



Leaky Weeks Almanac

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Dear Weeks Shipmates and Friends

First I have some sad news to report, our shipmate Bob Godley passed away on January 17, 2013 after contacting a case of double pneumonia. I first met Bob in 1958 when he joined the FT gang, and we became good friends. I left the Navy in March 1961, and Bob went on to make a career of the Navy in the Submarine service. At that point in our lives we lost contact with each other. In 1997 the Weeks had a reunion in Orlando, Florida. I walked out into the



court yard, and saw a familiar face, it was Bob Godley sitting on a table having a smoke. We started telling sea stories about our times on the Weeks. It didn't take us long to become good friends again. In 2004 when the association was reorganized, Bob wanted to be part of it. He volunteered to help find people that served on the Weeks as a locator. Being a USS John W Weeks Association booster, he attended every reunion since 1997 and his last was last year, even though his health started to fail in 2008. For years Bob would visit Bea and I in Ohio. He would tell us stories about his daughter Adele and son Lester, and the time that we served together on the Weeks. When his health worsened and couldn't travel as much, I could count on a call every Saturday. Bob was a good and caring shipmate, he will be missed. I would like to thank Adele Evens, Bob's Daughter for listing the USS John W Weeks Association as the memorial to contribute to in Bob's name. It was decided to place the monies received in a separate account to be used for special projects to promote the Weeks. Finally, Bob will be buried at sea sometime during the next 4 months.

I happen to think, that if it wasn't for Hal Gross starting our association back in 1986 and organizing that first reunion, many of us wouldn't have had the opportunity to renew these friendships and to make new ones. But it's more than friendship. Your present sense of camaraderie and nostalgia is not really focused around happy and casual memories like those of school, but unusual conditions. We depended on each other to get the job done; some that served on the Weeks needed each other to survive battles and boredom, and they came away with an experience known only to those who have been there. Friends and family may have long ago began to yawn over old sea stories, never realizing their subtle yet profound importance to you. A reunion offers all of us a chance to remember, fill in the blanks, rediscover long-lost friends, compare experiences, etc. So lets make 2013 a banner reunion year.

Our destination for 2013 will be in Norfolk Virginia! As I pointed out in our last newsletter the survey conducted last year indicated that our members voted for Norfolk as first choice and San Antonio in second place, so Norfolk it is. The reunion is set for October 2 - October 6 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel. The room rate is \$89 per night. By going a little later the rate dropped from \$104 to \$89. Forms are included in this newsletter, additional forms can be found on our website. We have a lot of our members that live in Virginia, let's hope that we have a good turnout and a great reunion.

I was reminded by Bruce Neidemire and David Kurtz to tell our members that their 2013 dues were due by March. If you haven't renewed your 2013 membership, please send your check to Bruce.

The website is updated with our new officers and changes in the association's By-Laws.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me or one of the other officers listed on the back of this newsletter.

Smooth Sailing

Len Budzynski

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Reunion Forms are enclosed in this newsletter. Additional forms can be found on our website.

Attention!

Please make sure that we have your correct home address! If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, contact Dave Kurtz.

Dues

It is time to pay your 2013 Dues. Please send your Dues to Bruce Neidemire.
7166 Big Bend Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34606



Major Dick Winters - By Ray Goodmuth EM2

For those who have more than just a passing interest in the history of WWII will no doubt recognize the name Dick Winters. Anyone who might have read the book **Band of Brothers** by Stephan Ambrose or seen the HBO series of the same title will also know this name. For those not familiar with him he commanded Company E, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division during WWII. He rose from ranks of the enlisted to that of major within the course of the war.

There were many heroes born out of WWII. In fact most who served in the war could be said to be a hero to one degree or another. There are a few standouts, though, that exhibited not only bravery in battle but also possessed the unique ability of great leadership under extremely trying conditions. Major Winters was one of those few. It was a quality displayed by him throughout the war.

We recently visited with Dave and Judy Kurtz who live in Harrisburg, a scenic town nestled in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania Dutch country. Dave and I served together aboard the Weeks during the early to mid 60's. A while back he and I got into a discussion about the book **Band of Brothers** and I expressed my interest in Dick Winters. Dave mentioned that Winters was born, raised, worked and died near Harrisburg. He asked if Harriett and I would be interested in spending some time with him and Judy so that we might all visit the points of interest that had been established to honor Major Winters and of course we agreed.

Our first stop was at the **Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society** museum where a portion of the 1st floor is dedicated to Major Winters. On display is a reproduction of his working office surrounded with memorabilia principally from the war including his earned medals, paintings, photos and flags. A guest log within the exhibit contains many entries of gratitude for his service including a few from Europe. Some are quite moving. From there we drove to Ephrata, PA. where Major Winters was born and is buried. En route to the cemetery, we drove by the area in Hershey where he lived most of his last years. His daughter continued to live there upon her Dad's passing and resides in the same house today. We then visited the Bergstrasse Evangelical Lutheran Church cemetery. It is here that he is laid to rest in a family plot.

Following our stop at the cemetery we drove a short distance to Ephrata for a light dinner. The Main Theater which is located near the restaurant periodically shows a documentary on Dick Winters. Our timing was good as we were able to catch a viewing of this feature during our current visit. The documentary covers his strategy and leadership that led to the destruction of four German 105 mm howitzers located on the grounds of the Brecourt Manor. The guns were firing on Utah beach on D day and if not destroyed would have caused the death on many more US soldiers and the possibility of a failed mission to secure the beachhead. Interspersed throughout the movie are testimonies from some of the men who served under Major Winters attesting to not only his leadership but also his dedication to those he commanded. From Normandy, he and his men went on the fight in the Market Garden operation and Battle of the Budge. As the invasion of Germany progressed, he was assigned to capture and secure the Berchtesgarden, Hitler's alpine retreat.

The second part of the documentary covers the dedication and unveiling of a statue designed in the likeness of Major Winters. This memorial service took place on June 6, 2012. The statue is located in Saint-Marie du Mont a small town near the coast of Normandy that is best known for being the scene of the military engagement between the American 101st Airborn and the German army on D Day. The service was a moving tribute to a real American hero who played a major part in securing victory for the allies in WWII.

Dave and I were impressed enough with all that we had seen that we plan to make a second visit to the sites we visited with those who will be attending the mini reunion in Harrisburg next spring.

I want to thank Dave and Judy for being great hosts to Harriett and I and for taking the time to plan this visit so that we might accomplish all that we did. It was a very enjoyable and rewarding visit.

Driving Back to Norfolk - Response

We Received The Following Note From John Lion Who Was On That Return Trip From Philadelphia To Norfolk With Jim Eastwood As Written By Jim In An Article That Appeared In The Last Newsletter.

I read the article that you wrote that appeared in the Leaky Weeks Almanac. It brought back many memories of the times traveling to and from Norfolk. You captured the evening perfectly.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I loved this story from the first time I heard Rear Admiral Jim Eastwood tell it at a Weeks Reunion. We are glad that it had a happy conclusion and that then Ensign Eastwood was able to advance through the ranks.

The Following Was Reprinted From a Letter Sent By Commander R. F. Patterson, CO of The Weeks, Dated 16 August 1966. It Was Written To Families and Friends of Shipmates Near The End of The Northern European NATO Cruise.

...In our six major ports we had more than thirty-six thousand visitors on board the ship, or an average of close to fifteen hundred people each day the ship was open to the public. At one point during a three hour period in Hamburg, Germany, close to five thousand people came on board, and in the same time period in Aberdeen, three thousand crossed the brow. There is one fact of which I am particularly proud because it points out what I have been saying all along in terms of a fine crew. In this entire cruise, including all of our ports, there has not been one major shore patrol report. This is the kind of conduct I expect from this crew, and although I am not surprised, I got it. I am extremely pleased about the way they represented our navy and country abroad. They are, in my estimation, the most exceptional group of men I have ever been privileged to serve with.



Changes to USS John W Weeks Associations By-Laws and Constitution

Dave Kurtz drafted significant changes to the Weeks By-Laws with valuable input from Len and the Executive Committee, and the membership at large. The changes were discussed at the Reunion in Jacksonville, and all were accepted, voted on and approved. Some of the changes include cutting down on the newsletter mailing list via the U.S. Postal Service to inactive members, a position of Historian was added, and the Directors were given more active roles in the possible areas of membership, dissolution of the organization in the future, reunion planning and website administration.

The Following Bit Of Wisdom Was Submitted - *By John Stewart ET2*

Five things said that will most likely get your attention aboard ship.

- A Seaman saying "I learned this in Boot Camp..."
- A Petty Officer saying "Trust me, sir..."
- An Ensign saying "Based on my experience..."
- A Lieutenant saying "I was just thinking..."
- A Chief chuckling "Watch this (crap?)..."

A Note on the USS Edson (DD946) - *From Alan Cutcher*

Alan Cutcher who was elected as one of our new Directors at the Jacksonville Reunion has informed us that the USS EDSON (DD946) was recently donated to the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum in Bay City, Michigan. The EDSON is a Forrest Sherman (Hull) Class ship. She was towed to her new home last fall after which she underwent extensive hull repair work before being placed in storage in Philadelphia. The EDSON will need a lot of work to make her presentable as a museum ship again. They expect to be calling for volunteers starting in the spring. For information, or to make a contribution, go to www.ussedson.org, or call 989-684-3946.

Do you Remember this Refueling Accident September 20, 1960 - *From the Weeks Wash*

In between ports has been the blue-water of the Mediterranean and days and days of fleet exercises. Those of us who were accustomed to the sea being like a lake in the summertime were disappointed this year, as the average day has been windy and moderately rough throughout, and we figured we had already accomplished our year's quota of rolls and pitches. Along with our rough days, we had one Black day - the 20th of September. We went alongside a newly-arrived oiler to fuel, and received her forward fueling hose with a twist in it. When she applied the pressure, the twist untwisted right out of the fueling trunk and soaked the bridge, gun directors, mast, stacks and decks with the blackest of fuel oil. Those of us at the forward fueling station or on the bridge stared at each other in disbelief and then started on the many man-hours of work needed to "de-fuel" a ship's topsides. We can laugh looking back on it, but there were some dangerous moments while the fuel hose broke loose, and my hat went off to our first division boatswain - DUNCAN - and two of his' seamen, HORTON and DAVIS, who hung onto the hose as best possible to prevent it injuring some seriously.

Japanese Plane Attack - *By Frank Stout Navy Correspondent*

Aboard the destroyer USS John W Weeks, Sasebo, Japan—Now that it can be told, here's another one to add to the accumulative blushes of "Tokyo Rose" who made more bum guesses than a near-sighted umpire.

Japanese planes attacked a big U.S. carrier task force one night off Iwo Jima, as the enemy dropped flares. The U.S. destroyers were ordered to lay down smoke screens.

To the consternation of every man aboard this ship, the USS Weeks' smoke generator bloomed into bright, dancing flames that illuminated virtually the entire task group. It was a full minute before the flames were extinguished. But even with the help of illumination the Japs failed to damage a single ship.

Nevertheless, the next day "Tokyo Rose" gleefully chortled over the radio: "Japanese planes courageously attacked an American Task Force and left one destroyer burning."

The climax came several weeks later, however, when task force leaders—No doubt with tongues in their cheeks, assigned code names to the ships of the fleet. With belated, but pointed humor, they named the USS Weeks, "Afterglow."

If any of you WWII crew members, remember this incident and would like to comment, please contact Dave Kurtz.



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Weeks Wash At Sea May 12, 1960 - J. M. Tippet *Commanding Officer USS John W Weeks*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reprint from May 12, 1960 issue of the *Weeks Wash*. Please note in the story about the *USS Triton*, our association Chaplain Bob Miller was the coxswain of the whaleboat.

Last time we left you we were in ATHENS. We were alongside the TIDEWATER during a tender availability, and the past five weeks have been full. The most important thing that has happened to some of us is the fact that the Weeks now can boast of 42 sailors who have either just become petty officers, or have advanced in the petty officer ladder. That's almost one out of every five on board the ship, and you can be assured it was a happy day when the letter from the Bureau came in with the rates. We were sort of low on the totem pole before in regards Chief Petty Officers, but shortly, five more will join the mess in the Forward Chief's Quarters. All the names and new rates are listed at the end of the letter, and we had a photographer take their pictures, so perhaps you might see that friendly face you like in print pretty soon. Here's hoping we do as well in the Proficiency pay examinations which we just took, and in the next promotion examinations next August. (Our payroll will go up over \$20,000 this year!)

After leaving ATHENS the first of April, we had two hard weeks of work with fleet exercises, more replenishment operations, and some competitive ship's exercises. Sailing east from ATHENS, we spent a couple of days in the vicinity of MALTA, using the facilities of the British and U.S. Navies to sharpen up our shore bombardment procedures and anti-aircraft firing. The next few days, we had abundance of aircraft services furnished by our big brother, the FORRESTAL, and rehearsed for air control and target acquisition drills, (If this doesn't mean much to you, just know it meant some busy days for us). Finally to CANNES, and our second trip to the Riviera. This time, in addition to the tours of the Riviera and to the Alps for skiing (we still have one ski casualty on the FORRESTAL), we were able to choose between four day tours to Paris or a two-day fishing tour for the fishermen. The only comment we can get out of the people who went to PARIS is a smile and "Great!"

Easter Sunday was bright and sunny on the Riviera, and Chaplain HOLLAND came over and held services on the 01 level, and we broke all sorts of records for church attendance. The French people celebrate the Monday following Easter as a holiday, also, so we had a very relaxed weekend.

On the 25th of April, the WEEKS went to sea for two days with the FORRESTAL for flight operations, with Under Secretary of Defense FINUCANE as a guest on board the carrier. We plane-guarded during the day, and that night conducted our competitive full-power trial, four hours of steaming at about 33 knots. It was no strain for the WEEKS engineers, who are earning a reputation as the fleet's best, and we came out with an outstanding grade. The Operations Department also came up with two excellent grades in their Air-intercept and Electronic counter-measures exercises.

We came back into CANNES for a couple of days before sailing on Friday the 29th, a day earlier than we expected. The WEEKS had been selected for another "secret mission", and it wasn't until we got to sea that we learned where we were heading - to ROTA, SPAIN. We still didn't know why! The Mediterranean got rough again and knocked us about as we skirted the Gulf of Lyons and down through the Straits of Gibraltar into the Atlantic, and into ROTA on Sunday morning. At ROTA we fueled, and a couple of guests arrived to give us our orders - to rendezvous with the submarine TRITON off CADIZ



early Monday before leaving, the navy chaplain in ROTA came aboard and we had Protestant communion services for the first time over here. The TRITON, as you probably have read in the papers by now, was completing a round-the-world trip submerged all the way. She followed the same route used by the ships under Magellan back in 1520, and made the trip in 83 days - a long time to stay underwater with no mail, no sunshine and the same old faces every day. The trip wasn't just for publicity, like the flagpole sitters - the Navy and other services must find out how people react when they are cooped up together for long periods of time, as this situation will exist in our nuclear, ballistic missile submarines, and also on space ships when the day of space travel arrives. Anyway, WEEKS accomplished the rendezvous, and the TRITON surfaced Monday morning, and our whaleboat took personnel, mail and magazines to them before they headed back to the U.S. It was a rough morning, and the whaleboat was battered about trying to go alongside, but thanks to ROBERT MILLER, BM3 and the remainder of the crew, got back safely to the ship, and a helicopter completed the transfers. The meeting complete, WEEKS set sail back into the MED, and joined up with the fleet again around SARDINIA, where the amphibious forces, supported by the carrier forces, just completed a large scale landing exercise. We got in another morning's shore bombardment and lots of hours looking for submarines, and now WEEKS and AULT are heading for next port - PATRAS, GREECE. All by ourselves and a little more relaxed after another rough two weeks.

After PATRAS, we'll come back west for a four day visit CIVITAVECCHIA, ITALY. We can't pronounce that either, but the liberty promises to be tops, as CIVITAVECCHIA is a stone's throw (small stone) from ROME.

Well, this letter finds us half way through our Mediterranean deployment and we're missing you as much as you do us, You don't have to be told that all of us who have families are anxious to head west with our job done. Most of us, who have families, however, are people who have chosen the Navy as a career - we know we have half of the job left to do, we know we're doing it well, and we know there's a reason for our being over here. Right now we're missing you more than usual, since our ROTA trip has resulted in our mail trailing along behind us a few days, never catching up, and it's been over two weeks now since we had any word from home. Hope you've been writing us as well as in the past and my very best wishes until next visit.

**USS JOHN WEEKS
OCTOBER 2 – 6, 2013
SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE HOTEL – NORFOLK, VA**

Wednesday, October 2

3:00pm – 7:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
7:00pm – 8:30pm Welcome Reception

Thursday, October 3

8:15am – 9:15am **Reunion Registration Open**
9:45am – 2:30pm **MACARTHUR MEMORIAL TOUR AND LUNCH CRUISE ON SPIRIT OF NORFOLK** (description follows)

Friday, October 4

9:00am – 9:45am **Reunion Registration Open.** Additional hours will be posted at the reunion, if necessary.
10:15am – 4:15pm **NAVY BASE AND NAUTICUS TOUR** (description follows)

Saturday, October 5

ALL DAY Explore Norfolk (open schedule)
8:00am – 11:00am **BUSINESS MEETING**
9:00am – 6:00pm **Hospitality Room Open**
6:00pm **Cash Bar**
7:00pm – 11:00pm **Banquet served**

Sunday, October 6

Farewells and Departures

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL / SPIRIT OF NORFOLK

Thursday, October 3

Downtown Norfolk is home to the MacArthur Memorial, the final resting place of the late General and eleven-gallery museum. Visit the gift shop and see a film summarizing the General's life and achievements. Next stop is the Spirit of Norfolk, the premiere cruise boat on Norfolk's waterfront. The harbor lunch cruise with live entertainment features the sights of Hampton Roads harbor and the mighty ships at the Norfolk Naval Station. Enjoy a wonderful buffet while the captain narrates.

**9:45am board bus, 2:30pm back at hotel
\$81/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.**

NAVY BASE / NAUTICUS

Friday, October 4

Tour the Norfolk Naval Base, the world's largest naval facility. Pick up your guide at the Visitor Center and continue on a driving tour of Admiral's Row, the Naval Air Station, and the piers. Enjoy a buffet lunch at one of the Clubs on base, featuring a salad bar and hot entree. After lunch, head downtown to Nauticus, an exciting 120,000 square-foot science and technology center that explores the power of the sea with interactive and educational exhibits. On the second deck of Nauticus is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, which features a large collection of naval artwork, ship models and underwater artifacts. Also part of Nauticus is the USS Wisconsin. The Wisconsin is one of the largest and last battleships to be built by the U.S. Navy. Note: If for any reason the Naval Base is closed to the public (ie: security issues), the tour length will be shortened, but refunds can't be issued. Due to heightened security, participants may be searched and a photo ID is required.

**10:15am board bus, 4:15pm back at hotel
\$57/Person includes bus, escort, lunch, and admission.**

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area (in front of the hotel) at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.
All trips require a minimum of thirty-five people, unless otherwise stated.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$15 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE HOTEL
(800) 627-8042 or (757) 622-6664

The Sheraton Hotel is located downtown at 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510. The Norfolk International Airport is about 15 minutes from the hotel. If you are driving, please call the hotel for directions. The Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel is located in the heart of downtown, just a walk away from fine dining and shopping at the MacArthur Center. Each guest room is equipped with an iron/ironing board, hair dryer, and coffee maker with complimentary coffee. Handicapped accessible rooms are available, but limited. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservations. The hotel has a gift shop, fitness center and outdoor pool, which is open seasonally. **The City Dock** serves breakfast, lunch, and in the evenings you can enjoy dinner and drinks in a relaxing atmosphere. All attendees will receive a 15% discount on food and non-alcoholic beverages at the City Dock Restaurant. Room service is also available. Overnight valet parking is currently \$22 per night. Overnight self parking is being offered at a discounted rate of \$5 per car per day. Parking is located in the Dominion Tower Parking Garage which is located adjacent to the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside. Check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out time is 12:00noon.

Airport Connection provides shuttle service to and from the hotel, they are located outside baggage claim at the booth marked "Airport Express Shuttle Service." Call (866) 823-4626 for reservations or visit www.jamesrivertrans.com – the **shared ride service current rates** are listed below:

One Way Fee	Roundtrip Fee
\$27 for one person	\$54 for one person
\$5 per additional person	\$5 per additional person

Green and White, Black and White, or Checker Cab service is available. **Currently**, their rates are approximately \$25.00 per ride. For cab service, call (757) 855-3333.

Should you require full RV hook-up service, please contact the following campgrounds for information, reservations and directions. Holiday Travel Park, 1075 General Booth Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (757) 425-0249. KOA Campground, 1240 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (757) 428-1444. Reservations 2-3 weeks in advance are recommended.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

**PLEASE CALL (800) 627-8042 or (757) 622-6664 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR
USS JOHN W. WEEKS ASSOCIATION REUNION
REUNION DATES: OCTOBER 2 – 6, 2013**

Please be prepared to give the following information when making your reservations:

- NAME & IF SHARING ROOM, WITH WHOM
- ADDRESS
- TELEPHONE NUMBER
- ARRIVAL DAY & DATE/ DEPARTURE DATE/CONFIRM THE # OF NIGHTS
- # OF ROOMS & THE # OF PEOPLE IN RM.
- ADVISE IF YOU REQUIRE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE ROOM
- KING BED OR 2 DOUBLE BEDS?

RATE: \$89 + state and local taxes (currently 13% + \$2.00 flat bed tax per room). Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card. Rate will be honored 3 days before and after reunion dates, based on availability.

CUTOFF DATE: 9/4/13 Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled 72 hours prior to date of arrival.

RESERVATION GUARANTEE: Must provide a credit card number with expiration date to reservation agent. Hotel accepts the following card types: AMEX, DINERS, VISA, MASTER CARD, CARTE BLANCHE, DISCOVER

To make your hotel reservation call (800) 627-8042 or (757) 622-6664

USS JOHN WEEKS ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/johnweeks2013 (3% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 4, 2013. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: USS JOHN WEEKS

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/4/13

	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS			
THURSDAY: MacARTHUR MEMORIAL / SPIRIT OF NORFOLK	\$81		\$
FRIDAY: NAVY BASE / NAUTICUS	\$57		\$
BANQUET			
SATURDAY: BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée)</i>			\$
Chicken Marsala	\$35		\$
Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef	\$35		\$
Seared Filet of Salmon	\$35		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE			
Covers various reunion expenses	\$27		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT YOUR NAMETAG TO READ

FIRST _____ LAST _____

YEARS ON SHIP 19 (_____) – 19 (_____)

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY). YES NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES NO ARE YOU FLYING? DRIVING? RV?

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-4:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.



New Members

Larry T Cook	DK3	61 - 62	Walter F. Lucas	EM2	58 - 61
Leonard Druschba	RM3	44 - 46	Michael Marknin	BT3	68
Robert Lee Harper	FTG3	68 - 70	James M. parker	SM2	63 - 66

If you know of any of our shipmates or family members that are sick, in the hospital, or deceased; please contact Bob Miller or Len Budzynski.



Sick Call

Joe Cayea - Joe recently had brain surgery. Joe is home and is doing well! You can give him a call at 352-236-5676.

Taps

Dean Baker - Dean served on the Weeks 1962 thru 1963. No other information is available.

Joe Bennett - I was informed by Lt Dick Boles that Joe passed away. No other information is available. He served on the Weeks from 1955-1958 as a Ltjg. Cards can be sent to Joe's wife Gloria at 13244 Wilt Store RD; Leesburg, VA 20176-5406.

Robert Godley - I received the following from Bob's daughter Adele Evans. My dad Robert Godley, Jr., passed away Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Albemarle Hospital. He retired from the United States Navy after twenty-three years of service as a Fire Controlman First Class. Dad had served on board the USS John W. Weeks from 1958 thru 1961. A proud Submarine Veteran, he also served aboard the USS Daniel Boone, USS Benjamin Franklin, USS Nathanael Green and USS Requin. Dad was a proud member of USS John W. Weeks Association, and enjoyed going to its yearly reunions. My Dad requested to be buried at sea. Cards can be sent to Adele Evans; 1945 West Road, New Richmond, Ohio 45157.

Alton Gunderson - Ray Goodmuth got a call this evening from Tom Howe informing me that Alton Gunderson died on January 26, he served aboard the Weeks from 60 to 62 as a Firecontrol Technician. Cards can be sent to Alton's wife Alice at 702 Indian Spring Court Sparks, MD 21152.

John D Hines - I received the following from Bob Miller. John D. Hines passed away 18 Dec 2012. I don't have the year(s) he served on the Weeks. His wife did not give the details except he served in the Navy 25 years. Another that he failed to get back to the ship on time and she chuckled must of had fond memories but, she said that before he married her. Card can be sent to his wife Patricia at 502 Walters ST; Jeannette, PA 15644.

Frank Laky - I received a note from Bill Margetich a WWII shipmate that Frank Laky passed away. Frank served during WWII. I remember Frank from the early reunions; he had one of those large VCR video recorders. We would record the reunions for Hal Gross. His wife's Delores address is: 2016 Baker Dr; Allentown, PA 18103.

John Olin - I received a call from Bill Fleming notifying us that John passed away. He served on the Weeks from 50 - 51 as a Seaman. Cards can be sent to his wife Geraldine at 2256 Ridge Rd Ransomville, NY 14131-9720.

Charles Walker - Charles served on the Weeks 1950 thru 1953 as a CSSN. No other information is available.

Reminder of the Roman Empire Weeks tour group at the Pantheon in Rome Italy

March 16, 1957

Do you recognize anyone in this photo?





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