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

NOW HEAR THIS: The 2015 USS McKean Reunion Dates Have Been Selected. We Hope You Will Reserve September 25-27, 2015 And Join Us In Indianapolis, Indiana.

MORE ON THE 2015 REUNION:

Mike Colby (1965-1967, IC3) has been working hard to find a hotel and plan events for us in Indianapolis. His efforts have paid off and we will have another excellent venue for our 2015 reunion. Our reunion will be at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46214 (www.clarionwaterfront.net).

All rooms feature cable television, coffee makers and hairdryers. Some rooms also include refrigerators and microwaves. Non-smoking rooms are available.

Additional amenities include:

- Free deluxe continental breakfast
- Free wireless high-speed Internet access
- Free newspaper
- Indoor heated pool & hot tub
- Fitness center
- Free outdoor parking

Make your reservations as soon as you possibly can by calling the Clarion Hotel at 317 299 8400.

The room rate is \$79 per night plus 17% tax.. This rate applies 9/23/15 through 9/30/15. The room rate is guaranteed until **8/23/15**. This is our cutoff date. On this date, rooms which have not been reserved will be released to the general public. Rooms will then be based on availability at the then current rate.

The times for the events on the Sat. 9/26 have not been finalized, but the itinerary for the reunion is:

Itinerary:

Friday 9/25

10:00 Reunion Check-In & Hospitality room opens

Saturday 9/26

08:00 Hospitality room opens

TBD Shipmate memorial will be conducted at either the hotel or at the Indiana War Memorial.

TBD Board the bus at the hotel and travel to the Indiana War Memorial where we will enjoy a self guided tour of the memorial.

TBD Board the bus to Shapiro's Deli and Cafeteria for lunch

TBD Board the bus and travel to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for a speedway tour and a self guided tour of the museum.

TBD Board the bus and travel back to hotel

TBD Estimated return to the hotel. You will have dinner on your own.

18:00 Hospitality room opens.

19:00 Attend the association meeting and auction.

Sunday 9/27

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 with a 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 to be collected by Joe Winkel. All pictures will be mailed to you 2 to 3 weeks after the reunion.

REUNION REGISTRATION FEE

The USS McKean Reunion Association registration fee is \$75 per person. 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, 2015. **Make your checks payable to: USS McKean REUNION ASSOCIATION.**

Staying at the hotel is not required; however, attendance at the reunion requires being a member of the association and paying the registration fee. **If you have not paid your 2014 reunion association dues, add \$15 to the check.**

We have made contractual obligations for this reunion so we need to determine how many people will attend very soon. Even if you haven't made hotel 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 or Joe at joe.winkel@comcast.net.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Indiana War Memorial and Museum

[HTTP://WWW.IN.GOV/IWM/INDEX.HTM](http://www.in.gov/iwm/index.htm)

This magnificent building has three main floors. On the upper level is the breathtaking Shrine Room. The Shrine Room, symbolizing peace and unity is made of materials from all over the world, symbolic of the world wide nature of the "Great War." The room is 110' tall and 60' square. The 24 blood red pillars made of Vermont marble support the vast ceiling. Hanging in the center of the room is the Star of Destiny made of Swedish Crystal to guide the welfare of the nation. Below that is the flag of the United States. In the center of the room, below the flag, is the Altar of Consecration, the altar to the flag. The altar inspires good citizenship and is a place to remember fallen soldiers and comrades. Those who visit the Shrine Room leave with a renewed sense of patriotism and an appreciation for the sacrifices of those who fought in the "Great War".

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The main floor houses exhibit space, the administrative offices, two meeting rooms, and the Pershing Auditorium. The meeting rooms and the auditorium are available to for public use for a nominal fee. Listed on this level are the names of all Hoosiers who participated in WW I and all Hoosiers killed or missing in action from WW II, Korea, and Vietnam.

The building also contains a free military museum that portrays the history of Indiana's gallant veterans from the Battle of Tippecanoe, through the several wars in which we have been engaged, to the present.

Among the interesting exhibits and items on display are the USS *Indianapolis* (CA-35) Gallery, numerous military firearms and uniforms, an AH-1 Cobra Attack Helicopter, and hundreds of other artifacts, photos and documents.

Saturday Lunch

<http://www.shapiros.com/menu/>

Cook good, serve generous, price modestly, and people will come." These words to live and nosh by have been the guiding philosophy of Shapiro's Delicatessen and Cafeteria since 1905. More than 2,000 customers drop in each day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner at its two locations. It is far and away Indiana's, and many would argue the Midwest's, prime forum for corned beef and pastrami piled high on rye or egg bun and for matzo ball and chicken noodle soups, and for such comfort foods as Swiss steak, baked chicken, meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, and unconscionably high-rise pies, cakes, and pastries. And it is perhaps the last Hoosier haven for smoked pickled tongue.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway & Museum

The Grounds Tour is a 90-minute tour rich in IMS history and landmarks. Knowledgeable Hall of Fame Museum staff members serve as hosts for the Grounds Tour, providing tour participants with a narrated historical journey through the decades at the "Racing Capital of the World" along with visits to notable IMS landmarks normally open only to officials, drivers and teams during events. Grounds Tour guests will visit the timing-and-scoring suite in the Pagoda, the Media Center, Victory Podium, Gasoline Alley garage area and the world-famous "Yard of Bricks" at the start/finish line. Guests also will tour the Hall of Fame Museum and enjoy a ride around the famed 2.5-mile IMS oval in one of the Museum's comfortable tour buses, culminating with a stop at the "Yard of Bricks."

REUNION ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Starting in 2014, the annual reunion association dues are \$15/yr instead of \$25/yr. We are taking this action because we believe that \$15 is adequate to fund our ongoing expenses, cover deposits for future reunions, and subsidize the registration fee for our reunions.

DID YOU KNOW

It's official: Navy leaders approved wearing ball caps with Non-Working Uniforms (NWUs) for the first time.



The new rules effective Sept., 01, 2014 will be simple by design. Local commands will make the call on whether to allow ball caps with NWUs in place of the eight-point cover. If the command gives the green light, sailors can wear the ball caps wherever they can now wear the NWU. They can be worn with the blue-and-gray, desert and woodland NWU versions.

Just a Touch of Humor

Lighthouse and A Naval Vessel Urban Legend

This is the transcript of a radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations 10-10-95.

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a Collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

Americans: This is the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln, the second largest ship in the United States' Atlantic fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. I demand that YOU change your course 15 degrees north, that's one five degrees north, or October, 2014

countermeasures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



Mitigating circumstances

Here is a shipmate photo that may interest some of you. If you have photos that you would like published in future newsletters or in the reunion scrapbook, send them to Joe Winkel.



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.

Send your page as soon as possible so we have it for the reunion in 2015. Use the mailing information on the scrapbook page.

USS McKean REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

() I WILL ATTEND THE 2015 REUNION IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN, SEPT. 25-27, 2015

Name _____

Name for Name Badge (Nickname) _____

Address _____

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

The following person(s) will also attend the reunion as my guest:

Name _____

Name for Name Badge (Nickname) _____

Total number attending _____ x \$75.00 = Total registration fee enclosed: _____

() I am including my USS McKean DD/DDR 784 Reunion Association dues of \$15.00.

() 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

To Make Hotel Reservations Call : Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46214 at 317 299 8400.

A Note About Our Auction On Saturday Night:

One of our most fun events is our auction after the association meeting. Bring a few inexpensive, fun items for the auction. Often the items are hand-made crafts or second-hand gifts. We auction them for whatever we can get and add the proceeds to our collected dues to fund expenses and future reunions. It is fun and entertaining. The items can be useful to you or bring them back to the next reunion.