

USS WILHOITE

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NEWSLETTER

Hi to all:

I surely hope that this finds all in good health and ready to start a new year with the USS Wilhoite.

Connie Mauldin has resigned her position as Secretary and if anyone is interested volunteering, please let Tom Morrissey know.

We made it through this COVID virus here in Concordia okay. Only had 3 cases and of course we were in lockdown for months. Food delivered to rooms and cold when we got it, but at least we did not go hungry.

For some of you know I remarried later after Bobby's death and it was not a good one. We are no longer together and I have taken back my name Rider. Should not have changed to start with. Sometimes you have to learn the hard way. I will be moving back to Rogers middle of October. If you need information about anything until we get a new Secretary, either call or email me

Well wishes to all and a very Happy Turkey day.

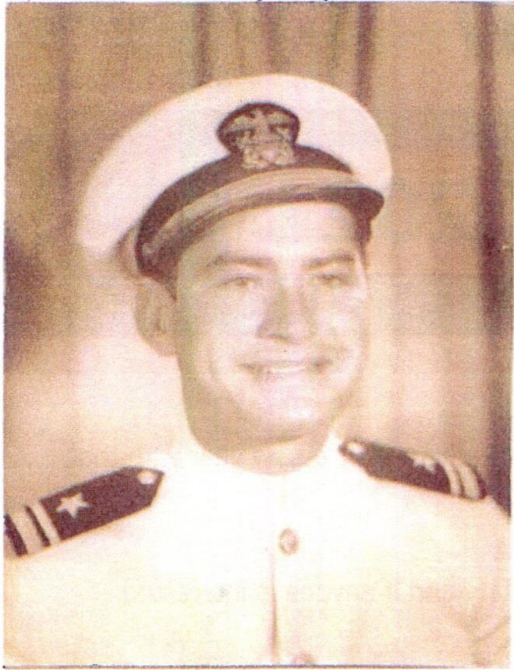
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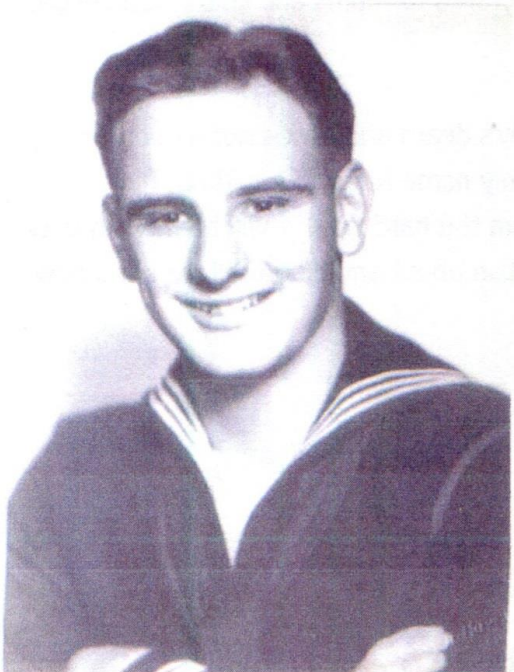
These are our beloved plank owners who we have had the pleasure knowing. They gave wonderful service to this beloved Destroyer USS Wilhoite.



CHARLES HORCH – 1942-1946



JACK GANNON – 1943-1946



GEORGE AUMENT – 1943-1944



DOUG ROACH – 1943-1945

Aittala Gene (2021)
Alcorn Mike (2020)
Anderson Henry
Aument Carolyn
Berry Dave
Bunker Rita
Cagle Richard
Caldwell John
Candor Raymond
Carlisle Fred
Caron Bob
Compton Ed
Cramer Peter
Cusato Paul
Dougher Tom
Dougher, Jr Gerald
Dutchuk John
Dyson Al
Eertmoed Donald
Endter Bill
Ercek Ron (2021)
Frederiksen Geri
Gergens Steve
Hackenberg Rich
Hagee Charles
Hayes Will (2020)
Hawes Eugene (2022)
Heller Richard
Hill Richard
Horch Linda
Huckemayer Harry W.
Huff Ron
Huml Vincent (2021)
Hydro John (2020)
Intemann Gary
Jensen Keith
Johnson Robert
Kaczmariski Julius
Knight James
Long Leroy

Mason William
Mauldin Connie
McKallagat Peter
McKenna Eugene
Morrissey Tom
Murphy Obie
O'Quin Edward
Owens William
Papapenfus William
Parker David
Payne Gary
Payson David
Pohl Art (2020)
Price Earl
Pratt Shannon
Rice Robert
Rider Elisabeth (2021)
Ringel Richard
Robinson Lee
Rott Raymond
Ruel Donald
Scheeder Dick
Shanahan, Jr. John
Silhan Peter
Smith Raymond
Strickland Gene
Tencer Charles (2020)
Thompson Ross (2020)
Throm Larry
Torriglia Paul (2020)
Valiant Vernon
West Tom
West William
Wiseman Leonard
Worden Charles
Yonkofski Ben

This is a partial list of approximately 220 shipmates.

The 2022 dues is due now and would please consider renewing or joining the USS Wilhoite Association. You can send to Dana Alcorn and her address is 12863 W. Vernon Avenue, Avondale, AZ 85392. Make checks payable to USS Wihoite.

I don't know if some have passed on or moved or whatever. If you know of someone please let me know so we can update our records.

You know these dues go to help keep the namesake of the USS Wilhoite alive, by newsletters, donating to the USS Slater if a member is a member of the Wilhoite Association, (or whatever charity they would like), office expense and helping with the reunions. Of course we have not had one in a while. I have (talking to Tom) planned on a reunion in Branson in September, 2022. As soon as Tom approves the Itinerary, I will get it out to all.

I sure hope that we can have a good turnout because we have not seen each other in a while. We want to welcome a new time frame after more than a year of being at home. Me for one have not been able to attend one for a while and I am looking forward to renewing Bobby's shipmates and hopefully new ones.

You don't necessarily have to have served on the ship the same time of others, but you all have served on her at some time and would it not be awesome for some great fellowship. I know some were in other branches of service, but wouldn't that be great to listen to some of their stories also.

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AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

- #1 - I talk to myself, because there are times I need expert advice.
- #2 - I consider "In Style" to be the clothes that still fit.
- #3 - I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
- #4 - My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- #5 - The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
- #6 - I have days when my life is just a tent away from a circus.
- #7 - These days, "on time" is when I get there.
- #8 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
- #9 - Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- #10 - Lately, I've noticed people my age are so much older than me.
- #11 - "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.
- #12 - When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it feels like a mini vacation.
- #13 - Some days I have no idea what I'm doing out of bed.
- #14 - I thought growing old would take longer
- #15 - Aging sure has slowed me down, but it hasn't shut me up.
- #16 - I still haven't learned to act my age.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD

Cocoa Puffs Cookies or Candy

This was given to me as cookies, but some says it more like candy.

1 cup sugar

½ cup white corn syrup

¼ cup honey

12 oz. Chunky Peanut Butter

4 cups Cocoa Puffs

Bring the sugar, corn syrup and honey to boil. Boil 1 minute (not longer)
Add peanut butter, stir until melted and well mixed. Add cocoa puffs. Stir until well coated. Drop by teaspoon unto wax paper. You have to work fast or it will harden before out of pan.

SHIPS NEWS





Navy Day

Even though some people may think that the Navy Day that's celebrated annually on October 27th is used to commemorate the U.S Navy's birthday—in reality, this holiday isn't to celebrate the date on which this military branch was founded, but is a holiday that's used to celebrate the men and women who serve in the day. The U.S Navy's Birthday actually falls on October 13th.

This year (2021)	October 27 (Wednesday)
Next year (2022)	October 27 (Thursday)
Last year (2020)	October 27 (Tuesday)

The History Of Navy Day

Navy Day is a holiday that was created in 1922 by the Navy League of the United States. They choose October 27th for the date of this holiday because it was the birthday of U.S President Theodore Roosevelt, and Roosevelt was a former assistant Secretary of the Navy and was a key advocate for the expansion of the Navy. Although the first year of this holiday received a tepid reception, the following year fifty major U.S cities participated in the event, and the U.S Navy sent a number of its ships to the ports in some of these cities.

The second secretary of the U.S Department of Defense directed that the U.S Navy's participation occur on Armed Forces Day instead of Navy Day, but since the Navy League Of The United States was a civilian organization, it continued to celebrate the day as before. Therefore, the last time the U.S military celebrated Navy Day officially was in 1949.

During the 1970s, historical research discovered that the Navy's birthday was actually on October 13, 1775. This is when the Continental Navy was first established during the American Revolution. As a result, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt worked to define the 13th October as Navy Day. However, what actually happened was that the Navy's Birthday was established on October 13 and Navy Day continued to be celebrated by civilians on October 27.

Facts About The U.S Navy

- The Continental Navy was formed in 1775 but disbanded in 1785.
- The U.S went without a navy until it was reestablished under the Naval Act of 1794.
- Six U.S Presidents have served in the United States Navy since World War II.
- The U.S Navy has over 323,000+ active members—making it the largest navy in the world.
- The U.S Navy has over 288 battle force ships, 3,700 aircraft, 17 frigates, and 72 subs.
- The U.S Navy operates in every major body of water around the entire world.

The 30 year ship building plan released by the Navy in 2020 has the service reaching a fleet of 355 ships by 2049. It expects to build it's active ship total to 305 by end of 2021.

The Navy owns 11 of the worlds 43 active Aircraft Carriers and that doesn't count it's nearly 2 dozen flat decked amphibious ships that might well be considered carriers in their right. This is, as of June 23, 2021 according to data compiled and updated by the Navy, is the currant total of battle force ships:

Aircraft Carriers	11
Combatants	115
Submarines	68
Amphibious Warfare ships	31
Mine Warfare ships	8 Combat
Logistics Ships:	
Fleet Support	29
Combatant Craft	1
Auxiliary Support	33

We have 296 total Battle force active ships in commission.

The Navy will commission 7 ships in 2021 and christen another 8 according to data provided by Naval Sea Systems Command.

The guided missile destroyer fleet will welcome DDG-118 Daniel Inouyl, named after the late US Senator from Hawaii. While the littoral combat ship Oakland, Minneapolis, St Paul and Mobile are expected to join LCS community.

The expeditionary mobile base, Miguel Keith, will be commissioned named in honor of late Marine Corps Lance Corporal who received a posthumously Medal of Honor for heroism during the Vietnam war under the sea.

The fast attack submarine Oregon and Montana will also enter the fleet according to NAVSEA.

REAGAN'S PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

My Philosophy of life is that if we make up our mind what we are going to make of our lives, then work hard toward that goal, we never lose - somehow we win out.

Education is not the means of showing people how to get what they want. Education is an exercise by means of which enough men it is hoped, will learn to want what is worth having.



The US Navy has announced it intends to mothball the first four littoral combat ships by March 2021, with the youngest spending just six years in active service.

Freedom, Independence, Fort Worth and Coronado would be mothballed along with five other US Navy ships, according to a June 20 message from the chief of naval operations, which was first reported by Defense News.

The oldest among them, USS Freedom, entered service in 2008. The ships are to be put in OCIR (Out of Commission, In Reserve), the status of a decommissioned ship being held in reserve for potential future mobilization.

The other five ships, Cyclone-class coastal patrol ship USS Zephyr, USS Shamal and USS Cyclone, along with fleet tug USNS Sioux and dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry will be dismantled.

The navy first announced its plans on the decommissioning of the LCS in its fiscal year 2021 budget request.

“Those four test ships were instrumental to wringing out the crewing, the maintenance and all the other things we needed to learn from them,” Navy Rear Admiral Randy Crites, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget, told reporters during a press briefing in February this year. “But they’re not configured like the other LCS in the fleet, and they need significant upgrades. Everything from combat systems, to structural, you name it.”

The LCS program is split into two classes, the monohull Freedom variant and the aluminium trimaran Independence variant. The program envisioned the ships as being capable of conducting mine countermeasures, anti-submarine and surface warfare missions by embarking different mission modules. The navy is years behind schedule on testing and certifying the mission module packages.

During the most recent seven-month deployment, John S. McCain participated in the annual multinational exercise MALABAR alongside the Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, and Royal Australian Navy, focusing on anti-submarine and anti-surface operations.

In March, 2011, John S. McCain responded in support of Operation Tomodachi to provide humanitarian assistance following the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami.

"It is definitely a changing of the guard with USS John S. McCain and her crew departing the 7th Fleet after over 24 years in Japan," said Capt. Chase Sargeant, Commander, Task Force 71/Destroyer Squadron 15. "The contributions of the current and all previous crews in defending peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific cannot be overstated, and the entire forward-deployed fleet wishes John S. McCain fair winds as she transfers to her new homeport of Everett, Washington."

John S. McCain is scheduled to join US 3rd Fleet, which leads naval forces in the Indo-Pacific and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy. US 3rd Fleet works consistently with US 7th Fleet to complement one another and provide commanders capable, ready assets across the spectrum of military operations in the Indo-Pacific.

A LITTLE HUMOR

Reason's for joining the church choir

1. The church is usually crowded and you want to make sure you always have a seat.
2. You've just been selected for jury duty and you want to get used to sitting with a large group of people.
3. There is a clock in back of church and you want to know when one hour has passed.
4. You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the minister/priest to catch you.
5. The collection plate is never passed to the choir.

The Pastor's wife walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies" he responded. "Oh. Killing any?" she asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied. Intrigued, she asked, "how can you tell them apart?" he responded "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone.

The Pastor came to visit the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter.

I told him, "Oh, I do it al the time."

"No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement. I am always asking myself, "Now, what am I here after?"



JSS John McCain (DDG 56) is the latest US Navy ship to depart its Japan homeport after years of forward-deployed operations.

DDG 56 left Yokosuka, Japan, Sept. 17, as part of a scheduled homeport shift to Naval Station Everett, Washington.

While forward-deployed to Fleet Activities Yokosuka, John S. McCain has operated independently and with carrier strike groups in the region since arriving to US 7th Fleet in the summer of 1997.

While the ship supported a range of operations and evolutions, it is perhaps most widely known for the fatal 2017 incident, when it collided with the Alnic MC commercial tanker on August 21 off the coast of Singapore. Ten US Navy sailors lost their lives in the collision and another five were injured. It took the Navy over two years to return the ship to sea.

John S. McCain and her sailors have proven time and time again our Navy's resolve to answer the call in support of our nation and our allies," said Cmdr. Tin Tran, USS John S McCain's commanding officer. After 24 years of faithful overseas service, we are ready to head back home to America, back to Washington State. Our Sailors will forever remember the bonds of friendship and hospitality Japan has shown us."

During 24 years of forward-deployed service, John S. McCain operated across the region from the Indian Ocean to the Sea of Japan supporting joint and multinational exercises and operations to strengthen US alliances and partnerships, maritime security, and promote regional stability toward a free and open Indo-Pacific.

John S. McCain also participated in several surge deployments to US 5th Fleet in support of the USS Independence battle group in 1998 and USS Kitty Hawk strike group in 2002 and again in 2003 supporting operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Two Horses

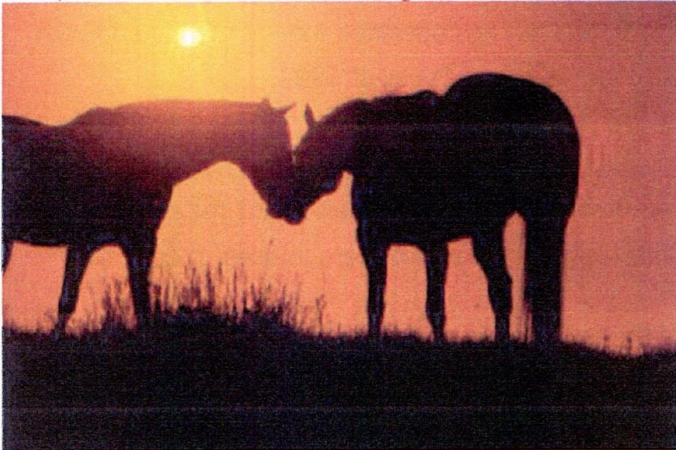
Author Unknown

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it.



From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse.
But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing....

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.



This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.

Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need..

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way....

Good friends are like that... You may not always see them, but you know they are always there..

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours, and remember...

***Be kinder than necessary-
Everyone you meet is fighting
Some kind of battle.***

***Live simply,
Love generously,
Care deeply,
Speak kindly.....***

And leave the rest to God!

FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

**USS WILHOITE
BRANSON, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City St Zip: _____

Email : _____

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Host Hotel The Stone Castle Hotel
 3050 Green Mt. Drive
 Branson, MO 65616
 Telephone Number: 417-335-4700
 Be sure to tell them you are with USS Wilhoite Reunion
 Rate will be \$82.00 per night

Reunion Activity Package will be **\$340.52**
Number that will be attending: _____

A deposit of \$50.00 per person will be due April 1, 2022
Final will be due on August 15, 2022

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