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Greetings to all our Topeka shipmates & friends.

What a year 2020 has been. Don't have to worry about telling our Grandkids about it. They are living through it, just as we are. So disappointed we had to postpone this years reunion.

Hold the dates of September, 19th through the 24th. There will most likely be some tweaking of tours and meals and I will keep you updated on the web site.

Web Sites for you to research before Next September:

- www.cpneworleansairport.com Hotel
(Buffet & Banquet)
- www.pelicanneworleans.com Travel
& Tours
- <https://houmashouse.com/>
Plantation & lunch
- <https://www.nationalww2museum.org> **WW2**
Museumwww.coterienola.com
Lunch on Thursday
- <https://www.creolequeen.com>
RiverBoat[https://www.cajunencounters.com/tours/s](https://www.cajunencounters.com/tours/swamp-tour-new-orleans/)
[wamp-tour-new-orleans/](https://www.cajunencounters.com/tours/swamp-tour-new-orleans/) **Swamp Tour**
- <https://www.mardigrasworld.com> *Tour*

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Sharon & I look forward to seeing our friends in Louisiana next September as well as making new friends.

Until September, 2021 Hang in there, surely things will get better. Two things can help you reduce anxiety and stress. STAY OFF THE SCALES AND DON'T TURN ON THE NEWS.

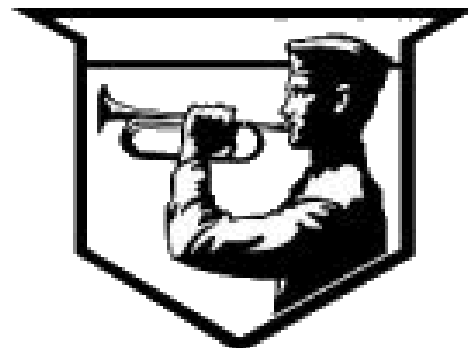
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New Members (Since July 2020)

Robert Grant BM3 66-69
James Remele BM3 66-69

Taps

Irad "Parky" Parkhurst FTCM 63-66
James Hartley LCPL 64-67
Courtney Rudin FTG2 63-66



New Orleans, LA

Sunday, September, 19th 2021 through Friday, September, 24th 2021

Dan and Sharon Moore are our hosts for the New Orleans reunion. Dan and Sharon hosted the very successful Indianapolis reunion several years ago, and will make the New Orleans reunion just as great.

There are so many things to see and do in New Orleans that Dan has added an extra day and tour to this year's reunion.

E-mail them [Here](#) or call them at 574-295-5156 for any questions or information.

The Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport hotel in Kenner is located just 2.5 miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport and 12 miles from downtown New Orleans. Daily breakfast buffet is included with the room rate.



Airlines Serving New Orleans

Alaska Airlines	1-800-654-5669 alaskaair.com
Allegiant Airlines	1-702-505-8888 allegiantair.com
American Airlines	1-800-433-7300 americanair.com
British Airways	1-800-247-9297 britishair.com
Condor	1-866-960-7915 condor.com
Delta	1-800-221-1212 delta.com
Frontier	1-801-432-1359 frontier.com
JetBlue	1-800-538-2583 jetblue.com
Southwest	1-800-435-9792 southwest.com
Sun Country	1-800-359-6786 suncountry.com
United	1-800-241-6522 united.com



The National WWII Museum

The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in *the war that changed the world*—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations can understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. Through exhibits, multimedia experiences, and thousands of personal accounts, the Museum takes visitors on an immersive tour of World War II in every theater of war.



The museum is comprised of 5 buildings, pictured above is The Louisiana Memorial Pavilion.

Start your visit in the Museum's original pavilion, which features the institution's newest permanent exhibit that tells the story of the war experienced on the Home Front. The building also includes the Museum's original D-Day exhibit, macro-artifacts, special temporary exhibits, and the *L.W. "Pete" Kent Train Car Experience*—the perfect place to begin your journey into the WWII story.



Paddlewheeler Creole Queen Riverboat Cruises

The 880 passenger Paddlewheeler Creole Queen is New Orleans' most luxurious daily excursions riverboat on the Mississippi River. The Creole Queen is an traditional riverboat powered by a 24-ft diameter paddlewheel. She has three private dining rooms giving her the largest indoor capacity available on excursion vessels in New Orleans. Enjoy a Dinner Jazz Cruise, a Historical Cruise, or even one of our Special Event Cruises.

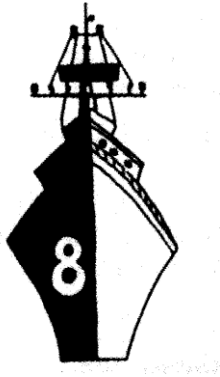
2020 YTD Financial Report

A brief summary of our finances year to date. The association finances are looking good, no need to increase dues for the foreseeable future. If you would like a more detailed report e-mail Gary Baker at gbaker@usstopekaclg8.org

Account	12/31/2019	2020 YTD
	Balance	Balance
Operating Fund	\$14,187.45	\$14,831.10
Reunion Fund	\$4,291.12	\$4,291.12
Ship's Store	<u>\$2,004.02</u>	<u>\$2,207.52</u>
Total	\$20,482.59	\$21,275.14

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Ship's Store

The store has USS Topeka ball caps, lapel pins, jacket patches, coffee cups, and license plate frames as well as 6th and 7th Fleet and Vietnam bumper stickers. Order forms and illustrations of items are on the Ship's Store page of the website. The store is managed by Pat Baker. Her contact information is on the ship's store page of the website and the Names and Telephone Numbers section of this newsletter.

Membership and Dues

Dues fund the day-to-day operation of the association. This includes the costs of publishing and distributing the newsletter and members directory, maintaining the website, and office expenses. Dues are \$20.00 per year or \$80.00 for five years. Your dues status is indicated on the address page of the newsletter. If it doesn't say 'Dues Exempt' or 'Dues Paid Thu 2020' (or higher) you'll be dropped from the mailing list and won't receive the annual directory or any further newsletters.