

USS Aeolus 10th Reunion OCT 2013 Jacksonville FL



USS Aeolus Newsletter

NOW HEAR THIS

Ahoy there all Aeolus shipmates. It is time to gather once again for the 10th Aeolus Association Reunion. This time we will gather in Jacksonville Florida on October 16-19, 2013. This year the host hotel is the Crown Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront. Located in downtown Jacksonville, the hotel is conveniently located close to all the city has to offer.



The agenda for this reunion looks terrific. On day one we will visit the one of the most historic cities in the country, St Augustine. It was founded by the Spanish in 1565 and is the oldest continuously occupied settlement in North America. We will first tour the city, have lunch, and then you are on your own to experience the old city. Located in the center of the historic St George Street area is the Colonial Quarter. This attraction has just reopened after a complete revitalization. You can experience the nations oldest city like never before with interactive activities, living history demonstrations and graphical stories. You can engage in a musket drill, watch 16th century sailing ship being built, visit a blacksmith shop, or create a bracelet or necklace in the leather shop.



Day two we will tour the Naval Station Mayport which is one of three major Navy installations in the Jacksonville area. Mayport is unique in that it is home to a busy seaport as well as an air facility. Since its commissioning in December 1942, Naval Station Mayport has grown to become the third largest fleet concentration area in the United States. Mayports operational composition is unique, with a busy harbor capable of accommodating 34 ships and a 8000 foot runway capable of handling any aircraft in the Department of Defense inventory. After visiting the Navy base and lunch, we travel to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery for a tour. On this tour you will discover how one of Americas favorite beers is crafted by following it through the steps of the brewing process. For those of you over 21, you will have the additional opportunity taste some of the quality products in the Hospitality Room at the conclusion of the tour.

On Saturday you will be on your own but we will have additional activities available in which you can participate. The Association Banquet will be held at the hotel and Saturday evening to wrap up the reunion with a bang.

Of course as is always the case there will be a Hospitality Room at the hotel where we can mix an mingle, swap sea stories and renew old friendships.

Did you know we have a published author who served aboard the Aeolus?

That is right . Robert F. Maskell published his book "OH,FOR THE LIFE OF A SAILOR" in 2012. Bob was aboard the Aeolus from the spring of 1959 until December 1959. He picked the ship up on the west coast for the transition through the Panama Canal to Norfolk. Bob was a corpsman and retired from the Navy as a Chief. He currently resides in Attleboro, MA. In his book he covers his 27 year career beginning in the WWII and ending aboard the USS La Salle (LPD3). The following is one paragraph from the book which Bob has given us permission to reprint.

"The ship laid cable around Canada, Boston, Chesapeake Bay, Miami, Bermuda and the Bahamas while I was aboard. While we were at the pier in Argentina, with a full load of cable, one of the seaman was working atop the cable when he dropped a wrench down the center of the cable tank. It dropped down three decks, and he climbed down inside the spindle to retrieve it. He had forgotten that the air down there was unbreathable. In a couple of hours a search was undertaken to find him, and someone thought they spotted something. A BMC climbed down there, followed by another seaman. The seaman saw the chief overcome by the fumes, and climbed back out and passed the word. When I got to the scene, the rescue operation was underway, and I sent for an ambulance and a doctor. The chief was brought out and revived, and taken to the hospital. The seaman was pronounced dead at the scene. Word was passed to all of the cable layers that there was a potential hazard, and everyone agreed that we should all have already know that." This certainly goes to show that even on a ship in the service fleet, there are dangers.

Have you paid your dues?

The dues for the Aeolus Association have got to be one of the best bargains around today. The cost has not increased after all these years. It is still only \$10 per year. Please send your dues to:

USS Aeolus Association
28800 Mound Road
Warren, MI 48092

USS Aeolus Association is a non profit organization dedicated to remembering the service of the USS Aeolus (ARC-3)



IN MEMORIAM



It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of the following

Edwin Pierce Latimer, QM2 passed away on May 19, 2012. He was aboard the Aeolus 1955-1957. He was a plank owner. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, two daughters, and seven grandchildren. After leaving the Navy, Edwin (Bud) attended the University of Maryland and George Washington Law School. He was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in

At this time we have received no other notification of passing of any other shipmates. If you know of the passing of a member of the crew that we have not previously noted in these newsletter, please let

Shipmate's Remembrance.

Eldon Reich, a fellow shipmate, sent along this remembrance of his time aboard the Aeolus.

I was on the Aeolus for the last cruise the summer of 1973 doing the cable job for ENGLAND. I remember a crew member on board the tug that was working with us being injured but don't remember his rank. I know we had a pretty eventful summer with a Russian ship coming around sometimes then we would stop laying cable like they didn't know what we were doing, right. We also got in on trying to rescue a English two man sub that had sunk to the bottom of the ocean, The Brits won't let us do the actual rescue or the job probably would have been done a lot quicker, at least they would not have been down too there last few minutes of air. The good thing was after several attempts to get equipment from the Aeolus to the British mine sweeper "don't remember name" they finally got the job done.

We still need your stories and remembrances of your time aboard the Aeolus just as Eldon has done above. We know that many of you have stories that you can relate that many of your shipmates would find interesting. Just send you stories to either Mike Jarvis at jarvis@nandc.com or Tom Starling at starlingtn@gmail.com. We would appreciate hearing from you and we know you shipmates would as well.

USS Aeolus Association Tenth Reunion

Jacksonville, Florida

October 16-19, 2013

Tentative Itinerary

Wednesday October 16, 2013

5:00pm Registration & Pizza Hospitality Room

Thursday October 17, 2013

St. Augustine Historic Tour

9:15am Meet in hotel lobby
9:30am Depart hotel
10:15am Arrive St. Augustine/Commence tour
12:15pm Tour concludes
12:15pm Lunch (on your own)/shopping on historic St. George Street
3:00pm Depart St. Augustine
4:00pm Arrive hotel
7:00pm Dinner

Friday October 18, 2013

Naval Station Mayport Tour, Lunch, and Anheuser-Busch Brewery

8:30am Meet in lobby
8:45am Depart hotel
9:30am Arrive Naval Station Mayport
9:30am Base/ship tour
11:30am Lunch
1:30pm Depart Naval Station Mayport
2:15pm Arrive Anheuser-Busch Brewery
3:30pm Depart Anheuser-Busch Brewery
4:00pm Arrive hotel
7:00pm Dinner

Saturday October 19, 2013

All day on your own (We will have activities in which you can take part.)

7:00pm Cocktails
8:00pm Dinner

**REGISTRATION FORM
USS AEOLUS REUNION
October 16-19, 2013
Crowne Plaza Hotel Riverside, Jacksonville, Florida**

NAME _____

SPOUSE/COMPANION _____

RATE/RANK (WHEN ABOARD) _____

DATES ABOARD _____ to _____

SHIRT SIZES (s,m,l,xl,xxl,3x,4x) MEMBER _____ **COMPANION** _____

Registration fee of \$260.00 per person includes two day tours, dinner three nights and the hospitality suite.

Optional activities on Saturday October 19 will be priced separately.

REGISTER AND PAY BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 AND YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A RAFFLE FOR A FREE ROOM FOR THE REUNION (4 Nights).

Send Form and check for \$260.00 per attendee to:

**USS Aeolus Association
Michael Jarvis, Treasurer
28800 Mound Road
Warren, MI 48092**

(IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE 2013 REUNION PLEASE SEE THE PROXY ON THE NEXT PAGE)

U.S.S. AEOLUS (ARC-3) ASSOCIATION

(INCORPORATED IN PORTSMOUTH, NH)

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING FOR 2012

The annual general meeting of the members of the U.S.S. AEOLUS (ARC-3) Association, Inc., will be held at the Fireside Inn, Portland, Maine May 10,2012 at 7:00 PM.

DUES PAID MEMBER: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED PROXY FORM AND E-MAIL OR RETURN IT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. IT MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO OR NO LATER THEN April 15, 2012

Please send an e-mail to *mjarvis@nandc.com* (just cut and paste the proxy statement below) or mail the form to:

MICHAEL JARVIS
USS AEOLUS ASSOCIATION
28800 MOUND ROAD
WARREN, MI 48092
U.S.S. AEOLUS (ARC-3) ASSOCIATION, INC.

LIMITED PROXY FORM FOR 2013

The undersigned member (or his voting representative) of The U.S.S.AEOLUS (ARC-3) ASSOCIATION, INC., hereby constitute and appoint the officers of the association, their designee, or _____ as nominee, and proxy with powers of substitution for and in the name and place of the undersigned, to appear, represent, and cast votes in reference to all matters to come before the U.S.S.AEOLUS (ARC-3) ASSOCIATION, INC., meeting to be held at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Jacksonville, FL October 19,2013.

Member signature_____

Help!!! If you received a snail-mail copy of this newsletter and have E-Mail send your E-Mail address to *mjarvis@nandc.com* (Save us \$\$\$\$\$)!

Dues are \$10.00 per year. Please send to:

USS Aeolus Association, 28800 Mound Road, Warren, MI 48092



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Welcome to Crowne Plaza, a Jacksonville-Riverfront

Jacksonville is a place to enjoy the laid back Florida lifestyle and a bustling urban atmosphere. By staying at our downtown Jacksonville hotel, you can enjoy the best of the city, whether it's the proximity to businesses or beaches.

At the **Crowne Plaza**® Jacksonville - Riverfront hotel you can reap the benefits of being located downtown. Companies, such as GE, Stein Mart, Bank of America and CSX Corporation, are nearby, as is Baptist Medical Center. If you need to host an event, look no further than our 12,000 square feet of space. Our Business Center and perks such as a Crowne Meetings Director make us "The Place to Meet" in Jacksonville.

On the riverfront, our hotel is perfectly located for a fun vacation. Here you're just a ferry ride away from Jacksonville Landing, the home of great restaurants, shops and nightclubs. If you want sand, sun and surf, head to local beaches 18 miles away. Our Jacksonville, FL hotel's location is also just one mile from the stadium and arena that are home to the Jacksonville Jaguars and Jacksonville Suns.

Staying at our downtown Jacksonville hotel puts you in the best position to enjoy our great city, whether you're here for business or pleasure. Our amenities include an outdoor pool, 24-hour Fitness Center, Starbucks kiosk, two lounges and two restaurants including Ruth's Chris, so make your reservations today to enjoy it all!

The rates for the hotel are \$89.00 per night (\$99.00 riverfront) plus tax.

(Includes buffet breakfast and parking)

Reservations may be made on line at:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10485732

You may call the hotel at 1 800 593 5690 (Be sure to mention the USS Aeolus reunion)