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USS BRAINE DD630
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Jacksonville, FL October 20-24, 2013



2013 Reunion was held in Jacksonville, FL October 20-24. The reunion was attended by 21 crew members and many spouses, relatives and friends. We lodged at the Crowne Plaza near the Jacksonville airport. Activities included tours of St. Augustine, Mayport Naval Station and Jacksonville, and a memorial service at the Duval County Veterans Memorial Wall to remember the crew members of the USS Braine who lost their lives in service to our country. Many enjoyable hours were spent reminiscing and stretching the truth in the hospitality room at the hotel. A business meeting was held on the last morning. Jim Rountree retired his gavel after leading us for 14 of the past 15 years and passed the presidency to a volunteer— Joe Lowery. The membership again voted on the location of the next reunion and chose Philadelphia, PA. On the final night we enjoyed a banquet, which included the traditional fundraising raffle hosted by Stanley Gold. When you visit the USS Braine Reunion Association Facebook page you will see many of the photos taken throughout the reunion.

2015 Reunion— Philadelphia, PA

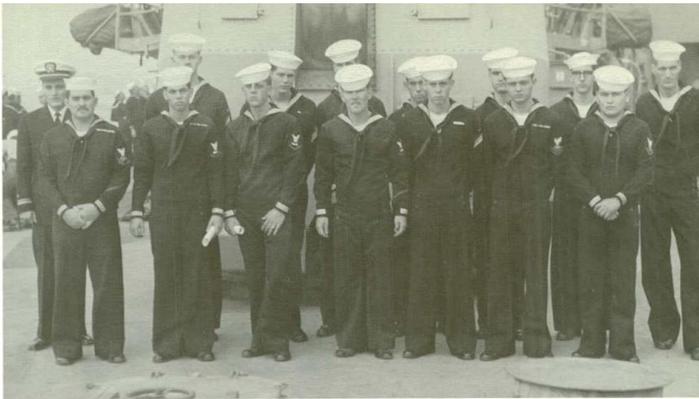
Arrangements are underway for our 2015 Reunion in Philadelphia, PA. Come visit the birthplace of our nation! Stand where the Founders declared our independence. The reunion will be held May 31 through June 4. Come have a good time and bring a great gift or two for the Stanley Gold Fundraising Raffle.



The ship's website, USSBRAINEDD630.COM, has been modified so that crew members, family and friends can register, create a profile, send messages to other registered users and post photographs, old and new. The profiles will help the Reunion Association to maintain complete and current contact information on its members. The site is private and maintained by our organization. Please visit the website and register at your first opportunity. The website has loads of historical information, a list of active and deceased crew members and loads of photographs. There are currently 24 registered members and the website has been visited more than 729 times in the last two months.

There are two other websites that you should check out and perhaps join. Both are Facebook Group pages. The USS Braine Sailors has 39 members. The USS Braine Reunion Association has 23 members. You have to be a Facebook user in order to join either of the groups. If you are or become a Facebook user you can join either group by requesting membership on the group pages.

Recently, Richard Kirkland and Steve Conrad suggested that we all post pictures from our Navy days and some current photos. It appears that nobody has responded (including myself). We all enjoy the old photos and current photos can bring us up to date on you, your family and your interests. If you don't know how to upload photos to the websites, Richard and Steve have volunteered to help and/or do it for you. Dig into those musty photo archives and put them online for everyone to enjoy.



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Everett, WA— Summer 1967. My eternal gratitude to the person who decided that our ship would spend a week in Everett, WA. Some locals invited me, Pat Ryan and Jerry Cathey to a party that lasted for 3 days. What did you do in Everett? Share your memories online. Bring those good times back to life!



Membership Contact List Update!

I have included a contact information form in this newsletter. Please complete and return it to me as soon as possible. You can cut it out and mail it, fax it or scan it and email it. This is not for crew members only. Everyone who wants to receive the Braine Waves Newsletter in the future must complete and return this form. Identify the method by which you prefer to receive future newsletters: US mail, email or fax. If you prefer receiving the newsletter via US mail, don't feel compelled to select a different option. This is not an attempt to replace the physical newsletter with an email.

If you have any ideas for improving this newsletter or the ship's websites, PLEASE don't hesitate to submit them. You can mail them to me directly along with the contact information form or submit them online at one of the ship's websites. My objective is to increase communication between all members. I look forward to hearing from all of you!

There are a few inquiries about deceased shipmates by their relatives on the Tin Can Sailors website. They are interested in learning more about their father, grandfather or uncle and their experiences while in the Navy. Please visit the registry (http://www.destroyers.org/smrdd/USS_Braine.html) and respond to any of the requests if you have knowledge of any of those crewmembers.

The homepage of the ship's website, ussbrainedd630.com, has had 729 visitors in the last two months. That doesn't include visitors that went directly to the photo albums or any of the other pages. That's a pretty good turnout and it could be better. If you haven't been there, read the history and viewed the many photos, I recommend that you do. It will bring back a lot of memories...good memories.

Deceased Shipmates

RADM Paul K. Arthur, USNR (Ret)	ETN3	1952-1953
John C. Duhon	BTFN	1955-1959
John V. Harris, Jr.	QM3	1943-1946
David Carroll Powell, USN (Ret)	RMCM	1961-1963

Obituaries can be seen online at the USS Braine Reunion Association's Facebook Page

Member Information. Return to Joe Lowery, 106 Allison Drive, Fountain Inn, SC 29644 or email to joe_lowery_98@yahoo.com or fax to 914-214-5481

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