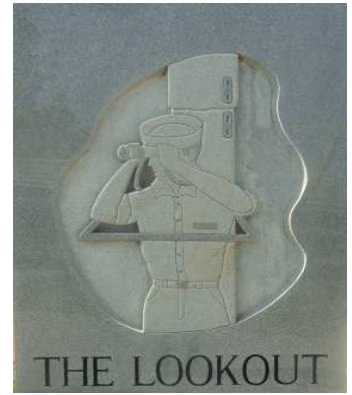


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USS PRICHETT DD-561 REUNION ASSOCIATION LOOK OUT

Prez Says

Hello Shipmates & Friends,

Our 24th annual reunion has been another good one. Most people were surprised at the things to see and do in the area. The Army graduation ceremony was very impressive and the speaker even talked about the Prichett and presented Charlie Liles with a unit coin. Then they turned us loose in the Army Exchange. I think some came out with complete uniforms.

Our 2014 reunion will be in Minneapolis-St. Paul Area. We will be at the Crown Plaza West, Plymouth, MN. For 2015 we are looking at Boise, Idaho. Some think this is planning too far ahead but we must begin our planning at least two years ahead of the reunion to work on the hotels and tours.

This year we are going to give out a \$100.00 gas card to whoever has the longest drive to the reunion.

Also, this year, we are going to have to upset some people in the interest of all. Our raffle/auction has been going great and raises a lot of money for the association. However, it has gotten to the point where we have so many items brought in by everyone that the raffle/auction has really been taking a long time to complete. We are going to have to limit people to no more than 12 items per couple.

The number of different items in our ship store has grown too large to handle so we will be cutting way back on ordering more items, to the point we will not be ordering more items for some time. If there are items you are interested in let us know as supplies will not last.

Don't forget it is also dues time again. Dues have not increased and are still \$35.00 for the year.

Thanks to everyone who attended the reunion and made it a great time.

Terry

Smooth Sailing,

Terry Crawford

528 Mildred, Wood River, IL 62095

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“Cajun Corner”submitted by John Benoit

The Cajun Corner.....Down here in So/West La..among the swamp and Gulf and all of that good Cajun food filled with the best spices in the whole world.

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Carol and I would like to once again thank all of you that attended the reunion in Columbus Ga.....I cannot remember when I had the pleasure to serve as great a bunch of people as you who were there with us...A great crew you were.....always on time, well almost.....and no major complaints..a big relief to those of us that were trying to do everything according to schedule....A big THANK YOU to Don and Maria...well mostly Maria, for all the info that I needed to keep the re-union running smoothly....Don was there, but I know it was Maria.....(love-ya)

Hope to see everyone again in Minn. in 2014.....start making plans now....

Any regrets about the reunion? Please let me know, so we can address those issues at the next officers meeting and before the next reunion.....constructive criticism is al-ways accepted and looked into.....Again.....thanks to all.....have a blessed day.

See-ya.....John B VP

TAPS

The USS Prichett Reunion Association held their annual Memorial service Saturday ,September20, 2013 , at the World War II village, Fort Benning; Georgia to pay tribute to our fallen shipmates.

Jim Brown, Ed Costello, Bill Harper, John Easton, Keith Shay, Jay Wilson, Frank Zennack, James Pratt, Herb Chaplin, Fred Gragg, Jean Connolly (Wife of Ted). Jane lowery (wife of Gene).

Ruben Netzer MM2 58-61 Louis Turk Renz

Other Changes

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Herb Kane, 6300 Lafayette Road Raymond, Iowa 50667



In the May issue of *The Lookout* our Reunion President, Terry said that he and Maryanne were celebrating 13 years of marriage and that he thought he found a keeper. We agree as Charlotte and I stood up for them at the happy occasion at a great mini reunion”, writes member Jim Simms. In the left picture is Judge Litor and L to R, Jim, Terry, Mary Ann, and Charlotte Simms.

Submitted by:

Jim and Charlotte Simms

FINANCIAL REPORT 2012/2013

2012/2013 Income	
Beginning Bal	\$7,786.68
Members Dues	\$2, 2065.00
Stores	\$1, 111.00
Contributions	\$30.00
Raffle	\$626.00
Auction	\$674.50
Reunion	\$8,106.00
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Total	\$20,401.18

2012/2013 Expenses	
Contributions	\$1,611.00
Fees	\$10.00
Office Supplies	\$304.11
Postage	\$68.30
Printing	\$1,633.52
Stores	\$673.93
Auto & Travel	\$902.63
Web site	\$175.00
Reunion	\$7,360.65
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Total	\$12, 739.14
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Cash on hand	\$7, 662.04

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There is plenty of parking space with your choice of valet or free parking.

Some of the eateries nearby:

Champps American

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Cowboy Jacks

Kobe Japanese Restaurant

Old Chicago

EatShop

Kitchen & Bar

Annual Members Meeting

1. We will reduce our ships store inventory
2. No new items, only replace ball caps.
3. Give away the items that are not selling.
4. The 2015 reunion will be held in Boise, Idaho.
5. If attendance is not larger at 2014 reunion, move it to every 2 years. This was voted down.
6. Ted Connolly will publish the Newsletter starting in January 2014.
7. Donations were awarded to the following:

Fletcher Class Destroyer Memorial Ship	\$561.00
Honor Flight	\$500.00
Museum of the Soldier	\$250.00
Honor Guard	\$100.00
Bugler	\$50.00

8. Award \$100.00 gas card to who drives the longest distance.

Post Reunion Notes

1. Carry a couple of cases of cold water on buses.
2. Ghost tours on Tuesday evening.
3. Wednesday will be the longest tour with the members meeting 30 minutes after arriving back at the hotel.
4. Free day will be Thursday.
5. Friday will be a short morning tour with no lunch. Banquet, auction, raffle, pictures, music, dance and fun.
6. Short tour and Memorial Service.

“Just a few lines to let you all know that it was a privilege to have been the Editor of the “Lookout” these past few years. I thoroughly enjoyed, and it was with a heavy heart that I decided to give it up. I have become involved in several other activities and just couldn’t seem to keep up with everything. So I will sign 30 and turn it over to someone else’s very capable hands.

On a different note, I would like to ask, again, if anyone has any old t-shirts from the cities or states that the reunions have been held in over the past 24 years you can donate. Next year is the 25th reunion and I would like to make a special quilt for the auction. I have a few, but not nearly enough. So dig thru your closets and see if you can find one to send....., my address is 2730 Johnson Grass, San Antonio, TX 78251

Thanks in advance.....Lucy Forcum.

USS PRICHETT DD-561-25th ANNUAL REUNION

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Monday 15 September——Check in. Hospitality room will be available PM.

Tuesday 16 September——Ghost Tour

Friday 19 September——Banquet, Auction, Drawing for Prizes & Dance.

Saturday 20 September——Memorial

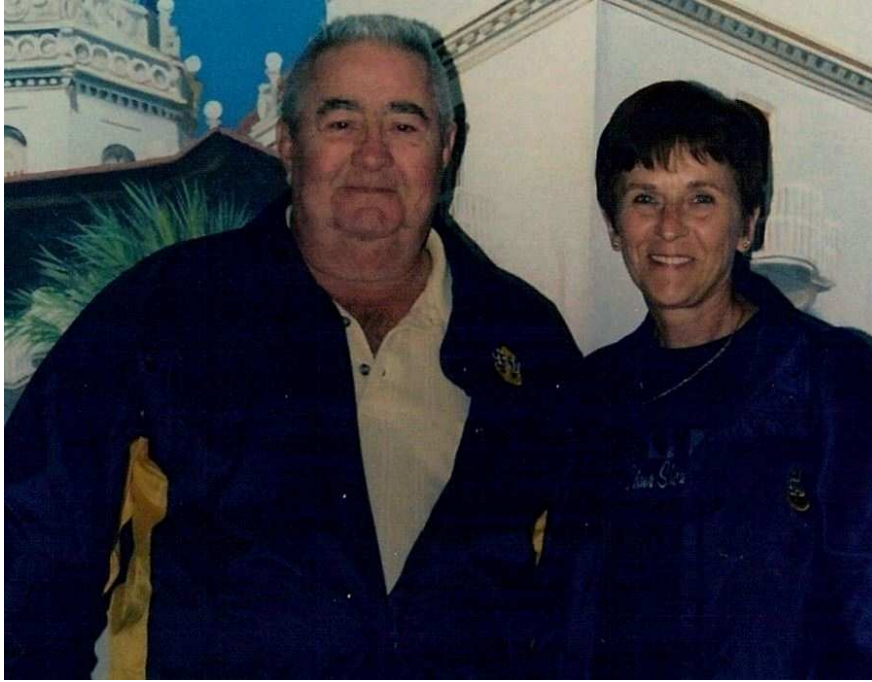
From the Horse's Mouth :

Are all of you ready for a great reunion???? All of the arrangements are not completed as of today. Some of the tours have not been finalized and the Banquet menu has not been decided on. I will get all of the info to you as soon as I possibly can. The ghost tour looks as though it will be great. We are also ALMOST sure that we will have a boat cruise, maybe a dinner cruise. There are many possibilities for us to choose from. For the gamblers, that's you. Nellie, there is the Mystic Lake Casino with free shuttle on the Mystic Express from various locations. One location is the Mall Of America and you would have about a 20 minute ride from there. We are trying to offer tours that includes very little walking. The room rates are a little higher this year but some of our members have asked for us to upgrade the hotels that we use. We visited a wide area in search for the best hotel for your money. When you check in to the Crowne Plaza West you will see that we choose well. These are really great rates for the area and the hotel has everything that you will need. Everyone associated with the hotel is very courteous and helpful. Also there is a free breakfast and one other thing, the room tax is 1/2 what the other hotels require. The outside area is beautiful with areas with fire pits and places to BBQ. (That's an Idea). There is a lot of room for your morning run or walk.. Let's have a big turnout this year, meet shipmates and their spouses and friends. All family and friends are more than welcome to attend.

See you in Minnesota.

Don & Maria

Jim Klock
1951-1956
January 15, 2014



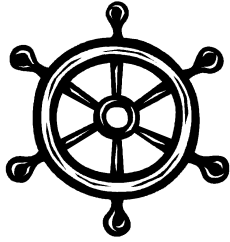
In loving memory of my partner for the last fourteen years.

Jim passed away early today and will no longer be in pain but be riding his golf cart up in the clouds and will finally get his hole in one. We shared loving time together and he will always be missed.

Love you Jim —

It is with the heaviest of hearts I write this to you all. This morning, my father Jim Klock passed away in his home in Florida. I am having a difficult time writing this so please forgive me if it is brief. His wish was to not have any type of service and his wish was to be cremated will rest in peace with his wife of 40 yrs, Rosemary in Palo Alto, CA. I will ask you keep us in your prayers as we try to deal with the pain and deepest sadness. My father was a great man and I want you all to know he loved his interactions with you all throughout the years. You have my email address if you need to contact me, but know I will be out of pocket for at least a week. I want to thank you all for giving him your friendship, love and support.

God Bless,
Vince Klock
(Jim's Son)



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

I want to thank everyone for placing their confidence in me, as this is my first newsletter. Thankfully, I am familiar with the program Lucy has been using. And while on that subject I especially want to thank Lucy and so many others who have been helping me get the "training wheels" off my bicycle. With everyone's help, I will try to reach the high standards of the organization as well as that of Lucy Forcum.

See you all at the next reunion in Minnesota!

Please feel free to contact me at: tedcl@optonline.net

201-823-2887

Sincerely yours,

Ted Connolly '67-'68