

# USS TOPEKA CLG-8

## Reunion Association Newsletter

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### Committee:

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### RECIPE FOR A REUNION

#### Ingredients:

- 1 city
  - 3 men, preferably named Tom, Bud, and Bob
  - 1 map
  - 1 wide list
  - 1 caterer overseer, preferably named Ruth Cass
  - 1 entertainment guide of the city
- and of course crusty sailors and sea dogs.**
1. Find a beautiful city, i.e. Seattle, Washington
  2. Select one of the best reunion committees in the business, i.e. Tom Victory, Bud Zimmerman and Bob Odman.
  3. Turn them loose on the city to find the best site for the '97 bash.
  4. Get a list of things sailors and their guests like to drink.
  5. Appoint the best caterer to oversee buffet and banquet activities, i.e. Ruth Cass.
  6. Ask committee to develop an activities program of tours, entertainment, and "things to do in Seattle."
  7. Invite all Baka Hachi Sailors and guests to join in for the greatest time of their lives.

**SEE YA THERE!!**

John Reynolds

### NEW MEMBERS (SINCE MAY, 1997)

John Lipman (66-68), West Chester, OH  
Larry McCammon, MM3 (61-63), Salem, OR  
Robert Strouss, MM2 (64-67), Alma, AR  
Donald Akers, SN (67-69), Riverside, RI  
Odis Simmons, RM3 (61-63), Fox Island, WA  
Bill Keen, SM3 (62-64), St. Helen, OR

## TAPS

Willard Inman, LT (64-65), March 4, 1997, Orange, Cal..

D.L. Vanderburg, SN (65-67), June, 1996, Lake Jackson, Tex.

Glen Baggett, SN (60-62), Sacramento, KY.

Tom Butler, SKC (62-64) Las Vegas, NV.

## BINNACLE LIST

Jim Ownby, El Cajon, CA

Doyne R. Wills, Jr., Panama City, FL

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

### SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Board of Advisors will present the following slate of officers for 1998 to the membership at the annual meeting Saturday, August 16. These people are the same as the current 1997 officers. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

President: John Reynolds

Secretary/Treasurer: Dudley Cass

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Allen Jefferis

The Board recommends no changes to the membership on the Board of Advisors.

### 1998 PROPOSED REUNION SITES

The following East Coast sites will be presented to the membership for consideration for the 1998 reunion. Reunion coordinator will be elected after a site is chosen.

Atlanta, Ga., to be presented by Jerry Craig  
Orlando, Fla., to be presented by Francis Finerfrock.  
New York, to be presented by Steve Archbold.  
Boston, Mass., to be presented by Jack Kehoe.  
Myrtle Beach, SC., No sponsor.

## LOOK WHO'S COMING

The following shipmates have thus far indicated they are coming to the reunion. Looks like a good bunch. Come and join us.

As of this date, 69 of the following 85 have paid their registration fees:

Paul F. Abrahams, Punta Gorda, FL  
Don C. Anderson, Woodbridge, VA  
Mike Angulo, Spring Valley, CA  
Steve F. Archbold, Dix Hills, NY  
Charles Armstrong, Seattle, WA  
John F. Bailey, Blue Springs, MO  
James Bennett, Bella Vista, AR  
Rendall Bess, Dundee, OR  
Jack Bock Jr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
James Bond, San Angelo, TX  
Bill Bundy, Oxnard, CA  
Dudley E. Cass, Bonita, CA  
Wally Clark, Casper, WY  
Jack Connery, Bixby, OK  
Irye L. Couch, Grand Junction, CO  
Jerry D. Craig, Cartersville, GA  
Walter Davidovich, Poway, CA  
Tom E. Eagling, Tucson, AZ  
Ted Edwards, Graham, WA  
Erin L. Endicott, Cove, OR  
Don E. Ervin, Chula Vista, CA  
Mike Faber, Centralia, WA  
Richard W. Fladmark, Fredericksburg, VA  
Eston L. Fritz, Winfield, PA  
George W. Grupe, Marlboro, NJ  
Steven D. Hall, Toledo, OH  
Will Hays, San Diego, CA  
Carl Hemenway, Centralia, WA  
Ted R. Hendershot, Mendocino, CA  
Tom Hoard, Ithaca, NY  
John Hojaboom, Carson, CA  
Norbert Howe, Lakewood, CA  
Gerald Judge, Chula Vista, CA  
John Keith, Portland, OR  
Paul W. Ladd, Vallejo, CA  
Calvin E. Ladd, Hopkins, MN  
Mike Leahy, Fraser, MI  
Lewis Loudon, Omaha, NE  
Norm R. Malmberg, Fort Jones, CA  
Vince Manion, Eugene, OR  
Jack E. Mansfield, Silverdale, WA  
John McCamont, Kelso, WA  
Donald McFarland, Oceanside, CA  
Don Nellis, San Diego, CA  
Harvey G. Nelson, Ridgecrest, CA  
Loy V. Nix, Flowery Branch, GA  
Ken Noble, Louisville, CO  
Arthur Nolan, Cumming, GA  
Gary M. Noland, Fair Oaks, CA

Robert "Bob" J. Odman, Kent, WA  
Irad J. Parkhurst, Granada Hills, CA  
Larry Patriquin, Barrington, NH  
Steve Payne, Farmington, UT  
Jerome Pennington, Temple City, CA  
Joseph V. Peragine, San Diego, CA  
Gale A. Pfund, San Francisco, CA  
Richard Ramsey, Lutz, FL  
John D. Reynolds, Redondo Beach, CA  
Joe Ripley, Los Alamitos, CA  
Paul J. Ruby, San Francisco, CA  
Loren Schaal, Seabeck, WA  
Gerald Schiefert, Hopkins, MN  
Robert Schramm, Orange, CA  
Dick Schuder, Mi-Wuk Village, CA  
Andre Seaton, Tarzana, CA  
LeRoy H. Servin, Apache Junction, AZ  
Alonzo Simmerman, Lodi, CA  
Odis Simmons, Fox Island, WA  
David Small, Denton, TX  
Ron Smart, Turlock, CA  
Jimmy L. Starr, Topeka, KS  
Eugene Tabor, Burlington, WA  
Jack Timmons, San Diego, CA  
Tracy Tipton, Mason, OH  
Paul Velasco, San Mateo, CA  
Thomas J. Victory, Port Orchard, WA  
Ernesto S. Villamil, Annapolis, MD  
Bernard Visser, Ventura, CA  
John "Jack" L. Walkins, Reno, NV  
Doug Weeks, Canastota, NY  
Ben A. Wheatley, Fairland, IN  
James D. Whisennand, Elkhart, KS  
Weldon K. (Bud) Zimmerman, Bremerton, WA  
Ronald A. Zuccaro, Rio Rancho, NM

## SEATTLE WEATHER & WHAT TO WEAR

Tom Victory says Seattle summers have pleasant temperatures in the high 60's to the low 70's, but that we can expect some 80-degree temperatures in August. The average high in August is 73.9, and the average August rainfall is 1.16 inches. Average relative humidity is 51.

Please consider the following dress suggestions when packing for the trip:

- Bring comfortable walking shoes. Seattle has many hills.
- Tillicum Village: Casual attire is recommended. Bring a light sweater, perhaps a light-weight rain jacket/cap.
- Bangor submarine tour: Comfortable shoes and attire. Remember the 30-foot vertical ladder.

- Friday night mixer: Casual/informal dress appropriate. Bring a good sea story.
- Saturday banquet: Appropriate attire. Remember that the ladies like to get dressed up for this.

## WHERE DID IT COME FROM

### STARBOARD

The Vikings called the side of their ship its board and they placed the steering oar, called the "star" on the right side of the ship, thus that side became known as the "star board." It's been that way ever since. And, because the oar was in the right side, the ship was tied to the dock at the left side. This was known as the loading side or "larboard." Later, it was decided that "larboard" and "starboard" were too similar, especially when trying to be heard over the roar of a heavy sea, so the phrase became the "side at which you tied up to in port" or the "port" side.

Courtesy Navy Public Affairs Library

### ABOUT SEATTLE

Downtown Seattle offers shopping, museums and world famous landmarks, it's all an easy bus ride from our reunion hotel.

Shopping: fashions, Nordstroms, South Center Mall, Banana Republic, and The Bon. Outdoor wear and gear: Eddie Bauer and REI. Young at heart: FAO Swartz. Fleet of feet: Nike Town.

Seattle Art Museum is only two blocks from the shopping core area and is marked by a 2-story Hammering Man that pounds a steady 24 hours a day.

The monorail runs from the center of the shopping area to Seattle Center and the Space Needle and the Pacific Science Center. Go up the Space Needle and get a revolving view of the city, Puget Sound, Mount Rainier, and the beautiful lakes that make up part of the ambiance of the area.

Pioneer Square is an area filled with historic buildings, art galleries and sidewalk cafes, well worth a stroll through Seattle's past and maybe catch the "underground tour," or wander over to the King Dome and watch a Mariner's game.

For information about the University of Washington, we have an in-house expert. Dudley Cass attended UW under the NESEP program.

## ARE YOU READY FOR SEATTLE?

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It won't be long before you will "single up," "take in all lines" and head for Seattle. Here are some more things you can do during this last week of trying to get your sea legs back in shape.

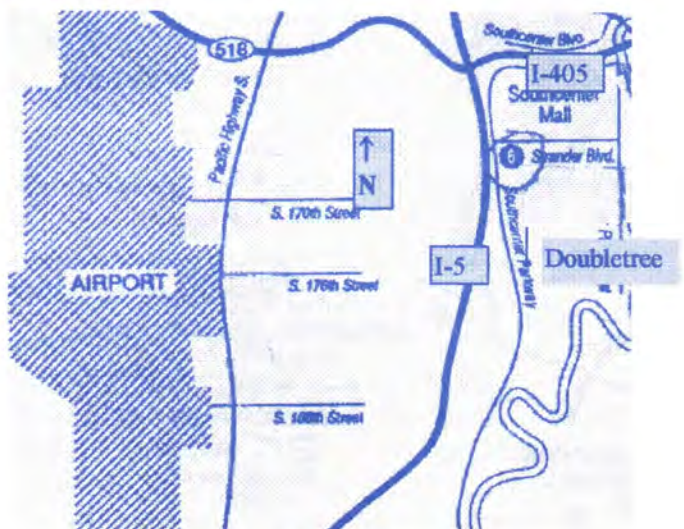
- Use 18 scoops of coffee per pot and allow it to sit 5 or 6 hours before drinking.
- Once a week blow compressed air up through your chimney, making sure the wind carries the soot across and onto your neighbor's house. Laugh at him when he curses you.
- Sleep on the shelf in your closet. Replace the closet door with a curtain. Four hours after you go to sleep, have your wife whip open the curtain, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and mumble, "Sorry, wrong rack."
- When baking a cake, prop up one side of the pan while it is baking. Then, spread icing really thick on one side to level the top.

### GETTING TO THE DOUBLETREE

The Seattle Doubletree Suites Hotel is located at 205 Strander Blvd, at the southern end of Southcenter Mall, about a mile from the Seattle/Tacoma airport.

If you fly into Seattle, locate a hotel courtesy phone at the airport and call the Doubletree. The hotel will provide courtesy transportation. Telephone number is 575-8220.

If you drive into Seattle, the hotel is east of the airport, just east of Interstate 5 and south of Interstate 405.



## **PERMANENT NAMETAGS**

Permanent name tags will be provided to those attending Reunion 97, who have registered in time to have the name tags engraved. Members will be responsible for maintaining the tags and bringing them next year. There will be a fee for replacements.

"Do-it-yourself" name tags will be provided for those who register too late to have the permanent tags made. This was decided at a Board of Advisors meeting earlier this year.

## **SHIP'S STORE**

As usual, we will have a varied selection of items for purchase in Seattle. This year we've ordered Topeka shirts in Navy blue as a new item

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