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A special hello to all our Topeka shipmates and Friends.

The past year and a half has been very hard on a good many of us. Both, physically and mentally. Hopefully we are in the beginning of a new era and the future is beginning to look a lot brighter.

I crave nothing better than getting back to “NORMAL”.

We are finally back on track for our New Orleans reunion. It’s all come together for September. Please get your registration forms completed and to Gary asap.

We are trying to get a handle on how many will be attending. I’m concerned our numbers might be down after a year of Covid. Right now (6/23/21) we have around 24 already signed up. We have some great tours and activities planned, so don’t miss out.

I suggest you go ahead and make your reservation at the airport Doubletree. (Phone number for reservations 504-467-3111)

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call or e-mail me.

Again, a special thanks to Gary Baker and Kathy Spatz for all they do for our reunion association. Looking forward to see everyone in New Orleans.

Dan

TOPEKA HAS WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE:

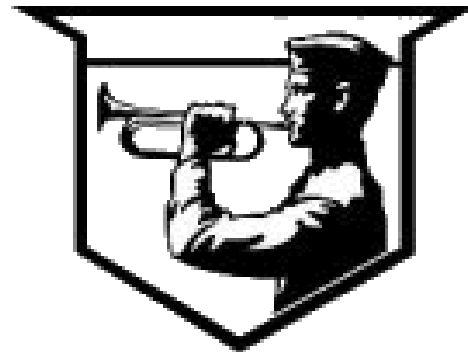
<http://www.usstopekaclg8.org/>
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NEW MEMBERS (SINCE APRIL 2021)

Richard Clark RM2 62-64 (Posthumous Registration)

Taps

Richard Clark RM2 62-6
Peter Mercier ENS 60-61



There are no official words to the music, but below are some of the more popular verses.

Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the lake, From the hill,
From the sky.
All is well, Safely rest,
God is nigh.

Thanks, and praise, for our days,
Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go, this we know,
God is high.

New Orleans, LA

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

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Orleans Airport



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.



Eating at the Double Tree

Led by NOLA native Chef Thomas Wright, our restaurant and bar specialize in Creole-American favorites. Stop by On the Rocks for quick bites and River City Creole Grill for casual Southern cuisine.

River City Creole Grill

River City Creole Grill is known for its Southern-style service and charm serving contemporary Creole American cuisine in a casual but sophisticated atmosphere. In a city known for its food, you can relax and enjoy New Orleans cuisine without leaving the hotel. Note 2 ½ Stars.

On the Rocks

If you don't have time for a full meal, grab something at On the Rocks Bar, open daily.

Nearby Restaurants

Brick Oven Cafe

2805 Williams Blvd Ste D
0.1 miles from DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Orleans Airport
Cuisines: [Italian](#), [Pizza](#)

Don Jose's Grill

2722 Williams Blvd
0.1 miles from DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Orleans Airport
Cuisines: [Mexican](#), Southwestern, [Latin](#)

The Landing

2829 Williams Blvd Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport
0.1 miles from DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Orleans Airport
Cuisines: [American](#), [Cajun & Creole](#)

Fisherman's Cove Seafood

3201 Williams Blvd
0.5 miles from DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New Orleans
Cuisines: [Seafood](#)



Since 1947, artist and craftsmen have designed and built the oldest and biggest parade floats and attractions for each Mardi Gras season, with over 500 floats built and decorated each year. On the tour we will get an overview of the history of Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The tour will continue through the float den, where the artist's work year-round to build spectacular floats and props. During the Mardi Gras parades you would never get this close to the floats.



About Houmas House

- The gardens are expansive and the most exquisite in all of Plantation Country.
- Three restaurants have captured attention of food critics nationwide and have been voted some of the top places to dine in the country.
- Luxurious cottages are available for guests seeking an overnight plantation experience.
- The Houmas Estate is also well-known for hosting weddings and corporate events.

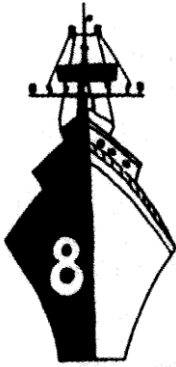
2021 YTD Financial Report

A brief summary of our finance's 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	12/31/2020	2021YTD
Operating Fund	\$15,028.30	\$15,893.30
Reunion Fund	\$4,291.12	\$9,344.12
Ship's Store	<u>\$2,316.52</u>	<u>\$2,321.12</u>
Total	\$21,635.94	\$27,558.54

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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.