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Baltimore, MD May 29, 30, and 31, 1997 Second YAGR'S reunion

January 30, 1997

YAGRGRAM #4

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. I want to thank everyone who sent Christmas cards to my wife Gail and me.

Things are moving along for our second YAGR'S reunion. **Thursday May 29th** will be for checking in and getting squared away. Our tour of the SS John W. Brown is all set for **Friday morning, May 30th**. Lunch will be served on the Brown. Remember, the Brown is a working ship, so dress accordingly. Also the ship's brow can be steep if the tide is in. If any one will have trouble with it, the Brown crew has a system for hoisting people aboard. Please let me know in advance if you will need assistance. We will travel between the hotel and the Brown by chartered bus. **Saturday morning, May 31st** we will hold a meeting of all former YAGRMEN. This will probably last about 2 hours. While we are holding our meeting, there will be a buffet breakfast for spouses. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish. **On Saturday evening** a wine and cheese reception will be held before our sit down dinner, which will be held in the Tremont Plaza Hotel.

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The reunion fee will be **\$60.00 PER PERSON**, which includes:

- Hospitality room
- Tour of SS John W Brown with transportation and lunch
- Spouse's breakfast buffet
- Saturday night reception
- Saturday night dinner

If you are going to the reunion make your hotel reservations early. The hotel is holding 75 rooms at the special rate of \$95.00 per night until April 29, 1997. I have been in touch with the hotel about more rooms if they are needed **and have been told that they are booked solid and no more rooms will be available to us.** To date 20 rooms have been booked. You can call the hotel at (800) 873-6668. When making your reservations, let them know that you are with the YAGR reunion. The address is

The Tremont Plaza
222 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

(Of course, rooms will be available at alternate hotels, so plan accordingly)

By now everyone who has ordered a hat will have received it. Judging by the letters and phone calls I received, everyone likes the way they look. I will be placing another order for hats soon. **The cost is \$14.00 per hat, which includes postage.** The hat will be delivered to your address. If you are interested in ordering a hat, please send your order made out to YAGR'S to me by February 21, 1997. Let me know how many hats you want and the ship's name. Delivery will be in 4 to 6 weeks. These hats are custom made for us, which is why delivery takes so long. To those of

you who do not know about these hats, they are a cotton blend and have the ship's name and silhouette embroidered on it. Note these hats are not available for YR'S and RADRON ONE or TWO.

I would like to come up with a logo for the YAGR'S Association. As you all know, YAGR'S represents 16 ships, 2 YR'S and the staff of RADRON ONE and TWO. Each ship had its own logo, so with 16 logos it would be impractical to use them for the YAGR'S Association logo. If you have an idea for this proposed logo, send a sketch of your idea to me. I will take all sketches to Baltimore and we will vote on using one of them. Do not worry about your artwork. It's the idea we will be looking at. If we decide to use your idea, you will receive a hat with your ship's name and one year's membership.

I am still looking for the logos for the following ships:

U.S.S. Searcher	AGR-4	U.S.S. Locator	AGR-6
U.S.S. Interdictor	AGR-13	U.S.S. Watchman	AGR-16
RADRON ONE		YAGR DIV (west coast)	

IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THE ABOVE LOGOS, PLEASE GET IT TO ME. I will even be able to use a photo of it if that is all you have.

In the two months since the last YAGRGRAM, we have added 74 former YAGRMEN to the list of former crewmen who know of the organization. Our total now stands at 453. If anyone has any names of former shipmates, get them to me. To locate them, I will need their first name, hopefully middle initial and, naturally, their last name. It will also be a great help if you know the state or area of the country they came from. Also, please be sure to send me your new address if you move.

Dues for YAGR'S are \$15.00 per year with a one time fee of \$2.00 for a total of \$17.00 for the first time you pay your dues. This one time \$2.00 fee is being used to help fund the search for former YAGRMEN. This money pays for the YAGRGRAMS, postage, printing, phone calls, muster list from the Navy and postcards to locate former crewmen. Please make checks out to YAGR'S. The 1996 YAGR'S year for dues purposes runs from June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997.

Bruce Bailey has told me that his book about the YAGR'S will be ready this February. I was also told that his book will have 61 pages. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, you can reach Bruce at 1940 East Sycamore St., Anaheim, CA 92806, (714) 635-9278.

NOTE: The YAGR'S Association is not associated with this book. YAGR'S only passed along his request for help in attaining information about the various ships. YAGR'S Association did not assume any editorial control, and has no financial interest in this book.

In the periods between YAGRGRAMS, I receive a lot of mail, some of which I answer and some I do not. I assume most of these letters are informational only. If you have written to me and did not get a reply, I am sorry. It was, as I said, that I assumed it to be informational. If you want a reply, let me know.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to see some specific information included in these YAGRGRAMS, let me know and we'll see what can be worked out.

Hope to see you in Baltimore!

Harry

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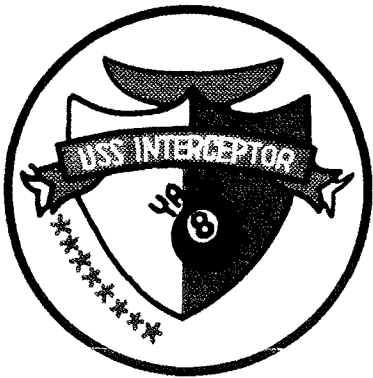
U.S.S. LOOKOUT AGR-2



Launched as SS Claude B. Kitchin, hull No.3139. May, 24, 1945
Built by J.A. Jones Construction Co. at Panama City, FL.
Commissioned USN: March 5, 1955 at Charleston, SC. as U.S.S.
Lookout YAGR-2. On September 28, 1958 her classification was
changed to AGR-2
Decommissioned: July 12, 1965 at Bayonne, NJ
Sold to Spanish shipbreakers, November, 1970

This logo for Lookout, was designed by John Draves while serving
aboard the Lookout. It is one of three that I have located.

U.S.S. Interceptor AGR-8



Launched as SS Edward W. Burton, hull NO. 3147. September
12, 1945. Built by J.A. Jones Construction Co. at Panama City, FL
Commissioned USN: February 15, 1956 at Charleston, SC. as
U.S.S. Interceptor YAGR-8. On September 28, 1958 her
classification was changed to AGR-8.
Decommissioned: July 1, 1965
Presumed sold and scrapped

This information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. If
anyone has different or more information, please send it to me.

