USS ESSEX LHD-2 Memorial Plaque

To all USS ESSEX Shipmates, we are currently in the planning process of dedicating a plaque at the Navy Memorial in Washington DC on Thursday 21 September at 1:00 PM for the USS ESSEX LHD-2. This plaque will be placed next to the existing USS ESSEX CV/CVA/CVS-9 plaque currently on display at the Navy Memorial.

The ESSEX Association currently has a fundraiser underway to help pay for this project. There is also funding that is taking place through the sales of dedicated “Challenge Coins” in the Ship’s Store, Direct Donations or PayPal donations via the Association website. Information online is at:
www.ussessexassociation.com/plaque

During this year’s reunion in Chesapeake VA, the USS ESSEX LHD-2 Shipmates are planning the trip up to Washington DC and attend the enshrinement ceremony on behalf of all LHD-2 crewmembers past and present. Anyone attending the Reunion who wishes to go to the Navy Memorial ceremony or just visit and spend the day in Washington DC is welcome. Tom Ferelli is currently coordinating this effort and negotiating with the bus tour companies in the Norfolk VA area.

This will be an all day trip. The initial cost proposal is being negotiated for a 32 or 38 passenger bus. We can get a larger bus if needed or have enough interest. Right now, the starting estimate is $48.00 per person for the bus lease. We would like a response by JULY 1st to be in the position to reserve a bus and place a deposit down based upon the number of people interested. Contact Tom Ferelli at email: tferelli@gmail.com, or text/call 602-882-0375. Thank You!
NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

We have designed the Buccaneer to provide you with as much information, news, humor and coming events as possible. This is your newsletter so please forward us feedback as to articles and material you would like to see.

We will keep all future issues to a maximum of 16 pages or less. This will keep our postage expenses to a minimum. With a tighter format, while using the front and back cover to eliminate wasted space, we should have as much if not more material to present to the reader.

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PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO EUGENE SCHMIDT
HIS ADDRESS IS ON THE BACK COVER OF THIS PUBLICATION

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The butterfly is a symbol of Christ’s resurrection. The beautiful butterfly rising from its old cocoon reminds us we are of the new life that is ours in Christ. It is with this thought that we must realize that spring is, not far away. The damage from unusual storms across the country causing property damage and loss of life is a fact that many people will have to contend with as time goes on. It is, however, a time of a new beginning as we celebrate the Easter Season. We need to reach out to our friends who are not as fortunate as us. A hello, a ride to the grocery store or a visit to check on their well-being can mean so much to someone who feels they have no place or someone to turn to. To enjoy another springtime with new flowers, plants and new leaves on the trees, spring time is nature’s way to make us appreciate what we can see in this great country.

The Jelly Bean Prayer
Red is for the Blood he gave
Green is for the grass he made
Yellow is for the sun so bright
Orange is for the edge of night
Black is for the sins we make
White is for the grace he gave
Purple is for his hour of sorrow
Pink is for our new tomorrow
A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet is a prayer, a promise, and a special treat.
Happy Easter, God Bless you and God Bless America

Bob Nause Chaplain

FROM THE EYES OF THE CHAIRMAN

It is mid-February as I write, winter comes and goes and comes
Again planning for the September reunion in Chesapeake, VA.
Continues the area abounds in history, Jamestown, Yorktown, Colonial Williamsburg, Fort Monroe. Norfolk Naval Base, the Battleship Wisconsin, Gen. Douglas MacArthur crypt and museum and a fantastic War Bird Airfield and Museum are some of the tour possibilities. They actually fly these historic planes. You cannot miss this reunion; plan now to attend.
Gordon Kreiner
Chairman
48th USS ESSEX Association Reunion

Our 2017 reunion will be held at the Delta by Marriott Chesapeake Hotel located at 725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320 the week of September 18 to September 24, 2017. To make your Hotel reservations please call the Marriott Chesapeake Direct at 757.523-1500 or their Central reservation at 888.245-2617 or you can book on line by clicking the link on the Essex web site. You MUST indicate the group name USS ESSEX Association in order to receive the group rate. Once you have made your Airline Reservations – Call the Hotel & advise Terrie Chamblee of your Arrival Date, Time & Flight Number along with your Departure Date, Time & Flight Number. This way she can complete all the transportation arrangements for your arrival.

Our room rate is $109.00 a night plus tax which includes Breakfast for Two, Transportation To & From the Norfolk, VA Airport and Hotel Parking. The Breakfast Buffet; will be from the Hotel Menu up to $12.00 per person, varied menu. For the three items that are above $12.00 you will have to pay the difference, unless the hotel decides to have a full Breakfast Buffet; they are waiting to see what our numbers will be. Note: Gratuity is not included when ordering from the menu. Please make your Hotel Reservations & the Reunion Brat Registrations Early.

The Hotel is about 20 minutes from the Norfolk, VA Airport (Airport code is “ORF”). If you are using a computer to search for Airfare you can try KAYAK.COM to search numerous airlines at one time. When you select an airline it automatically switches you to that airline to make your reservation. Note: Southwest Airlines does not participate in Kayak. After landing and picking up your luggage, call the Hotel for pick up and they will advise you where to get your transportation to the hotel.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening we will have a specialty food night. Tuesday we will be having Fish & Chips @ $16.00 P.P. and on Wednesday it will be Pork Sliders with Cole Slaw @ $15.00 P.P. The above prices have been reduced because the association is paying part of the cost for both of these dinners and will also provide dessert afterwards. We will NOT have a Saturday night dinner at the Hotel this year, but I am looking at a Dinner Cruise for Saturday night. We are trying something new; as you see above we are having two specialty food nights.

After there is 15% discount in the hotel restaurant this year, except for breakfast, which is Included in your room rate. There are no restaurants within walking distance. However, there are a number or restaurants within a mile and a half of the Hotel.

NOTE: You can cancel your Hotel reservation up to 24 hours before your check in time & date. Also, when booking your airfare on the computer and you’re satisfied with the price there is a box at the end to purchase insurance, it’s up to you.

NOTE: For Tour #7 if the U.S. Navy turns down our request to visit an LHD, we will replace it with another tour. Please fill out your registration form completely and mark all your choices.

The following is a list of the tours that are being planned at this time.
1- Military Aviation Museum
2- Colonial Williamsburg (Lots of walking)
3- Visit an LHD at the Naval Base
4- Colonial Yorktown & Jamestown (Lots of walking)
5- Douglas MacArthur Memorial & a Brewery
6- Nauticus Museum & the USS Wisconsin
7- The Harbor Dinner Cruise

Dan Genet
Reunion Coordinator
PLAN OF THE WEEK

USS ESSEX (CV/CVA/CVS-9/LHD-2, INC.)

48th ANNUAL REUNION

Delta by Marriott Chesapeake Hotel, Chesapeake, VA

SEPTEMBER 18 – 24, 2017

Monday, September 18, 2017

0800 “Now hear this” – Set the watch, Hoist the Welcome Banner, Stand by to receive guests to the 48th Annual USS ESSEX Reunion in Chesapeake, VA

1000 – 1200 Registration and Tour Packets table will be in front of the Hospitality Room

0900 – 2300 Hospitality Room, (Bar open, If someone is available to tend bar while touring)

1330 – 1700 Tour #1, Aviation Museum

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

0700 – 0745 Registration and Tour Packets table will be in front of the Hospitality Room

0900 – 1730 Tour #2, Colonial Williamsburg Lunch will be on your own

1300 – 1700 Tour #3, Nauticus Museum and USS Wisconsin

1830 – 2000 Fish & Chips Night, Hospitality Room

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

0900 – 1000 Registration and Tour Packets table will be in front of the Hospitality Room

0900 – 2300 Hospitality Room, (Bar open, If someone is available to tend bar while touring)

0830 – 1130 Annual Board of Directors Meeting

1300 – 1700 Tour #4, Colonial Jamestown & Yorktown Lunch Included – Mark Choice

1800 – 2000 Tour #5, Navy Memorial, Washington DC to dedicate the LHD-2 plaque

Thursday, September 21, 2017

0715 – 0745 Registration and Tour Packets table will be in front of the Hospitality Room

0900 – 2300 Hospitality Room, (Bar open, If someone is available to tend bar while touring)

0800 – 1730 Tour #6, MacAuthur Memorial & a Local Brewery Meals on your own

1200 – 1830 Hospitality Room – will open following the Auction

1915 – 2300 Ladies Auction; Starting at 1600 you may bring in your items to be Auctioned

Friday, September 22, 2017

0900 – 1000 Registration and Tour Packets table will be in front of the Hospitality Room

0900 – 1200 Members General Business Meeting “Show membership card for admission”

1300 – 1700 Tour #7, MacAuthor Memorial & a Local Brewery Meals on your own

1200 – 1830 Hospitality Room – will open following the Auction

1915 – 2300 Ladies Auction; Starting at 1600 you may bring in your items to be Auctioned

Saturday, September 23, 2017

0930 – 1030 Memorial Service

1245 – 1630 Tour #7, Visit an LHD that is in Port and Norfolk Navel base

1840 – 2230 Tour #8, Bus leaves Hotel ON TIME for the Dinner Cruise

Sunday, September 24, 2017

0800 Farewell to Shipmates and Friends until next year.
2017
USS ESSEX REUNION
CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2017

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IS THIS YOUR FIRST REUNION? (YES OR NO) ____
Pleasing list any special needs __________________________
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY __________________________

REGISTRATION FEES
NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE _____ X $25 = _____
TUESDAY ~ FISH & CHIPS NIGHT _____ X $16 = _____
WEDNESDAY ~ BBQ PORK SLIDER NIGHT _____ X $15 = _____

TOURS
TOUR #1 ~ MONDAY ~ AVIATION MUSEUM _____ X $41 = _____
TOUR #2 ~ TUESDAY ~ COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG _____ X $76 = _____
TOUR #3 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ USS WISCONSIN & NAUTICUS MUSEUM _____ X $38 = _____

PLEASE SELECT TOUR 4 OR 5 - YOU CANNOT DO BOTH TOURS - SEE TOUR DESCRIPTIONS
TOUR #4 ~ THURSDAY ~ YORKTOWN & JAMESTOWN & LUNCH _____ X $69 = _____

LUNCH SELECTION: HAMBURGER ____ CHEESEBURGER ____ JUMBO HOTDOG ____
TURKEY CHEDDAR SANDWICH ____ HAM & SWISS SANDWICH ____ CHEF SALAD
CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD ____ TUNA SALAD SANDWICH ____ CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH ____
TOUR #5 ~ THURSDAY ~ WASHINGTON DC DEDICATION TOUR _____ X $50 = _____
TOUR #6 ~ FRIDAY ~ MACARTHUR MEMORIAL & BREWERY _____ X $33 = _____
TOUR #7 ~ SATURDAY ~ LHD TOUR _____ X $23 = _____

REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR THE LHD & BASE TOUR ACCESS
LEGAL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) ______________________________________ DOB (MM/DD/YEAR) ____________
DRIVER’S LICENSE# ___________________________ STATE ISSUED ___________________________
LEGAL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) ______________________________________ DOB MM/DD/YEAR) ____________
DRIVER’S LICENSE# ___________________________ STATE ISSUED ___________________________

TOUR #8 ~ SATURDAY ~ DINNER CRUISE _____ X $94 = _____
TOTAL INCLOSED $ _____

PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 18, 2017

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:
THE REUNION BRAT 16817 MOUNTAIN SIDE DRIVE EAST GREENWATER, WA 98022

• Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by August 23, 2017.
• A $20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event.
• Cancellations received within 15 days of the event will be non-refundable. All payments have been made to all vendors.
• Call the Delta by Marriott Chesapeake Hotel at 757-523-1500 as soon as possible to make your room reservations. Room reservations must be made no later than August 18, 2017. Be sure to mention you are with the USS Essex Association Reunion to receive your group room rate of $109 plus tax per night. Breakfast and airport shuttle are included in the room rate.
• Depending on availability the room rates are available 3 days prior to and after your reunion should you choose to extend your stay.

WE’LL SEE YOU SOON IN CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA
TOURS

★ FOR ALL TOURS PLEASE BE AT BUS DEPARTURE LOCATION 15 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED TOUR TIMES

Tour #1 ~ Aviation Museum ~ Monday September 18th ~ 1330-1700
The Military Aviation Museum is home to one of the largest private collections of World War I and World War II era military aircraft in the world. Each has been beautifully restored to its prior military condition, using original parts whenever possible.

Tour #2 ~ Colonial Williamsburg ~ Tuesday September 19th ~ 0800-1730
Discover Colonial Williamsburg on a 3 hour guided walking tour and become a citizen of the Revolutionary City. Engage with the local community and experience firsthand the daily struggles of wartime. Meet the townspeople, trades people, shopkeepers, political figures, women, and the enslaved who call Williamsburg home—and learn of their hopes, struggles, and fears in these uncertain times. As you explore the challenges of daily life set against the backdrop of revolution. After the guided tour you will have time for lunch on your own.

★ YOU WILL NEED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN TOUR 4 AND TOUR 5. THEY OVERLAP EACH OTHER.

Tour #3 ~ USS Wisconsin, Nauticus Museum ~ Wednesday September 20th ~ 1300-1700
Nauticus is a world-class Naval Museum attraction with interesting, engaging and interactive maritime exhibits which features a large collection of naval artwork, ship models and underwater artifacts. Also part of Nauticus is the USS Wisconsin. The Wisconsin is one of the largest and last battleships to be built by the U.S. Navy.

Tour #4 ~ Jamestown & Yorktown Victory Center ~ Thursday September 21st ~ 0800-1730
Take a guided tour of historic proportions at Jamestown Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center – two living-history museums that explore the story of America’s beginnings, from the founding of America’s first permanent English colony in 1607 to the Revolution and the establishment of a new nation almost two centuries later. Discover artifact-filled exhibition galleries and take part in activities in outdoor living history areas to learn about life in the 17th and 18th centuries. Lunch is included. This tour has a lot of walking.

Tour #5 ~ Washington DC & Navy Memorial ~ Thursday September 21st ~ 0800-2000
Take a scenic drive through Virginia and into our Nation’s Capital in Washington DC. This is an all day tour. This tour encompasses two distinct features. First; The USS ESSEX LHD-2 Plaque dedication at the Navy Memorial. Then we will tour the US Navy Memorial where all Ships/Squadrons and Individuals are enshrined. The USS ESSEX CV/CVA/CVS-9 is also on display there. Secondly a unique chance for those folks who have never been to our Nation’s Capital to visit some of its historic sites such as the Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institute, WWII and Vietnam Memorial to mention just a few. Travel time is 3-1/2 hrs each way.

Tour #6 ~ MacArthur Memorial & Local Brewery ~ Friday September 22nd ~ 1300-1700
The MacArthur Memorial is a museum and research center dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the life of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. The Memorial also pays tribute to the millions of men and women who served with General MacArthur in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Situated in downtown Norfolk, VA the Memorial consists of a museum, archive and research center, education center, theater, welcome center, and a gift shop. A visit to the Memorial will allow you to explore the life of one of America’s greatest and most complex leaders. Next we will do a tour and beer tasting at the Big Ugly Brewery. The Big Ugly Brewery was the first microbrewery in Chesapeake, VA. They brew big, bold, brews for Hampton Roads’ beer lovers. Their flagship beer is a Russian Imperial Stout.

Tour #7 ~ LHD Tour ~ Saturday September 23rd ~ 1245-1630
We will tour a LHD that is in port and have a short naval base tour.

Tour #8 ~ Spirit of Norfolk Dinner Cruise ~ Saturday September 23rd ~ 1840-2230
Come aboard the Spirit of Norfolk for the perfect mix of dining, entertainment and views. Cruising from Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk you will enjoy amazing views of the mighty Atlantic Fleet while cruising along the Elizabeth River during dinner aboard the Spirit of Norfolk.
POSTED BY: TOM PHILPOTT   JANUARY 12, 2017 Military Update: After two years of study and debate, the Department of Defense has made a policy change, effective next November, to allow 16 million honorably discharged veterans to shop online for discounted military exchange products. Peter K. Levine, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, signed a memorandum Wednesday announcing the benefit expansion, effective Veterans’ Day Nov. 11, and giving Congress the required 30 days’ notice before actions begin to implement the plan. Months of preparation are needed to make e-shopping portals more robust and to allow the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) time to create software for verifying veterans’ status using Department of Veterans Affairs records. Several million vets already are eligible to shop in exchanges — on base or online — because they are active or reserve component retirees, or 100-percent disabled from service-connected injuries or ailments, or Medal of Honor recipients.

Thomas C. Shull, chief executive officer of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, led a three-year quest to expand online exchange shopping to all honorably-discharged veterans with access to computers. It cited two reasons. One was to reward their service with exchange product savings that, on average, will be near to 20 percent versus commercial department store prices when military exemption from state and local sales tax are considered too. Shull’s other purpose was to increase exchange revenues to help offset troubling declines due to the drawdown of active duty forces, base closures and the end of military tobacco discounts for the higher priority of healthier populations.

The Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard exchange services joined Shull and AAFES in pushing for the shopping benefit expansion. They worked with Levine’s office and with resale board executives in refining the proposal. The online benefit does not extend to veterans’ dependents, although spouses and family members theoretically could use the authorized customer’s log-in credentials, given the nature of an online shopping benefit. Exchange officials project that expanding online shopping will result in $1.8 million in added annual fixed costs to handle the larger customer base. However, they also project added sales and revenue, which will more than offset any added operating or order-fulfillment costs. Higher net earnings are seen boosting exchange dividends to support on-base morale, welfare and recreational activities. With DMDC verifying shopper identifies electronically, the department will not have to produce special identification cards. DMDC estimates that 13 percent of eligible veterans, primarily those who served before 1981 might not be in their data base when the shopping benefit becomes available. Presumably guidance will be issued for veterans who might have access problems initially. Defense officials believe they have mitigated concerns previously raised on expanding the exchange benefit. These included worries it would dilute the benefit for currently authorized patrons, increase appropriated funding costs, reduce state and local tax revenues for civilian communities and harm commercial retailers. An audit of public comments to earlier news articles on the plan showed 90 percent support for veterans online shopping.

Also, the online benefit should have no impact need for taxpayer support of certain exchange operations. Total sales are expected to climb annually by from $185 million to $525 million. But that range is viewed as insignificant against $300 billion in online sales reported across the retail industry, thus muting complaints retailers. The four exchange services are to maintain independent websites and separate online portals to the selection of goods they offer. But for verifying eligibility to shop, online shoppers might have a “common landing page.” The business case for expanding the online benefit calls it “a low-risk, low-cost opportunity” to better fund morale, welfare and recreation programs and quality of life activities. It also notes that smaller percentages of recently discharged veterans are serving until retirement to qualify for base shopping, yet a higher proportion of them probably had multiple tours deployed, often to war.

The Veterans Online Shopping Benefit will help to recognize the contributions of all who served, the business case argues, while strengthening the online benefit to better serve current patrons. The veterans are expected to at least double exchanges’ online presence, which will help attract better terms from vendors, more competitive merchandise assortments and improved efficiencies. Exchanges project $18 million to $72 million in new annual earnings when the online operation is fully matured. Half of the added earnings typically would be distributed as higher dividends to MWR programs, which have come under budget pressure as the services divert funds to more immediate readiness needs. The Veterans Canteen Service, which sells products to veterans under authority of VA, is weighing the idea of establishing its own online retail presence. AAFES had reached out to the canteen service about a joint venture online, but the VCS opted to “go it alone,” according to AAFES documents. That is not seen as impacting the future success of the Veterans Online Shopping Benefit.

The four exchange services reached agreement last year on how to divide revenue from the online purchases, in part by using zip codes of buyers to estimate their service affiliations. They have been eyeing a “soft launch” of the expanded online benefit to segments of vets by mid-2017 to gauge demand and test system capabilities including the process to verify veteran status before the full launch.

The more highly prized commissary benefit isn’t being opened to all veterans. Current exchange patrons won’t see more store traffic and discounts for exchange shopping on base are expected to remain higher than savings online. These factors helped to persuade major military associations to back the initiative.

Proponents were anxious to see the initiative approved before the Obama administration ends Jan. 20 to avoid having to reargue its merits to new leaders. Military exchanges acknowledge that they are losing sales to popular online sites such as Amazon, particularly as military patrons grow increasingly comfortable with using smart phones and tablets to shop.
### ASSETS

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### INCOME

**Dues** $5980.88
**Donations** $1240.00
**Ship Store** $4671.00
**Registration** $25.00
**Tours** $381.00
**Banquet** $0.00
**Auction** $2,039.00
**Hospitality Room** $556.00
**Life Membership** $0.00
**Income on Investment** $4.57
**Miscellaneous** $3,503.15

**Total Income** $18,400.60

**Expenses**

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Prepared By Robert Peters, Treasurer
USS ESSEX ASSOCIATION
DUES NOTICE

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE USS ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Annual Dues are due on 01 of January each year. This includes three copies of our Buccaneer.
Please complete and mail the form below (or a copy) to receive proper credit. Please note that all dues will now be sent to the Assistant Treasurer. Please make checks and money order payable to the USS ESSEX Assn. DO NOT MAKE IT PAYABLE TO BOB PETERS, BRUCE SIMS OR EUGENE SCHMIDT.

Membership cards will be issued and mailed by the Secretary.

Please check here □ only if this is a changes in your, address, phone, or email address.
Remember, most of the time your phone # will change also when you move.

Name _________________________________________________________________
Street Address___________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip___________________________________________________________
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Please circle for years paid – 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Annual Dues for _____ Years @ $25.00 per year $ __________
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Mail to:

USS ESSEX ASSN ASST. TREASURER
EUGENE SCHMIDT
3823 WYOMING AVE SW
WYOMING MICHIGAN 49519-3659
616-534-7170

OR PAY Online at www.ussessexassociation.com
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Name________________________________Street/Apt.___________________________
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Please make check payable to: USS ESSEX ASSN. and send it to Assistant Treasurer,
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Thank You
(All donations will go into the general fund unless noted) Donation $___________

Notice*******************************************************************************
This is to remind everyone that the April issue of the Buccaneer will be emailed by the editor (Tony and
Maria) to all that have valid email addresses. Remember, from the December issue our notice of
same. We will only have 100 copies printed to be mailed by the secretary to those that request same and
do not have a valid email address. Left overs of any copies will be at the reunion for your convenience.

Therefore, if you don't have a valid email address established with our editor or haven't requested a
mailing from the secretary you probably won't receive one.
WELCOME ABOARD

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TAPS

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SICK BAY

Chuck McCammon  very ill/on oxygen  Reported by Bruce Sims

Changes to the Roster for 4/2017

Blaine Shull      3620 Dragonfly Drive #105 Thousand Oaks CA. 91360 e mai,cbshull@gmail.com
William E Arkin   warkin@yahoo.com

OOPS! Correction of Willie E. Tabor, not William
Misspelling, Correction -Eleanor J. Sakris

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LHD-2 Ship Cap __ x $20.00 = $
CV-9 Cap __ x$20.00 = $
CVA-9 __ x$20.00 = $
CVA-9 Ribbon Bar __ x$20.00 = $

CVS-9 Cap __ x $20.00 = $
CVS-9 Ribbon Bar __ x$20.00 = $
CV-9/WWII 1941-45 __ x$20.00 = $
Navy Veteran Cap __ x$20.00 = $
Marine Veteran  __ x$20.00 = $

USS Essex LHD-2 $20.00 = $
CV-9 Veteran Cap Large print __ x$20.00 = $
CVS-9 –Large print Large __ x$20.00 = $
CVA-9 Large print Large Print __ x$20.00 = $

License Plate Frame with CV & LHD $8.00
16oz Navy Travel tumbler $15.00
16oz USS Essex Travel tumbler $15.00
16oz LHD-2 Travel tumbler $15.00
SHIP’S STORE ORDER FORM REVISED 1/2015

**PLEASE INDICATE SIZE***

PAGE 2 OF 3

Blue Golf /Navy
$23.00
size____

Blue USS Essex t-shirt
$16.00
size____

Sweatshirt
$27.00
size____

Blue USS Essex Jacket
$52.00
size____

White USS Essex Golf shirt
$23.00
size____

Ladies Golf Shirt /white
Black lettering $26.00
size____

Ladies Golf Shirt /Red
Black lettering $26.00
size____

Men’s Blueberry Polo
$28.00
size____

Zippo Lighters
$15.00
Brass/Silver

Lapel pin CV9/LHD2
$15.00

Challenge coins $11.00
(Plaques not included)

Tote Bag $11.00

CV-9 cap pin $11

****** I am OUT OF STOCK on BLUE Polo Shirts and ADULT T-Shirts. Please call or email Ship’s Store for Merchandise updates BEFORE you order any items in Question. ******

*ALL PRICES INCLUDE USPS MAIL SHIPPING FEES*

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## USS ESSEX SHIP’S STORE

(REVISED Jan. 2015) Please, Use ONLY This Form To Order

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**Total:** ____/____

Name: __________________________
Address: ________________________
Apt/Suite/Lot#: (if applicable) ____
City: ______________ State: _______
Zip Code: _______ Phone#: _______
Email address: __________________

Ordering Instructions:

1. Indicate the quantity and price of each item ordered.
2. Indicates what size(s) needed on Clothing items.
3. Include your contact information email or Phone number.
4. Make all checks payable to: USS ESSEX ASSOCIATION
5. MAIL the ORDER Form/Check to the Storekeeper:

Thomas C Ferelli
19808 N43rd Lane
Glendale, AZ 85308-7390
Email: agcret@cox.net
Phone/Text to: 602-882-0375

PayPal is now accepted at the Ship’ Store for purchase.

All Ship’s Store transaction shall be done through the www.ussexassociation.com website only. Customers will continue to have the option of printing out and mailing the check /money order along with the printed for as before. For those shipmates who prefer to use a credit card through the PayPal cart option now have that choice as well. NO PREVIOUS Editions of the Ship’s Store order forms will be accepted. Contact the Ship’ Store at tomp@ussexassociation.com for any questions.

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USS ESSEX ASSOCIATION
DUES NOTICE
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Mail to: EUGENE SCHMIDT 3823 WYOMING AVE. SW, WYOMING MI 49519-3659
Please check here only if this is a change in your address, phone number or email address. Remember, most of the time your phone # will also change when you move.

Name ____________________________________________
Street Address _______________________________________
City / State / Zip _____________________________________
Phone # ___________________________________________ Email Address ________________________________
(Please circle the appropriate year you’re paying)
2016, 2017 Other (Explain Below)

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