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President's Message

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UNDERWAY FOR MKE IN 2020

GREETINGS TO OUR GREAT USS KEARSARGE FAMILY

Well, the time is coming soon for our 2020 Association reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (MKE). Your elected Officers have been very diligent in arranging for one of the most memorable reunions ever, and we think that you will be pleased with the results. Dale Maddy and Jack DeMerit have both performed "magic" to provide inclusive reunion info in the KEARSAGA and on our website.

We have increased the hotel buffet meals, to include a meal every night, so that you won't have to find a place to dine and have more time for socializing in the Hospitality Room. Also added, was an additional day tour in order to have an activity every day. We were able to negotiate with the hotel to keep meal prices very close to our last reunion in JAX, even though MKE is a pretty high cost area. Tour prices are very close again and all tours (except Great Lakes) include lunch this time. We'll be getting a great taste of MKE cuisine on the tours.

There's excellent meal and tour descriptions included in this KEARSAGA and on our website, but I want to elaborate a little about our RTC Great Lakes trip/tour. For those that were in JAX, you might remember our speaker there who was an active duty Command Master CPO (CMC), David Twiford. David served two tours on

KEARSARGE LHD 3, and is now the CMC at RTC Great Lakes. He will host us for that trip and has our group programmed for a superb day at "Boot Camp." He is also a member of our association. We will get VIP treatment that day and have a meal in the galley. We'll know the prices early next year but they'll be around \$6.00 +/- in the recruit galley. (There might be a hair cut inspection so be advised. Attention Dale Maddy).

I urge you, on a personal basis, to reserve your hotel rooms at your very earliest opportunity, as it's possible that we might have more attendees than anticipated, due to the mid-America location. There's no hotel cancellation fee until just a few days before the reunion if you need to cancel.

ALSO, be Advised, MKE was pretty COLD when we were there in early May of this year. I strongly suggest that you bring appropriate attire that will keep you warm and possibly DRY. This will be a great opportunity for you to purchase a KEARSARGE jacket from our "Ships Store" and show KEARSARGE COLORS while in MKE and at any other time. I hope that we all will have our KEARSARGE apparel and wear it proudly. Charles and Charlotte Patton will be glad to complete your purchases in a timely manner for the reunion. We also have a new shipment of KEARSARGE "ball caps."

Our hospitality room will be fully stocked, Barry and Lynda Rittle proprietors, and have plenty of space for remembering and sharing "old sea .stories as well as true stories" Bill Hollywood is ready now to start receiving your registration forms so set the Sea Detail and get ready for "Flight Quarters" in MKE!

If ANYONE has an unanswered reunion question feel free to call me or VP Barry Rittle.

"IN OMNIBUS PINNACULUM"

C.V.