

# USS TOPEKA CLG-8

## REUNION ASSOCIATION

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## FOR FIRST-TIME RECIPIENTS OF OUR NEWSLETTER...

The Reunion Association and the Committee were formed in late '89 with the objectives of locating and organizing a reunion for the crewmembers (Navy and Marine) serving onboard TOPEKA '59-'69. We had a fantastic reunion in San Diego last year, and decided to hold another this year in Long Beach. The reunion will be 15-19 August, 1991 *onboard* the former SS QUEEN MARY - now known as the Hotel Queen Mary. We have a growing membership - 250 on our mailing list now, and we provide a directory of the mailing list to those who submit the annual dues of \$15. Widows of deceased crewmembers are welcome to participate in all activities, and are exempt from the annual dues.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER ADMIRAL PINNEY, FIRST CO OF TOPEKA CLG-8.

Frank L. Pinney, Jr., RADM USN (Ret), Commanding Officer of TOPEKA on her recommissioning as a CLG-8 in 1960, will attend the Reunion and will be the featured speaker at the banquet. RADM Pinney, and his wife, Frances, will be coming out from their residence in Kilmarnock, Virginia. I received the following letter from RADM Pinney:

*"When I saw your April Newsletter with the names of 21 shipmates who served during my brief period of command, I realized I had better change my plans to visit California in July, and re-schedule to be with you in Long Beach in August!"*

*F.L. Pinney, Jr."*

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This newsletter tells you all about Reunion '91 aboard the Queen Mary. The Committee is working hard to make this the VERY BEST. Of course, to do this, we need *you*.

If you've already decided to come, we thank you. If you're on the fence, fall our way. It's going to be great and I'll guarantee you'll enjoy it.

Contact your TOPEKA buddies and let them know you're going and try to get them to come along.

See you in Long Beach.

Regards, Don Nellis

## FROM THE EDITOR

The Reunion is going to be here before we know it! This newsletter is the Reunion Special, the final newsletter prior to the reunion, and is intended to include all the information you need for making final plans and submitting reunion fees. If you have questions, call me at (619) 267-3123. For those coming to the Reunion, the Reunion Registration form must be filled out and returned to me by 5 August 1991 with your check for the Reunion Fee. Please be sure to indicate your choice, and the number required, for each banquet entree. Please note the deadlines for reservations on the Queen Mary.

## USS TOPEKA (SSN-754) ARRIVES IN SAN DIEGO.

The USS TOPEKA (SSN-754) arrived in San Diego in May, where she will be homeported. The Commanding Officer, and the Chief of the Boat, and their wives or guests are invited as Honored Guests to our Reunion Banquet.

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# REUNION '91 QUEEN MARY

LONG BEACH  
AUGUST 1991



"All Roads Lead to the Queen Mary"

## REUNION EVENTS

### Thursday, August 15

Get acquainted day - registration in "Hospitality Room." Reunion Information Booklets will be available with detailed information on the Reunion, and information on the Long Beach Area. 4 Free tickets to Thursday Dodgers/Astros game for the lucky registrant in the Hospitality Room. Beverages and snacks will be available throughout the day.

### Friday, August 16

Open day for visiting, tours, etc. Private tour - Los Angeles/Hollywood Shopping Tour - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. "Scrambles" golf tournament - tee times starting around 8 a.m. Snacks and beverages available in the Hospitality Room. Friday evening - a "standup - nohost bar" cocktail party with heavy hors d'oeuvres.

### Saturday, August 17

Reunion business meeting in the morning. Select officers and committees for the following year. Determine when and where next reunion will be held. Private tour - Garment District Shopping Tour - 9 a.m. - 4 a.m. Snacks and beverages available in the Hospitality Room. Navy ship visit - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Reunion banquet Friday evening - Sit-down meal with program, entertainment, and music, Dancing.

### Sunday, August 18

Open day for visiting, recovering from Saturday night, tours, etc. Snacks and beverages available in the Hospitality Room.

### Monday, August 19

Aloha. Checkout and departure.

## REUNION BANQUET - HIGHLIGHT OF THE REUNION

Saturday evening festivities, in the Royal Salon, will start with a nohost bar at 6 p.m. The banquet will commence at 7:30 p.m., with salad, a choice of Prime Rib, or Salmon filet with dill sauce, twice-baked potato, vegetable, accompanied by your choice of Cabernet or Chardonnay wine, coffee or tea, and dessert. Following the meal, the program will include a welcome and introduction of honored guests from the Reunion association President, standup entertainment from our Committee comedian(s), and remarks from our keynote speaker, RADM Pinney. Music will be provided during the banquet and after the program for dancing. Casual attire is recommended for the banquet, and all reunion functions.

## ...AND FOR THE "GOLF NUTS"

Scrambles golf tournament - with tee times commencing about 8 a.m. Friday. Maximum 24 entrants. Will be played at NAS Los Alamitos. \$10 entry fee - which does not include green fees. Check the appropriate line in the registration form, and submit the \$10 entry fee in addition to the reunion fee.

## RV FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

Shoreline Village Recreational Vehicle Parking (213) 435-4960 is very near the Queen Mary, but they're only taking deposits in case of cancellations. 40' space rent is \$21. Suggest you get help from your local Auto Club to get an RV space.

## NAVY BEQ, BOQ, NAVY LODGE.

Navy Lodging, phone 1-800-628-9466, has limited number of accommodations - double rooms - \$34 per nite.

## ATTRACTIONS FOR THE FAMILY...

Disneyland - 20 miles from Long Beach in Anaheim. Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - midnight Sat-Sun. Admission \$21.50 for adults.

**Knotts's Berry Farm** - 20 miles from Long Beach in Buena Park. 165 rides, shows, and attractions. Open 9 a.m. - midnight. Adults \$21.

**Universal Studios Hollywood** - 32 miles from Long Beach in Universal City. Tram ride through famous movie sets, and 5 live action shows. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Adults \$22.95.

**Santa Catalina Island** - 26 sea miles from Long Beach. Boats to Catalina run daily from the immediate vicinity of the Queen Mary.

**Los Angeles/Hollywood Shopping Tour.** Air conditioned coach from the Queen Mary for Topeka Reunion attendees. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday. Will see Hollywood, Mann's Chinese Theatre, free gift at Hollywood Souvenir Shop. Stop and shop at Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. See the Beverly Center and Hard Rock Cafe. Lunch and shopping at Farmer's Market. Drive by the homes of the Rich and Famous. 14-25 per coach. \$34 per adult - \$28 per child 3-11. **Mark the number for this tour on the Registration Form.**

**Garment District Shopping Tour.** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday. Fabulous discount clothing shopping for the ladies. Lunch at Little Joe's, which is an old landmark in L.A. \$25 per person. Private bus for Topeka Reunion. 30 minimum. **Mark the number for this tour on the Registration Form.**

## REDUCED AIR FARES AVAILABLE FOR REUNION TRAVELERS.

Reduced fares, 5% off Excursion Fare, and for Senior Citizens (62 or over) 10% off Excursion Fare. Call Johnny Dunkel, at Bonita Travel - (619) 479-7429 or 1-800-426-6482. Be sure to mention it's for travel to the TOPEKA reunion.

## REUNION COSTS

Reunion Fee (per person) - \$85. This includes cost of the banquet, hors d'oeuvres at the cocktail party, snacks and beverages in the Hospitality Room, music for the banquet, and cost of the Hospitality Room.

## QUEEN MARY RATES

Double rooms (staterooms) with twin, double, or queen beds. Difference in rate depends on view: No view (no porthole) \$78 - Pierside view \$88 - Harbor view \$98. Prices do not include tax. Parking - \$4/day (unlimited 'ins and outs') at the Queen Mary if you have a room there. Otherwise, it's \$4 each time you enter. Deadline (last day) for reservations at the above rates: 15 July 1991. Phone number for reservations: (213) 432-6964. Be sure to mention the reservations are for the TOPEKA Reunion.

## TOPEKA MUGS, SHIRTS, AND CAPS.

Golf shirts, knit, with collar. Navy Blue - Gold "USS TOPEKA CLG-8" on left breast. \$15 each - sizes S, M, L, XL. Caps - full cloth, adjustable size. Navy Blue - Gold "USS TOPEKA CLG-8" on front. \$12 each.

Coffee mugs - white with TOPEKA logo (as on Newsletter) in 6 colors. \$8 each.

These items will be on sale at the reunion, or may be ordered direct from Irad J. Parkhurst, 11213 Densmore Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344. Specify shirt size, add \$2.50 mailing cost for each order, make checks payable to Topeka Reunion Association.

## HOSPITALITY ROOM - CENTER FOR REUNION ACTIVITIES

We have a large (1900 square feet) room above the main deck reserved for our use Thursday through Sunday. There will always be a pot of coffee on, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and snacks. Reunion information and sign-up sheets for reunion activities will be there. By Thursday noon, it will be a foot deep in sea-stories. An updated Directory will be available. Topeka Reunion shirts, caps, and coffee mugs will be on sale. Plenty of chairs will be available for relaxing, visiting, and getting the load off your feet. Members of the Committee will be on "watch" to assist and provide information to Reunion attendees.

## FRIDAY EVENING 'Happy Hour'

This is the "mixer" event of the Reunion. The Hospitality Room will be set up with a nohost bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. You will have such a great time you won't want to leave - there will be enough food so you don't have to go out for dinner. Commences at 6 p.m. - goes to 10 p.m. - or later. Many at last year's reunion said this was the most enjoyable event. Gives you the chance to meet and talk with everyone at the Reunion.

## LETTERS...

*"I have three shipmates that live in the L.A. area. One of them sent me a copy of your newsletter. I was very happy to receive it. I would like to get more information on the reunion or a number I could call for reservations cause my whole family would like to go. I will be looking forward to your newsletter and to seeing some of my shipmates.*

*Abel J. Flores"*

Abel, this newsletter is for you! There is plenty for you and your family to do in Long Beach, and we've included information on attractions for the family. I'm sure it will be a great reunion for you - and a great vacation for the family. If you have any questions after receiving this newsletter please call me at (619) 267-3123.

Abel was on TOPKA '66-'69 - BM3. Abel and Molly live in Glendale, Arizona, and have 4 children. Abel is a Lakers and Raiders sports fan.

## ...AND PHONE CALLS

Received a phone call from Susan Campbell in Waco, Texas. Her husband, John (LT), was Comm Officer on TOPEKA '61-'63. John left the Navy in '64, went back to school, got his Doctorate in Computer Science, and has authored 12 books on Computer Science, some of which have been used as textbooks in the field. Susan wanted me to know that John was in ill health now, he enjoys reading the Reunion Newsletter, and he wanted to be sure he was kept on the mailing list. John would appreciate letters (he is hospitalized and cannot receive phone calls) from any of the TOPEKA shipmates. His address: John L. Campbell, Rt. #12, Box 480, Waco, TX 76710.

Susan, I was glad to hear from you. You may be sure that you will continue to receive the newsletters. Wish you both could make it to our reunion - our best wishes to you both and hope John soon gets shipshape and can make the next reunion.

Tom Fleming (LT EW Officer '61-'62) wants a '62 cruise book. Anyone having a spare can contact him at 5666 La Jolla Blvd. #4, La Jolla, CA 92037.

## REGISTRATION FORM FOR '91 TOPEKA REUNION

**Must be received no later than 5 August 1991. Mail to: TOPEKA REUNION      Make checks out to: TOPEKA Reunion.**  
c/o D. E. Cass  
3028 Bonita Woods Dr.  
Bonita, CA 91902

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name\* of spouse/friend/guest/other attending with you: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Names(s) you prefer on name tags.*

Reunion Fee (\$85 per person) Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golf "Scrambles" entry fee (\$10) Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Selection (and number) of Banquet Entree: Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

How many nights will you stay on Queen Mary ( 0 1 2 3 4 )

Los Angeles/Hollywood Shopping Tour (Friday) number seats \_\_\_\_\_

Garment District Shopping Tour (Saturday) number seats \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL INFORMATION (if not previously provided)

Served on TOPEKA from (yr) \_\_\_\_\_ to (yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Rate/rank on TOPEKA \_\_\_\_\_ Date, and rank/rate on retirement or release from active duty: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES: Previously paid (yes/no) Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMING TO THE REUNION

As of 1 June 1991, 76 respondees say they are planning on coming to the Reunion. They are listed here:

Frank L. Pinney, Jr.	59-60 CAPT	Charlie Sampson	61-62 1stLT	Willie G. Williamson	63-65 SH1
Ray Kraft	59-62 CWO	William H. Hawkins	61-63 LCDR	Joe Heeney	63-66 CW04
Fred Lytle	59-62 MMC	Hal Hodson	61-63 LCDR	Gerald Judge	63-66 FTCS
John N. Milliken	59-62 LTJG	Lawrence V. Marchese	61-63 SN	Irad J. Parkhurst	63-66 FTCM
Fred E. Howes	59-63 SN	Dudley E. Cass	61-64 LTJG	Bernardo M. Pulido	63-66 SDCS
Joe Ripley	59-63 LTJG	William F. Herring	61-64 MSC	Tom C. Buell	64-65 CAPT
Austin R. Schroder	59-63 LCDR	John D. Reynolds	61-66 FTMI	Charles J. Dykeman	64-65 LC
Joseph V. Peragine	59-66 CW03	Charles T. Armstrong	62-63 DCCM	Robert J. Feely	64-65 LTDR
John C. Hojaboom	59-67 GMG1	Eugene R. McKinney	62-63 RM3	Jack D. Connery	64-66 LCDR
Robert L. Alberts	60-61 YN3	Richard Ramsey	62-63 GMCMM	Willis R. Gwynn	64-66 MSC
Bill Herman	60-61 LTJG	Mrs. Donna Glenn	62-64 LT	Dick Jolliffe	64-66 LT
Dan B. Leonard, Jr.	60-61 LTJG	Ted Haessler	62-64 LTJG	Ralph D. Lohr	64-66 BMC
Richard Olsen	60-61 CDR	Jack M. Hendricks	62-64 CW02	Dick Slye	64-66 LT
Egon Werdelman	60-61 CDR	Gale Pfund	62-64 LTJG	Donald Bradford	64-67 RMCS
Will Hays	60-62 LT	Jack V. Bock	62-65 LTJG	Mike Angulo	65-67 CW03
Donald K. Lamb	60-62 LTJG	James J. Carey	62-65 LTJG	Dwight A. Baumann	65-68 SN
Vince Manion	60-62 LCDR	John Keepper	62-65 LTJG	William W. Dorsey	65-68 MM2
Joe Paulis	60-62 LCDR	Jim Ownby	62-65 LT	Dale E. Anderson	65-69 FN
Hank Rinnert	60-62 LTJG	Paul Ruby	62-65 LTJG	Benjamin L. Luistro	65-69 TN
John M. Rutherford	60-62 RD2	Felix C. Vasallo	62-66 YNC	George R. Badger	66-67 LCDR
William Carver	60-63 SN	Stanley J. Bartnick	63-64 1stLT	Jerry D. Craig	66-69 FTM3
Norm R. Malmberg	60-63 LTJG	Father Bob Gately	63-64 LT	Abel J. Flores	66-69 BM3
Keith Kincaid	60-64 SK3	Ted R. Hendershot	63-64 LCDR	Stan Hayes	66-69 PH2
Thomas J. Victory	60-64 SFCS	Tom Sawyer	63-64 LTJG	Steve Manley	66-69 MM3
Charles L. Campbell	60-65 BM2	John F. Manley	63-65 LTJG		
Robert C. Robbins	60-65 BM2	Don Nellis	63-65 CDR		

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