



# Radar Picket Ships

## YAGRGRAM #50

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## YAGR'S 14th Reunion

San Diego, CA

May 21 to May 23, 2009

As voted on at our 12th reunion in Washington, DC we will be holding our 14th reunion in San Diego, CA.

We were lucky enough to get the Town and Country Resort and Convention center for our host hotel. Those of us who attended the 6th reunion will remember the Town and Country as an outstanding hotel.

### Town and Country Resort and Convention Center

500 Hotel Circle North

San Diego, CA 92108

### Room Rate \$123.00 per night

This rate is good for three (3) days before and 3 days after the reunion dates of May 21 - May 23,

Room reservations can be made after September 15, 2008

Phone # for reservations 1-800-772-8527

Mention that you are with YAGR'S when you call to get the above room rate.

You should reserve your room as soon as possible. At this time we have 75 rooms set aside for our use. (At the Newport reunion we used 100+ rooms). We have the option of adding more if we do not wait too long to do so. The hotel has informed me that if we do not add rooms in a timely manner, they cannot guarantee that we will get the extra rooms at the rate shown above or that there will be any available at all. The hotel has a few different types of rooms available. You can go on line to check them out at [www.towncountry.com](http://www.towncountry.com)

### Proposed Schedule of Events

The format will be the same as past reunions. We will have pre-reunion tours on **Tuesday** (May 19th) and **Wednesday** (May 20th). On **Thursday** (May 21st) we will open the hospitality room where you will pick up your reunion packets and reunions if you order one. **Friday** (May 22nd) we will all go on our up tour with the hospitality room opening on our return. **Saturday** (May 23rd) the mens meeting, spouses/guests functions will be held in the morning, the hospitality room will open afterwards and finally the evening banquet on Saturday night.

Town and Country pool and towers



### YAGRGRAM Going Out Early

I am getting this YAGRGRAM out earlier than I would normally send it out for a couple of reasons. First, as mentioned earlier, to give you plenty of notice about the dates and location (hotel) of the reunion and second to pass along some information about possible problems getting your airline flight and travel.

When I started setting up for my trip to San Diego to check on hotels, I found that a lot of flights were booked solid out of Providence, RI. This forced me to look at other airports. Even these other airports did not really offer me good choices so in the end I was forced to fly out of Hartford on a day and time I would not normally do. So what I am trying to pass along to you is to book your flight as early as possible. I know just about everything you are hearing is that people are not traveling, but you cannot prove that by me.



## Reunion Registration

The reunion registration cost this year will be \$105.00 per person for dues paying members and their spouse/guest and \$122.00 per person for nondues paying members and their spouse/guest.

A dues paying member is one whose dues have been paid for this year. If in doubt, look on the envelope mailing label this YAGRGRAM came in. If above your name a date 5/31/09 or later is on it, you are a dues paying member. If there is no date, then you have not paid your dues. If you feel you have paid your dues and it is not indicated as such on the mailing label, please get in touch with me.

The registration cost covers the hospitality room and bartender, group tour with lunch, Saturday evening banquet, spouses breakfast, name badges, pins and printing costs associated with the actual reunion.

## San Diego, CA Optional Pre-Reunion Tours

The optional pre-reunion tours have proven to be very popular so we have set up two great tours.

**Tuesday May 19, 2009**

**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**CITY TOUR & LUNCHEON: \$45.00 per person**

Enjoy the best of San Diego - this tour includes the beauty of Coronado, the history of Balboa Park and the modern elegance of the Gaslamp Quarter with its renovated buildings from the late 1800's. A one-hour stop at beautiful Seaport Village provides us with an opportunity to explore and browse on foot. We will then proceed on a scenic route to the Bali Hai restaurant on Shelter Island for a delicious harbor-side buffet luncheon complete with dessert, coffee and a million dollar view.

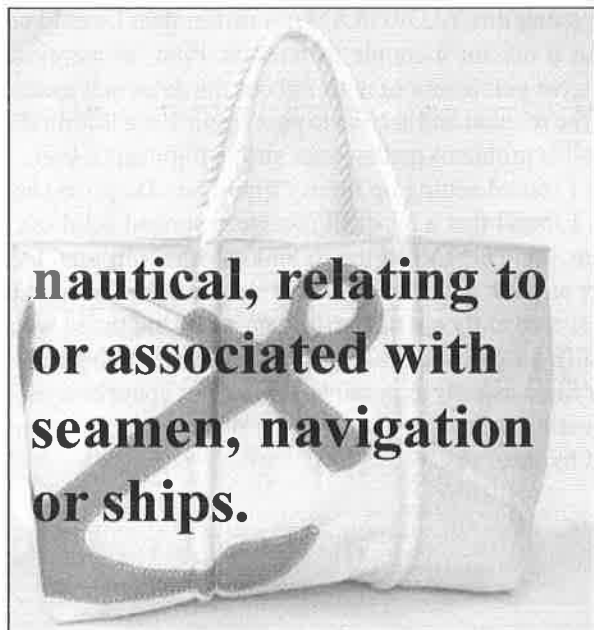
**Wednesday May 20, 2009**

**6:00 PM to 10:30 PM**

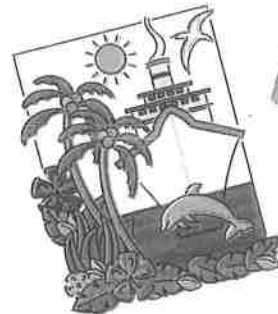
**SAN DIEGO EVENING HARBOR DINNER CRUISE: \$79.00 PER PERSON**

This fun evening consists of a 2-1/2 hour dinner cruise! The meal includes a duet of steak and chicken, salad, rice pilaf, saute vegetables, rolls and butter, followed by a decadent dessert and coffee. Following dinner, enjoy music with dancing or stroll under stars on the top deck. Also a cash bar is available on board.

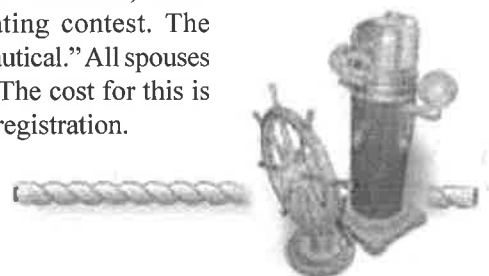
## Spouses/Guests



**nautical, relating to  
or associated with  
seamen, navigation  
or ships.**



We will once again have the Saturday morning spouses/guests breakfast, raffle and a tote bag decorating contest. The theme for this year is "nautical." All spouses and guests are invited. The cost for this is included in the reunion registration.





### **Robert D. Marshall (AGR-8, 1961-65)**

Harry:

This happened to me when I detached from the USS Interceptor (AGR 8). I departed the Interceptor the day she sailed for station and I was to report to the receiving station at Treasure Island and ultimate discharge.

My good friend Bill Robertson was the sea detail OD and I told him I was going to drive around to the Marin Headland and wave to him when he passed under the Golden Gate. As soon as the ship sailed, I got in my car and drove to Marin where from high above the bay I had a perfect view of the ship. When she changed course to pass under the bridge I waved energetically and on the starboard halyard the signalman hauled up "Golf Foxtrot," a universally understood reply to a departing shipmate.

### **Ted Wilming (AGR-10, 1962-65)**

"Let a sleeping dog lay"

Most folks are smart enough to not bother other folks while they are sleeping. Let me rephrase that a bit, all except the mid watch in CIC on the Outpost.

Behind the large vertical plot board was a padded bench where the plotter can sit. Occasionally it has been used to take a short nap. DK 2 Paul Dufley often worked late on the day before payday and would come into combat about 0200-0300 for a snooze on that bench if it were not in use. (For the old salts, remember the little white paychits that had to be so carefully filled out.) When Paul would snooze, those pesky RD types would have some fun at his expense.

A paper match or three or four would warm a foot in a hurry, especially when used in multiples. The match head(s) were placed in the welting of the brogans and, of course, lit with the expected results. Usually this was done when the CIC watch officer had stepped out or was otherwise occupied (wink, wink). Paul never caught anyone because the burn time of the match was long enough before the head ignited and the perpetrator could get back to the scope or other position. The frivolity was never appreciated on Paul's part and as you know payback is, well, painful, especially after his few choice words.

When Paul received orders off the Outpost, that payback time was due and payable (no pun intended). The disbursing clerk's desk had a folding lid and into that area went a selected group of radar types pay records. When said lid was folded back, the records stayed secure for several weeks unnoticed, much to the dismay of the offenders' wallets.

The old adage of making your best friend the cook can also include your DK.

### **Daniel W. Moore (AGR-9, 1962-65)**

This is not a typical article which you print in your Sea Stories section, but it happened and shows the strange things that can happen on a ship at sea. — This happened while I was on the USS Investigator (AGR-9) between Feb 1962 and March 1965. We were given a burial-at-sea assignment. We took aboard the body of a former sailor and three of his family and went to sea. I don't recall how far out we went but we couldn't see any land.

A brief ceremony was held and the body, completely covered and weighed down, was lowered over the side. The family was taken to the wardroom for condolences, conversation and snacks. In a short while one of the ship's crew came to the wardroom and asked the XO to step outside. He told the XO that the cover on the corpse had come apart and the weight fell out allowing the body to return to the surface. The XO gave instructions to lower a boat, retrieve the body, put a new weight on it and secure the body's covering. He then returned to the wardroom to ensure that the family did not go out on deck. The body was taken care of and we returned to port. I still get a strange feeling today when I think of it.

Incidentally, this is the second story I have about burials at sea, but the first one happened on a different ship, so I won't go into it. Besides I was embarrassed by my part in it.

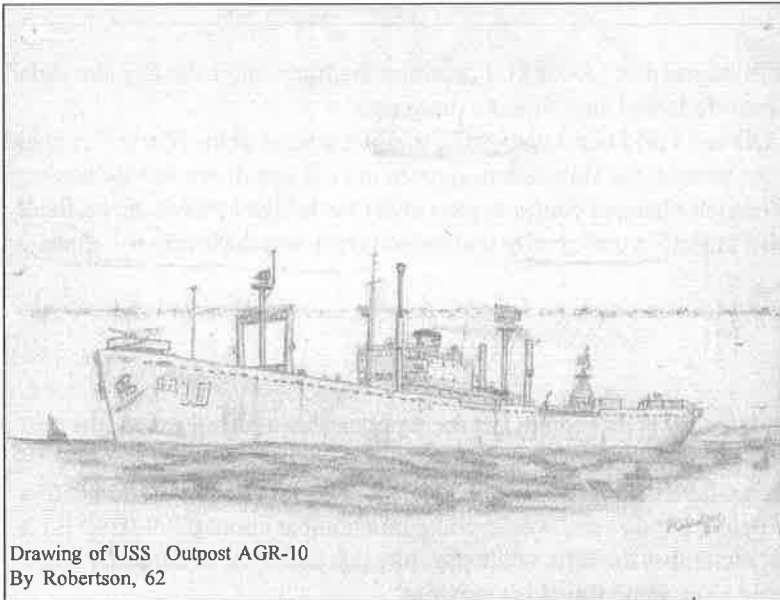


## Shipboard Life

This is the first of a planned feature of pictures from the various ships showing onboard daily activities/life I will include in future YAGRGRAMS as space allows.

When you send me pictures, if at all possible list those people that are shown in the picture. I know this is asking a lot of all these years, but if you have a good memory!!!!

This group of pictures was sent to me by Bill Humburg (AGR-10, 1961-64)



Drawing of USS Outpost AGR-10  
By Robertson, 62



Beard growing contest



E1 Shop



Radar gang



Ship's band





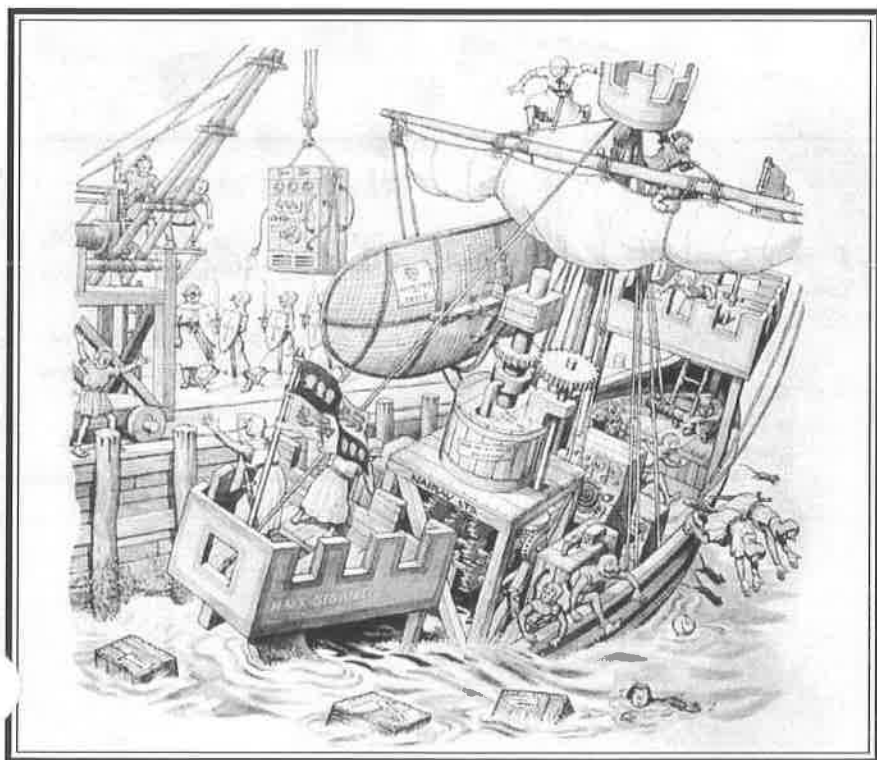
# YAGR'S Exhibit

## Battleship Massachusetts

We have a couple of new projects for the YAGR'S exhibit that are now in the planning stages. The first is fabricating and installing a display for the model of the USS YR-65 that was built and donated to us by Bill Simcox (AGR-4). The second will be to design/build a suitable way to display the gyro repeater/ships helm pedestal that Glen Lain (AGR-2) donated to YAGR'S. Glen shipped the equipment to the Battleship a few months ago, but with all that has been going on we just have not had time to really sit down and figure out the best way to set up a display.



John Hemminger (AGR-2) and Roland Cote (AGR-10)



### A piece Of History Uncovered

We were very lucky to have discovered this rare drawing of an early class of radar picket ship. I am not sure if it was getting ready to get underway from Treasure Island, CA or Davisville, RI.

It appears that new radar is being installed, type unknown. Also it is my guess the radarmen and electronic technicians are not too happy with the new radar as they are leaving the ship along with the rats.

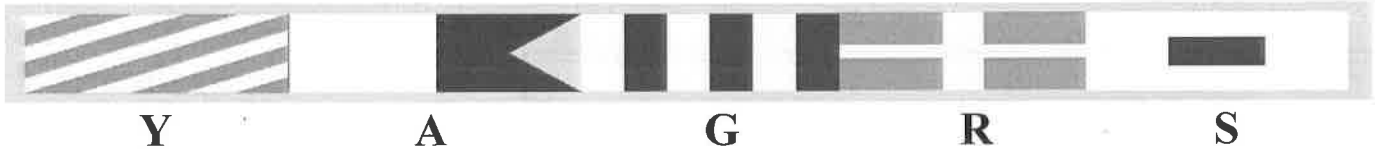


## USS Protector AGR-11 Whaleboat

I received an e-mail message last month with the enclosed pictures of the 26 foot whaleboat that was on the USS Protector AGR-11.

The gentleman (who lives outside of Utica, NY) who sent them to me informed me that he is the third private owner of the boat. He stated that it was not treated very well as much of the interior has been removed, it has no engine and only a few seats remain.

He also stated that he hopes to refurbish it to its original condition.



### As a reminder YAGR'S Dues

**Dues for the June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 dues year are now being collected. Dues are \$17.00 Per Year**

When writing your check, make it out to YAGR'S and send it to me (address on page #1).

If you have paid your dues and did not receive your membership card and latest crewmen list that is sent with it, let me know.

### Returned Mail

After each mailing of the YAGRGRAM, a number of them are returned by the post office as undeliverable.

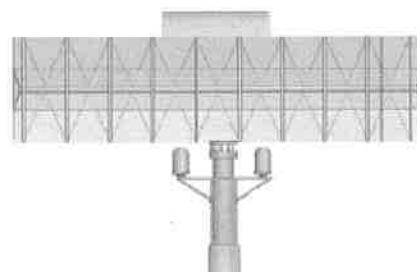
If you will be moving or have just recently moved, make sure you get your **new address and phone number to me.**

**Visit YAGR'S Web Page**

**[www.yagrs.org](http://www.yagrs.org)**

**Webmaster**

**Frank Pulaski (AGR-4)**





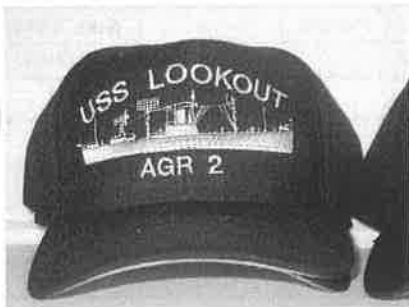
Note: All orders must reach me by November 10, 2008. This is when all orders will be placed with our suppliers. It can take up to six weeks after that for you to receive your order.

**Hat/Lapel Pins.**

All of the ships emblems are in color and are approx. 1" in diameter.

**Hat Devices.**

BM, BT, DC, DK, EN, ET GM, HM, MM, MR, MS, QM, SH, SK, SM, are on hand, but in a limited quantity.



**Denim Shirts.**

Harvard Square 7oz. long sleeve denim shirt with double needle tailoring, button down collar, seven wood tone buttons and a left chest pocket. It has a silhouette of a radar picket ship with your ships name and hull number embroidered on it.



ITEM	EACH		QUANTITY		SUB TOTAL
HAT SHIP HULL # _____	\$20.00	X		=	
DENIM SHIRT SHIP HULL # _____	S,M, L,XL \$34.00	X		=	
SIZE _____	XXL \$36.00	X		=	
<b>ALL HAT/LAPEL PINS LISTED BELOW ARE \$4.75 EACH OR ANY TWO FOR \$8.50</b>					
RADRON ONE		X		=	
RADRON TWO		X		=	
YAGR DIVISION 21		X		=	
USS GUARDIAN AGR-1		X		=	
USS LOOKOUT AGR-2		X		=	
USS SKYWATCHER AGR-3		X		=	
USS SEARCHER AGR-4		X		=	
USS SCANNER AGR-5		X		=	
USS LOCATOR YAGR-6		X		=	
USS PICKET AGR-7		X		=	
USS INTERCEPTOR AGR-8		X		=	
USS INVESTIGATOR AGR-9		X		=	
USS OUTPOST AGR-10		X		=	
USS PROTECTOR AGR-11		X		=	
USS VIGIL AGR-12		X		=	
USS INTERDICTOR AGR-13		X		=	
USS INTERPRETER AGR-14		X		=	
USS TRACER AGR-15		X		=	
USS WATCHMAN AGR-16		X		=	
<b>COST FOR ITEMS BELOW ARE AS LISTED</b>					
HAT SPECIALITY DEVICE SPECIFY DEVICE _____	\$4.90	X		=	
<b>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO YAGRS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>				
<b>YOUR NAME</b>					
<b>PHONE #</b>					

This information will be used for your name tag. Use the name you want printed on your name tag

# YAGR'S 14th Annual Reunion San Diego, CA May 21, 22, 23 2009

**Please return As Soon As Possible, But No Later Than April 15, 2009.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

SHIP SERVED ON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE ON BOARD \_\_\_\_\_ RATE \_\_\_\_\_

SHIP SERVED ON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE ON BOARD \_\_\_\_\_ RATE \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Registration San Diego, CA			Please Print May 21 - May 23, 2009		
	<b>Cost per person</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Number of People</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>
EXAMPLE	\$105.00	X	2	=	\$210.00
Dues paying members, spouses/guests	\$105.00	X		=	\$
Non dues paying members, spouses/guests	\$122.00	X		=	\$
Pre-Reunion Tours			Please Print		
<b>City Tour With Lunch</b>					
Tuesday May 19, 2009					
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM					
Names of People going on tour					
	\$45.00	X	1	=	\$
	\$45.00	X	1	=	\$
	\$45.00	X	1	=	\$
<b>Dinner Cruise</b>					
Wednesday May 20, 2009					
6:00 PM to 10:30 PM					
Names of people going on tour					
	\$79.00	X	1	=	\$
	\$79.00	X	1	=	\$
	\$79.00	X	1	=	\$
Reunion Shirts					
	\$18.00 each	Small	Medium	Large	X LARGE
	Number of each, times \$18.00				= \$
	\$20.00 each				XX- Large
	Number of each, times \$20.00				= \$
					<b>Total</b> \$