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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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

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**Note:** All photos, prints articles, biographies, events, naval newsletters, humor, cartoons, and all other newsworthy material should be sent to the editor as clearly and comprehensive as possible. All material forwarded for publication will be used when space and time permits.

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**2018 DUES ARE DUE!**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO**

**EUGENE SCHMIDT**

His address is on the back cover of this publication.

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- Last day of October for December issue.
- Last day of February for April issue.
- Last day of June for August issue.

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Chaplains Message

Our faith is what keeps us going aging is a part of life’s experience. We need to do good deeds while we are here. Doing simple things like saying hello, holding a door for someone, volunteering at church or elderly centers are some examples. I am wishing all of our shipmates the best of health and happiness. Have a safe and happy summer. God bless you!

Prayer for our troops:
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our times of need. God bless them, God bless America and keep our troops safe.

Chaplain
Bob Nause

FROM THE EYES OF THE CHAIRMAN
The year has gone by faster than we realized, now is the time to get your Essex paperwork to the reunion chairman, don’t pass this opportunity to attend the Las Vegas Reunion.

Gordon Kreiner
Chairman

A proud moment for Norm Thompson’s Family.....

Congratulations! To Jeffrey Doty his grandson winner of the 101st Western Junior Golf Tourney ...way to go!

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### Summary

- Total Income: $11,947.00
- Total Expenses: $5,193.67
- Total Income (loss): $6,753.33

Prepared by Robert Peters, Treasurer
49th USS ESSEX Association Reunion UPDATE

Our 2018 reunion will be held at Bally’s Hotel and Casino located at 3645 Las Vegas Blvd, South Las Vegas, NV 89109 the week of Sunday August 26th, 2018 to Saturday September 1st, 2018. To make your Hotel reservations call Bally’s direct at 1-702-967-4111 or 1-877-603-4390. You MUST indicate the “GROUP CODE” SBUEA8 for the USS ESSEX Association in order to receive the group rate. Choose either a King or 2 queen room for the Jubilee tower.

NOTE: The Hotel cut-off date is JULY 25th 2018. You will not get a room after that date unless Bally’s has room availability. We will also have a dedicated online reservations link for Bally’s is posted on the www.ussessexassociation.com website.

RATES: Our negotiated room rate for Sunday through Thursday is $79.37 which includes a discounted resort fee and tax. Friday and Saturday night is $144.00 a night with fee discount plus tax. If you add the room rates for six (6) nights (Sunday night to Friday night checking out on Saturday morning) that comes to an average of $ 93.35 a night. **Bally’s Hotel will also include two FREE breakfast buffet tickets for the Paris-Le Village Buffet per room, per day for those who are registered with the Essex Association. Registration with the Association is required.

Hospitality Room will be located in one of the CELEBRITY SUITES of the Jubilee Tower Meeting Room Events will be located on the Casino Level in the Las Vegas 1-2 rooms.

PARKING: Self-parking has been discounted at $5.00 a day. Valet parking is available for $18.00 per day.

TRANSPORTATION/HOTEL SHUTTLE: Arrivals at Terminal #1, will exit at Door # 9, turn left and proceed to the Gray Line Kiosk and purchase your transportation voucher to Bally’s. Arrivals at Terminal #3 will exit at Door #52 and proceed to the Grey Line Kiosk. As of July 2018 the price was $8.00 per person each way. You can purchase a round trip voucher or one way ticket and schedule your return trip later. Hotel Shuttles take approximately 25 to 45 minutes depending upon how many stops it makes. UBER is also available and is reasonable.

SCHEDULED TOURS: Tour #1 Hoover Dam and Ventano Italian Kitchen. Tour #2 Atomic and Mob Museum tours. Tour #3 Pahrump Valley Winery. Tour #4 Grand Canyon West Rim tour. TOUR CUT OFF date is 31st of JULY. NO EXCEPTIONS. Per tour operator.

Reunion update: We are 100% booked at Bally’s but still taking hotel RESERVATIONS until the 25th of July. Tours are almost full so do not procrastinate. NO Pace Makers or Heart Valve/Condition people are allowed in the Hoover Dam generator room on Tour #1.

Reunion Chairman: Tom Ferelli 602-882-0375 email: tferelli@gmail.com
PLAN OF THE WEEK

USS ESSEX (CV/CVA/CVS-9/LHD-2, INC.)
49th ANNUAL REUNION
BALLY’S Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV
AUGUST 26, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

Sunday, August 26, 2018
1000 “Now hear this” – Set the watch, Hoist the Welcome Banner, Stand by to welcome guests to the 49th Annual USS ESSEX Reunion in Las Vegas, NV
1000 – 2200 Registration and Tour Packets will be in the Hospitality suite
1000 – 2200 HOSPITALITY SUITE/SHIPS STORE OPEN (Combined area use)

** NOTICE: ANYONE ON TOUR #1 HOOVER DAM WHO HAS A PACE MAKER OR HEART IMPLANT/CONDITION CAN NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOUR **

Monday, August 27, 2018
0900 – 1900 Registration and tour packet table will be in the Hospitality Suite.
1000 – 1600 Tour #1, Hoover Dam Tour and Lunch at Ventano Italian Corner
1000 – 2200 Hospitality Suite/Ships Store (Bar open, when bartender available)

Tuesday, August 28, 2018
0900 – 1900 Registration and tour packets table will be in the Hospitality Suite
1000 – 1600 Tour #2, Atomic Museum, Lunch on your own, then MOB Museum tour
1000 – 2200 Hospitality Suite/Ships Store (Bar open when bartender available)

Wednesday, August 29, 2018
0830 – 1130 Annual board of Directors meeting in Hospitality Suite.
0830 – 1230 HOSPITALITY SUITE CLOSED, OPEN after 1300 hrs.
1300 – 1900 Final Registration and tour packet table will be in the Hospitality suite.
1300 – 1700 Tour #3, Pahrump Valley Winery Tour

Thursday, August 30, 2018
0800 – 1800 Tour #4, Grand Canyon West Rim package. (Box lunch incl)
1000 – 2200 Hospitality Room/Ships store open. (Bar open, when bartender available)

Friday, August 31, 2018
**ALL OF TODAY’S EVENTS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE Las Vegas Room**
0900 - 1000 MEMORIAL SERVICE- Las Vegas ROOM #1 (Casino Level)
1000 – 1245 Hospitality Room- BAR CLOSED at 1300, will re-open after Ladies Auction
1300 – 1600 Members General Business Meeting “Show membership card for admission”
1900 – 2100 Ladies Auction: Starting at 1600 you may bring in your items to be Auctioned

Saturday, September 1, 2018
Farewell to Shipmates and Friends until next year in “LOUISVILLE KY”.

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Las Vegas REUNION TOUR PLAN

Sunday, August 26 2018
NO TOURS SCHEDULED

Monday, 27 August 2018
TOUR #1  1000 - 1600
HOOVER DAM AND LUNCH AT VENTANO ITALIAN CORNER:  Cost $65.00
At the HOOVER Dam you will explore the Visitor center and Historical displays. You will also tour the “interior” of the Dam and into the power Generator Room. Taking in the fascinating HOOVER DAM MOVIE, you will also experience views from the Top of the Dam of LAKE MEADE.

After departure, you will be taken to Ventano Italian Corner for lunch. Michael has prepared a wonderful menu starting with Caesar salad and Entrée Selections of Eggplant Parmigiana with Linguini, Chicken Marsala with Linguini, Lasagna and Shrimp Scampi-Risotto. Beverages are: Coke/Diet coke, Iced Tea, Sprite, and coffee INCLUDED. A Cash and carry bar will be set up in the room.

Tuesday, 28 August 2018
TOUR #2  1000 – 1600
National Atomic testing Museum and Mob Museum: Cost $58.00
The unique story told at the Atomic Museum reveals the saga of the Scientists, Engineers, Miners and workers who unlocked the secrets of the Atom in the Nevada Desert. Explore the early years of nuclear testing and immerse yourself in the experience that explains the history of the Atomic Testing.

After the Atomic Testing Museum, the tour will head to Downtown Las Vegas to FREMONT STREET where you will have lunch on your own and then proceed over to the MOB MUSEUM for that tour.

The MOB Museum: This world class interactive journey through true stories of the Mob and the Las Enforcement agencies who fought it. They provide an eye opening view of organized crime and its impact on the world through hundreds of artifacts and immersive storytelling.
Wednesday, 29 AUGUST 2018

TOUR #3  1300 – 1700
Pahrump Valley Winery: Cost $20.00
Depart Las Vegas valley for a tour of the Pahrump Valley Winery, one of Nevada’s best kept secrets. Enjoy award winning wines in the tasting room and roam through the tranquil Rose Garden and Gazebo area while taking in the views of the Spring Mountains in the back drop. The Winery has an upscale restaurant on the premises and a gift shop to purchase wine and gifts.

Thursday, 30 AUGUST 2018

TOUR#4  0800 – 1900
GRAND CANYON WEST RIM TOUR: Cost $115.00
This sightseeing tour takes you from the Las Vegas Strip through the Mojave Desert and Black Mountains along the way. Enjoy exploring the West Rim of the Grand Canyon with short hikes to Eagle Point and Guano point overlook.

SKYWALK: Walk on the world famous glass bridge which overlooks the magnificent Colorado River over 4,000 feet below. This feature is operated by the Haulapai tribe.
Note: There will be a box lunch served on this tour. (Menu content not known at this time)

**If Tours are FULL due to high demand, we will have a “WAITING LIST” and if we have enough participants to get another bus, then we will do that per the Tour Operator .

FRIDAY AUGUST 31 ST 2018
NO TOURS SCHEDULED

Tour times are not exact due to tour length and travel times
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### TAPS

Joe Keeling

6/28/2018

reported by Jsy Kruse

### SICK BAY

Let’s keep in prayers any of our shipmates, and any member of their families, that are having a health issue at this time, or just feeling a bit under the weather.

**Please note: Report all Taps and Sick Bay to the Chaplain, Buccaneer Editor, Chairman and Vice Chairman.**
MEMORIAL & HONOR LIST

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In HONOR or MEMORY Form

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Thank You
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Essex Amphibious Ready Group Quietly Deployed on Tuesday with Marine F-35s  By: Sam LaGrone  July 12, 2018 6:13 PM • Updated: July 12, 2018 8:59 PM

THE PENTAGON — The three-ship Essex Amphibious Ready Group and the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit left San Diego, Calif., on Tuesday with little fanfare for an expected Western Pacific and Middle East deployment, a defense official confirmed to USNI News on Thursday.

The big deck USS Essex (LHD-2), amphibious transport dock USS Anchorage (LPD-23) and dock landing ship USS Rushmore (LSD-47) departed for a routine deployment with a squadron of Marine F-35B Lighting II Joint Strike Fighters from the “Wake Island Avengers” of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 211, the official confirmed to USNI News.

“The Essex Amphibious Ready Group with embarked 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit got underway from San Diego, Tuesday,” Pacific Fleet spokesman Capt. Charlie Brown said in a Thursday statement to USNI News. “For reasons of operational security, we are not publicly disclosing any additional details.”

The deployment is the first for Marine Joint Strike Fighters from the U.S., following a short float of Japan-based “Green Knights” of VMFA-121 on the forward-deployed amphibious warship USS Wasp (LHD-1) in March.

The Marine F-35Bs aboard Essex are set to bring a drastically expanded set of capabilities to the ARG/MEU beyond the more-than-30-year-old design of the AV-8B Harrier II that makes up the bulk of the Marines’ strike inventory.

“With the new aircraft, we want to be able to capitalize on all the capability that aircraft has to bear, like multi-functional data links, how do we get that information from that airplane to the ship so we can use it,” Capt. Gerald Olin, Amphibious Squadron 1 commander and commodore of the Essex ARG, said in February. “That also gives me additional command-and-control capability.”

While the Marines have widely publicized the F-35Bs on Essex, the departure of the ARG/MEU was not announced publicly before the ships left San Diego. Typically, the service alerts media in advance of deployments for those interested in covering the departure events, as well as sends a separate announcement once the ships formally deploy. Numerous social media posts on Facebook and Twitter – posted by private citizens, not military-affiliated accounts – showed sailors and Marines manning the rails of the ships of the ARG as they departed San Diego.

The decision to not announce the departure of the about 5,000 sailors and Marines were made at the discretion of the new U.S. Pacific Fleet commander Adm. John Aquilino, two sources familiar with the behind-the-scenes conversations on the preparations told USNI News on Thursday. The communications move was designed to change the expectations on what information the public could expect when ships in the Pacific area of operations deploy, the sources told USNI News.
TO:

USS ESSEX ASSOCIATION
DUES NOTICE
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE U.S.S. ESSEX ASSN. DO NOT MAKE PAYABLE TO BOB PETERS. Membership cards will be issued and mailed by the Secretary.

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.

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(Please circle the appropriate year you’re paying)

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 Other (Explain Below)

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TOTAL $______

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Dues not paid by 31 December of the current year due will be dropped from our active roster. All mailings, including the Buccaneer, will be discontinued. The date on your membership card indicates the year you are paid thru. Therefore, please keep your card handy to refer to your dues status and entry into our Annual General Membership Meeting. Please tear out or copy and send with your remittance