad for a reunion in the American Legion Magazine and wanted to send you a file. I have been sending it out to try and garner support for the Agent Orange Equity act that has been introduced in the House. The attached file will show you how to contact your Representative asking them to please co-sponsor this issue. It will only take a few minutes of your time and could impact the lives of many Veterans who served off the coast of Vietnam.

Hopefully, you are already involved in this very important issue. If not, I hope you will contact your representatives as well as forward the attached file to friends, relatives, co-workers and Comrades in Arms asking for their support as well.

Thanks and good luck with your reunion.

Dennis L. Franklin  
Vietnam Veteran 1965 – 1967

*There is a new bill being introduced that will help thousands of Vietnam Veterans in their fight for recognition to the exposure to Agent Orange. The House bill, H.R. 543 "The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013" has been presented and is currently under review. This bill is to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of the "Blue Water Navy" veterans who served in the Territorial Waters of the Republic of Vietnam to Agent Orange. Currently, there are 197 co-sponsors for this bill. Check website <http://www.fra.org/> for more info.*

## Departed Shipmates

Michael

Just wanted to let you know so that you can put this into the newsletter. I just found out yesterday that we lost one of our own recently. Dennis White (FTM2 USS Reeves 1976 thru 1980) passed away earlier this month due to complications from liver disease. He was on the wait list for a transplant, but it did not happen in time.

Dennis was one of the good guys. He was probably my best friend while I was on the Reeves and we have remained in contact ever since. We did everything together, well almost everything. When I decided to start skydiving, he sat that one out and watched from the ground. He was the first person to get in an airplane with me after I got my private pilot certificate. We were best men at each other's weddings. He married Barbara Shultz, daughter of Secretary of State George Shultz. We had Secret Service Agents all over the area when they got married at Naval Station Norfolk.

Dennis spent 12 years in the Navy. Dennis was a great technician and an outstanding sailor. After leaving the navy, he spent several years working for Vitro Laboratories and helped design testing protocols for many weapons systems used by the US Navy. After leaving Vitro Labs, he went to work managing the IT System for a Catholic School in Bloomington Indiana.

One of the great things about the USS Reeves Association is that it gives us a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones, based on our association with the Reeves. As I said in an

earlier email, being a shipmate is a special relationship that is not well understood by anyone that hasn't served aboard a ship. These friendships survive decades and even lifetimes. Dennis will be missed by those that knew him. In closing, I would add, that none of us should miss a chance to contact a shipmate, or a friend and just let them know that you are thinking about them. When they are gone it is too late.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in October.

Fair winds and following seas

Jeff

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My name is SPC Colin E Whittle.

My father was SN Carlton E Whittle. I'm currently an active duty soldier in the US Army 101st ABN Division 1st Combat Brigade 2/327 No Slack Battalion.

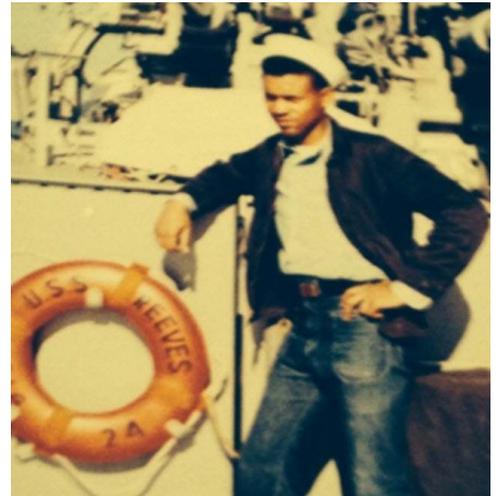
I'd like to find out if anyone has looked for my father or is currently looking. He has passed away and it's important to me that if any of his shipmates are looking for him, I'd like to be able to respond.

Colin Whittle

*The Association records show that Carlton Whittle was a commissioning crew member who was finally rated as an ETN3. His years of service onboard were 1964—1966. He reported on 24 Mar 1964, before commissioning and was a member of the crew that deployed to WestPac in 1966. His son has*

*sent a picture of Carlton back in the day.*

*There are so many more departed shipmates in recent years. On the website, we try to keep any*



*and all informed. Just by keeping up to date with the facebook community, the website Remembrance page can be brought up to date. At least check out the Remembrance page to make sure that your shipmates are remembered by all of us who walked the decks of REEVES.*

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*I found another shipmate's name recently among the departed in the one place I didn't expect it the CG-24 Facebook page.*

*BT3 Darren Paul (from the CG-24 FB site) who was onboard in 1988, and passed in November 1995, six months after he left the Navy.*

*And then, one more. MMI Smith (from the CG-24/DLG-24 FB site) for whom I am seeking more information.*

*These sites need to be merged!*

## Our Next Reunion: Portland, Oregon

The venue has been selected and the hotel chosen. We will be meeting and staying at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Portland. The hotel is a short ride from the airport arrivals using a hotel-provided shuttle.



Our reunion dates are October 9-Oct 13, 2014. (Arrival on 9 Oct, departure on 13 Oct). We have negotiated a room rate of \$99 per night, including a three-day rate extension for early arrivals and departures. A block of rooms have



On the Willamette River...

already been set aside for our group. Contact the Sheraton at 508-281-2500 for reservations. Be sure to include your group information of USS REEVES REUNION to receive the block rate.

Reunion activities organized by the association are included in the one-time registration fee of \$110 per person. This includes the hospitality room, beer/wine/soda/snack refreshments throughout the reunion, the Welcome Reception on Friday and the banquet on Sunday.

Due to tour diversity found in the Portland area, there will be a single scheduled reunion activity – the Portland Spirit Cruise Dinner offered on Saturday evening on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. A separate sign-up is required on the

registration form as it is not included in the reunion registration fee.



Portland has been described as America’s most European city. If that means a great walking city with tons of public transportation, a progressive atmosphere that celebrates the arts, a culture of great food, artisan coffee, beer and wine and neighborhoods chock full of shops selling handmade clothes, crafts and furniture, then we’d have to agree.



Mt. Hood east of Portland

As fantastic as Portland is to spend time in, it’s one of the easiest cities to spend time outside. The mountains, waterfalls, wine country and other assorted outdoor goodies Oregon is so famous for are all a short drive away.

Heeding the call of the “Women’s Auxiliary” at the 2012 reunion, Portland is a perfect base for wine and vineyard tours west of Portland.



Multnomah Falls at the Columbia Gorge

So much to do, so few days to do it all!

Our reunions aren’t large enough to guarantee full buses and interest in certain venues. The requests for tour opportunities already exceed the days of the reunion.

We are going to set up a “tours” table in the hospitality room where those with and those without transportation can band together for their mutual tour destinations.

These can include easy drive day trips to Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens. A trip to Mt. St. Helens could include visits to the observation platforms at the Forest Learning Center and the Johnson Ridge Observatory.

This activity was discussed by Tom Bailey in the last newsletter.

So, if your tour destination is the vineyards on Mt. Hood, the 30 different breweries in downtown Portland, the Columbia at Astoria, or the Cheese Factories at Tillamook, there are destinations aplenty and shipmates looking for the same places.

Meet and coordinate in the Hospitality Room over a cool brew, a glass of wine or a soda/pop.

**Pre-Reunion Cruise....**

We have received information from the Portland Spirit Cruise people that they are planning a 2014 cruise on the Columbia River from Portland to Astoria on October 8th



This is a full day narrated cruise to the mouth of the Columbia, with a continental breakfast, a full buffet lunch and bus transport back to Portland. For us, it will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the waters explored by the Lewis & Clark Company, and the fishing grounds of many native tribes before Capt Cook arrived 1792.

See the reunion registration form.

**Financials**

**FY 2014 Operating YTD**

**Income**

Dues	\$1000
Donations	\$498
Reunions	\$2976
Ship’s Store	\$555
Cost of Goods	-\$379
Total Income	\$5028

**Expense**

Advertising	\$97
Newsletters	\$892
Postage/Delivery	\$103
Reunion Expenses	\$500
Total Expense	\$1600
Net Income	\$3050

**FY 2014 Assets**

Total Assets	\$7137
Liabilities	\$101
Net Equity	\$7036

**Charitable/Educational Objectives**

The USS Reeves Association is an educational, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service, FEIN 86-1163983. For that purpose at the 2010 business meeting, it was recommended that future excess funds be used for donations and scholarships as determined at business meetings starting in 2012.

**Shift Colors**

To receive the Navy’s Shift Colors newsletter via email send the following information to [Mill\\_ShiftColors@navy.mil](mailto:Mill_ShiftColors@navy.mil) -- First name; Last name; E-mail address; Title (Mr., Mrs., rank, etc.); and Military affiliation (retiree, surviving spouse, veteran, other). There is no longer any funding for hard copies to be printed and mailed. To receive Shift Colors it does not matter whether or not you’re retired, active duty, a veteran, a surviving spouse, or just someone who’s interested in receiving the newsletter.

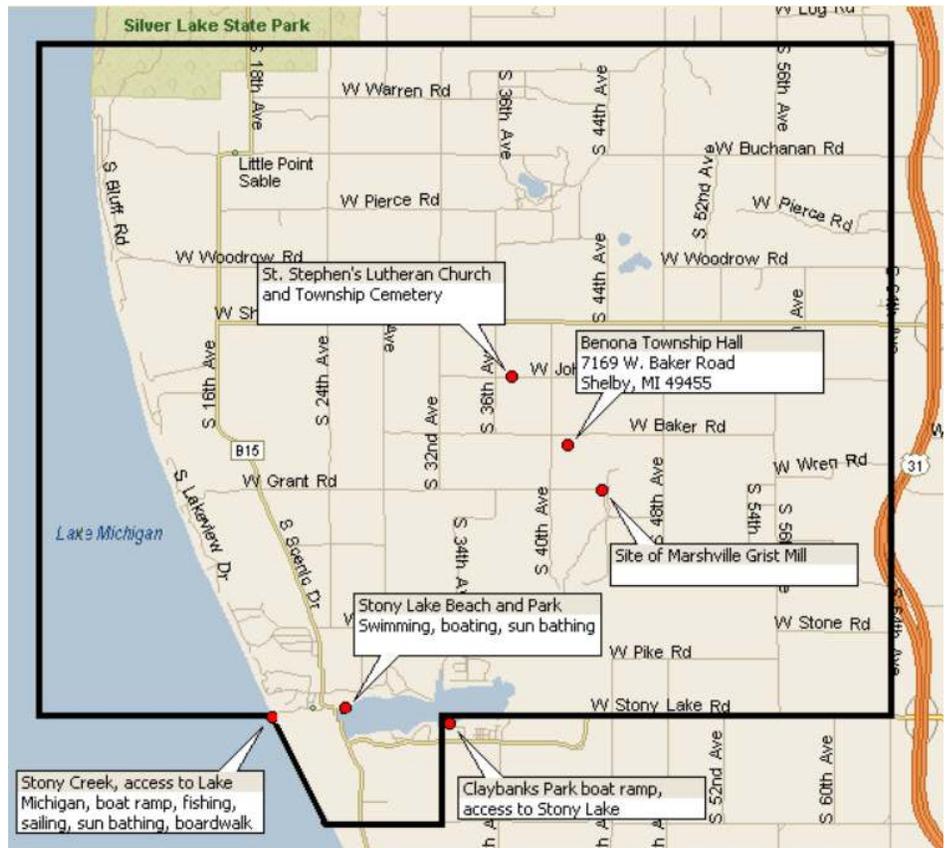
**Lost Lighter Found (cont)**

Association crew member database lists 25 shipmates in Michigan, of which only one lives in a 494XX zip code.

There are two theories: (1) while fishing in a boat, it was dropped overboard; (2) someone wearing cut-off jeans jumped into the lake as a beach party was full blast.

The editorial board votes for option number two. Number one is unlikely as the beach has an artificial sandy bottom and probably isn’t a very good fishing spot.

Number two is even more likely as the FTs in Michigan had a reputation for having particularly raucous get-togethers, complete with motorcycles and other beach party stuff.



Map of Benona Township, MI, including Stony Lake Beach. Stony Lake was originally formed in 1850 when it was dammed for sawmills harvesting the white pine forests in the vicinity. More information at <http://www.benonatownship.org/>



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1960's (\$10) + s/h



1967—Entering Sydney Harbor

1990's (\$10) + s/h



1992—Seattle Sea Fair Festival

Mousepads (\$10) + s/h



### Ship's Store

1970's (\$10) + s/h



1975—Departing Pearl Harbor

Challenge Coins (\$14) + s/h



Golf Shirts (\$20) + s/h (2XL/3XL-add \$2)



1980's (\$10) + s/h



1985—Enroute Yokosuka from Australia

Reunion ball caps (\$10 each) + s/h

2009—San Diego

2010—Chicago

2012—Charleston



T-Shirts (\$15) + s/h (2XL/3XL-add \$2)



### USS Reeves Association – Ship's Store Order Form

Price	S/H	Total	
			Total

**Shipping and handling:**

Shipping is via USPS Priority. Please add the following for each item to cover the association's packaging and postage costs:

Photos: \$1 per photo

Ball caps: \$2

Mousepads: \$1

Challenge Coins: \$2 for 1, \$.50 for each additional coin

Shirts: \$2 per shirt

**Shipping Label**

To:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Phone:

Email:

Send order to: USS Reeves Association  
c/o Michael Robertson  
15709 N Sycamore St  
Mead, WA 99021

## VA Benefits—Seniors Update—Pay Attention!

VA benefits are one of the most misunderstood programs for seniors. Wartime veterans and their spouses (even widows) may be entitled to subsidize expenses for home health care, independent living and nursing home, potentially in excess of \$24,000 annually. Little is known about this program and how to appropriately receive benefits. Ideally, elder law planning should start when decisions can be made and options are available. These include how you want to deal with aging, lifestyle choices, and a sound financial strategy. The starting point should be long term care insurance but when such insurance is no longer an option or insufficient, VA benefits become the next best choice.

According to attorney Evan W. Turk, VA benefits are typically misunderstood – even by attorneys. The primary reason is that the VA's rules are stringent about not being able to charge to apply for the benefit and it takes a lot of time and effort to get someone properly through the process. Even though VA benefits is burdened by complications, elder law planning must include VA benefits as an option because of this tremendous benefit which could delay or avoid the need to leave one's house or other wishes. A sound well-rounded elder law strategy should include all reasonable and available options. Often times, the VA benefit becomes the most important component. The VA lists attorneys and other professionals who are accredited by the VA who are authorized to assist the

veteran and family. Many accredited attorneys provide assistance at no cost as part of their overall legal strategy (within VA rules and regulations). Turk, who practices elder law and is the Principle Counsel in Delray Beach, Florida noted that the 10 biggest reasons that seniors miss out on this important benefit are:

1. **Not knowing about the program.** A majority of eligible applicants do not receive benefits for no other reason than not knowing it exists.

2. **Confusion to who is eligible.** Spouses and widows are also eligible (even if they were not married to the veteran at the time of war).

3. **Lack of understanding.** It is a reimbursement of age related expenses thus expenses must exist prior to the VA providing reimbursement.

4. **In many situations, eligibility is a catch-22.** Since it is a reimbursement of existing expenses, those desperately in need and without means to pay are denied because they do not have a means to pay.

5. **Confusing application.** Benefits fit within the VA pension although one can receive a pension with 90 days of service or by having married an eligible veteran; checking the wrong box on that application could result in a denial.

6. **Lack of professional advice.** It is unlawful to charge for the application minimizing incen-

tives to see benefits to fruition.

7. **Complex rules.** One with less than \$100,000 in assets can be denied for having too much assets while one with \$1,000,000 in assets can be approved by sheltering assets.

8. **Length of process.** If not handled properly, the time for seeing benefits to fruition can exceed a year, leaving many to give up.

9. **Incomplete applications.** Many VA organizations can assist with the application but are overwhelmed and often misinformed about the program and its complex rules.

10. **Failure to seek appropriate advice.** Many participate in the unauthorized practice of law by providing advice on sheltering assets with financial products for eligibility purposes, typically receiving financial commissions (often with no discussion about how this may be inappropriate or disqualify the applicant for Medicaid).

The VA on <http://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp> lists attorneys and other professionals who are accredited by the VA who are authorized to assist the veteran and family. The site allows seniors to choose the type of person (Attorney/Claims Agent/VSO representative) in their geographic area to assist them. Many accredited attorneys provide assistance at no cost as part of their overall legal strategy (within VA rules and regulations). [Source: PRNewswire press release Jun 19, 2014 ++]

USS REEVES (DLG/CG-24) ASSOCIATION REUNION
2014 REGISTRATION FORM
October 9-13, 2014

Important! See Additional Information on Reverse!

Make hotel reservations with the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 Northeast Airport Way, Portland, Oregon 97220, (503) 281-2500. Tell them "USS Reeves Association Reunion" to ensure proper credit to our Association and receive the group rate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Years served on board: 19\_\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_\_, Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate onboard \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, October 8th

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Pre-Reunion Event: Astoria River Cruise (Spirit Cruises) - Availability Confirmed

Thursday, October 9th

3:00 pm Hotel check-in.

Friday, October 10th

6:00 - 8:00 pm Welcome Reception in Hospitality Room with open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, October 11th

6:00 - 10:30 pm Portland Spirit Dinner Cruise Tour (optional, reservations required)

Sunday, October 12th

3:00 - 4:30 pm Association meeting - Hospitality Room

5:30 - 7:00 pm Cash-bar happy hour: Group/Individual Photos

7:00 - 10:00 pm Reunion Banquet:

Choice of (please indicate number of orders - vegetarian entree available upon request):

#\_\_\_ Prime Rib of Beef (10 oz. Choice Beef, slow roasted, served with Au Jus and horseradish sauce)

#\_\_\_ Marsala Chicken (grilled boneless breast of chicken accented with rosemary, mushroom, and marsala sauce)

#\_\_\_ Pacific Seared Salmon (fresh salmon filet, grilled, roasted garlic tomato vinaigrette)

Dinner also includes classic salad with dressings, fresh seasonal vegetables, potato or rice, rolls and butter, New York cheesecake, regular or decaf coffee, hot tea.

Monday, October 13th

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Hotel checkout & departure

There is a single, all inclusive fee of \$110 per person for the reunion that includes the Welcome Reception, beverages & snacks for the hospitality room, banquet cost, reunion ball cap and attendee materials. Tours are not included in this fee.

I will attend the reunion \_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s).

TOTAL attending x \$110 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL for Dinner Cruise \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see back)

TOTAL for Shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see back) TOTAL Enclosed for Reunion \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return no later than 8/31/2014 (sooner if at all possible!); make out check payable to:

USS REEVES ASSOCIATION

Mail to: Michael Robertson, Reunion Organizer
15709 N Sycamore St, Mead, WA 99021

For further information call Michael Robertson at 509-315-8107, email: michael.d.robertson@comcast.net

**USS REEVES (DLG/CG-24) ASSOCIATION REUNION  
2014 REGISTRATION FORM  
October 9-13, 2014**

**Reunion, Tour Information & Reservations**



**Reunion Shirt** – This is a handsome, high quality polo shirt with the USS Reeves Association logo embroidered on the left chest. The shirt is an exclusive product of June, our Post Falls, ID, supplier who will produce any number of shirts (one to infinity) at the same reasonable price. Most reunion shirts have date and place information included in the embroidery. This shirt will appear as shown. Reunion date and place are included on the complimentary reunion ball cap. Sizes available: S, M, L, XL, XXL and XXXL. The price for shirts are \$20 (add \$2 for sizes XXL and XXXL). **Latest date for returning registration forms and ordering shirts is 8/31/14.**

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like shirt(s). Qty: \_\_\_ S, \_\_\_ M, \_\_\_ L, \_\_\_ XL, \_\_\_ XXL, \_\_\_ XXXL. (S-XL \$20, 2XL-3XL \$22)

**Astoria River Cruise – Pre-Reunion Event. Wednesday, 8 Oct 2014.** This is a confirmed full day adventure that only happens once a year! Cruise on the *Portland Spirit* as she runs down the Willamette and Columbia Rivers from Portland to Astoria, Oregon, at the mouth of the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy the sights along the river with narration along the way, then hop on a luxury motor coach to return to Portland. Travel by POV (privately owned vehicle) to the Portland, Salmon Street landing. Boarding 7:30am, cruising 8am-5pm returning via motor-coach to Portland by 7:00pm. The price includes Captain's narration, continental breakfast, lunch buffet, dessert, coffee and hot tea service, gratuity and bus transportation back to Portland.

\$110 adults, \$88 seniors (60+). A \$4.00 local landing charge/taxes may apply. **Please make reservations directly with Jason Deffley of the *Portland Spirit* at (503) 943-9116.** (Note. Participating in the Astoria Cruise will require arriving in Portland on October 7<sup>th</sup> or earlier. The Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel has offered the \$99 room rate for three days in advance – from October 6<sup>th</sup> – of the official reunion dates.)

\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will participate. Adults participating: \_\_\_ I/we can provide transportation for \_\_\_ in our POV.

**General Portland Tour Information.** Other than the Dinner Cruise, reunion-organized tours will not be offered. Tour opportunities in Portland are so diverse that the organization couldn't possibly guarantee 25 participants for any particular tour and cover the cost of transportation and entry. It was suggested at a 2013 FAM conference in Portland that attendees get together like-minded attendees and set up one, two or three car convoys to the Oregon and Washington wineries, Columbia gorge and falls, Mount St. Helens, downtown Portland, and the Pacific Coast areas. In this manner, all attendees should have tour opportunities. All of these destinations are not more than an hour or two from the Portland Airport. An organizing table will be set up in the Hospitality Room for this purpose. Tour recommendations, pamphlets, maps and other planning items can be found at this site. Groups can gather and plan mutual destinations and vehicle arrangements.

\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will participate. Adults participating: \_\_\_ I/we can provide transportation for \_\_\_ in our POV.

**Portland Spirit Dinner Cruise & Harbor Tour Saturday Evening —. Departs hotel @ 1800 (6:00 pm) returns by 2200 (10:00 pm).**

Pre-arranged group transportation will depart the hotel at 1800 (6:00 pm). Board the *Portland Spirit* at the Salmon Street location at 1830. Bar service and seating are immediately available. The Reeves Association will attempt to group participants as a group. The *Portland Spirit* will depart the Salmon Street landing at 1900.

Wine and appetizers are available at an extra charge. They include Shrimp Cocktail (\$10) and Sautéed Mushrooms (\$8). The table server will provide the available wine list. The entrée menu varies according to the time of the year. It may include Northwest Seafood Pasta, Pappardelle Pasta, Slow Roasted Pork Loin with Dijon & Pink Peppercorn Sauce, Grilled Vegetable Turnover, Applewood Smoked Beef Brisket with Blackberry Brandy Glaze, Roasted Snake River Kobe Beef Shoulder Tender, Baked Columbia River Steelhead Fillet, or Panko Crusted Chicken Breast.

**Dinner entrées are served with House Salad, Fresh Baked Bread, Coffee and Hot Tea. Dessert included; upgrade to premium dessert available at additional charge.**

\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will participate. Adults participating: \_\_\_ x \$80, Seniors (60+) participating: \_\_\_ x \$75

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please copy to front page)

**Please complete and return not later than 8/31/2014 or sooner.**

For further information call Michael Robertson at 509-315-8107, email: michael.d.robertson@comcast.net

## Midway Meet-Up

Mr. Robertson;

My name is Allan Pierce, I was an EW onboard the Reeves from 1986 - 1988. I came aboard an EW2, and departed EW1.

I just wanted to relay a funny coincidence that happened this weekend, Saturday, May 31, 2014.

I live in Santa Barbara, CA (as you have noted in the crew roster), and the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) came for a port visit. The Reagan has been adopted by the Santa Barbara Navy League.

The USS Reagan was scheduled to visit Santa Barbara last year, but sequestration put a stop to all port visits. If it had visited, I would have spent most of my time with my nephew, who was stationed onboard last year. He got out of the Navy a few months after the scheduled visit so he was not onboard when they finally made it here.

I and a group from Channel Technologies (my employer), volunteered to help the Santa Barbara Navy League, during the weekend port visit. I was helping serve at a reception for

the Chiefs (E-7 thru E-9) onboard the Reagan, at a private home in Hope Ranch near Santa Barbara.

I wore my USS Reeves ballcap, yes the same one I wore onboard some 26 years ago. My that seems a long time ago.

During the course of the afternoon, a Chief came up to me and introduced himself as FCCM Terry Guard. He noticed my Reeves ballcap and wanted to introduce himself, and went on to explain that he partook in the shelling/sinking of the USS Reeves, 13 years ago (to the day). We went on to have a great conversation about the Sink-Ex, which was termed Tandum Thrust 2001.

Although the encounter only lasted a short time, I enjoyed it tremendously. I had a great time connecting with a group of guys that, as it turns out, even the senior guys hadn't even joined the Navy before I got out.

I just thought it coincidental that on the 26th anniversary of my last ship's sinking, I had the privilege to meet one of the guys who "sunk my cruiser".

Thank you for your time!  
Allan Pierce

## Remembering Our Shipmates

For those of you who have access to the internet, and are subscribed to one or more of the three Facebook pages:

(USS Reeves DLG24/CG24) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USSREEVESDLGandCG24/>

(USS Reeves CG24) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/54484286337/>

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...we are seeing more information about shipmates that have passed over the years. We are able to validate and complete that information, and post it on the USS Reeves website on our Remembrance Page. If the information is timely, we can even post it in our quarterly newsletter.

As I said back in the beginning of the Association newsletters, there were probably 4,000+ shipmates who walked REEVES' deck in her nearly 30 years of Naval Service.

My wife and I recently saw the movie version of the Jersey Boys. The end of the movie includes a retrospective of Frankie Valli from the Hall of Fame induction in 1990 back to harmonizing under a street light in New Jersey in the early 50s. We look in the mirror and don't look any older than yesterday. But, many of our shipmates have been passing, and are now passing more quickly.

Immortality is lasting in someone's memory until the last memory dies.

With the miracle of the internet, immortality may have taken a new lease on our memories.

### Valuable News Sources

As I have said before, the semi-monthly RAO Bulletin is an invaluable source of USN/DOD news for this newsletter. I strongly recommend every Veteran subscribe to this informative and timely source:

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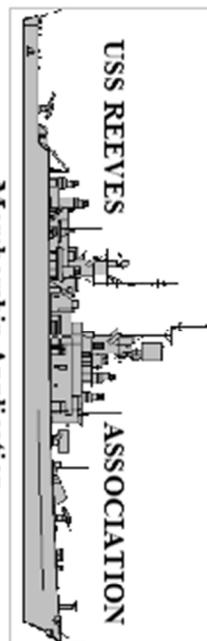
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I served on the USS REEVES (DLG-24/CG-24) as a \_\_\_\_\_ (rate/rank) from 19\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_.

Membership in the Association includes the right to vote and hold elective office. It also includes receiving a newsletter, email updates and further privileges as to be determined by the Board of Directors.

*Dues Per Year: \$20.00*

I also wish to support the goals of the Association which is the building of a membership that will increase interest in bi-annual reunions, as well as the establishment of a newsletter and other means of communicating our activities with all Reeves shipmates. I am making an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I enclose my check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I am interested in helping the Association grow and become successful. I wish to serve on a committee, provide other assistance or have an interest as follows:

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