

# USS McKean DD 784 / DDR 784 SCUTTLEBUTT

June, 2013

Newsletter Contact: 1994 Thomas Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577, 510.351.5426  
email: [joe.winkel@comcast.net](mailto:joe.winkel@comcast.net) website: <http://www.ussmckeanreunion.org/>



(J'aibon Esperance)  
"I Have Great Expectations"

***TIME IS GETTING SHORT TO SIGN UP FOR OUR NEXT REUNION  
Fri., September 20 through Sun., September 22, 2013  
SIGN UP NOW***

**Remember these important dates: July 31, 2013 is the deadline for the reunion registration fee and August 23, 2013 for the hotel reservation.**

### **Reunion Details:**

Our reunion will be held at the Red Lion Hotel (On The River), Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR.

Our rates are: (Plus taxes)  
\$99 per night for single and double occupancy  
\$109 per night for triple occupancy  
\$119 per night for quadruple occupancy

Your reservations can be made by calling call the hotel directly at 503-283-4466 or the Red Lion central reservations number at 800-RED-LION (800-733-5466). Request the USS McKean Reunion rate. Our rates have been guaranteed for up to 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion dates for those of you who may want to come early or stay longer. Our block of rooms will be held for us through 8/23/2013. After that day, our reunion room rates will be honored ONLY if there are rooms available.

The hotel imposes an EARLY DEPARTURE FEE. In the event you check out prior to your reserved

checkout date, the hotel will add an early checkout fee of \$50.00 to your account. You can avoid an early checkout fee by advising the hotel at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay. You will be reminded of this fee by the hotel upon check-in.

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Friday 9/20**

10:00 Reunion Check-In & Hospitality room opens

#### **Saturday 9/21**

08:00 Hospitality room opens

09:00 Shipmate memorial held on outside deck of Red Lion Hotel

10:15 Board the bus at the hotel and travel to Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde, OR for buffet lunch.

11:45 Buffet Lunch (Highly rated)

12:45 Board bus and travel to Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville, OR (home of the Hughes Flying Boat HK-1 Spruce Goose, a B-17 Flying Fortress, a SR-71 Blackbird, and much more)

- 13:30 Guided Tour at Evergreen Aviation Museum.
- 14:30 Self guided tour time.
- 15:30 Board bus and travel back to hotel
- 17:00 Estimated return to the hotel and dinner on your own
- 18:00 Hospitality room opens.
- 19:00 Association meeting, auction, and select the next reunion location

**Sunday 9/22**

Free day for you to sight-see until 16:30.

- 08:30 Hospitality room opens
- 16:30 Group & Couples Pictures (See Note)
- 18:00 Banquet and Guest Speaker

Note: Couples pictures will be taken immediately before the Group pictures. The charge for couple's pictures will be \$10 for an 8 x 10 photograph and collected by Joe Winkel. All pictures will be mailed to you by Joe Winkel 2 to 3 weeks after the reunion.

**REUNION REGISTRATION FEE**

The USS McKean Reunion Association registration fee this time is \$65 per person, reduced from prior reunions. Complete the attached registration form and send it along with your check to Chuck Horvath at P.O. Box 509 Nevada, MO 64772-0509 by July 31, 2013. Staying at the hotel is not required; however, attendance at the reunion requires being a member of the association and registration.

We have made contractual obligations for this reunion so we need to determine how many people will attend the reunion. Even if you haven't made reservations yet, please let Chuck Horvath or Joe Winkel know ASAP if you plan to attend. Plans can change, but we need your feedback as soon as possible. Contact Chuck at [taxshop1@aol.com](mailto:taxshop1@aol.com) or Joe at [joe.winkel@comcast.net](mailto:joe.winkel@comcast.net).

**Portland Attractions For Your Free Time**

Sunday is a free day until pictures are taken at 16:30. Portland has many local attractions that will appeal to everyone. This reunion will again be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all attendees. Here is a small list of some popular attractions:

**The Oregon Historical Society**

Founded 1898. the OHS artifacts collection is comprised of over 85,000 artifacts, including ancient objects from the earliest settlements and objects that illustrate exploration in the Oregon Country, the growth of business and industry, the development of artwork and crafts, maritime history, and many other topics.

<http://www.ohs.org/>

**Japanese Gardens**



The 5.5 acre Japanese Garden is composed of five distinct garden styles. When we enter a Japanese garden, the desired effect is to realize a sense of peace, harmony, and tranquility and to experience the feeling of being a part of nature. In a deep sense, the Japanese garden is a living reflection of the long history and traditional culture of Japan. Influenced by Shinto, Buddhist, and Taoist philosophies, there is always "something more" in these compositions of stone, water, and plants than meets the eye.

Accessibility for visitors with disabilities is limited. Please call ahead for details: (503) 223-1321

<http://www.japanesegarden.com/>

**International Rose Test Garden**



The primary purpose of this garden is to serve as a testing ground for new rose varieties. The City of Portland Gold Medal Awards are issued annually

to the best introductions. The first "Gold Medal" rose award was given in 1919, making it the oldest rose testing program of its kind in the United States. Portland is the only North American city to issue such awards. These award winning varieties are planted in the Gold Medal Garden.

<http://www.rosegardenstore.org/>

### Portland Aerial Tram



The Tram cabins travel 3,300 linear feet between the South Waterfront terminal adjacent to the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Center for Health & Healing, and the upper terminal at the Kohler Pavilion on OHSU's main campus. Traveling at 22 miles per hour, the Tram cabins rise 500 feet for the three-minute trip over I-5, the Lair Hill neighborhood and the Southwest Terwilliger Parkway.

OHSU needs to expand beyond its Marquam Hill campus to meet increased patient, education and research needs. The underused properties of South Waterfront provided a location that would keep OHSU's growth in Portland. After years of discussion and study of options to connect the upper campus with the new area, the Portland City Council adopted the Marquam Hill Plan that included the Tram as the superior system over shuttles and other alternatives to link the two areas.

<http://www.gobytram.com/>

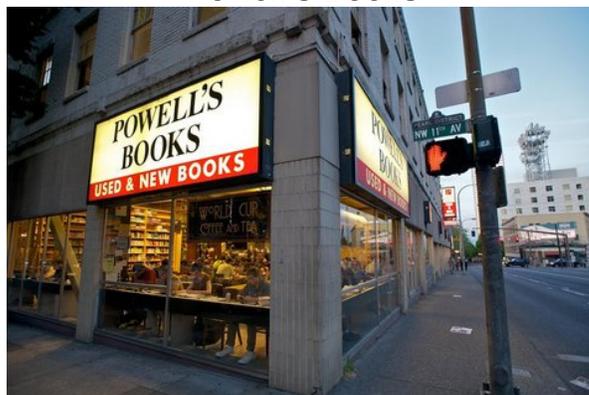
### Pittock Mansion



The Pittock Mansion was home to Portland pioneers Henry and Georgiana Pittock from 1914 to 1919. During the late 1800s and the early 1900s, their lives and work paralleled the growth of Portland from a small Northwest town site to a thriving city with a quarter million population. With its eclectic architectural design and richly decorated interior, including family artifacts, the Pittock Mansion stands today as a living memorial of this family's contributions to the blossoming of Portland and its people.

<http://www.pittockmansion.org/visit-the-mansion/>

### Powell's Books



From humble storefront beginnings in 1971 on a derelict corner of northwest Portland, Oregon, Powell's Books has grown into one of the world's great bookstores, with five locations in the Portland metropolitan area, and one of the book world's most successful dot-coms ([www.powells.com](http://www.powells.com)), serving customers worldwide.

Powell's roots began in Chicago, where Michael Powell, as a University of Chicago graduate student, opened his first bookstore in 1970. Encouraged by friends and professors, including novelist Saul Bellow, Michael borrowed \$3,000 to assume a lease on a bookstore. The venture

proved so successful that he managed to repay the loan within two months.

Michael's father Walter, a retired painting contractor, worked one summer with Michael in the Chicago store. He so enjoyed his experience that upon returning to Portland he opened his own used bookstore.

Michael joined Walter in 1979, creating a bookstore with a unique recipe that, though viewed as unorthodox, worked: Used and new, hardcover and paperback, all on the same shelf, open 365 days a year and staffed by knowledgeable and dedicated book lovers.

<http://www.powells.com>

### Pioneer Courthouse Square



Pioneer Courthouse Square, located in the heart of Downtown Portland, is an urban park affectionately known as the City's "living room." Prior to its grand opening in 1984, a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization was created to manage programming and daily operations. The non-profit advocacy groups' ongoing mission is to activate and enrich the environment of the City of Portland's premiere public Park and gathering space for the benefit of Portland's citizens and visitors. Working in partnership with the City of Portland, the non-profit organization has successfully fulfilled the Park's prominent public role with the help of community volunteers and private sector contributions. In recent years, through this unique public-private management model, the Park has been recognized as one of the most successful public spaces in the United States.

<http://www.thesquarepdx.org/>

---

### Did You Know That A USS McKean Plank Owner Was A TV & Movie Star

Tom Tryon (January 14, 1926 – September 4, 1991) was an American film and television actor, best known for playing the title role in the film *The Cardinal* (1963) and the Walt Disney television character Texas John Slaughter (1958–1961). He later became a writer and authored several science fiction, horror and mystery novels.

Tom was a plank owner on the USS McKean. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific from 1943–1946 during World War II.

### REUNION ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

#### ***2012/2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE***

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$25 ARE DUE EACH JANUARY.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
USS McKean REUNION ASSOCIATION  
NOT TO CHUCK HORVATH**

**MAIL CHECKS TO:  
CHUCK HORVATH  
NOT TO "USS McKean Reunion Association"  
P.O. Box 509  
Nevada, MO 64772**

### SHIPMATE'S SCRAPBOOK

Over the years, some of our shipmates have completed and sent a scrapbook page for our reunion scrapbook. This scrapbook is available at each of our reunions and is a huge success. If you have not sent a scrapbook entry (or would like to update yours), do so by printing and completing the **USS McKean SCRAPBOOK PAGE** at the end of this Scuttlebutt.

Please complete and send your page as soon as possible so we have it for the reunion in 2013. Use the mailing information on the page.



# USS McKean REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

( ) I WILL ATTEND THE 2013 REUNION IN PORTLAND, OR , SEPT. 20-22, 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Name Badge (Nickname) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Years on USS McKean \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (ex 1948 to 1952)

**The following person will also attend the reunion as my guest:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Name Badge (Nickname) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65.00 = Total registration fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_**

( ) I am including my USS McKean DD/DDR 784 Reunion Association dues of \$25.00.

( ) I plan on using my personal car or a rental car during the reunion. Free parking provided.

**TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(includes registration & association dues if applicable)*

---

**Make Checks Payable to: USS McKean REUNION ASSOCIATION**

**Mail Checks & Registration Forms to: Chuck Horvath, PO Box 509, Nevada, MO 64772-0509**

**Make Hotel Reservation: Red Lion Hotel (On The River), Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR. Call the hotel directly at 503-283-4466 or the Red Lion central reservations number at 800-RED-LION (800-733-5466)**