

USS SHIELDS DD-596 All Eras Reunion Association

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DD596 All Eras Denver Reunion September 7 – 10, 2012

By Jim Sewell
Vice President & Reunion Coordinator

We're going back to Denver this year! President Jack Blann announced that in the last newsletter, so I want to give you an update on our progress.

Several things stand out that are important for 2012.

1. **The dates have changed from Sept. 16 – 20 to Sept. 7 – 10. We made this change to take advantage of a much better hotel rate.**



Exterior Photo of the Sheraton Hotel Downtown Denver formally the Adam's Mark site of our 2005 reunion.

2. The whole concept this year has been to make some changes to hold down the cost of attending the reunion. We're breaking up the routine of costly outings and a costly banquet. Rather, there will be lots of opportunities for on-your-own exploration of the city, and more offerings of lighter, less expensive food. We're changing management of the reunion to a team of three, each bringing special talents to the event.

3. Thus, Jene Cain will handle media, publicity and promotion. Ed Velasquez, who lives in Denver will work hotel interaction, outings, and food. I will handle budgets and tie the whole thing together.
4. As many of you remember, last time our hotel was on the popular 16th Street Mall. We're going back there, same excellent hotel, but under a new name: The Denver Sheraton.

Jene and Ed have put together a great article for this issue, all about the Mall, walkabout opportunities, and an exciting outing that Ed has planned.

I'm looking forward to seeing old and new friends in Denver this year. If you haven't been to a USS Shields Reunion before, this would be a wonderful chance to renew your knowledge of the ship and meet some shipmates all over again.



USS SHIELDS DD596
DENVER REUNION
SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2012



Hotel View of the 16th Street Pedestrian Mall that runs through the center of downtown and the frequent free shuttle buses that run daily.

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Recently Passed Shipmates

Editor's Note: Please contact **Jim Dorough** to notify us if a shipmate has passed away. His contact information is in the column to the left. If e-mailing please include DD-596 in the subject line.

The deceased listed below were identified through letters and phone calls from the family, returned letters marked deceased and research.

Bayan, Jacinto A., BT3, 70
Borden, George F., EM2, 51-54
Brichoux, William D., RMCS, 62-63
Buse, Donald J., RM3, 60
Bustard, John E., ETN2, 58-61w
Butterfield, Charles M., LT, 71
Cecchetti, Carlo E., HT1, 70-72
Charleston, Leo L., SH3, 66-67
Clausen, Ronald L., ST2, 65-68
Clougher, Edward J., F2, 45
Clutter, Paul L., F1(BE), 45
Courry, Edward J., SN, 50-51
Dotson, Ernest E., BT2, 50 (Was on eldest enlisted list)
Dunn, Cleburn R., MM1, 62-64
Fabian, Harvey J., MM3, 55-59
Fields, Paul E., Y3, 45
Flanders, Clarence I., SD3, 51-53
Flatt, Earl D., GMSN, 55-57
Fletcher, Harvey B., STM2, 45
Fontenot, Allen P., Y1, 45
Fowler, Frederick A., MM3, 68-69
Francis, William R., S2(RDM), 45
Frederick, Douglas A., Y1, 44-45
Grasso, Joseph, MOMM3, 45
Griggs, Jess L., SN, 52-54
Hansen, William C., BT2, 52-55
Hokanson, Hilding L., CM3, 45-46
Hughey, Carl R., SO3, 61-62
Humphrey, Willis C., SHSN, 51-54
Kreese, Kevin W., YN3, 63-65
Leftwich, William R., S2, 45
Lewis, Lloyd L., S1, 45
Long, George D., S1, 45
Manning, Harvey E., ICC, 68-70
McCox, Walter R., S1, 45
McDaniel, George T., LCDR, 45 (Was on eldest officer list)
McGolrick, Johnnie H., S1, 45
Meyer, Edward W., MM2, 45
Moisio, Donald S., RM3, 58-59
Moore, Jerry D., MMFN, 52-55
Newell, Edwin D., SF3, 56-59
Old, Donald M., END3, 50
Olson, Ronald L., FTSN, 63
Rankin, Raymond A., SN, 52-53
Rawls, Thadeous F., BT3, 55-57
Rippy, George D., SK2, 62
Taylor, John T., S2, 45
Tripp, Thomas N., SN, 55
Walk, Daniel L., TM3, 69
Wright, Louis H., SK1, 45



New Found Shipmates

Danforth, Lawrence L., LTJG, 64-65
Otterman, Phillip R., FN, 60-61

Eldest Living Shipmates

Below is a list prepared by Jim Durough of the 10 eldest living officers and enlisted shipmates. If Jim missed you, please contact him with your birth date.

Officers

New addition in bold face type

Schweizer, Jack R., CDR, 49-50, 08/27/1915
Hoblitzell, Paul C., LTJG, 44-45 11/24/1916
Teeters, David R., LT, 49-50, 04-11-1918
Metze, George M., LCDR, 52-54, 09/15/1918
Fredell, Erling W., LT, 49, 12/01/1918
Goodell, Trenor F., ENS, 44-45, 12/29/1918
Wessel, Robert L., CPTN, 61-63, 06/20/1919
Baldwin, Richard L., LT, 44-45, 11/10/1919
Parr, Harold S., LT, 58-59, 09/05/1921
Dupre, Marcy M., CDR, 45-46, 09/17/1921

Enlisted

New addition in bold face type

Reeves, Edgar C., RM3, 45-46, 12/02/1919
Reifsnnyder, Robert A., FC3, 44-45, 05/21/1920
Kowaliski, Arthur A., BMC, 52-55, 09/08/1920
Field, Raymond W., FC3, 44-45, 11/25/1920
Hendrickson, Jack M., MM2, 45-46, 10/11/1921
Purdy, William V., WT1, 45-46, 11/27/1921
Grandjean, James J., QM2, 50-52, 12/11/1921
Conroy, John J., BM1, 44-46, 04/22/1922
McNeese, Charles L., QM2, 51-54, 04/25/1922
Proetto, Gerald S., BM3, 57, 09/10/1922

Officers Serving Aboard Making Admiral

Four known Shields Officers who went on to make Admiral:

Collins, Frank C., LCDR, 60-62
Loeffler, Stephen R., LTJG, 69-71
Madden, George B., CDR, 45
Rohrer, Paul W., CPTN, 66-68

Longest Service Aboard

Two shipmates who served 8 consecutive years on the Shields:

Chavarria, Antonio, BTFN, 53-60
Reavis, Arthur W., TM1, 59-66



SEA STORIES

Editors Note: This is a continuation of the sea story from the October 2011 issue on page six. From Jim Vinson, QM3, 55

This particular day we had fired our last practice shot. It was getting late, the wind had picked up and the sea was getting rough.

When we finally found the torpedo it had begun to take on water and was in danger of sinking. We hurriedly launched the whaleboat for the retrieval but the deck apes were having trouble attaching the torpedo as it did not bob up and down at the same rate as the small boat.

It had taken on water causing it to ride lower in the water and with the increased weight and the waves causing the boat to bob up and down they were having a tough time.

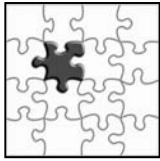
They finally got a rope attached and were dragging it back to the ship. Since we were dead in the water the wind had rotated our ship to where the bow was now facing the wind.

The Captain decided to turn the ship sideways to the wind to give the retrieval team a lea ward side in which to transfer the torpedo to the Shields.

The skipper called for left full rudder, starboard engine ahead one third and just as the whaleboat was crossing our bow the ship turned to the port and hit the whaleboat broadside!

All four occupants went into the water. Man overboard! General quarters! Man overboard! We all manned our stations and the rescue began.

The first man recovered was the third class boatswain who, sopping wet and hopping mad, when hoisted to the quarterdeck looked up at the Captain on the bridge above and yelled at the top of his voice "Fifty thousand miles of blankety blank water, and "HE" has to hit a twelve foot whaleboat."



Officers Not Found

This page is dedicated to the unfound officers that served on the Shields. Their names are listed according to the dates of their service aboard.

Jim Dorough needs your help in locating these officers. Any information such as what the initials stand for, where the person was from, a last known address, the approximate age or date of birth, another command that the officer served under, if the officer was an academy graduate, the name and contact information of a family member or if the person is known deceased.

Jim will start on the unfound enlisted in the next newsletter. We have about 1,500 shipmates that have not been located.

Use the information on page 2 to contact Jim Dorough.



Denton, L. A., LTJG, 49
 Jones, James E., ENS, 49
 Maurice, Rossiter D., CDR, 49
 McDonald, John Edward, LTJG, 49
 Cook, D. H., LTJG, 50
 Daniels, A. L., LTJG, 50
 Dozier, Jr. W. H., ENS, 50
 Kosta, R. E., ENS, 50
 MacKenzie, G. W., LT, 50
 Robbins, C. R., LTJG, 50
 Robinson, D. R., LCDR, 50

Smart, G. C., LTJG, 50
 Thomas, Jr. A., LTJG, 50
 Vigna, J. A., LCDR, 50
 Whitmore, M. M., LT, 50
 Hullin, D. N., LTJG, 51
 Sites, E., LTJG, 51
 Kurylo, W., ENS, 51-52
 Wolf, J. C., LTJG, 51-52
 Knight, R. H., LTJG, 52
 Mitchel, R. C., ENS, 52
 Robinson, J. S., LT, 52
 Epstein, B. S., ENS, 52-53
 Hale, Jr. Paul A., LTJG, 52-53
 Baker, B. R., ENS, 53
 Glenn, Jr. C. M., LT, 53
 Heinbuch, V. W., ENS, 53
 McCarty, William D., LT, 54-56
 Kraus, Harold C., ENS, 55
 Phibbs, Kenneth W., LT, 55-58
 McCrary, R. D., LCDR, 57
 Oliver, C. P., LTJG, 57-58
 Reeves, R. N., ENS, 59
 Arnold, James J., ENS, 60
 Brandquist, Roland, LTJG, 60
 Brown, Larry J., ENS, 60
 Brown, Larry W., ENS, 60
 Caswell, Richard A., LTJG, 60
 Foster, William M., CPTN, 60
 Giamo, Anthony, LCDR, 60
 Goodmen, Charles H., LT, 60
 Keith, Robert E., LT, 60
 Lewis, II Jay F., LT, 60
 Murray, Frank J., LT, 60
 Rogers, George W., CDR, 60
 Rose, Donald Edward, ENS, 60
 Schroeder, William A., LCDR, 60
 Tyson, James P., ENS, 60
 Lewis, James W. L., LTJG, 61
 Beers, Robert Cleveland, LTJG, 62
 Connelley, Richard Robert, LTJG, 62
 Donnelley, III Richard, ENS, 62
 Arnold, Daniel W., LT, 62-65
 Batcheloer, Charles Michael, ENS, 63
 Johnson, G. G., ENS, 63
 McCord, D. M., ENS, 63
 Newton, Robert Chester, ENS, 63
 Bonsack, L. E., ENS, 64
 Burton, L. L., LT, 64
 Calahanon, R. J., LTJG, 64
 Cameron, John K., LT, 64
 Gasparich, Jess E., LTJG, 64
 Hays, J. B., LTJG, 64
 Jones, R. M., LT, 64
 Page, C. W., ENS, 64
 Perry, R. E., LTJG, 64
 Ryan, W. C., LCDR, 64
 Slater, R. C., LT, 64
 Thomas, III Alfred R., LCDR, 64
 Voracck, Thomas J., LT, 64
 Watkins, Robert D., LT, 64
 Curran, T. E., LT, 65
 Danforth, G., LT, 65
 Hull, C. E., LT, 65
 Johnson, William Keith, LTJG, 65
 Kirkpatrick, John B., LTJG, 65
 Lindquist, Gerald John, LT, 65
 Pearl, R. L., LT, 65
 Ross, C. D., LTJG, 65
 Perdue, Jr. J. H., LT, 65-67
 Deew, D. J., LT, 66
 Gimber, D. A., LT, 66
 Mills, W. L., LT, 66-68
 Reese, Jr. A. H., LT, 66-67
 Beers, Ronald Charles, LTJG, 67
 McKee, Terry Alexander, LT, 67
 Surand, D. R., LTJG, 67
 Johnston, Richard Thomas, LTJG, 67-69
 Berton, P. E., LT, 68
 Dick, C. R., LT, 68
 McKernan, R. K., LTJG, 68
 Whitsett, J. W., LTJG, 68
 Woodbury, M. R., LTJG, 68
 Barnes, Jr. Floyd Alfred, ENS, 68-69
 Krup, L. G., LT, 69-70
 Austran, James D., LT, 70
 Bruckman, Ronald B., LT, 70
 Emory, J. P., LTJG, 70
 Goodwin, James W., LT, 70
 Haskell, James W., LTJG, 70
 Helpern, R. F., LT, 70
 Miller, Donald M., CDR, 70
 Oberst, Ronald D., LT, 70
 Segerstron, James P., LTJG, 70
 Ball, L. H., LTJG, 71
 Coleman, Carrol D., LT, 71
 Ellison, A. A., LTJG, 71
 Mullen, C. R., LT, 71
 Rhoades, W. W., LCDR, 71
 Whittenberg, L.J., LT, 71



USS Shields 2012 Denver Reunion Itinerary September 7th – 10th 2012

LOCATION:

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel – Formally the Adam’s Mark Site of Our 2005 Reunion
1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado 80202
Phone 303-626-2510

Room rates have been set at \$109.00 per night plus 14.85 % tax for single, double, triple or quad. This rate is in effect for two days before and two days after the scheduled reunion, subject to room and rate availability of guest rooms at the time of reservation. **Early Departure Fee:** An early departure fee of **\$50.00** will apply if a Group attendee checks out prior to the confirmed checkout date. High speed in room internet access \$10.72 per day. Self-parking is available for \$18.00, a day with in/out privileges.

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations. A block of rooms have been reserved for our reunion. Make sure you indicate USS SHIELDS DD-596 REUNION when you make reservations, this will assure you the discounted rate. Final date to make reservations and still be guaranteed this rate is 5 p.m. August 8th 2012.

All inclusive reunion registration fee is \$90.00 per person [not including hotel] to cover one tour including lunch, closing buffet, snacks, soft drinks and morning coffee plus miscellaneous expenses i.e. equipment rental, ID cards, printing/postage etc.

The following group activities are being offered:

Friday Sept. 7	Saturday Sept. 8	Sunday Sept. 9	Monday Sept. 10	Tuesday Sept. 11
Register in Hospitality Room 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	No Charge Car Pooling Tour to St Nicks Christmas & Collectibles Store Hospitality Room	Wings Over the Rockies Tour - Lunch and Activities Included Hospitality Room	Morning Business Meeting Free Day Hospitality Room Final Evening Buffet in the Hospitality Suite	Farewell and Departure

Eleven Things to Do in Downtown Denver that are Close to Our Hotel

1. Colorado State Capitol	7. Confluence Park
2. Denver Art Museum	8. Elitch Gardens Amusement Park
3. U.S. Denver Mint	9. Denver Performing Arts Complex
4. 16 th Street Pedestrian Mall	10. Museum of Contemporary Art Denver
5. Larimer Square	11. Denver Botanic Gardens
6. LoDo Historic District	<i>Complete Details Will Be Available at the Reunion</i>

USS SHIELDS DD-596
2012 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
DENVER, COLORADO, SEPTEMBER 7th – 10th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel #: _____ E-mail: _____

Guest(s): _____

Arrival date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Registration Details

Your registration fee includes the following:

Friday September 7th Registration, Sunday September 9th Wings Over the Rockies Tour and Lunch activities including transportation. Monday evening closing buffet. Soft drinks and snacks in the hospitality suite, plus morning coffee.

\$90.00 Times the number attending ____ = \$ _____

Check #: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to: USS SHIELDS REUNION ASSOCIATION

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DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING YOUR CHECK IS: FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2011





Shipmates Hobby Page

Editors Note: This is a new feature for the newsletter. This issue we feature two shipmates both of whom are into building models.

John Truesdale, RMSN, 64-67 Besides building models he is also a photographer. He has been photographing military and aircraft of note since 1972. In the past he has worked at an air museum restoring old aircraft.



Add to the planes, ships as well. The model of the Shields is as she was in the 1960s. It's radio controlled and will navigate pools and ponds.



For these photos John created a setting making it look like the real thing.



John lives 3000 feet from the end of Davis-Monthan AFB's runway. This gives him the opportunity to see the real thing 24/7.

Marvin Beers, MoMM3c, 44-46 After a serious spinal operation in February 1985 Marvin was laid up for 2 years. It was during this time that he built model airplanes. Like many of us he built flying models as a teen.



President's Message

By Jack Blann

On behalf of the Association's Board of Directors I would like to thank the shipmates who have steadfastly supported our ability to publish the newsletters and conduct our other administrative duties. We realize that some cannot pay dues annually so we greatly appreciate it when you contribute when you are able. We hope that we are providing a valuable service and that you like the opportunity to stay in touch with your shipmates.

Please consider joining us at this year's reunion meeting in Denver.

Addendum to the Whale Sinking

Charles LaRocco, SO2, 44-46 added the following:

I read with great interest the short article in your October newsletter about sinking the Whale. As it happened, I was on the sonar stack that morning, and found the contact. I notified the OD, and if you remember, Captain Madden's sea cabin was right adjacent to the sonar room. The Captain came out and had me review what I thought I had found. He concurred and proceeded to move in for the attack. At the proper time I called Fire, He did the rest.

Several salvos of depth charges were called for. The ship took an appreciable lift in the stern, and as I remember several lights and systems went out. I think the Captain decided we had better take care of our own problems, so we continued to San Diego to complete our shakedown cruise, even though the depth charges did a little shake down of their own. Word that day was that the charges were not set deep enough.

It was very exciting for me as an eighteen year old, first time on a Navy destroyer, and all the other firsts I was to experience by the time we did the first decommissioning in San Diego in June of 1946. On our first leave, I told my family about that day, and my Mother said she had read about a whale floating ashore off the coast of San Francisco, so we assumed it was mine.

As I lived in suburban Chicago, I drove to Great Lakes while Captain Madden was in charge there. He very graciously greeted me, we had a very pleasant hour reviewing the times aboard, and the whale was one of the topics.

2012 Dues are Due

Your \$25.00 annual dues support the printing and postage for newsletters, currently about \$900 for each issue. They cover the expenses of locating shipmates and maintaining the master contact list.

Please complete the dues form on the page opposite and mail with your check to Bob Carl. His address is on the contact list page 2. Your dues start new at the beginning of each year. No unpaid dues are carried forward.

Your dues do not support reunion activities; these activities are self-sustaining. All board members and friends of the board volunteer; no one receives compensation in the Association.

Bob Carl, Secretary, has received duplicate and multiyear dues payments from shipmates. Bob applies duplicate dues payments to the future year(s). Current list is below.

Thanks to those who have paid in advance.

The association currently mails the newsletter to all located shipmates, regardless of dues status.

Shipmates whose 2011 and Later Dues are Paid as of December 2011

Battson, Arthur L	2012, 2013
Beers, Marvin L	2012
Bougher, George K	2012, 2013
Charneco, Carlos M	2012
Clarr Harry L	2012
Claypool, Herbert H	2012
Cramer, Thomas H	2012
Dorough, James H	2012
Ferris, Gordon K	2012
Frank, Darrel E	2012
Frodsham, Lawrence F	2012, 2013
Helberg, Glen E.	2012, 2013, 2014
Hines, Hubert O	2012, 2013
Kaylor, John D	2012
Koch, Fred L	2012
Kuhhirte, William F	2012
Land, Walter R.	2012
Leclair, Richard D	2012
Lowder, Donald L	2012
MacNeil, Robert M	2012, 2013, 2014
Mahan, T. J.	2012
Miller, Joe C	2012
Mills, Allen B	2012
Murphy, David R	2012
Nirdlinger, Brian L	2012
Phillips, George H	2012
Poe, Richard E	2012
Schweizer, Jack R	2012
Sewell, James W	2012
Simmons, William C	2012
Sperandio, Joseph L	2012
Thorn, VanRichard	2012
Traci, Louis F	2012
Wilmot, Richard A	2012, 2013
Zimmer, Wayne R	2012, 2013, 2014

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2012 Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name: _____

Wife's first name: _____

Mailing address: _____

_____ City State (9 digits ZIP Code Please)

Telephone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Years served aboard SHIELDS: _____ **Rank/rate on SHIELDS** _____

Date of birth: _____

Make your check out to: USS SHIELDS REUNION ASSOCIATION.

Please mail this form with a check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover your dues for the calendar year of 2012. Mail to:

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USS Shields Hat

Back in stock the Shield's Ball Cap. The cap can be ordered by sending a note requesting a cap and your check for \$19.00 (\$15.00 for the cap and \$4.00 S&H) made payable to USS Shields DD-596 Reunion Association to Robert Carl, Secretary, his address is above.



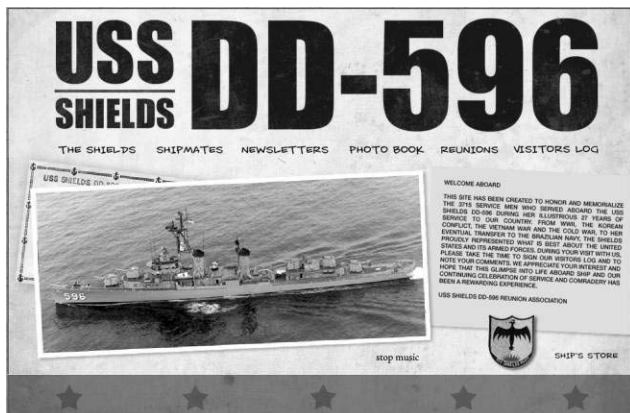
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If you move do not forget to notify Jim Dorough of your new address, phone number and any change in your E-mail address. Put a change of address in with the Post Office. The change of address stays on file with the post office for about 18 months.

These actions will insure you continue to receive the newsletter and will reduce expenses from returned mail and the cost of re-mailing newsletters.