

# USS TOPEKA CLG-8

## Reunion Association Newsletter

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Seems like we just got back from San Francisco, and here we are getting ready for D.C. Ruth Judge is busy negotiating with the powers to be to get us the best possible deals we can for reunion #22, can you believe we have been at it this long. D.C. has many good opportunities for sight-seeing, and tours. It will be great just to see some of the hallowed halls of congress, and see some of the great museums, especially the Air and Space Museum. If you have never been there be sure and put it on your things-to-do list. By shifting our time from September back to August we save about \$50.00 a night on hotel bills. At present we are looking at \$109.00 which includes breakfast. I hope that price holds up.

When the whole bunch gets together it will be a great time wherever we are, but I believe the nation's capital will be a very special place to enjoy each others company and to tour these wonderful historic places together. I look forward to seeing you all there in August.

JR

### NEW MEMBERS (since June 2010)

Cecil Reed SM3 66-69 Pleasant Grove AL  
Raymond Clary MIDN 64-64 Florence MS  
Vincent Brookins CS3 63-67 San Diego CA  
John McCabe LT 66-68 Hermosa Beach CA  
Dave Grey MMSN 67-69 Rochester Hills MI  
James Stroud, LISN 67-68 Blue Springs MO

### TAPS

Robert Holmes SN 66-68 2010  
Robert Rowlette SA 63-63 1963  
Edward Beanland FTM2 61-64 1975



## WASHINGTON, DC AREA FOR 2011

**IMPORTANT**, the dates for the 2011 reunion have changed. The USS Topeka Reunion Association will meet August 24<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Ruth Judge, Ray and I met at the proposed hotel site, the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center and have found the greatest location for the reunion. The room rates in August are the best at \$109.00 a night with breakfast included. The reunion will have a similar set up as San Francisco with the hospitality suite being attached to a sleeping room.



The **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center** hotel offers a refreshing blend of modern elegance, attentive service and rewarding hospitality. Within sight of Washington, DC monuments and attractions, our stylish Alexandria hotel puts you near quaint waterfront galleries and shops in Old Town Alexandria, VA.

Located in the West End of Historic Alexandria, Virginia, the **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center** is 5 miles from the tours, events, attractions, monuments, and business district of Washington D.C and 4 miles from the Pentagon. Our central hotel is within 15 minutes of the White House, US Capitol, Washington Convention Center, Arlington National Cemetery, and the famed Smithsonian Museums. Adjacent to a 43-acre botanical preserve, 3.8 miles from the quaint waterfront galleries and shops in Old Town Alexandria, our unique lakeside hotel provides a tranquil oasis for travelers to the DC Area. Our easily accessible hotel is 4.5 miles from Washington Reagan National Airport and 20 miles from Dulles International Airport.

## Association Dues Receipts Down, Forces Cut in Newsletter Mailing List.

Approximately 25% of our members on the mailing list for the newsletters paid dues for 2010. The receipts of dues paid for 2010 don't cover the operating expenses for the year. Operating expenses include Newsletters, Directories, Website expenses, Tax Return Preparation, and Office expenses (stamps, printer paper and cartridges, etc.). Preparation and mailing of the 3 newsletters is by far the largest annual expense.

At the Board Meeting in San Francisco in September, the Board decided to resolve this situation by taking members who didn't pay dues for the previous 2 years (2009 & 2010) off the mailing list effective with the first 2011 newsletter in March. Dues Exempt persons (e.g. widows) will not be taken off the mailing list.

The November 2010 newsletter will be mailed to the full mailing list. Please look at your address on the newsletter. If it contains the term "UnpdDuesLast2Years", you will be taken off the mailing list for the March 2011 newsletter unless you submit your dues to the Association before 15 February. (Dues paid later will put you back on the mailing list for future newsletters.) The newsletter will still be available to everyone on the Topeka website.

Payment of dues to the Association, while not mandatory, is strongly encouraged to support the efforts of the Association to promote fellowship and camaraderie among shipmates and maintain information about shipmates of TOPEKA. Dues are credited for the calendar year(s). Dues are \$20 per year, or five years for \$80 - make checks to Topeka Reunion Association, and mail to Dudley Cass, 3028 Bonita Woods Dr., Bonita CA 91902. Email questions on dues status to dudcass@aol.com.

## Cities Proposed for 2012 Reunion

Dan Moore proposed Branson and Cleveland, Paul Stein proposed Madison WI; and both will present information on the cities at the 2011 Reunion in Washington DC area.

## WHO CAME TO SAN FRANCISCO



Joan Anderson  
Jesse & Catherine Aragon & Family  
Gary & Pat Baker  
Jack & Elaine Bock  
Ernie & Eleanor Boutte'  
Philip & Susan Brooks  
William Carver & Matthew Karabic  
Dudley & Ruth Cass  
Jack & Juliet Connery & Family  
Jerry Craig & Connie Maki  
Walter Crane  
William Crum & Pat Mulstay  
Erin & Barbara Endicott  
Matt & Martha Fitzpatrick  
Robert Gilliam  
Albert & Catherine Gustafson  
Steve & Sandra Hall  
Jim & Peggy Henslee  
Mike & Carol Hight  
Arnold & Marion Hoel  
Harold & Diane Jackson  
Daniel & Cyndi Johansen  
Terry & Pat Jones  
Ruth Judge  
John & Mary Keith  
Ernie Kershaw  
Norm & Pam Malmberg  
Dan & Sharon Moore  
Loy Nix  
Jerry & Leanne Pennington  
Roseann Peragine  
Gale & Margery Pfund  
John & Mary Reynolds & Family  
Joe & Rose Ripley  
Robby & Bell Robbins  
Linda & LaDonna Roberts  
Paul & Loretta Ruby  
Courtney & Mimi Rudin  
Austin & Julia Schroder  
Ron & Clare Smart  
Ray & Kathy Spatz  
Jimmy & Rita Starr

Paul & Joyce Stein  
Jack & Jean Timmons  
Tracy & Sandee Tipton  
Paul & Madeline Velasco  
Ernie & Kiyomi Villamil  
Steve Waclo  
Egon Werdelman

There was a great turnout in San Francisco and a terrific time had by everyone. Thanks to Ruth and Dudley Cass for another successful reunion.



## USS TOPEKA CLG8 PLANK OWNERS

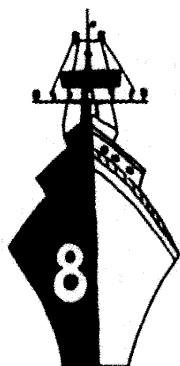
The small supply will not be traveling to the reunions in the future. If you are a Plank Owner; please e mail Ruth Judge [rajtr@cox.net](mailto:rajtr@cox.net) with your name and address AND the years on the Topeka. I will mail you the piece of plank and the certificate.  
Submitted by Ruth Judge



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## SHIPS STORE

Most of the merchandise will be available at the 2011 Reunion. 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. (Items subject to change)

### Ladies Shirts

White	\$19.00
Cardigan Baby Blue	\$20.00
Scoop Neck Blue	\$16.00
V-Neck L. Pink & Pistachio	\$16.00

### 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
Nike Blue	31.00

### Jackets

Red Jackets	\$36.00
Ping-Canvas	\$48.00

### Assorted items available

Ball Caps	\$12.00
Cold Drink Holders	4.00
Coffee mugs w/Topeka emblem	5.00
Topeka Note pads (5 pack)	4.00
License Plate Holder	3.00





**The Sonoma winery tours were a blast and everyone enjoyed lunch on Pier 39!**



**Muir Woods was just awesome!**





Everyone enjoyed the dinner cruise, even with the fog;  
realize that we were in San Francisco!

The best of times had in the hospitality suite visiting!

