

BALCH/PORTERFIELD REUNION ASSOCIATION

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND HIS LADY

Due to some state laws in Arizona I was unable to hold the mini reunion in Mesa as planned. It will be held in Kerrville TX again, the dates are April 29, 30, May 1 & 2 at the Y.O. Resort Hotel, 2033 Sydney Baker, Kerrville TX 78028. Room rates are \$64.00 for singles & doubles. \$10.00 for each additional person. Please mention the Balch Porterfield Reunion when calling 1-877-976-3767 toll free number for group rates.

Directions to Y.O. Resort, take I-10, take Kerrville exit 508, which is Texas Hi 16 and Sidney Baker. Go South, the hotel is about ¾ miles off I-10 on the left.

The 2001 reunion will be held at the Greenwood Inn, 10700 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton, Oregon, the week of September 2nd – 8th. The pamphlet tells us Beaverton is just west of Portland, 10 minutes from downtown. There will be more information in the next bulletin

**Rod & Elnora Morilon, 8700 E. University Dr., Space 1523, Mesa AZ 85207, Phone # 480-373-1523
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This is their winter residence. In June they will have an Oregon address.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

First, on behalf of all the Board of Directors to Jim and Jan Bivens. Thanks for a job well done. We all had a great time and we feel sorry for all our shipmates who could not attend. Now, Jim and Jan, you can sit back and relax and enjoy the mini in Kerrville and the main reunion in Oregon. Rod and Elnora have the duty.

Jeff Shaffer, webmaster for the Balch-Porterfield Web Page, is opening a new website. This will be four times larger than the present one. The temporary address will be: <http://209.123.167.212>. The domain name, <http://www.balch-porterfield.org>, works from Yahoo. After Nov. 18th, Jeff will start moving the files to the new site. He will keep the old site at its 14 meg free status with a hyperlink to our new site for 6 months, or until we think we won't need it any more. I am sure those of you who have internet access will find this information of use.

**Jeff Shaffer: PO Box 54, 8680N-68E, Burrows, IN 46916
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Some of you may wonder how reunions come about. It takes the willingness of a member and his spouse to extend an invitation to host a reunion in their area, or in an area they think would be enjoyable, at least two years before hand. Time is needed to find a hotel that can accommodate our needs. We usually commit to 50 rooms, with hospitality room ("Quarterdeck") at no charge, and the president's room is free too. Also, they have to allow us to bring in our own liquid refreshments and food for snacks. We have rented a refrigerator for several years now. Some cities or states have laws that do not allow drinks other than what is sold in the hotel bar, so this is something that has to be checked out. Drinks and food are usually kept within the Quarterdeck. Those in charge of the Quarterdeck each day clean the room, the hotel supplies the vacuum and linens, and we need to have access to an ice machine also. The tours and transportation and the arrangements for the memorial service are taken care of by the host and spouse. They can ask for help from any former host and spouse. We usually have the grand banquet and farewell breakfast at the hotel. At the banquet, there is a band or some type of entertainment.

The Rapid City reunion is over, but many people still bask in the memories. This reunion was different for many things, it was a vacation as well as a reunion. We had supper and entertainment that was typical of the chuckwagon system of earlier days. The entertainment was wholesome family type and patriotic also. The memorial service was as always very moving and emotional. We got a history lesson at Crazy Horse Memorial and Mt. Rushmore Memorial. Enjoyed an afternoon in Deadwood, some taking in the gambling, others doing the historical bit, like watching the reenactment of the shooting of Wild Bill Hickock. There was time for people to take off and enjoy some of the attractions on their own. Our hotel, the Alex Johnson, was built in the grand style of early turn of the century, and one afternoon, the owner visited the quarterdeck to thank us for choosing their establishment and inviting us to come back again. We had beautiful weather, except for the day we went to Me. Rushmore. We were to be there for the film and lighting, which happens after dark, and that day started out cool and was cold by evening. It was a spectacular site, though.

Walt Swenson and Frank Kurtz attended the reunion and these two treasures seem to really enjoy seeing all of the old timers and meeting the younger ones. There are twelve Balch sailors listed in the roster who went aboard in 1936 when she was commissioned. Now, if anyone else is a plankowner, please let me know and I will correct my error.

The people in Rapid City were very gracious and the various restaurants were great. Many discovered the FireHouse Brewery for food and home brew. Jim and Jan Bivens did a 4.0 plus job on the reunion, and I have heard many glowing comments on how much fun people had. There were several first timers this year. Earl Sandy Harper (P 51-53) and Ed & Ruth Chrisman (P 52-56) came together in their RV's, and left in the middle of the week to attend his other ship reunion. Jim Iozzo (P 53) came the last three days and brought his brother along. Dick "Bugs" Kellogg & Carol (P 51-53) recently moved back to the states from Hawaii. John & Donna Staubus (P 50-53) enjoyed the many photos that Bill White brought. Bill & Jo McCredie (P 51-53) renewed old acquaintances.

Mel Haugen (B 43-45) came from Oregon, did not find anyone he knew. Said he worked with Art Palumbo on the Balch. Mel was at the hotel when Jim & Jan Bivens and Claudia & I arrived, so we made friends right away. Mel had a good time and plans to come to the Oregon reunion. He lives about 70 miles from Portland. Bob & Lil Gewinner (P 43-45) renewed memories with Dave Spencer, as Bob was in Dave's gun crew. I believe this was also Robert & LaVonne Johnston's (B 44-45) first reunion.

Larry & Donna Colwell and Jim & Morita Balkema (P 58-60) reminisced over the good old days while we all had lunch in Deadwood. Ron & Charlotte Lattin (P 59-63) told Jim that Larry was attending. Ron is active in VFW and had to leave mid week to attend some meetings back in CO. We took time to see more of these fellows. Garry Essig (P 61-65) came on his motorcycle and did some side trips. Fred & Patsy Fleetwood (P 63-65) know Jim & Pat Siler (P 64-66). A group of 6 to 8 couples of the 60's era had an evening meal together and got to know each other better. Patsy won a photo of the Porterfield at the raffle and plans to do a painting from it. This was a very well attended reunion, the count we came up with was 118 names, and I don't know that I ever saw so much happy visiting. We'll have something to shoot for in Oregon.

Pat & Claudia Fisher, 18493 730th Ave., Colo, IA 50056-8520, 641-487-7692
Email: cfisher@netins.net

We received a request for information on how to obtain health records for the Navy, so we emailed Don Mackie to see if he could help us out. We are passing the information on, for anyone who may find a need for it. Don said the best place to start, is to obtain a request form from the National Personnel Records Center-Military Personnel Records. The form is called: "Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records".

The form is necessary to insure proper processing and that you furnish the required personal information and authorization relating to the specific person. Usually there is no charge for such information to veterans, next of kin or veterans' representatives from Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF), including active duty Health Records.

You can obtain the form in one of three ways: (1) Download form www.nara.gov/regional/mprsf180.html, (2) For Navy, fax number is (314) 538-4175, or (3) For Navy, telephone number is (314) 548-4141.

Fred Mullins, Porterfield 51-53), LCDR – XO, wrote to let us know he received the note that Pat send and to inform us that he has taken a wife, Marilyn Flynn, his companion at the Monday evening dinner at the San Diego reunion. They were married in July 1999 and have been traveling a great deal. They send their best regards to the group and hope everyone has a great time.

Received a card from Amy Lonczewski, took it to Rapid City. Sieg is slowly failing with his Parkinson's Disease. He is home and Amy has two ladies coming in three times a week to help with his care, and their daughter and son-in-law come on weekends. She sends her regards to all and is pleased to see that the membership is growing. She wrote that she reads the bulletin from beginning to end. I imagine she would love to get a card or letter from some of you Balch sailors or wives. 3933 Citrus Circle, Fruitland Park, FL, 34731-6465, (904) 326-3212.

Id & Carolyn Luzak, Balch 36-42, sent their greetings to all, and that they are not able to travel anymore. I bet they would love to hear from friends and shipmates. 363 Pepperwood St., San Jacinto, CA 92582-5824.

Got a phone call from John Marcum, whose father Ralph Emerson Marcum was on the Porterfield 43-45, in the boiler room and also was in the mount of a 40 M1 anti aircraft gun. His father was known as "Pop: because he was the second eldest man on the ship, 32 years old. Ralph died Sept. 25, 1978, was from Missouri, and John would love to hear from anyone know remembers his dad. He said he would love to come to a reunion and visit with some of his dad's shipmates, but every year he and his wife do a bicycle ride for the MS Society. His address is: John Marcum, 2945 E. Lombard, Springfield, MO 65802. Tel: (417) 866-6628, email: jsjkmarcum@excelonline.com.

When John A. Altfeltis, P 65-66, SM1, signed the guest book, he added a bit about an incident, and I think it will bring a memory or two to all shipmates. He was on board when they loaded ammo all night, headed out to do NGSF. The first rounds through the barrel blew up in the barrel. They returned to the ship they got the bad ammo from, unloaded all night again. Then headed to Subic to have all 5" gun mounts rebarreled. He is also looking for SM2 Gomez and SM1 Morelle – "MO". We have a good number of shipmates of that era. Maybe someone may be in touch with them. John's address is 8816 Estes St., Westminster, CO 80021, email: ebbc@juno.com.

Spoke with Louis Flito on Sunday, Aug. 24th and he was pleased to have the call, said he enjoyed the bulletins. Several corrections need to be made if you keep your roster up-to-date. He was on the Balch from 1939 to 45, decommissioning. He started as a seaman and left the ship as a chief petty officer. I would say that, when we put the last roster together, we hit wrong keys, but the postal system, for some reason this last time, decided not to deliver the bulletin when for several years they have. It was nice visiting with him.

Pat has spoken with Shirley Sutherlin (Dick, P 51-54) several times since we got back home. Apparently, they are still working with their son and his business, but we learned last year that Shirley was diagnosed with breast cancer. Kick took retirement to help her through this and, when she was making some headway, they found that Dick had a brain tumor and it did not look good for him, but there has been some improvement and there is some sunshine amongst the clouds. They apparently live in an area that their only means of communication is with a cell phone. If I remember right, they moved to Ignacio as it is Shirley's family home and she had inherited it. I am sure they would love to hear from some of you 1950's era sailors. C.R. Sutherlin, 410 Road 4020, Ignacio, CO 81137. Tel: (970) 946-0495.

We received a nice long letter from Tony Skura (B 42-45), and it was good to hear he is well. He had quite a session with the flu last October, like so many who were at the CT reunion. His daughter is not well. The kidney transplant is holding with the help of medication, but now her eyesight is going, and her immune system is shot, so he felt he should stay close in case she needed something. He missed everyone and his thoughts were with the group each evening. He sent a newspaper clipping of the launching of a new destroyer, USS McCampbell, named for a WW2 pilot.

We got an email from Fred & Patsy Fleetwood (P 63-65) letting us know they received their raffle prize in good condition. I inquired of Patsy's sister. Patsy told me at the reunion that her sister was dying and she was praying she would hold on until they got back home. She did and Patsy was able to spend a couple of days with her. They are looking forward to next year's reunion and to seeing everyone.

In San Diego two years ago, Cliff & Carol Laycock (P 51-55) brought a carousel horse for the raffle which they had made. Well, you can bet it was the first thing picked. This year, Carol did a counted cross stitch WELCOME piece, framed by Cliff, and you better know it was chosen right off, by Eula Rotter. Carol said she is hoping to do a counted cross stitch of one or both ships for another reunion. We will all be looking forward to that bit of artistry.

Here is a story!! Dan Brown (P 51-54), who has become a ham radio operator, was cruising the airwaves and made contact with a Robert Steele, and during their conversation, discovered they had been in the Navy at the same time, AND on the destroyer, THEN on the same ship at the same time. Robert Steele, known as “stainless” while on board the Porterfield (52-55), 1st Division. Another coincidence, they both reside in New Zealand and the other in Aukland.

We heard from Ray Stikeleather (P 51-54). He was having some health problems and having some tests done, so was not able to come to Rapid City. The “Three Darrels” were only two this year.

On Oct. 2nd, we received a call from Donald Bartel (P 51-54) to let us know that he was doing OK. It seems he had received a number of calls pertaining to the fact that his name was listed in the program booklet as one of those who the reunion was dedicated to. It was supposed to be his twin brother, Darold. Donald and Patsy had planned to travel to Rapid City, but he was not feeling well at the time of the reunion. He has been having some chemo treatment for several months and it has sapped his strength, but the doctors tell him it seems to be working. Hang in there Don, we look forward to the time you and Patsy can attend. Donald & Patsy Bartel, 2708 Merriman, Port Neches, TX 77651, tel: (409) 722-7014.

Got an email picture of Brian Sams (P 65-68) with his new granddaughter, born 9/30/00. It was so nice to see him as he has been part of the association for several years.

Pete Dutton (P 59-61) emailed their new address, which is really a mail-holding center. Just before the Rapid City reunion, they put their house up for sale and it was snapped up before they had time to look around. They decided they had a house ON WHEELS and they would continue to enjoy traveling for a bit longer.

From June Anderson, we received email letting us know that Dale (P 43-45) had full hip replacement on Oct. 11, and is getting around the house with the help of a “walker” and improving. They appreciate all the cards and phone calls he received. June said she accessed the Web Pages so that Sam and June could view it. Dale Anderson, 4160 Oakridge St., Rocklin, CA 95677. Tel: (916) 624-50030. Email: mizborne@juno.com.

Sam & June Thomas (B 42-43, P 43-45) wrote to let everyone know that they had visited June & Dale and Les & Marie Ammons (P 43-46). Les had been in the hospital but was home when they were there. Les was recuperating with a heart problem, will have to go back in a couple of weeks to have a pacemaker installed. They then drove to Les & Eula Rotter’s (B 38-43, P 43-44). While they were there, Les was taken to the hospital and ended up having triple bypass surgery the same day. He came home Oct. 27th and is on the road to recovery. Les Ammons, Box 458, Hoopa, CA 95546. Tel: (530) 625-4484. Les Rotter, 333 Chateau Dr., Carson City, NV 89701-4511. Tel: (775) 843-1760.

Before the reunion, Jim & Jan Bivens received a card from Precious & Bob Gregory (P 43-44) to let everyone know they were disappointed that they were not able to attend the reunion. She had back surgery on Aug. 17th and Bob is having some health problems and they cannot travel long distances. She said if anyone is in the area, they would love to see you, you are always welcome, just like family. Their address is 118 California Ave., Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Tel: (843) 899-6138. I’m sure Precious would love to hear from you.

Ron Mosman (P 52-53) called Pat the week after the reunion to tell him he had planned to attend the Rapid City reunion, but something came up. He said that Chris Norris made contact with him recently.

We were so pleased to see Mary Lou Christensen come with Don’s cousin to the reunion. She said that Don (P 51-54) and she had planned to come if he was able.

Big Joe Schmitt (P 43-45) and Faye brought most of their family with them this year. It’s nice to have family around when you need a hand. You should be very proud of the kids.

This was received in my email Nov. 14th from Chuck DeKay (B 42-45). "Last week, five old officers from Balch met for a reunion. They were: Ray Dunn (chief engineer), Arnold Vezzani (torpedo officer), Jack Carsten (supply officer), Leonard Simons (don't remember his job), and I, George "Chuck" DeKay (communications officer). We had lunch at Jack London Square in Oakland, California, then had a tour of USS Hornet CV12, now a permanent museum in Alameda. When they learned that Balch had served with both Hornets (CV8 and CV12) in WWII, we were given the red carpet treatment for a special tour of the old flat top. We then retired to my house in Lafayette for cocktails with our wives before going out to dinner. I had not seen Jack Carsten since leaving the ship in July 1945! We really had a great time, with every other sentence starting with, "Do you remember when...?" Arnold Vezzani produced a letter I had written in August, 1944, telling a story of five of us touring the Casbah in Tunis. My, how much water has gone under the bridge since those days."

Recently, we met Ruth Crow through the Internet. Her brother, William Parsons was on the Porterfield (64-68) and he was dying, the cause having to do with asbestos. She was looking for information and Jack Hanley sent her some information. Well, we have received through the net a six page Asbestos Alert from James F. Murphy, DC2, USS Laffey DD724. He served from Nov. 1, 1944 through Aug. 6, 1959. James Murphy's email address is romjfm@bellatlantic.net, and there is another web page that can be accessed for information. It is <http://www.mesothel.com/pages/asbprods.htm>. Also, for comments and questions, you can call 1-800-831-9399, which is the Law Offices of Roger G. Worthington. If you have any concerns in this matter, maybe this will be of some help. I feel it is necessary to spread this information. That is why I have included it.

Other Navy related websites:

U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation: www.lonesailor.org email: ahoy@lonesailor.org

Naval History Center: www.history.navy.mil/index.html

From index list: both the Operational Archives icon and the Ships History icon

Websites THAT CAN BRING BACK MEMORIES

www.uss-salem.org/danfs/destroy/dd642@aol.com

Destroyers Online: www.plateau.net/usnndd/bb/ddbb.htm

NEW MEMBERS

Buchanan, John R./Mary, 1824 Wickersham Dr., Knoxville, TN 37922-6263, Porterfield 62-63 SM2.
Email: Buchanan@knoxarc.org

Clevenger, Redmond L./ Mary Ann, 31 G. St., South Boston, MA 02127-4413, Porterfield 10/57-5/60 Ch. Eng.
Email: REDMAIR@aol.com

Cogley, Bill/Catherine, 2550 – SR 580 #126, Clearwater, FL 33761, Tel: (717) 797-9798, Porterfield 43-45 BM3

Crow, Ruth, sister of William Parsons, Porterfield 64-68, who died on 7/20/00. She asked if she could get bulletins and maybe attend a future reunion. He was her only sibling, and I'm sure we would welcome her to this family.

Dupuy, Michael/Margaret, 1666 Bellrose Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70815, Tel: (225) 272-7764, Porterfield 67-68, GMGSN/GMG3, Email: BADFOXX@juno.com

Iozzo, Jim, 3113 Camp Phillips Rd., Wausau, WI 54403, Tel: (715) 845-9472, Porterfield 53 MM1

Marcum, John, 2945 E. Lombard, Springfield, MO 65802, Tel: (417) 866-6628. His dad, Ralph Emerson Marcum was on the Porterfield 43-45 F1. Email: jsjkmarcum@excelonline.com

Rehkoph, Jim/Cyndee, 118 Dunecrest Ave. Monterey, CA 93940, Tel: (831) 372-2390, Porterfield 3/67-10/68 SN/QMSN, Email: rehjr@mbari.org

Schaffer, Irv, 317 Union Ave., Irvington, NJ 07111, (973) 374-9783, Porterfield 45-46. This came by way of Earl Katan.

Steele, Robert, Box 13-467, Ohehunga, Auckland, New Zealand, Porterfield 52-55 SN
Email: uncledbob@actrix.co.nz

Tarsney, John, 4394 Collins Rd., Springhill, FL 34606, Tel: (352) 666-1862, Porterfield 44-45 FN1
Email: johnj@hitter.net

Trube, Vance/Barbara, 589 Neptune Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83402-2319, Tel: (208) 524-3733, Porterfield 58-60 Post Office, Email: vjtbtj@msn.com

CHANGES

Arey, Michael, 11713 NW 34th, Vancouver, WA 98685. Same email address.

Bivens, Jim & Jan, 2051 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, OH 44906, Tel: (419) 529-8839 (summer)

Bengtson, Paul & Cheryl, Email: paulcheryl67@aol.com

Bumbalough, Burtchie, Email: bbumbalough@connectiva.net

Corcoran, Jack, Email: ournewworld@mediaone.net

DeKay, George (Chuck), Email: fishnphool@home.com

Dutton, Pete & Vivien, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd. PMB #2, Ashland, OR 97520, Email: ptrdtt@aol.com

Flito, Louis, Correction: 23 Reno Rd. and area code is 775

Fogo, Neil & Carol, 2100 E. Bristol, Apt. B197, Elkhart, IN 46514, Tel: (219) 266-7032

Hubbs, Jim & Isabelle, Email: jbhubbs@compaq.net

LeBleu, Paul N., Email: pnlebleu@aol.com

Mellor, William, new email: wmellor@lycos.com

Nethers, Lennie & Mary Ann, Email: pookieJN@earthlink.net

Smith, Allen M. 1519 Wood Duck Ln., Paso Robles, CA 93446-4244, no phone number sent, same email

Stikeleather, Ray, new email: raystike@wave.com

Vigil, Lee, Email: lv2196@aol.com

DEATHS

Altfeltis, Dennis Lee – USS Porterfield, 1966, GMSN, killed in the line of duty as a Phoenix, AZ police officer, January 15, 1997.

Brosco, John J. (Jack) – USS Porterfield, 51-54, Dispersing Clerk, died December 23, 1993. Spoke with his wife on Aug. 24 as the bulletin came back. She asked to be removed from the roster.

Campbell, James Malcolm – USS Porterfield, WW2, LCDR, died September 3, 1999. Pat Siler found his obituary on the Internet. She said she does a search by typing in either ship's name and every now and then an obit shows up. Campbell is not in the roster, but then we have found lots of shipmates lately that are deceased.

Darling, Warren – USS Balch, no years listed, checked the SSI deceased listing and there was a listing for Warren Darling of Durham CT, death listed as September 16, 1988. This is the second bulleting returned so I am wondering if his wife passed away and thus no longer their address.

Golden, Charles – USS Balch. His daughter signed the guest book. He had attended the Charleston reunion.

Marcum, Ralph Emerson – USS Porterfield 43-45, F! and on 40 M1 anti aircraft gun. Died September 25, 1978. His son John said his dad was the second eldest man on the ship and was known as "Pop". He was 32 years old.

McConnell, Thomas F. – USS Balch 43-45, QM. His son informed us by signing in on the guest book on the web page.

McDaniel, A.W., (ship, years, rate, date of death unknown). Received word through email message on Aug. 18th.

Shelton, Roy R. – USS Balch 43-45, Coxswain, died July 20, 2000. His son Delbert had signed the guest book on the web page for his dad. His dad was in poor health and they were looking for information on how to obtain copies of his naval health report. We emailed Don Mackie and he forwarded some information to Delbert. On Sat., Aug 5th, we received notice from Delbert of his dad's passing. "I wish I had found your group sooner. I know he would have enjoyed contacting other members. He did enjoy the information I did find on the ships he served on. I had hoped to have found out more about my father's duty with the Navy during World War II. His family was proud of him and always will. He was a member of the greatest generation of this century."

Shields, Walter A. – USS Balch 42-45, SF2, died August 9, 2000 of complications after heart bypass surgery.

Sutherlin, C.R. "Dick" – USS Porterfield 51-54, GM3, died October 25, 2000. Shirley said he was diagnosed with melanoma cancer that affected his liver, lungs, and then his brain. They said he might have six months, and it was just around that time. Send her a note to let you know you care. They had come to Denver, CO, Kerrville, TX and Davenport, IA reunions. Address: 410 Road 4020, Ignacio, CO 81137

RETURNED BULLETINS

White Eyes, John, Balch 43-44, Las Vegas, NV
MacIntosh, Neil, Porterfield 43-?, Hot Springs, AR
Chapman, Paul, Porterfield 69, Elk Grove, CA

REMOVE FROM ROSTER

Forrier, Teresa (Mrs. Gil) asked to be removed from roster, as all of Gil's shipmates are gone. On Aug. 24th, spoke with Don Barnes (P 51-54) wife. She said she has remarried and doesn't want to receive the bulletin anymore. Spoke with John Brosco's wife and she requested removal from the roster.

**From the Office of the Treasurer
2000 Financial & Rapid City Report**

Thanks to Jim and Jan Bivens for a fine and profitable reunion.

Rapid City, SD Report; Paid Out For:

Quarterdeck supplies: Beer, liquor, soft drinks, snacks, etc.		\$1,130.21
Van rent	445.77	
plus gas fill-up on return	<u>18.00</u>	
		463.77
Memorial Service:		
Anchor wreath	106.00,	
VFW color guard donation to Post 1273	100.00	
Bugler and breakfast	<u>27.17</u>	
		233.17
Sign-up desk supplies: labels and envelopes		39.92
Circle "B" Ranch Mon. night Bar-B-Que and entertainment		1,402.00
Alex Johnson Hotel:		
Dinners at Grand Banquet	2,100.00	
Breakfast Saturday Morning	<u>450.00</u>	
		2,550.00
Disc Jockey Music at Grand Banquet		275.00
Western Transportation Tour Buses		
Circle "B" Ranch, Crazy Horse/Mt. Rushmore, Memorial Service	2,100.00	
Entry Fees (2 buses)		
Crazy Horse Museum	286.65	
Mt. Rushmore	<u>50.00</u>	
		336.65
Refunds and Overpayments		<u>708.00</u>
Total Paid Out		\$9,337.68

Money In From:

Registrations and Events Attended	\$11,521.00
Raffle Tickets Sold	325.00
Quarterdeck Kitty	1,970.00
Refund from President on Advance for Deposits, etc.	<u>343.16</u>
Total Money In:	\$14,159.16
Profit from Rapid City Reunion	\$4,821.48

Other Moneys for 2000 and Late 1999

Paid out for:

Postage for Mailing Bulletins	\$705.42	Postage for Mailing Caps & Shirts	78.33
Printing of Bulletins	776.70	4 doz. Name Tag Holders	60.00
Porterfield (100 patches, 50 caps)	337.74	Advance to President for 2001 Reunion	2,000.00
Balch (50 patches, 25 caps)	297.64	Labels for Secretary	6:00
Plaques and Engraving	70.42	Business Cards for President & Chaplain	<u>33.07</u>
York Place; Past President Tree	175.00	Total Paid Out	\$4,630.32
US Navy Memorial (log in departed shipmates)	90		

Money in from:

Rosters Sold	12.75	
Donations	190.00	
Caps, Shirts, Pictures	<u>605.00</u>	
Total Money in:		\$807.75

To order caps & shirts: Dave Spencer, 105 White Oak, Ingram, TX 78025. Caps \$10.00, Shirts \$15.00 (includes postage)
For jackets, order direct from Golden Needle Embroidery, 410 Country Road 40-20, Ignacio, CO 81137, Phone: (970) 946-4531

A lot of people have asked, when was the Porterfield sunk? She was sunk on July 18, 1982 off the coast of California. She went down after three tries to sink her as a target ship. On the previous two hits, she wouldn't go down, but on the third try, a direct hit from a Tomahawk cruise missile put her under. A pretty sad ending for a Gallant Lady who was home for a lot of men in three wars, and Mother too for two boys, only fifteen when we were out there.

Does anyone know where the large Porterfield ship's sign is? If you have any info., please contact: Dave Spencer at the above address, or phone: (830) 367-3077. Thank you.