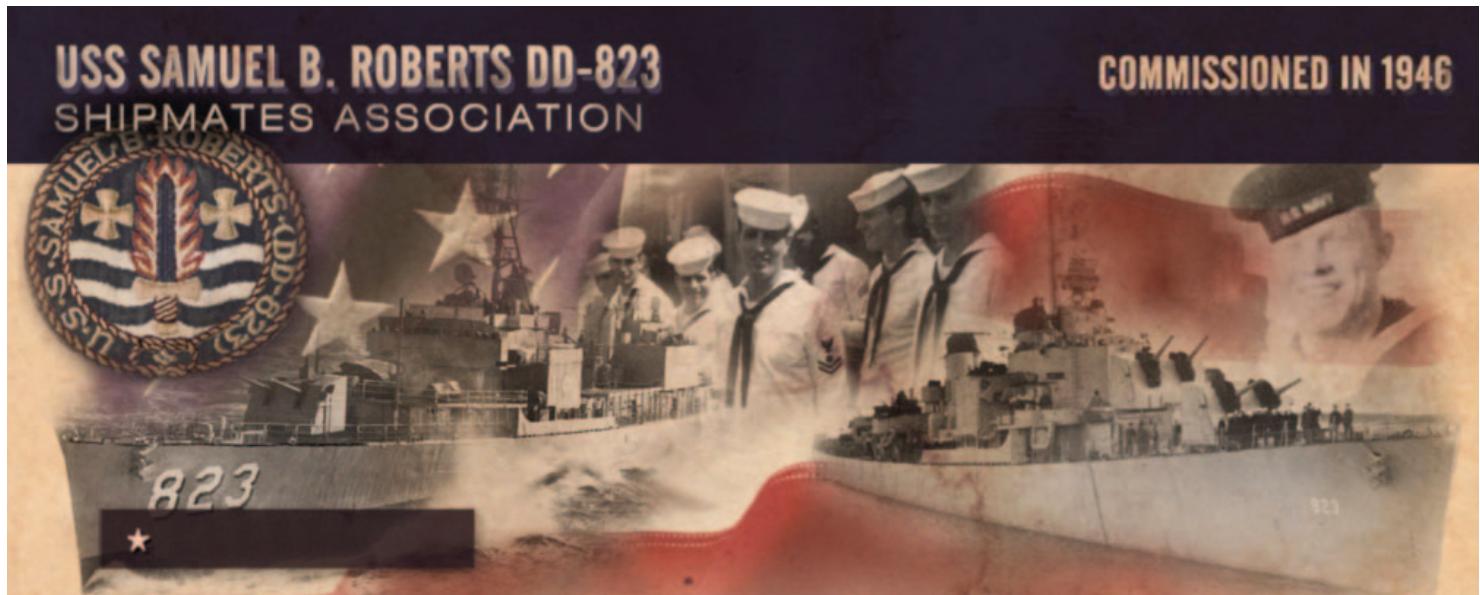


# Scuttlebutt

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USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD-823) Shipmates Association



## On the Scope

Greeting my fellow shipmates. I don't know why it is that we seem to wait forever for the warm weather to come and then in a flash it's gone. Don't know about where you live but here in the Pocono Mountains of NE PA the temperature is getting colder every night and the leaves are turning color at a rapid pace.

In looking for something to write about from my Navy days I started to think about things that I experienced and learned, that have left a lasting impression on me, and this little tale is one and it's coming to you in two parts. Did you ever hear the expression "One good deed deserves another"; well, here is my experience with that saying.

When the Roberts came out of the yard after FRAM in Philadelphia, she was subject to routine of exercises in preparation for her joining the Fleet again. It was during those times that the operations officer a LT. Beasley became aware of my performances while I was on watch in CIC and we established a respectable relationship. For the record I was a Radarman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class at that time.

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# HOME IS THE SAILOR FROM THE SEA

Roster of deceased shipmates. Paying our respects

Most recent additions are in CAPS, Italics, Bold Print and Underlined

**"Sailor Rest Your Oar"**

May we ever be mindful of God's wisdom, forgiveness and love. Please keep our defenders of freedom safe.

Thank you Lord

Aber, Joseph G., Jr. ('49-'51)  
Adam, Russell ('50-'52)  
Allain, Charles ('50-'54)  
Anderson, Marlan ('55-'59)  
Antenucci, James ('62-'65)  
Arduini, Al ('49-'52)  
Bader, Robert M. ('53-'55)  
Bailey, Donald U. ('46)  
Balf, Jim ('64-'66)  
Bangert, Bill ('45-'50) *Plank Owner*  
Barker, Donald ('49-'52)  
Barnhart, Dwayne ('56-'57)  
Barnes, Donal ('65-'70)  
Barnett, Sol ('58-'60)  
Baughman, Arden ('55-'57) *Capt.*  
Beck, Wally ('58-'59)  
Berlyn, Barney ('51-'53)  
Bess, James ('47-'50)  
Blackburn, Robert ('58-'61)  
Blackmore, Richard ('68-'70)  
Bonnell, John T. ('64-'66)  
Borgo, Frank ('50-'54)  
Brazda, Charles ('58-'61)  
Bouchard Robert ('54-'56)  
Brown, Herbert Lee ('56-'58)  
Brown, Robert N. ('57-'60)  
Brownlow, P.J. ('52-'54) *Capt.*  
Brush, Richard F. ('53-'56)  
Budd, Terry ('63-'67)  
Butler, John '59-'61  
Buzz, Ken ('56-'57)  
Calvi, John ('61-'62)  
Cappelletti, Fred ('47-'50)  
Carella, Anthony J. (Unknown)  
Carpenter, David G. ('48-'52)  
Carter, Franklin "Allie" ('58-'59)  
Case, Edward G. ('51-'53)  
Ceravolo, Bud ('57-'59)  
Chessels, Larry W. ('68-'69)  
Cipolla, Mike ('58-'61)  
Clair, John G. ('54-'55)  
Clippard, James E. ('48-'49)  
Clark, Calvin ('51-'54)  
Cline, Frederick ('46-'47)  
Coleman, Yuell, Sr. ('-' )  
Connaire, John ('57-' )  
Coogan, Richard ('69-'70) *Capt.*  
Cooper, Richard ('48-'52)  
Corbett, Bobby ('62-'65)  
Costello, Joseph ('49-'48)  
    *Plank Owner*  
Cox, Earl ('46-'51) *Capt.*  
Craig, Barry ('65-'67)  
Craig, Thomas G. ('58-'59)  
Cramton, Phil ('54-' )

Crawford, Cecil ('47-'54)  
Crosby, Ed ('54-'55)  
Cummings, Larry ('63-'66)  
Custer, Harry G. ('53-'56)  
Czapiewski, Ron ('62-'65)  
Daniszewski, Anthony ('52-'54)  
Davidsen, Art ('68-'70)  
Davidson, Dick ('59-'62)  
Davis, Chuck ('55-'57)  
Dawson, Harold ('56-'58)  
DelBarone, Albert ('59-'64)  
Delisle, James Jr. ('57-'59)  
DeRycke, "Louie" ('53-'55)  
Dew, Joseph ('62-'66)  
Durand, Richard ('66-'68)  
Durant, John ('55-'57)  
Dzamko, Joe ('59-'61)  
Eckland, Philip D. ('52-'53)  
Edwards, John. T. ('47-'50)  
Edwards, Terry ('65-'67)  
Ekberg, Robert ('55-'57)  
Eva, Larry K. ('58-'62)  
Fedynyshyn, Joseph "Fedy" ('49-'52)  
Fennessy, Eamon T. (mid 50s)  
Fetter, John ('49-'52)  
Fisher, Ray *Plank Owner*  
Fitzgerald, William ('-' )  
Flannery, Robert ('51-'54)  
Flynn, Robert E., Sr. ('57-'60)  
Forth, Delmer ('57-'60)  
Fox, Hervey Ray ('52-'56)  
Free, Harry C. ('53-'57)  
Fretty, Richard ('54)  
Gadansky, Bruce ('64-'67)  
Garabedian, Varoujan ('54-'55)  
Garavano, David P. ('63-'67)  
Gaw, Ronald ('67-'69)  
Gelber, Sam ('52-'54)  
Glaser, Wm. R. Capt. ('65-'66)  
Green, Frank ('53-'57)  
Griffin, Gordon ('? -?) *Chaplain*  
Grippo, Frank M. ('48-'52)  
Groves, Herman ('50-'53)  
Gunn, John ('? -?)  
Hall, Lewis S., Sr. ('50-'52)  
Hamilton, Kenneth ('68-'68)  
Hardagree, John ('60-'63)  
Hartz, Weldon ('53-'54)  
Hashem, Fred "Lucky"  
    ('46-'49) *Plank Owner*  
Hazel, Lee ('46-??)  
Karl G. Heinze ('54-'56)  
Henderson, Bill ('63-'66)  
Hendry, Jim ('54-'56)

Hennessey, William V. ('46-'48)  
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Heskett, Robert ('54-'56)  
Hester, Benny Lee ('54-'57)  
Hickman, George C. ('46-'49)  
    *Plank Owner*  
Hilditch, Francis ('51-'53)  
Hohler, "Reds" ('53-'56)  
Hott, Ralph ('-' )  
Huttman, Louis ('64-'66)  
Hyatt, Gerald ('46-'48)  
Iacovo, Fred P. ('51-'54)  
Ingallinese, John ('54-'56)  
Issa, Leo ('46-'47) *Plank Owner*  
Jacobson, Darwin (Jake) ('63)  
**JEFFREY, GAYLOR ('67-'69)**  
Jones, Floyd T. ('47-'49)  
Jones, Samuel ('67-'69) *Capt.*  
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Kalemba, Tony ('-' )  
Karvalas, James C. ('62-'64)  
Kelly, Gene T. ('46-'47) *Plank Owner*  
Kennedy, Jim ('56-'59)  
Kesselring, Mike ('56-'58)  
Kirk, Edward J. *Plank Owner*  
Klett, Larry ('51-'55)  
Knippenberg, Robert E. ('48-'52)  
Kopfer, Frank ('58-'50)  
Krupinski, Leon ('49-'53)  
Kuhn, Joe ('64-'66)  
Laird, Jack ('49-'53)  
LaFrance, Edgar ('51-'54)  
Landahl, John ('60-'63)  
Lavertu, Adrian ('65-'67)  
Lawrence, Jim ('57-'61)  
Lehr, Charles W. ('62-'66)  
Lindsay, Edward, Sr. ('66-'70)  
Litsch, Frederick ('58-'60)  
Littlefield, Charles A. ('59-'60)  
Lofler, Ted ('46-'47) *Plank Owner*  
Loparco, John ('63-'65)  
Loudermilk, L.B. ('54-'55) *XO*  
Lyons, Matthew '50-'52  
Macagney, Robert ('54-'56)  
Mace, Brian ('66-'68)  
Malarkey, Ray ('57-'61')  
Malloy, Stephen J. ('47-'48)  
Manzi, Lester "Butch" ('67-'69')  
Marino, Vincen S. ('52-'55)  
Matarazzo, John ('63-'65)  
Markopoulos, Mike, K. ('56-'57)  
McBrien, Adrian ('55-'57)  
McCoy, Leon J. ('52-'55)  
McCreary, Frank ('54-'55)  
McFarland, Orrin A. ('47-'49)

McGill, Jim ('54-'56)  
McGinnis, Larry ('65-'68)  
McGirr, Morris ('46)  
McKenzie William E. ('54-'56)  
McKinney, Bob ('53-'56)  
McLeod, Norman ('50-'52)  
McNamara, Charlie ('54-'56)  
Meerholz, Marty ('56-'59)  
Merrill, Frank ('55-'59)  
Merservey, Edward ('49-'53)  
Miller, Edward ('-' )  
Miller, Winston Y. ('-' )  
**MONDY, LLOYD ('51-'53)**  
Moran, Bob ('58-'58)  
Morgan, Jimmy W. (DE-413-1943)  
Morgan, William ('47-'50)  
Mostek, Gerald ('46-'48)  
Muenkel, David ('49-'54)  
Murphy, Edward C. ('64-'68)  
Murphy, Pleasant L ('59-'61) *Capt.*  
Murray, Ron ('52-'55)  
Murray, William ('62-'64) *Capt.*  
Napierala, Thomas ('60-'62)  
Nelms, Dan ('64-'67)  
Nichols, Ronald J. ('54-'56)  
**NIELSON, DONALD ('-' )**  
Norton, James ('64-'66)  
Obenauer, Pete ('64-'67)  
Ogilvie, Roger ('52-'54)  
Ogilvie, Robert ('47-'52)  
Old, Robert ('47-'52)  
O'Quinn, Herman ('53-'57)  
Palloni, Frederick, Jr. ('-' )  
Palmisano, Mickey ('52-'55)  
Pandorff, Robert ('50-'53)  
Pappano, Anthony "Pappy" ('48-'52)  
Park, Edward ('48-'54)  
Parker, Dewey J. ('48-'52)  
Parker, Maurice ('-' )  
Paul, Robert ('62-'64) *XO*  
Pearson, Billy Dean ('51-'53)  
Petrylak, Joseph J. ('-' )  
Pfeiffer, Joe ('57-'59)  
Phifer, John ('50-'54)  
Pierce, Ken ('46-'49) *Plank Owner*  
Pizzi, Al ('48-'52)  
Powers, Ed ('57-'58)  
Prussack, George W. ('61-'64)  
Rankowski, Charles ('64-'65) *Capt.*  
Ray, Robert R. ('46-'48) *Plank Owner*  
Regina, Joseph ('62)  
Reilly, Paul ('55-'59)  
Rice, Edwin A. ('-' )  
Robinson, Alden F. ('-' )  
Robinson, Robert L. ('51-'53)

Robinson, Steven C. ('56-'58)  
 Rosario, Norman ('-')  
 Ross, Charlie ('62 -'64)  
 Ross, Frederick A. ('50-'54)  
 Ross, William ('50-'53)  
 Rost, William Jr. ('60-'63')  
 Rukin, Herbert J. ('61-'66)  
 Salva, Steve ('56-'57)  
 Sample, Gene V. Sr. ('49-'53)  
 Sarao, Joe ('55-'57)  
 Samsel, Robert O. ('49-'53')  
 Sarquiz, Joe ('55-'57)  
 Schadler, Frank ('52-'54)  
 Schaefer, Ed ('-')  
 Schroeder, Carl ('53-'55)  
 Schwab, Rollin ('56-'59)  
 Seaver, Llewellyn "Dave" ('53-'57)  
 Senk, Ralph ('54-'57)  
 Senderovitz, Steve ('61-'64)  
 Shannon, Frank ('52-'54)  
 Sheehan, Robert ('50-'54)  
 Sheehan, Joe ('51-'55)  
 Sherry, Peter M. (Unknown)  
 Shields, Robert J. ('52-'56)  
 Shifton, Joseph ('48-'49)  
 Siegerdt, Ronald R. ('53-'56)  
 Simmons, Fred S. Jr. '46-'56  
 Plank Owner  
 Skorupski, Stanley S. ('55-'57)

Smith, Charles F. ('64-'66)  
 Smith, Carol ('51-'54)  
 Smock, Merrill G. ('56-'58)  
 Smoyer, Earl ('51-'53)  
 Spratt, Tom ('60-'62)  
 Spies, Charles J. ('53-'55)  
 Stamm, LaMoine O. ('53-'55)  
 Stanley, Bob ('50-'54)  
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 Stewart, Rod (XO) ('64-'65)  
 Sullivan, F.M. ('47-'52)  
 Taylor, Lawrence K. ('48-'49) Capt.  
 Taylor, Thomas B. ('50-'52)  
 Totman, Deloris ('54-'55)  
 Totten, Randy ('61-'63)  
 Turner, Carol Anton ('57-'59) Capt.  
 Turner, John ('62-'67)  
 (Past President Shipmates Assoc.)  
 Tyminski, Bill ('51-'55)  
 Vascotto, Richard ('52-'55)  
 Viertel, Otto ('52-'55)  
 Villane, Jack ('52-'55)  
 Villanti, Dr. Anthony ('54-'56)  
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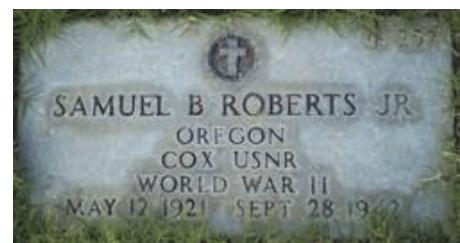
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 Wigglesworth, Carl E. Jr.'66-'69  
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May They  
 Forever  
 Rest In Peace



Shipmates, your tour of duty  
is over, the enlisted have the  
watch, The Officers have the  
Conn.

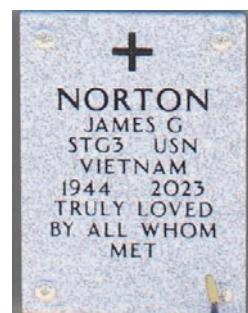
May you have fair winds and  
following seas forever. The  
good Lord is with you now  
and for eternity.



Leon McCoy

July 23, 1933

June 12, 2022



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In October of 1962 when the Cuban Missile Crisis broke out, we receive orders to steam down to Cuba. During our steaming time down there the atmosphere in Combat changed drastically and the seriousness of our watches were greatly intensified. It was during this time while I was on watch in the ECM room (Electronic Counter Measures), that I happened to notice a bunch of papers behind some equipment that had apparently fallen down by unknown someone. When I picked up the papers, I noticed immediately that these were no ordinary papers, they were stamped "Secret". Completely surprised and not really sure what to do with them, I held on to the papers quietly until my watch was over. I then went to officers' country and requested permission to speak to now LTC Beasley. I explained my reason as personal for requesting to see him and I advised him that no one else was aware of this. He seemed quite surprised and thankful for the action I had taken. Never heard anything further about this.

This concludes my good deed, part two in the next "Butt". Don't forget there has to be hundreds of stories out there that you guys had, don't be reluctant, write about them and send them to Terry so he can put them in the "Butt".

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!!

Regards, Ken

## **Jamestown Settlement**

A profile view of the Susan Constant at the Jamestown Settlement pier.





This 1991 reproduction of a 17th century shallop is on loan from Plimoth Patuxet Museums, in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Rigged with sail and with stations for rowing, shallops, ship's boats, and longboats were of similar design and were typically used as tenders to ferry people and cargo to shore or from ship to ship. In 1608, Captain John Smith would undertake two voyages of exploration within the Chesapeake Bay in an open boat like the one you see moored pier side today. Smith would be the first to extensively map the bay and its many tributaries while trading with Virginia's Indigenous.

The founding of Jamestown, America's first permanent English colony, in Virginia in 1607 – 13 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in Massachusetts – sparked a series of cultural encounters that helped shape the nation and the world. The government, language, customs, beliefs and aspirations of these early Virginians are all part of the United States 'heritage today.



Bread Baking



Black Smith



Church



Inside Church



Showing how to navigate using a peg board and rope



Doctor and Tools.



Inside the Fort Walls



Building a canoe by burning



Indian Village



## Farewell Banquet

The banquet started with drinks and conversation 5pm-6pm. It looked like 150 people or more were there. The tables were numbered and everybody knew where to sit.

Sea stories abounded.

Pledge of allegiance and a prayer began the event.

About 6pm they started the auction. That went on for about an hour. There was a lot of items.

It was a lot of fun as the bidding was fast and furious. The auctioneer was great and apparently well practiced. He got better as time went by since he indicated he was keeping his vocal cords lubricated with vodka.

The meals were all good Chicken / Salmon / Beef / Vegetarian and Gluten free (I don't know what that is, but I didn't hear any complaints).

There was a huge piece of cheese cake for dessert when we sat down. At least one person ate it before dinner arrived. It was delicious.

There were also 2 Raffles held. One with multiple draws and multiple prizes. The second one was for cash on a single draw. The prize was about \$600.00. I later ran into the sailor that won and he bought me a drink. The way he was going I expect he had a big hang over the next day.

Everyone had a great time.

Bob Hunt



L to R John White, Bob Hunt, Terry Haskins

## USS Wisconsin BB 64

Berthed at Nauticus, the Battleship Wisconsin is one of the largest and last battleships ever built by the U.S. Navy. Explore its deck through a self-guided tour or, with an additional charge, our guided tours that will take you back in time to experience this majestic ship that earned five battle stars during WWII.



## BATTLESHIP STATS

Displacement – 45,000 tons

Displacement – 58,000 tons loaded

Length – 887' 3"

Beam – 108' 2"

Draft – 37' 8"

Speed – 33 knots

Complement – 1,600

Armament – 9 16", 20 5", 80 40mm, 49

20mm

Propulsion – Steam turbines, 8 600psi  
boilers, 4 shafts, 212,000 SHP

Class IOWA

Radio Shack



The decks are covered with more than four acres of teakwood – a very hard wood that resists wear. It protects the 1.5 inch steel deck underneath from rust. The wood also reflects heat, which keeps the ship cooler inside. When the Wisconsin was built, she had no air conditioning (it was later installed).

The round plugs in the teak are called "Dutchmen" and are used to seal holes where the deck has been bolted down.

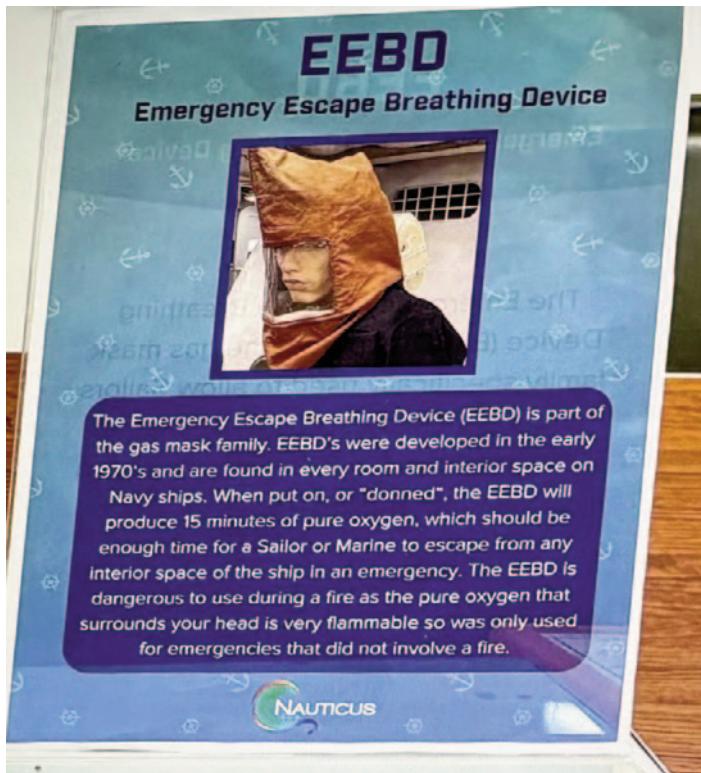
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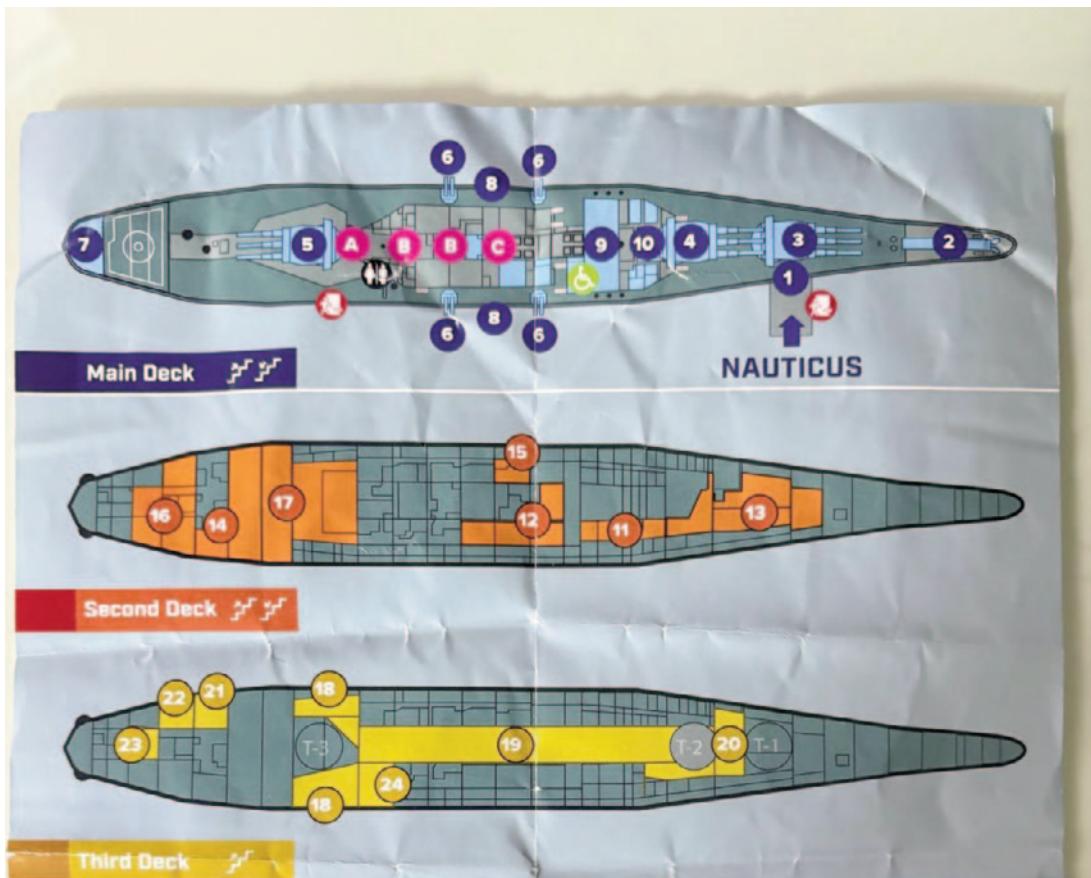
Ships Store



Ships Info.



The tour of the Wisconsin was really good but no way enough time to see the entire ship. There are multiple tours. The best way to see the ship is to visit the website - Nauticus.org.



Dentist Chair



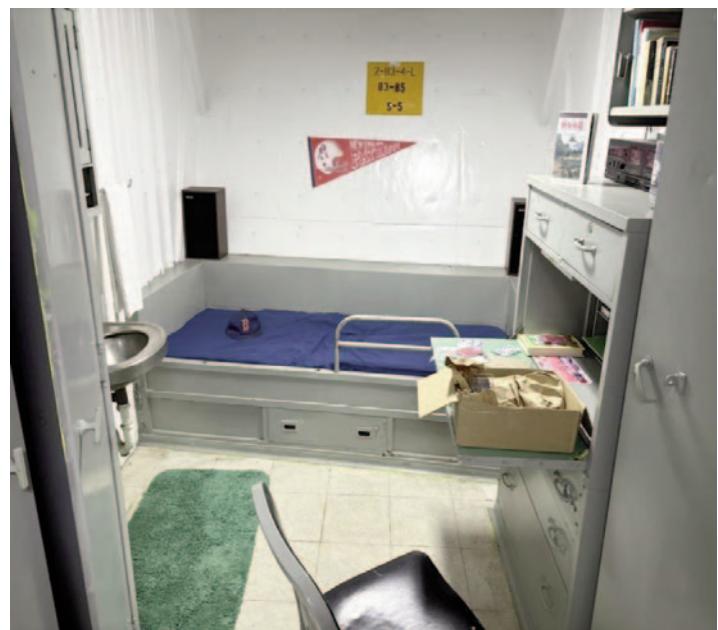
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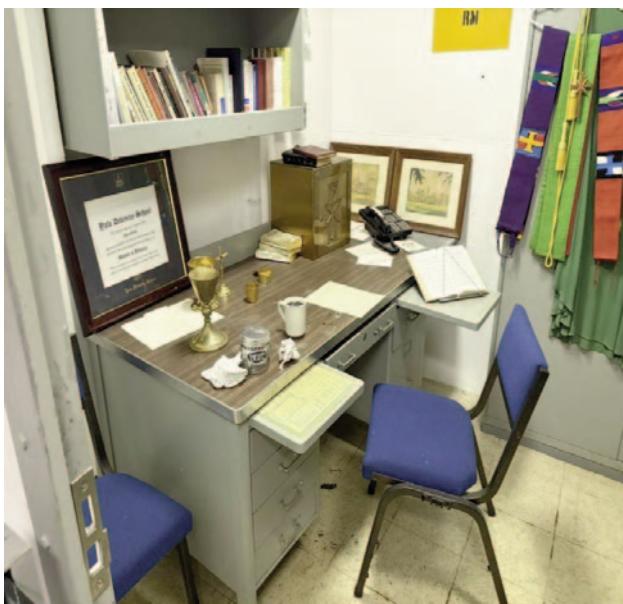
Crew Bunks



Warrant Officer Bunk



Chaplin Work Space



Chapel



## **Sea Story**

We were heading for Korea to go on patrol on the east side of that country were not to go past the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel, but the captain did. He went ashore to meet with some army officer. Upon returning to the ship, we continued on steaming patrol up and down the coast. Upon being relieved of our duty we began to head for Japan, at that time a group of fishing boats we're sighted with spouts of water all around the boats. The captain thought they were being fired on from the shore. He set General Quarters and headed close to shore to see where they were being fired on. Sonar called up to the captain and told him that the fishing boats are in a school of whales. Needless to say, we all had a good laugh.

Secured from GQ, we proceeded on our way to Japan. As we came around the bottom of Korea, we ran into a typhoon. It tore us up badly, bent our port shaft, put a 7" gash in our main water tank and cracked the grommet that holds the stern of the ship to the midsection. We headed for Sasebo or Yokosuka, Japan, where we spent 3 weeks in dry dock.

During the time in the typhoon there was a very frightening incident. The ship was being blown from one side to the other. In one of the times in one of the times the ship went to starboard side, it tipped to where the ship was 2 points from laying on her side. There is a just over the helmsmen's head, there is a gauge, it reads 0 at the bottom and 90 degrees to the starboard and 90 degrees to the port. On that night the ship was pushed to the starboard where the gauge was two marks short of 90 degrees. The ship would have laid on her side or would have rolled over; it did not register how close we came to a disaster and loss of lives.

I hope this will make good reading and perhaps bring back some memories.

**SO, I WILL END THIS WITH WHISHING YOU FAIRWINDS AND CALM SEAS.**

**Richard S. Krzeminski SR.      QM 3 U.S. Navy**

## **Hurricane Donna**

My top Roberts story is one of being in hurricane Donna, which took down the Texas Tower 4, in September 1960, off of Long Island. We took heavy rolls and incurred some damage. I recall scrambling topside, during a 40+degree roll, along with the Chief's coming out of their quarters. The Roberts seemed to stayed healed that far over for a long time. We stayed topside for the duration.

**Best to all,  
Don Briselden**

Painting sent in from Kevin McKeown

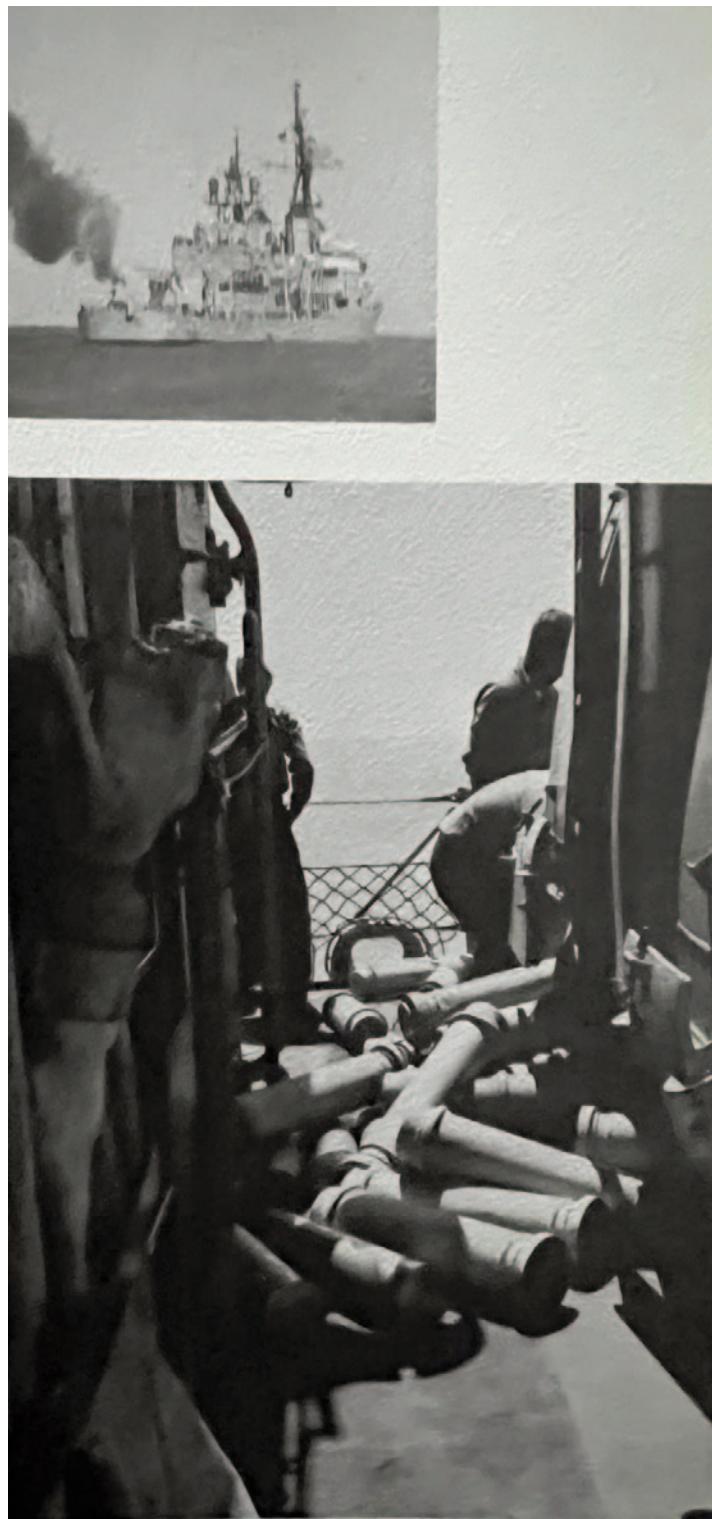


Gentlemen, first I would like to give a big shout out to Bob Hunt, our association Vice President, for all the help he did for me at The Tin Can Sailors Reunion in Norfolk, Virginia. He shot all the pictures, text and labeled all of them. I just inserted them into the "Butt" with minor adjustments. Hope all of you appreciate his dedication in keeping the Scuttlebutt going as long as we can. Will also in the next Scuttlebutt will have another article from Norfolk the USS McFall DDG -74 plus more sea stories and photos. THANK YOU, BOB. For those that sent in sea stories, will have more printed in the next issue, though that issued would be about the reunion since only 3 shipmates attended. This is your newsletter so send me what you want in it. 7948 NW 49<sup>th</sup> Way, Gainesville, FL 32653 or email [haskuf21@cox.net](mailto:haskuf21@cox.net). The next Tin Can Sailor Reunion will be in Warick, RI in late August 2026.

Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the December holidays with family and friends. May we all have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Shipmate, Terry Haskins

# ON THE GUN LINE IN VIETNAM





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