

BALCH/PORTERFIELD REUNION ASSOCIATION



This is the last bulletin before the Myrtle Beach South Carolina reunion

The following have registered so far, the deadline is August 15th. We have committed to 50 rooms, so if you are planning on coming, please call the hotel and register.

Jack & Helen Spradlin Ed & Evie Bennett Jr & Jennie Bennett Richard Gurnett
Sam & June Thomas Fred & Patsy Fleetwood Fred & Eileen Hegel Jack Corcoran
Jim & Patricia Siler Woody Moyle Christ Norris James & Jean Ormsby
Pat & Claudia Fisher Tom & Evelyn Page Eula Rotter Peg Miller Precious Gregory
Tom & Ruth Hamilton Earl & Doris Katan Jack & Alice Hanley and son and wife
Diane Essig & some of her family John & Cathy Louden Tom & Geri Sammartino

***THIS YEARS REUNION WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE THREE MUSKETEER'S
WOODY MOYLE, CHRIS NORRIS & RAY STIKELEATHER***

**Crown Reef Hotel at South Beach Resort,
2913 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach SC 29577
September 7 – 14, 2008**

**Registration Deadline Is August 15, 2008
All rooms are oceanfront with private balcony,
with breakfast vouchers issued for each day you stay,**

**You can make reservations by calling the hotel at 1-800-405-7333 OR
1-843-626-8077**

**To get the room rate, you need to give them the group ID # 4334 or refer to the
Balch-Porterfield Reunion group.**

Room rates are \$88.00 per night plus \$13.57 Tax = \$101.57.

This will include breakfast vouchers for each morning.

**The room type is the queen efficiency – has two queen beds, full kitchen
They have a few handicapped rooms so if someone needs one, they should let the hotel
know when they call for reservations.**

**With your voucher, all breakfasts will be at the Crown Café
located in Tower II, 3rd floor from 0800 to 1000**

**There will not be a separate room for the Farewell Breakfast as there will be a voucher for
Saturday morning. It will cost more if a room has to be set up for our group and the cost
of the breakfast will be more.**



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Rick Spradlin, Jack's son, has suggested that if you are thinking of coming to the reunion, you might get a better air fare price if you fly into Wilmington NC and rent a small car for the commute. He also has received an email from Bryan Daylor which included an old photo of some of the men on the ship from 1945. He suggests that everyone bring some old photos to share and enjoy as well as help ID some of the fellows in the pictures.

We have received a box with several albums from Sig & Amy Lonczewski daughter and we are planning on bringing them. Sig was on the USS Balch.

Frank Koslowski, B-42-45, called us after receiving the last bulletin. He says he is not able to travel anymore and misses all his buddies. Most of them are gone. He enjoys going through the video's he made of previous reunions and the memories of the good old navy days.

We got a phone call from Leo and Mildred Furstenburg, P 43-45. They are doing ok for their age. Leo's high blood pressure gives him problems and Mildred received a good report from her last doctor's visit. She said most of their travels are to the doctors offices.

William A Roe, P-58-60, is looking for SMC Bosnick, QM1 Tucker and OM3 Green. If anyone keeps in touch with these three, he would like to hear from you. 1840 Frontage Rd # 408, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; 856-229-7227 or Email: bigboy006@comcast.net

Received an email from Alan Heckathorn with a photo of himself and his grandson. We only had his email address, so now we have an address, which you will find in Addresses, etc. He was a Fire Control man while on board. His wife Lurline has Muscular Dystrophy so they are not able to attend the reunions. He said he would love to hear from some of his shipmates. Has four children and 10 grandchildren.

We hear from Mary Hutten from time to time. She tells us Ken had more surgery (around July 12th) had a port put in and is doing pretty good. The chemo will start again soon. We must keep them in our prayers. 6017 Highwood Pk Ln, North Naples FL 34110; 239-596-5542; email: mairmair@mailstation.com

We sent Michael Conerty some photo's we took at the San Diego reunion in October. He sent an email telling us that they will not be coming to the reunion, as he had slipped on some steps at home and ripped the quadriceps tendon of his left knee. Had surgery and a lot of rehab and is finally able to ride his bike a short distance.

Mark your choices and mail to: Jack Spradlin, 304 Lincoln Rd, York SC 29745; 803-684-4805

Sunday	September 7	# Persons	Amount
1500	Check in at Quarterdeck	Registration, \$5.00 per person ()	\$
	Free night	Quarterdeck fee, \$20.00 per person ()	\$
Monday	September 8		
1000	Private Museum Tour, Low Country Art & Culture demo. Free of charge to reunion. 3100 S. Ocean Blvd 2 blocks south of hotel. (Minimum 25 people) ()		
	1830 Cocktails: Pool Deck, Tower III (cash bar)		
	1900 Down South Buffet with Memories DJ	\$25.00 per person ()	\$
Tuesday	September 9		
0900	Board of Directors meeting (location to be determined)		
	ACTIVITY OPTION A		
0900	Ladies shopping trip (Minimum 25 people)	\$25.00 per person ()	\$
	ACTIVITY OPTION B		
1245	"LEGENDS IN CONCERT" Transportation & admission to matinee performance (Minimum 25 people)	\$45.00 per person ()	\$
Wednesday	September 10		
0745	Board coach for Charleston City tour and Boon Hall Plantation Transportation, Grayline Tour guide, Charleston City Tour & City Tour Guide, admission to Boone Hall and tour. Time for lunch on your own at City Market (does not include optional gratuities for bus driver & tour guide or any meals). Return 1730 hours. (Minimum 35 people)	\$65.00 per person ()	\$
Thursday	September 11		
0845	Board coach for Memorial Service at USS North Carolina in Wilmington NC. Transportation, Grayline Tour guide, wreath for Memorial Service, admission to the USS North Carolina (does not include optional gratuities for driver and tour guide). Return 1530 hours. (Minimum 35 people)	\$70.00 per person ()	\$
1845	Board coach for Famous "CAROLINA OPRY" show. Transportation & admission to the evening performance. (Minimum 25 people)	\$45.00 per person ()	\$
Friday	September 12		
1100	General Business meeting at Quarterdeck		
1300	Activities for those interested, includes choice of: Bowling: Waccamaw Lanes () Tennis: Dunes Golf & Beach Club (\$10/hour per person) () Golf: Dunes Golf & Beach Club (\$40/9 holes, \$75/18 holes) ()		\$ \$ \$
1800	Cocktails: Tradewinds Conference Center (across Ocean Blvd.)		
1900	Banquet with live music and dance floor (Minimum 60 people) London Broil with Mushroom Sauce \$23.25 per person () Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken \$19.75 per person () Flounder Stuffed with Crabmeat \$26.25 per person ()		\$ \$ \$
Saturday	September 13		
0800 – 1100	Farewell Breakfast using your voucher		
0945	Sun Cruise Casino. Check next page for details	\$10.00 per person ()	\$
		Total	\$

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Mark your choices on this form and send with check to: Balch-Porterfield Reunion Assn., c/o Treasurer Tom Hamilton, 17004 Doty Rd., New Haven, IN 46774 – 260-632-4019 – twrahamil2000@att.net.

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It seems this year has brought the loss of so many dear shipmates and friends

We received a card telling of the death of **Edward Luzak, USS Balch 36-42, May 15, 2008**. She said she and Ed so enjoyed the four reunions they attended. He was one of the few plankowner's left. Carolyn's address is 2107 Ocean Avenue, Apt 215, Santa Monica CA 90405-2264

Bob Greening died July 12, 2008, he also was on the **USS Balch FC2 40-42**. He and Doris were making plans to move to an Assisted Apartment when he had a stroke. Doris's address is: 571 Albany Ave, #214 Amityville NY 11701; 631-841-6824.

Tony Sidla died May 29, 2008, USS Balch YN, 43-45. His wife Peg wrote that he was in a nursing home for over a year. Tony was known as "Tony Baloney". He always spoke fondly of Hugo Blomgren, I believe he served under him on board.

Peg's address is 1 Mendon Rd, Apt 307, Cumberland, RI 02864.

We received a forwarded email from Gloria Cuevas, sister of **Gene Schneider**, he was on the **USS Balch 41-45**, that he had passed away June 1, 1988. She has sent it to Pat Siler, whose name is listed on the website and she lives in Pasadena CA.

Mrs Otis Robinson's bulletin was returned with a note that she died **Feb. 4, 2008**. Otis was on the Balch 40-44.

NEW MEMBERS*, CHANGES OF ADDRESS, EMAIL AND CORRECTIONS

***Hakanson, Richard, 2003 Villa Pines Circle, Carbon Cliff IL 61239, 309-792-1610
Porterfield 57-59 ETSN**

Hanley, Jack & Alice – phone # 607-865-8200

**Heckathorn, Alan & Lurline, 17181 Shotley Rd NE, Kelliher MN 56650,
eheck@paulbunyan.net**

Porterfield 59-60

**Kriha, John & Willa, P/60-63 EM, 320 N. Bay Ave. Columbus KS 66775, 620-429-4510
Email: wkriha@columbus.ks.com**

Wheeler, Richard & Diane, P/56-67 – Email: KcOekrlw@aol.com

Bulletins return Undeliverable: Henry Lubet P51-55 CA; Jon Roberts P55-56 CA;
Carrado Lutz P65-67 NY.

MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR'S REUNION

SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 3, 2009

IN THE CHICAGO ILLINOIS AREA

After we had taken the bulletin to the copy people, we received a call from the daughter of Vernon Albert Solem. He was on the Porterfield, a fireman on the gun turrets; he turned the guns for the gunners. He was injured when debris from a plane that was shot down and got a Purple Heart, 44-45, not sure of years.

Lynn said he has the start of dementia, but remembers his time on the ship. They were wondering if anyone remembers him. His daughter is Lynn Kobernat, 651-439-8842; Email: KOBERNAT@msn.com

In our last bulletin, we mentioned that a family member was looking for information on his brother's death while serving on the Porterfield around Nov. 1964. Jim Siler remembers the incident well, as his bunk was below Clarence Wooten's. He called and visited with his brother John, telling him what he could remember.