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Baltimore, MD

May of 1997

YAGRGRAM #1

June 18, 1996

Baltimore, MD is the location of our next reunion. May will be the time period, the exact dates are not yet set. As soon as the dates are confirmed, I will get it out to you. So start planing now.

As you all know the first reunion was held May 30 to June 1 in Newport, RI. Everything went according to plan, thankfully. Thursday the 30th was spent checking in and reregistering in the hospitably room. Even though it rained for most of the day, some did not seem to mind as sightseeing was to be done.

On the morning of Friday the 31st we went to Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA. Judging by the remarks from everyone, this proved to be a good choice for a tour. I know that a few people spent the whole day there and closed the place up. Also was I the only one who thought that the decks have gotten harder? For those of us who did not spend the day aboard the ships, shopping at the mill outlets in Fall River or visiting the many attractions in and around Newport filled out the day. Luckily, Friday proved to be a good day, as the sun was out and it was not too hot. Friday night was a free night to do what ever. It seemed everyone was in Newport eating lobster.

Saturday morning the guests of the crewmen had a buffet breakfast while the former YAGRMEN held a meeting in our hospitably room. The first question was, will we have future reunions? As you saw in the beginning of this letter, there will be more reunions. It was further decided to hold the next reunion in Baltimore, MD. This choice seems like a good one as there is a liberty ship, the SS John W Brown that operates out of there. The Brown holds tours and once in awhile a daily cruise. Also for those of you who haven't been to Baltimore, the Inner Harbor has been made into a tourist area, which is quite nice.

The next thing decided was dues for the YAGR'S Association (This is the name we decided to call ourselves). The dues are \$15.00 per year, with a one time fee of \$2.00 to be used to help locate former YAGRMEN. **So the first time you pay your dues it will be \$17.00 and after that \$15.00.** In regard to dues and money matters, any paid up member can request a copy of the finances at any time. When paying your dues, make out your check to YAGR'S and send the check to me.

Another item talked about was getting in touch with former YAGR crewmen. We will send out reunion notices to various newspapers and magazines, and send off to the Naval Archives for the crew list for each ship. With this list we can get names and then send out postcards to inform these crewmen of the reunion.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a coffee cup was given to all crewmen who attended the reunion. This cup, which is white with blue lettering, lists all the ships by squadrons: RADRON ONE on one side with the names of the eight ships attached, and RADRON TWO on the other side with the names of the eight ships and two YR's that were attached.

The following crewmen attended the 1996 reunion

RICHARD N. PLATT JR	AGR-1	1958-59	LTJG	SCOTT HENDERSON	AGR-8	1955-57	LTJG
FRED C. ACKERMAN	AGR-2	1961-63	BT3	FRED LAVERGNE	AGR-8	1955-57	RD3
FRED BOOTE	AGR-2	1956-58	LTJG	RALPH MISCHITELLI	AGR-8	1955-56	ENS
JOHN DRAVES	AGR-2	1959-61	QM2	JOHN DRAVES	AGR-9	1961-62	QM2
IVAN FLEISCHMAN	AGR-2	1957-59	LTJG	RALPD EDWARDS	AGR-9	1959-60	CO
JOHN HEMMINGER	AGR-2	1960-61	SN	DANIEL MOORE	AGR-9	1962-65	LTJG
M.C. LANIGHAN	AGR-2	1957-59	LTJG	TOM POLK	AGR-9	1956-57	YN1
ROBERT MATTHEWS	AGR-2	1959-63	RD3	EDWARD SIEGRIST	AGR-10	1955-58	LTJG
HAROLD PAWLEY	AGR-2	1959-62	S1/C	JOHN CLANCY	AGR-11	1962-64	SN
WILSON F. RUSHO	AGR-2	1958-59	SN	DON FIELDER	AGR-11	1963-64	DC2
JAMES T. SEAGO	AGR-2	1957-60	CO	WALTER JAHNIG	AGR-11	1961-63	AG2
GEORGE C. CLEMENT	AGR-3	1960-63	ETN2	DAVE JOHNSON	AGR-11	1962-64	ETR3
THOMAS GIARDINA	AGR-3	1961-63	PCSN	HARRY MILLER	AGR-11	1962-64	SFM3
CARL SHERMAN	AGR-3	1962-64	MM3	GEORGE WIRT	AGR-11	1962-65	ETR2
RODNEY D. WADHAMS	AGR-3	1960-64	MM2	RICHARD ADAMS	AGR-12	1960-61	QMSN
DONALD BALDWIN	AGR-4	1961-63	ENS	RALPH MISCHITELLI	AGR-12	1956-58	LTJG
DAVID BATT	AGR-4	1961-63	LTJG	GEORGE OVERSTREET	AGR-12	1963-65	XO
WILLIAM HINMAN	AGR-4	1955-57	RM3	P. J. MOORE	YR-23	1955-57	OinC
THOMAS MANNING	AGR-4	1955-57	MM2	CHARLES LINDBERG	YR-65	1960-65	MR1
WILLIP H. GARRITY JR	AGR-8	1955-57	LTJG	HARRY MILLER	YR-65	1664-65	SFM2
RALPH EDWARDS	RADRON TWO	1961-62	CDR	P. J. MOORE	RADRON TWO	1955	LTJG

As you go over the above list, you will see that the Interceptor was the only west coast ship present. This was for not lack of trying. Also some of the ships had only one crewmen at the reunion. I have been in touch with crewmen from all 16 ships and the two YR's, and personnel from RADRON TWO staff. I have not been able to locate anyone from RADRON ONE. If you know of anyone who has served on any of the YAGR'S or who was with the headquarters staff, please inform them that we are holding reunions. Also if you remember any names get them to me. I will need to know the full name, first name, middle initial and last name. If you know the city and state they come from that will even be better.

Now to jump back to a few things about the reunion.

Diane and John Clancy (AGR-11 1962-64) celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary while at the reunion.

Charlotte Wirt, wife of George Wirt (AGR-11 1962-64) celebrated her birthday while at the reunion.

Ralph Edwards (AGR-9 1959-60) traveled the greatest distance to attend, from Washington state.

George Overstreet (AGR-12 1963-65) traveled from Japan, (He is master of a ship that operates out of Japan) but he lives in Florida and was home at this time).

Dave Johnson (AGR-11 1962-64) would like to have a photo of the YAGR group that was taken at Battleship Cove. You can reach Dave at: 221 E. Spruce ST.

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have some coffee cups with the ships' names for sale at \$4.00 plus shipping charges of \$4.00. Make checks out to YAGR'S for \$8.00.

Please find enclosed an information form. Fill this out and send it back to me. I sent this form before, but a lot of them were not returned. I need this info for the list I am putting together of ex-crewmen. I was hoping to get this list sent out to everyone, but I am missing too much info.

A note to anyone who wants to check on what service medals they have can write to
National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132
Attn: Navy

In making your request, include your complete name, rank/rate, social security number, dates of service and date of birth. Your request will be processed in three to four months.

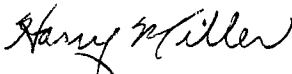
HELP!! IF ANYONE HAS A SHIP'S PATCH: PLEASE SEND IT TO ME.

I am looking for the ships' patches that we sewed on our work jackets. If you have one, will you send it to me. I will make sure that it gets back to you.

In closing I want to thank everyone who sent donations of money or stamps. Your donations helped to keep things going.

REMEMBER, NEXT REUNION: BALTIMORE, MD IN MAY OF 1997. DATES ARE NOT SET YET

Sincerely,



Harry Miller (AGR-11 1962-64)
(YR-65 1964-65)

I want to take a survey to see how much we should spend on motel rooms. On doing some preliminary pricing, it looks like the rooms in the Baltimore cost more than we paid in Newport. Get back to me on what you think we should spend.

\$60.00 to \$75.00

\$75.00 to \$100.00

\$100.00 to \$125.00

