

# USS McKean DD 784 / DDR 784 SCUTTLEBUTT

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(J'aibon Esperance)  
"I Have Good Hope"  
Courtesy of George Lyons

## **ANNOUNCING THE NEXT USS MCKEAN REUNION – BRANSON, MO. SEPT., 2011**

The reunion will be held on Friday 9-23-2011,  
Saturday 9-24-2011 and Sunday 9-25-2011 at the  
Radisson Hotel Branson, Mo.

The Tentative Schedule is:

- Friday - 10:00 AM Registration and Hospitality  
Room opens.
- Saturday – 8:00 AM Hospitality Room open  
8:30 AM Board Bus to Veterans  
Memorial Museum  
10:30 AM Board Bus to Branson Belle  
Showboat  
11:30 AM McKean Memorial Service  
aboard the Branson Belle  
12:00 AM Lunch and Entertainment  
aboard the Branson Belle  
2:30 PM Board Bus to the Branson  
Landing; a 95 acre retail and  
entertainment promenade.  
There is no scheduled  
activity. This is free time.  
NOTE: Trolley service is available at  
the Landing for non-walkers.  
4:00 PM Board Bus back to Radisson  
Hotel  
7:00 PM Raffle, Auction, and Discuss  
the Next Reunion.

- Sunday - 8:00 AM Hospitality Room opens.  
Free Time Until 4:30 PM.  
4:30 PM Pictures taken  
6:00 PM Banquet and Guest Speaker

We are locked into some contractual numbers so  
we need to determine approximately how many  
people will attend the reunion. Please let Chuck  
Horvath know ASAP if you plan to attend. We  
know that your plans can change, but it gives us a  
planning estimate. Contact Chuck at e-mail  
[taxshop1@aol.com](mailto:taxshop1@aol.com) or by mail P.O. Box 509  
Nevada, MO 64772.

You can make reservations at the Radisson Hotel  
by calling 1-800-333-3333 (or 417-335-5767)  
before July 31, 2011. Specify that you are with the  
USS McKean Reunion for a special room rate of  
\$93.00 per night plus taxes. There rate is being  
offered by the hotel for up to 3 days before the  
reunion and 3 days after the reunion.

## **SHIPMATE CONTRIBUTIONS**

From Dick Shaw

This update is regarding an ongoing effort by Ken  
Sewell and others to tell the story of the USS  
McKean / Russian submarine incident during the  
Korean War.

Hi Joe:

The project is finally getting some push. Ken is planning on going to Sasebo in May. So far 6 people have signed on to go with Ken. They will rent a fishing boat and use a ROV to find the wreckage of the Russian submarine. Ken will send me updates and pictures via email as they progress. I will forward the information to those that I have email addresses for. Ken is in contact with a Canadian citizen who lives in Japan and speaks Japanese and is doing all the ground work in Japan. Joe Porter, the editor of Wreck Diving, is going on the trip. Joe has investigated many ship wrecks and has a great following in that field of underwater exploring.

Best regards,  
Dick Shaw

### **SHIPMATE CONTRIBUTIONS**

From John Thomson

#### **Historic WWII Destroyer Out of SC Dry-Dock**



Charleston, SC - After five months in dry-dock in South Carolina, repairs are complete to a World War II destroyer known as "the ship that would not die."

The Post and Courier of Charleston reports the USS Laffey left a dry-dock in North Charleston Monday and was taken to a pier at what was once the Charleston Naval Base.

Later it will be moved back to the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum in Mount Pleasant on Charleston Harbor.

The destroyer had leaks in its hull and the state last year approved a loan of more than \$9 million to help with the repairs.

The Laffey became known as "the ship that would not die" after surviving kamikaze attacks during the war.

### **SHIPMATE CONTRIBUTIONS**

From Marv Saugstad



**USS Freedom (LCS 1)**, the lead ship of the *Freedom* class of Littoral combat ships (LCS), is the third vessel of the United States Navy to be so named. She is the design competitor produced by the Lockheed Martin consortium, in competition with the General Dynamics-designed USS *Independence*. She was officially accepted by the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast on behalf of the US Navy from the Lockheed Martin/Marinette Marine/Gibbs and Cox team in Marinette, WI on 18 September 2008.<sup>[11]</sup>

She is designed for a variety of missions in shallow waters, capable against submarines and ships, as well as minesweeping and humanitarian relief. The ship is a semi-planing monohull design capable of over 45 knots (83 km/h; 52 mph).

Commissioned in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 8 November 2008, USS *Freedom* is home-ported in San Diego, California.

### **SHIPMATE CONTRIBUTIONS**

From Joe Winkel

#### **Complete Rules for Rendering Hand Salute of U.S. Flag New Law Allows Retirees and Vets to Salute Flag**

Traditionally, members of the nation's veteran's service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events

involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag.

A later amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel. This was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14, 2008.

Here is the actual text from the law:

**SEC. 595. MILITARY SALUTE FOR THE FLAG DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY VETERANS.**

Section 301(b)(1) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

“(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

“(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

“(C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart;

Note: Part (C) applies to those not in the military and non-veterans. The phrase "men not in uniform" refers to civil service uniforms like police, fire fighters, and letter carriers - non-veteran civil servants who might normally render a salute while in uniform.

**McKEAN ITEMS FOR SALE BY MAIL**

All items include shipping cost:

McKean 60th Anniversary Mug - \$8.00 each

McKean Cap (Pre-FRAM, Post-FRAM or DDR) - \$19.00 each

McKean Leather Coaster - \$4.00 each or 4 for - \$10.00

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

**USS McKean REUNION ASSOCIATION**  
*Not To "CHUCK HORVATH"*

**MAIL CHECK TO:**  
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**P.O. Box 509**  
**Nevada, MO 64772**

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**2010 Membership Dues Notice**

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

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**DO YOU HAVE WEB SITE MAINTENANCE SKILLS AND A LITTLE TIME FOR YOUR SHIPMATES? WE NEED A WEB MASTER FOR OUR WEB SITE. CONTACT JOE WINKEL FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED IN THE PAST YEAR, PLEASE SEND IT TO JOE WINKEL AT [joe.winkel@comcast.net](mailto:joe.winkel@comcast.net).**

# **USS McKEAN REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

( ) I WILL ATTEND THE 2011 REUNION in Branson, MO., Sept. 23-25, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **The following guest will also attend the reunion**

Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2 for Name Badge (Nickname) \_\_\_\_\_

Name 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Name 3 for Name Badge (Nickname) \_\_\_\_\_

Name 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Name 4 for Name Badge (Nickname) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number attending** \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$80.00 = Total registration fee enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Please add me to the USS McKean DD/DDR 784 Reunion Association. \$25.00 is enclosed.

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

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

**Make Checks Payable to: USS McKEAN REUNION ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTE: DO NOT MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHUCK HORVATH**

**Mail Checks & Registration Forms to: Chuck Horvath, PO Box 509, Nevada, MO 64772-0509**  
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**Make Your Hotel Reservation:** Call the Radisson Hotel at 1-800-333-3333 (or 417-335-5767) before July 31, 2011. Specify that you are with the USS McKean Reunion for a special room rate of \$93 /