

KEAR SAGA

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California Here We Come

This is indeed true! The results of all of the hours and hard work on behalf of John Bennett, Diane, Paula, local coordinator Paul Young and my getting in the way and asking questions or saying "what if" finally came to fruition.

In case you do not remember (I never have that problem) we are staying in a beautiful hotel, the Courtyard by Marriott Liberty Station, at a most reasonable rate. An added benefit is that it is very near the airport. The hotel has two shuttle vehicles and there is no charge for being picked up at and driven back to the airport. Check in time is 4:00 pm but this is not etched in stone. I told them many of our members would be coming from different time zones and may arrive before 4:00 pm. They will work with us. You will not be turned away. The phone number is 619-221-1900. The address is 2592 Laning Rd., San Diego, CA 92106. The room rate per day is \$109 plus tax for a total cost of \$123.00 and good for two days before and after the reunion. Parking is free.

Schedule of Events

Monday Sept the 1st - Check in and registration. We will have a welcome buffet at the hotel Monday evening.

Tuesday Sept the 2nd - Trolley Tour: This is a full city tour with an excellent narrator. It covers San Diego proper, Balboa, Coronado Island and other points of interest. You will be picked up at the hotel and half way through the tour there will be a 3 hour break where we will be dropped off at the foot of Broadway. You can choose (on your own) from several sites and venues you would most like to see. You may want to walk up Broadway (although the Seven Seas Locker Club is gone but the Y is still there.) Or you may wish to tour the USS Midway or

the Maritime Museum. (Please be aware that admission to the USS Midway (\$17.00) and Maritime Museum is not included in the price of the Trolley Tour.) You will also be within walking distance of Seaport Village. (Lunch on your own) Following the break, we will re-board the trolley to complete our city tour and return to the hotel. Be sure to wear your walking shoes!

Getting back to business, literally! We will hold our business meeting Tuesday evening. Please come prepared to do business. We, all of us, should strive to keep our organization vibrant and strong as long as is possible.

Wednesday Sept the 3rd - We will begin our day at the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery where we will conduct a memorial service. If there is a more beautiful or fitting place on this planet I do not know where it is. Immediately after the service we will proceed a short distance to the Cabrillo National Monument. From there you will have a wonderful view of the Pacific Ocean, San Diego, the harbor and looking south all the way to Mexico. Following the Cabrillo Monument tour we will have lunch at the Bali Hai restaurant which is touted to have wonderful food and a million dollar view. After lunch we will take a two hour narrated harbor excursion. We will pass by five military installations and immediately prior to mooring we will slowly pass the bow of the USS Midway. You got it, get your cameras out and ready. What a photo op!

Wednesday night we will have our raffle with our very own auctioneer, Bob Anstine. Be sure to bring whatever you would like to auction off to raise money for the Kearsarge Association! NO! You may NOT auction off your wife!

Thursday Sept the 4th - We decided to do something totally different! We are going to take a bus trip to Long Beach. As many of you remember Long Beach was also our home port. Think about the scenic ride, being together and an opportunity to see unique things. How about a tour of a battle ship, the USS Iowa and the Queen Mary? A box lunch is included on this tour.

Friday Sept the 5th - This will be a full but great day. We will visit a one of a kind veteran's memorial located at the top of Mount Soledad 900 ft. above sea level with a 360 degree view of San Diego and the Pacific Ocean. We will then travel along the La Jolla coast watching seals and pelicans along the shore line, passing through the heart of La Jolla village. Our next stop will be at one of the best aquariums in the U.S. Have you ever seen a sea horse? You will if you take this tour. Are we going to eat? We sure are and that is next on the agenda. We will eat at the scenic Tom Ham's Lighthouse restaurant, located on Harbor Island.

We will have a decommissioning ceremony for our Kearsarge model at the hotel pool in the afternoon.

Our dinner will be Friday evening at the hotel. We will be honored to have a Navy Captain as our guest speaker.

We really get excited as we prepare for our reunions. There will be so many wonderful events. To me personally, the most wonderful event is our being together. Look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

John Starnes

For our Monday, Sept 1 Buffet

Buffet Offerings:

Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken and Meat Lasagna

Traditional Caesar salad, Insalata Caprese, Sliced Mozzarella Cheese, Tomato and Basil with Olive Oil Marinated Zucchini, Yellow Squash and Red Pepper.

Served with Garlic Bread and Tiramisu \$30.00

All buffets include regular and decaf coffee, hot teas and iced tea.

Friday Sept 5 Dinner

Entrée Choices:

Roasted Turkey Breast, walnut sage stuffing and cranberry relish, \$25

Grilled Salmon over Beurre Blanc (in a white wine butter sauce), \$27

Roast Prime Rib of Beef (10 oz.), Au Jus and creamed horseradish, \$34

Each entrée includes chef's selection of a starch, seasonal vegetables and rolls with butter.

Salad: Mixed green salad with choice of Lemon Herb Vinaigrette, Ranch or Blue Cheese dressing.

Desert: New York cheese cake

All entrees include iced tea, regular or decaf coffee or hot teas.

Registration Fee

There is a \$10.00 per person registration fee to help cover reunion costs.

**KEARSARGE REUNION REGISTRATION
SAN DIEGO, CA – SEPT 1, 2014-SEPT 5, 2014**

PLEASE PRINT

Member's Name _____ Division _____ Yrs aboard _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ e-mail _____

Guest 1 _____ Guest 2 _____

Guest 3 _____

Total number of attendees _____ X \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Monday Sept 1, 2014
WELCOME BUFFET

Number of tickets _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Tuesday Sept 2, 2014
TROLLEY TOUR

Number of tickets _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Wednesday Sept 3, 2014
POINT LOMA & HARBOR TOUR

Number of tickets _____ X \$80.00 = \$ _____

Thursday Sept 4, 2014
LONG BEACH TOUR

Number of tickets _____ X \$110.00 = \$ _____

Friday Sept 5, 2014
La JOLLA TOUR

Number of tickets _____ X \$70.00 = \$ _____

Friday Sept 5 2014
DINNER

TURKEY

Number of tickets _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

SALMON

Number of tickets _____ X \$27.00 = \$ _____

PRIME RIB

Number of tickets _____ X \$ 34.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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24611 SANDY SPRINGS RD
MINERVA, OH 44657-9442

Registration must be returned by July 30, 2014 – Make check payable to The Kearsarge Association

SHIPS STORE LIST

Golf Shirts	Blue or White	Med, Large, X Large, 2X Large	\$29.00
Sweat Shirts	Blue or White	Med, Large, X Large, 2X Large	\$36.00
Hats			
	CV,CVA,CVS 33	Navy	\$14.00
	Marine	Red	\$14.00
	LHD-3	Navy	\$ 7.00
Watch Caps	Navy	CV,CVA,CVS 33	\$11.00
Ships Crest			
	Cloth	CV,CVA,CVS 33	\$ 5.00
	Magnetic	CV,CVA,CVS 33	\$ 2.50
Zippo Lighters			
	CV,CVA,CVS 33	Chrome Ships Crest or Ship	\$15.00
	LHD-3	Chrome Ship	\$15.00
		Brass Ship	\$15.00
50th Anniversary First Day Covers			\$ 1.50
Dawn of Glory Print	Watercolor print of LHD 3		\$20.00
Jackets			

The Port Authority jacket has a Teklon nylon durable water repellent outside with a poly-filled body with heavyweight fleece lining. It has rib nit cuffs and waistband, zippered pockets outside and one zippered pocket inside. It comes in Navy with a Navy lining with USS KEARSARGE, CV,CVA,CVS 33 and the ship silhouette on the back.

Sizes- Medium, Large, X Large \$57.00, 2X Large \$61.00 3X Large \$65.00

A light weight nylon jacket with a mesh lining is also available in Navy with the same stitching on the back

Sizes- Medium, Large, X Large, \$52.00 2X Large \$54.00 3X Large \$55.00

The jackets are a special order item and all sales are final. We have to order 6 at a time so when I get 6 orders I will place my order.

All prices include shipping and handling

Make checks payable to The Kearsarge Association

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Kearsarge Rescues Stranded Students

An interesting event in the history of the Kearsarge occurred in May of 1966 while the ship was in Long Beach preparing for a deployment the following month. One of the local high schools, South High in Torrance, had their senior prom scheduled to be held in the main ballroom at the International Hotel near LAX. About a week before the scheduled event the hotel informed South High that they had made a mistake and had booked two different high schools in the same ballroom on the same nights, and since the other school was booked first, they said they would not be able to accommodate South High. In a panic, the school started calling all the facilities in the LA area that had a room large enough to hold 1,000 students. All said they were booked. A couple of enterprising parents sent out a SOS to the Navy in Long Beach which reached the Kearsarge. The C.O., Capt. Willard Nyburg, conferred with the X.O. Capt. , L. W.S. Laubach, and they decided they could handle the dance. The X.O. then put the wheels in motion. Early the afternoon of the dance, station wagons and pickup trucks driven by parents started arriving at Pier Echo loaded with decorations of every type including flowers, bunting, streamers and, of course, assorted palm trees. Hangar Bay One never looked so good! Kearsarge sailors did their part by stringing signal flags overhead, setting up a sound system for the music, and helping to lay a wooden dance floor over the steel deck.

That evening at the appointed hour the young ladies in their ball gowns and their escorts started arriving. The X.O. was not one to let a good public relations opportunity pass by so he notified the Associated Press, United Press International, the L.A. Times, and various other newspapers and TV stations. All sent reporters and photographers who took many pictures of the high school seniors in their formal attire with the Kearsarge in the background. The story ran in newspapers from the West Coast to New York and even London.

Most of the kids had never even seen a ship up close, let alone an aircraft carrier. It was a prom they will long remember. They are probably still talking about it.

After the dance the school displayed a huge sign outside the Torrance campus thanking the Navy and the Kearsarge for their rescue.

James M. Dempsey, 1965-67, X Division

TAPS

Charles W. Chenoweth died July 2013. He was a S1/C in 1ST Division and was aboard the Kearsarge 1945-46

James A Taylor

I am emailing you in regards of my fathers passing. I am his son and am handling his affairs and came across one of the Kear Saga newsletters. Just thought you should know. He was aboard the Kearsarge from 1958-1962, and was a BM3 in 3rd Division

Shane Taylor

Charles E Crookshanks , V4 Division, 1953-56

We were recently informed by his daughter Lisa, that her father passed away on Jan. 30, 2014.

He was accepted into the Naval Officers Candidate School Program in Newport, Rhode Island and graduated in July 1953 and was commissioned as an Ensign. He completed the Aviation Ground Officers Course and the Aviation Fuels School prior to reporting to the Kearsarge in Dec.1953. He served in the Aviation Fuels Division, V-4, until he was released from active duty in June 1956.

He may have left the Navy but the Navy did not leave him, far from it! He was a Blue and Gold Officer for the Naval Academy for 11 years where he advised and assisted bright young men who were interested in attending the Naval Academy. The last five years of service he was the area coordinator for the entire state.

In 2004 he was appointed by the Governor to the Montana Board of Veterans Affairs and served two terms. He advocated for veterans, their families and helped several military widows navigate governmental red tape and obtain the benefits to which they were entitled.

Charlie was active in the Western Montana Military Officers Association where he served as president, treasurer and secretary. He personally spearheaded a project to send more than 1,000 care packages to our young men and women serving overseas, many of whom were in harms way.

He served as chair of the Montana Korean War Memorial Committee and was instrumental in making that vision a reality. Charlie also chaired the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery Committee where he worked tirelessly for seven years. He never wavered in his commitment to doing what was right for veterans.

Charlie was preceded in death by his wife Marje. He is survived by three daughters, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Letters

I was on the 1967-68 cruise and am trying to find a former shipmate, James P Mulestay from New York. Thanks for keeping me in touch. Hope to see you in 2016 at San Antonio. My 32 Roadster is in the 2013 Hot Rod Magazine, Page 46

Paul Stewart, 3rd Division

The years have rolled along since my leaving the Navy in October 1951. I still like to read the KearSaga but since I was in I know very few of the names if any. Well good luck, keep up the good work and keep the KearSaga going.

This should catch me up on my dues.

Homer D. Meeds, R Division, 1948-51

Hope to see you in San Diego!

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Dues and Membership

The annual dues for the Kearsarge Association are \$10

To pay dues, send a check payable to **The Kearsarge Association** to John Work.

To sign up a new member, send information to John Work, including
name, rate/rank, division, years aboard, address and phone number

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Membership-Vacant

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