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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please look over the agenda for our 2017 reunion in Annapolis/Baltimore, described on the following pages. As always, making your **room reservations early** is encouraged. This Reunion venue is filled with history and a good time for all.

Just as this year's reunion is being finalized, we anticipate the discussions in our membership meeting most of which center around the possible reunion sites for 2018 and beyond. Site selection begins when the Reunion Committee sends a questionnaire and letter to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) of a city asking for a response to a MASSEY Reunion there. Right now, Savannah and Buffalo/Niagara have received and responded back to us. **If you have a city that you think would be a great site for a MASSEY reunion, please call or e-mail Tom Truesdale or myself, ASAP.** These recommendations can then be evaluated and brought up at this year's meeting. Also open to discussion is the venue at reunions as far as organized tours, length of stays and locations of hotels. Some ships have a reception on say Friday night and their banquet on Sunday night with no other organized activity, but they select a downtown hotel.

Annapolis/Baltimore Reunion, USS MASSEY September 18, 19, 20, 21, 2017

This year's reunion will be based out of The La Quinta Inn, 6323 Governor Ritchie Highway, Glenn Burnie, MD 21061. The phone is (410) 636 - 4300. Be sure and tell them that you have the MASSEY rate of \$109.00 plus tax (\$123.17 with tax). This rate is good two days prior and two days after our event. Book your rooms for the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st. This room rate does include a hot breakfast every morning. Specify your need of one king size or two double beds and if you require one of their handicap rooms. The hotel provides free airport shuttle service and on-site parking.

The first day tour, September 19 will be the Baltimore Inner Harbor first described by Captain John Smith in 1608. Since then it has been a ship building center and today it is home to several

historic ships, among them being the Constellation sister ship of the Boston's Constitution and of the USCG Cutter Taney that is a survivor of Pearl Harbor. There is also the light ship Chesapeake and the submarine USS Torsk. We will have lunch at Phillips Seafood Restaurant. This will be a six hour tour with guides and the coaches will be handicap friendly. All cost with lunch and tips are included.

The second day tour, September 20 we will board our coaches for a tour through Federal Hill, the sites of the Battle of Baltimore and the War of 1812. We will see the Flag House where Mary Pickersgill sewed the flag that inspired the writing of our national anthem. We will tour Fort McHenry and have lunch in Little Italy. In this six hour event all costs of admission, lunch and tips are included.

The third day tour, September 21 will be at the U S NAVAL ACADEMY. We will see the historic and the present from the sarcophagus of John Paul Jones to the Cadet Formation. Our memorial service will be held in the Academy Chapel and is a fitting reminder that this is where MASSEY history began with the graduation of then Ensign Lance E. Massey in the Class of 1930. We will have lunch in the Midway/Coral Sea Dining Room of the Academy. All costs of this event are included. We will be back at the hotel in plenty of time for a membership meeting and prepare for our 1900 banquet.

Our hospitality suite will be open each day from 4PM until "lights out".

Annual Dues

The association's 2017 membership dues (\$10/year) are again payable starting in January, 2017. For your money, you get three newsletters a year, plus an updated roster list. You may attend reunions, vote at the annual business meeting and hold office in the association. Your dues help defray the cost of the publications and mailing costs for all association correspondence. Please make your check for \$10, payable to: USS MASSEY Association and mail it to:

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IN MEMORIAM

Since the last reunion, we have learned of the following shipmates passing;

Robert Arnold, FN 1/C, '46 - '47, July 10, 2016

Robert C. Wagner, SF1, '68 -'70, Oct, 22, 2016

Jim Leber, RM3, '54 - '58, Jan, 25, 2017

William S. Lewis, Cdr, C.O. '66 - '68, Aug, 26, 2016, he was 91!

MAIL CALL

Received letter from Ruth Arnold, wife of Robert Arnold that her husband had passed away on July 10, 2016.

Received letter from Deborah Wagner, wife of Robert Wagner, had passed away on October, 22, 2016, about a month after they had attended last reunion.

Received emails from John Butler and Jerry Sherbondy that Jim Leber, RM3, '54 - '58 had passed away on January 25, 2017.

Received email from Tom Grasse that CDR William S. Lewis, had passed away on Aug, 26, 2016.

May they rest in peace and forever sail calm seas.

THE BINNACLE List

Please inform me of the death or illness of any of our members or spouses/significant others. Too often, we are not advised of these events until months or even years later. If notified promptly, the association can take the proper action in a timely manner, as it is important to keep in touch.

Thank you

Tom Norman

Please note, due to computer crash, I lost a lot of requests for newsletter via email. If you had signed up for newsletter via email, please do a reply with YES.

Butch stated at last reunion, that due to decreased demand, he would no longer order shirts, etc. in advance. However, if you want an item, please contact Butch at wcwalters2000@yahoo.com or call him at (724)258-9223.



THE BEST OF THE BEST



THE MASSEY CREW



THE MASSEY GROUP



US Navy 050527-N-6077T-007 Father of the U.S. Navy, John Paul Jones, is entombed at the U.S. Naval Academy and is guarded by Midshipman 24-hours a day, three h

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USS MASSEY REUNION REGISTRATION, ANNAPOLIS, MARLAND

Member name: _____

Guest names: _____

Years served on MASSEY: 19__ to 19__ Plank owner Yes ___ No ___

First time attendee: Yes ___ No ___ Rate/Rank on MASSEY _____

2017 Dues paid Yes ___ No ___ (enclose \$10.00) _____

____ Registration fee @ \$20.00 PP _____

____ Tuesday: Inner Harbor Tour & Lunch at Phillip's Seafood \$58.00 PP _____

____ Wednesday: Star Spangled Banner & Lunch at Little Italy \$65.00 PP _____

____ Thursday: USNA Annapolis tour & Lunch in Midway room \$60.00 PP _____

BANQUET Saturday evening:*

____ Grilled Sirloin Dinner ____ Baked Salmon Dinner \$40.00 PP _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP or RENEWAL USS MASSEY ASSOCIATION

(PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION EACH YEAR SO WE CAN VERIFY AND UPDATE OUR RECORDS)

Name _____ Spouse _____ Date _____
(FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST) (FIRST, M.I.)

Mailing Address _____
STREET OR PO BOX CITY STATE ZIP+4

Phone ____ - ____ - ____ Bus. ____ - ____ - ____ e-mail _____

Years On Board _____ - _____ Rank/Rate _____
(SUCH AS 58-62) (SUCH AS LT/FTG2)

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