



USS KASKASKIA BLAST

Dedicated to the men who served aboard USS KASKASKIA (AO 27)

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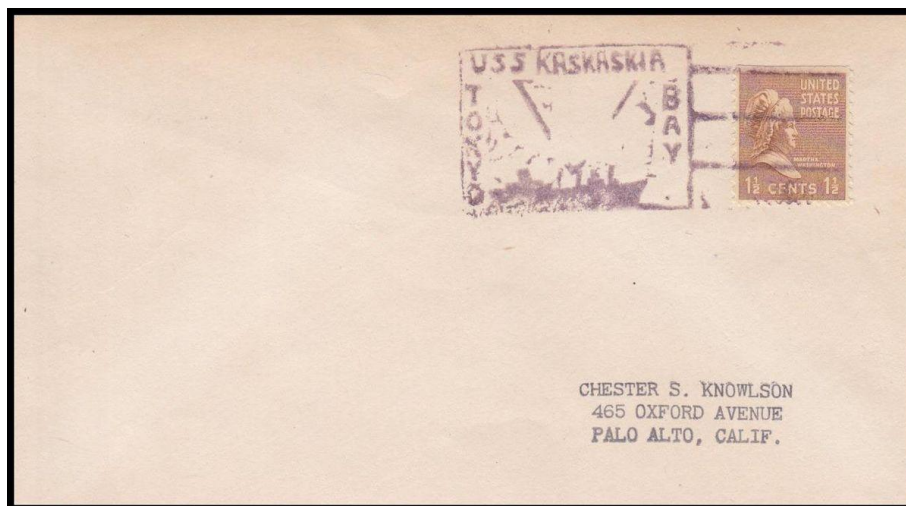
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Feature Cover



USS KASKASKIA was one of hundreds of ships that were in Tokyo Bay in September 1945. Kaskaskia steamed into Tokyo Bay 10 September with other ships of the Occupation Forces. This Fancy cancel was probably hand-made aboard ship for mark her participation in the defeat of Japan.

How about sharing a story of what you remember of the event?

**USS KASKASKIA's 30th REUNION IS SCHEDULED FOR
Branson, Missouri
18-23 SEPTEMBER 2019
See Page 2**

USS KASKASKIA Reunion Webpage
<http://www.kaskaskia27reunion.com/>

USS Kaskaskia 2019 Reunion BRANSON, MISSOURI September 18 to 23 and hosted by Terry Gacioch/Renee Youngblood

The 30th USS Kaskaskia AO27 reunion will be held in Branson Missouri. We will be staying at the **Branson Grand Plaza**. There will be opportunities to visit with shipmates and touring the Branson area but the real attraction to Branson is the entertainment. We will be enjoying several shows. There will be a lunch show on the Showboat Branson Belle, an evening at the Shoji Tabuchi Theater, Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies, an Abba Tribute, and #1 Hits of the 60's and 50's Too.

Hotel

Branson Grand Plaza 245 N Wildwood Dr, Branson, MO.

Itinerary

- **Wednesday, September 18**
4:00 PM Arrive and check in at hotel
5:30 PM Grand Plaza Hotel - Welcome Reception.
- **Thursday, September 19**
11:00 AM Depart for the Showboat *Branson Belle*.
12:00 PM Showboat Branson Belle - LUNCH
5:00 PM Abba Tribute
- **Friday, September 20**
7:30 PM Shoji Tabuchi Show
- **Saturday, September 21**
2:00 PM Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies
- **Sunday, September 22**
2:00 PM #1 Hits of the 60's and 50's Too
6:00 PM Branson Grand Plaza Hotel - Banquet

Registration

Shipmates must register by July 18, 2019 through the Branson Tourism Center,
"http://www.mybransoneventplanner.com", using
Tour#:27318; Keyword:KASKASKIA.

Once registered, your credit card will be charged the full amount within 72 business hours. Phone registrations may be made Monday thru Friday 9am to 5pm CST by calling **417-243-2869**.

Package price per person including lodging and itineary:

- Single Occupancy: \$755.95
- Double Occupancy: \$510.95
- Triple Occupancy: \$429.29
- Quad Occupancy: \$388.45
- Three pre nights or 3 post nights are \$98.00 per room, per night, tax included.

Cancellation Protection Included: Individuals may cancel up to 72 business hours prior to group's arrival. Refund of an individual will be given less a 10% processing fee. Any changes within 72 business hours of arrival are Non-Refundable.

KASKASKIA Web Site Updates

If you have any updates for the KASKASKIA web site, they should be sent to:

Larry Kish
150 Scottsbury Court
Gahanna, OH, 44646

If you haven't visited the KASKASKIA web site recently, there is much added material including many photos from the early 1960s Med cruises. Thanks to Bob Crosbie and Larry Kish for posting the photos – Great memories. Check out the pictures and see if you can find your younger self.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Please send your annual dues (\$10) checks payable to:

Terry Gacioch
3518- 16th Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192
New Phone # 734-771-4349



From the Editor's Desk

I attended my first USS KASKASKIA reunion last year in Portland, Maine and thoroughly enjoyed the venue, activities and welcoming atmosphere. Especially, I want to thank Dick and Claire Gagnon for a fantastic organizational effort. Claire is to be cited for all of the beautiful table arrangements and wonderful door prizes she provided. The tours were great and the trip to Bath Iron Works and the boat tour past the newly launched destroyers brought back a longing to be a young navy man again.

I brought my wife and daughter along on the trip as we flew into Boston and spent a few nights in the New Hampshire Mountains, rode the cog train to the top of Mount Washington before the convention. Post convention, we drove to Montreal, Canada and then back to Boston for a day and then flight home. Lots of travel- many lobster meals and a totally great vacation.

Why not plan to attend the 30th Reunion in Branson, Missouri? The committee has arranged very reasonable rates for pre and post-convention nights. According to the minutes, Reunion 31 will be in Las Vegas!

Minutes of the 2018 Reunion Portland ME



USS KASKASKIA (AO 2&) 2018 Reunion Meeting
September 23, 2018, Portland ME
1645

President J.D. Tabb called the meeting to order.
Board members present: J.D. Tabb, Don Seymour, Terry Gacioch, Robert Crosbie
14 members were present
Pledge and Prayer led by J.D. Tabb. Ship's bell was rung for each member that passed last year.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve by Roy Manewal, seconded by Ed Shied. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Terry Gacioch. Balance of \$4346.40 as of 9/1/18, plus \$100.00 in savings. Motion to approve by Roy Manewal, Seconded by David Lutman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Terry Gacioch donated \$500 in Donna Gacioch's name to VFW Post 1136.

New Business:

1. The 2019 reunion will be held in Branson, MO with a reunion planner at the last Branson reunion and J.D. Tabb will see if she is still available. The reunion dates will be toward the end of September 2019.
2. Reelection of officers: Roy Manewall suggested that the same board members be kept with the addition of Ed Shied as Historian. Motion to approve by Mike Valsamy, seconded by Roy Manewal. Motion carried.
3. **Richard and Claire Gagnon** were recognized for the hard work and success of the 2018 reunion.
4. 2020 reunion in Las Vegas. Motion to approve by Roy Manewal. Seconded by Terry Gacioch. Motion carried.
5. Richard Jones requested letters and stories for the next Blast. A suggestion was made to increase the dues, however, it was agreed upon that the dues would remain the same and is not paid by the next two Blasts delinquent members will be dropped off the rolls.
- Larry Kish** has done an excellent job with the web site.
6. Robert Crosbie suggested making a donation to Mary Buffington in honor of Charlie Buffington who passed last year. \$200 was the agreed upon amount. Motion to approve by Robert Crosbie, seconded by Larry Kish. Motion carried.
7. The ship's daily logs from 1940-1947 are being held by Terry Gacioch and he wants to know what to do with them. It was agreed to send them to the new ship's historian, Ed Shied.

Traveled the farthest – Dennis Butterfield
Traveled the least-Dick Gagnon

Youngest –Ed Shied (70)
Oldest- Lowell Hottman (86)

8. Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Gagnon, seconded by Roy Manewal. Motion carried.

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See you all in Branson. Missouri!



James Carman LTjg
Charles Birdsong SH 2
Leonard Blackford RMC
Harland Hanson
Lyle M. Long
David Stanford BMC
Glenn Wright MM1
R.D. Reed
Bill Holcombe

List is based on returned BLAST notes from last mailing.

USS KASKASKIA 29th Reunion



Larry & Diane Kish



David & Cindy Lutman



Roy & Hazel & Casey Manewal



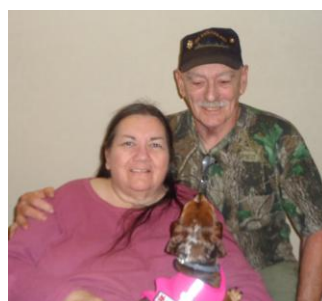
L.J. Quesenberry



Dennis & Jane Butterfield



Robert & Hazel Crosbie



Ed & Diane Schelb



Don & Joyce Seymour



Terry Gacioch & Jennifer Ptak



Dick & Claire Gagnon



Jerry & Claire Sheets



Jimmy & Marsha Tabb



Lowell & Betsy Hottman



Richard & Sandra Jones



Michael & Peggy Valsamy



Carl & Geraldine Wray

Out of the Past Life Aboard KASKASKIA Messages from Crewmembers



From: **michael povero** <trainer2@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Bryant story

I was a RMSN aboard during the Korean fracas and Bryant was a Telemann, a new breed of cat at the time. He used to put rubber bands in my Pall Mall cigarettes using a paper clip. The cigarettes were "Sea Stores" and burned like kerosene soaked leaves because they were as dry as popcorn.

He was about ten inches taller than I so there was not much follow-up on the mischief.

MikePovero ...

From: **Ron Haugen** <haugen.rm@gmail.com>

Subject: Kaskaskia 1968

Came across some pictures and documents from time I spent on board....Also have the ship's book "Spirit of 68" which pictures of the whole crew throughout the cruise. Thought I'd pass it on.

Ron Haugen

PLAN OF THE DAY

USS KASKASKIA (AO27)

OFFICIAL ORDERS: "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY - DO NOT REMOVE FROM SHIP"

ALL HANDS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE.

DUTY SECTION ON DUTY	DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
DUTY SECTION: PORT	05		
DUTY DIVISION: SUP	SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1968		
DUTY MAA: RM2 WILLIAMS			
SFP2 BUCKLEY	ENROUTE ROTA, SPAIN		

DUTY OFFICERS:

OOD	JOOD	DUTY POLICE PETTY OFFICERS
06-04 LT SHUPFORD		ENG: EMI MILLER OPS: RB1 MOORE
04-08 LTJG MILLER		SUP: SK2 SCOTT DECK: RM2 WILLIAMS
08-12 LT ALDEN	LTJG OGDEN	DUTY BOATSWAIN'S MATE: RM2 WILLIAMS
12-16 ENS KESSLER		MESS INSPECTION OFFICER: ENS STOEHS
16-18 LTJG HENRY		DUTY CRYPTO OFFICER: LTJG MILLER
18-20 LTJG BYRON	ENS VAN BLARCOM	
20-24 LTJG GNERLICH	ENS STOEHS	

UNIFORM	OFFICERS AND CPO'S	ENLISTED
OF THE DAY/WORKING/WATCH	KHAKI/BALL CAP	DUNGAREES/BALL CAP

CARRY OUT THE NORMAL UNDERWAY ROUTINE (APPENDIX A-1 SHIP'S ORGANIZATION AND REGULATION MANUAL)

NOTES:

- The monetary exchange in Mayport, Florida (USA, that is) is dollars. One dollar is equal to either 100 pennies, 20 nickels, 4 quarters, or two half dollars.
- The following message was received from RADM HEALY, COMMANDER TASK GROUP 60.2:
 - "As you complete your deployment you, your officers and men can return to your homeport with a confident knowledge that you made a significant contribution to the readiness posture of the SIXTH Fleet and especially TASK GROUP 60.2."
 - "We wish you a safe and speedy Atlantic transit followed by a happy home coming."
- FROM THE CAPTAIN:

"Today's replenishment was by far the best and possibly the longest of our deployment. Today we exceeded the standard of excellence pumping rate for JP-5 with the FORRESTAL, for NSFO with the ALSTEDT and TOPEKA. Due to the cooperation, coordination and hard work by all hands the KASKASKIA has earned the reputation of the oldest and best oiler around. I would like to express my appreciation for the maximum effort by all hands during the deployment and extend a hearty well done."
- PROJECT TRANSITION

Numerous instances have occurred where commands have erroneously transferred personnel in receipt of Authorization for Transfer to the Fleet Reserve to a Transition Site more than ten days prior to their EAOS which is contrary to BUPERS Notice 1510 of 29 June 1968. Such persons are returned to their former duty station or are re-assigned to duty until such time as they do become eligible for transfer to a Transition Site. Therefore, commands are requested to give wide dissemination to the restrictions contained in the above-mentioned Notice in order to avoid erroneous transfers.



S. H. H.

From the Treasurer

Dues are still \$10.00 and are being collected now.
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Dues help defray the cost of the **BLAST**.

The **BLAST** costs approximately \$250.00 per mailing and number of hours putting the letter together. Thank you, Richard Jones. We would like to continue to mail out the **KASKASKIA BLAST**, but costs and time getting it out is a problem. We have approximately 290 members, some we have never heard from or have not heard from them in years.

We have approximately 90 members who keep in touch. If you are no longer interested in receiving the **BLAST**, or wish to continue receiving the **BLAST** please sent me a note on your wishes, at above address. You can still see what we are doing on our web site, at Kaskaskia reunion assoc.

<http://www.kaskaskia27reunion.com/>

Thank you,
Terry G.

USS KASKASKIA SHIP'S STORE

Terry Gacioch has several USS KASKASKIA (AO 27) related items for sale. Terry has hats and a limited number of charms and pins from past reunions. The hats are \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage and the charms and pins are \$5.00 plus \$2.00 postage. See the website for pictures of all of the charms available. Order your new hats from Terry at the address listed above.



USS KASKASKIA AO27 Ballcap



USS KASKASKIA AO27 pin



Portland ME
hotel sign
from 2018
convention



Richard D. Jones
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Ormond Beach FL 32174

To:

Reunion Registration Information Enclosed – This Year--Join in--Be There!

MAX OP TEMPO

Photo # 19-N-294653 USS Kaskaskia and USS Hart during refueling experiments, December 1944

