

# USS TOPEKA CLG-8

## Reunion Association Newsletter

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Dudley Cass, Secretary-Treasurer; Gary Baker, 2009 Reunion Chairman;  
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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

While strolling along the River Walk deep in the heart of Texas, It came to me that this was the 19<sup>th</sup> year of our Reunion Association. That means I am 19 years older today than I was during that first San Diego get-together. I guess that means everybody else is also. If you do the math, since Ruth Cass and Mary Reynolds are 39 this year that means they were 20 during our first reunion. However next year will be our 20<sup>th</sup> reunion. Does that mean they will be ...? Oh well we will let them figure that out.

Speaking of the 20<sup>th</sup> what better place than Chicago to have it. The word Chicago is taken from an Indian word Chicago meaning strong or powerful. So there you go shipmates, I will venture to say that most of us started our Navy experience out in good old Great Lakes Naval Training Station (Hello Camp Green Bay). For me that was 66 years ago (seems like yesterday), and I can't wait to see what Camp Green Bay looks like today.

At the last report all systems are go and the Bakers are getting things in good order for our 20<sup>th</sup> reunion (that will teach them to volunteer). It's great to have so many good folks in our Topeka family that are so willing to step up to the plate when they see the need. That is the very reason that we have been able to have 19 years of wonderful reunions. You guys are the greatest!

Well folks Mary and I look forward to seeing you in the Windy City. I am sure there will be some good tours around the famous Loop. Maybe we can visit Mrs. O'Leary's cow and get a quart of milk. See you all there.

God Bless  
JR

### New Members

(SINCE JUNE 2008)

Billy J. McAnally HM2 (64-66) Pensacola, FL  
Kenneth Barnett BT3 (63-67) Huron, OH  
James J. Devaney FTG3 (66-68) Marshfield, MA  
Guadalupe "Lupe" Espinoza SM (65-69) San Marcos, TX  
Antonio M. Hernandez E3 (65-67) Bakersfield, CA  
William Januszka RD2 (67-69) East Islip, NY  
Andrew A. Lovato SH3 (63-65) Elk Grove, CA  
Thom Naumann STG3 (64-66) Snohomish, WA  
Dan Radebaugh BT3 (68-69) Northwood, NH  
Anthony J. Reina MM2 (59-62) Deptford, NJ

### TAPS

Dan Reynolds YN3 1964  
Gerald Keathley EM3 5/26/07  
Allen S. Jefferis CDR 5/26/08  
LeRoy Servin BM3 6/15/08



## WHO CAME TO SAN ANTONIO 2008

Joan Anderson  
Gary & Pat Baker  
Jim & Sherry Bennett  
John Blaeser  
Casey bond  
Robert Bond  
Phil & Susan Brooks  
Dudley & Ruth Cass  
Jerry Craig  
Walter Crane  
Bill & Pat Crum  
Albert Gustafson  
James & Peggy Henslee  
Michael & Carol Hight  
Harold & Diane Jackson  
Daniel & Cyndi Johansen  
Lamar & Nancy Johnson  
Terry & Patti Jones  
Ruth Judge  
Jack & Eva Kehoe  
Calvin & Joan Ladd

Roger Lauer  
Thomas & Martha Lee  
Robert Lewis  
Lewis & Alva Louden  
Dan & Sharon Moore  
Peter & Phyllis Nash  
Don & Eileen Nelson  
Loy Nix  
Ken & Sandy Noble  
Jim & Glee Reynaud  
John & Mary Reynolds  
Linda Roberts  
Patty Sharp  
Ron & Clare Smart  
Ray & Kathy Spatz  
Jimmy & Rita Starr  
Jack & Jean Timmons  
Felix & Beth Vasallo  
Jack & Judy Walkins  
Richard & Ellen Wallace  
Bud & Ellen Zimmerman



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You have the opportunity to opt out of receiving the Association Newsletter.

Why should you want to opt out of receiving the newsletter?

Opting out does not mean you don't want to know what's happening with the association. You will be able to get the news on the web-site and it will be with color pictures.

Opting out will save the association money that can be used for other things.

Opting out does not reduce the effort of the Association Newsletters editors job. It does not increase the efforts of the web-masters job either. The newsletters have been published on the Topeka site for sometime and will continue.

The Newsletters are published as a Word document and can be printed from the web-site.

The savings to the association can be significant.

If you prefer to receive the Newsletters as in the past, do nothing and they will continue to be mailed to you as in the past.

If you do not have a computer you probably won't know about this option until the next Newsletter. Still, do nothing unless your desire to save us a lot of money inspires you to go out and join the 21st century and buy a PC.

Questions? Email them to:

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## ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues, for the calendar year, are \$20 or \$80 for five years. Although dues are requested, they are not mandatory. The dues, however, are used to cover expenses such as the preparation and mailing of letters, newsletter and directories, "upfront" reunion expenses, and the cost of maintaining the TOPEKA website on the internet. Dues should be sent to Dudley Cass, 3028 Bonita Woods Drive, Bonita, CA 91902-2019



## Chicago in 2009

The 20<sup>th</sup> USS TOPEKA CLG8 reunion will be held in Chicago in September 2009. The site is the FOUR POINTS by Sheraton at O'Hare, Illinois.

Pioneer in the Windy City. Make yourself at home in the newly-renovated Four Points by Sheraton Chicago O'Hare Airport. Conveniently located just ¼ mile from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, we offer a complimentary shuttle service to/from the airport 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We're also one of the first smoke free hotels in Chicago.

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Great Place to Gather. Behind our sleek new design is the same casual comfort and service you expect. Our lobby is well-appointed with an array of cozy conversation areas. Stop by the Oasis Lounge and enjoy an after dinner drink beside the warm fireplace. Or linger into the Mirage Restaurant, which serves a variety of mouthwatering items.

Presentations for future reunions will be presented in Chicago. Suggestions include Las Vegas and a cruise reunion.

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## SHIPS STORE

Most of the merchandise will be available in Chicago. All orders should be sent to Linda Roberts at 7315 Valley Lane, Hixson, TN 37343-2207. Linda's phone number is 423-842-5147. Include \$5.00 shipping with each order and make checks or money order payable to the Reunion Association and send to Linda with your order.

### Ladies Shirts

White	\$19.00
Cardigan Baby Blue	\$20.00
Scoop Neck Blue	\$16.00
V-Neck L. Pink & Pistachio	\$16.00
Non-Embroidered	
Light pink v-neck	\$13.00
Scoop neck blue	\$13.00

### Polo 2003

Navy/White XL, XXL	\$20.00
White/Navy XL, XXL	20.00
Navy w/pocket XXL	20.00

### Polo 2005

Navy M, L	\$19.00
Med Blue L	19.00
Red w/pocket M	21.00

### Men's Shirts

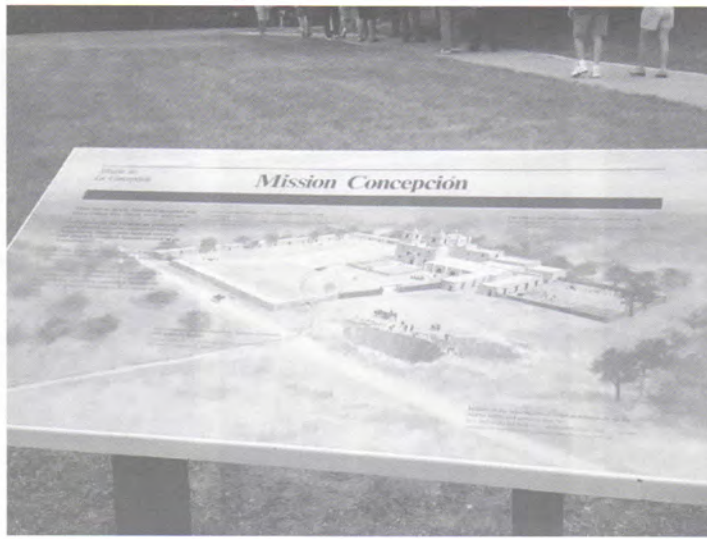
Dessert Moon	34.00
Niki Blue	31.00

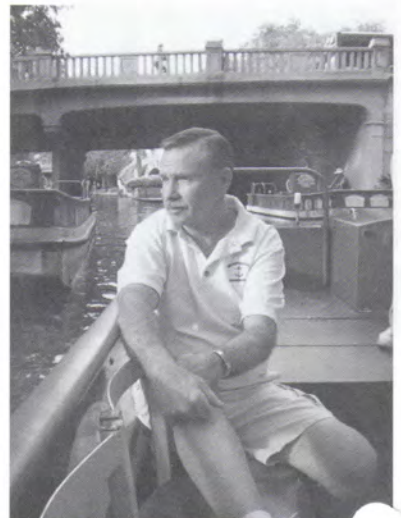
### Jackets

Ping-Canvas	\$48.00
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### Assorted items available

Ball Caps	\$12.00
Key Chains	1.00
Cold Drink Holders	4.00
Coffee mugs w/Topeka emblem	5.00
Topeka Note pads (5 pack)	4.00
License Plate Holder	3.00
Ship's Plaque(new design, w/name)	25.00





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The Garden of Peace is a gift to the people of the United States from the people of Japan with prayers for everlasting world peace through the goodwill of our two nations, symbolized by the friendship and respect that existed between Admiral Togo and Admiral Nimitz.

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