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Long before Las Vegas gained its reputation as an entertainment mecca, it was, literally, ground zero in the Cold War between the Western allies and the Soviet block. This strategic importance continues today in the global war on terror. **Come join us in Las Vegas for the 2014 reunion of the OS&AS October 1-5 and enjoy the camaraderie of old ship-mates, AND:**

A tour of the Nevada Test Site - ground zero for over 900 nuclear weapons tests. Remember the atomic “duck and cover” drills and films, with mushroom clouds rising in the desert? We’ll visit the sites where they were filmed, see what a nuclear weapons test involved, tour the under ground control room where the test control team monitored every aspect of each test, and visit Sedan Crater – an artifact of Project Plowshare (an experiment to see if we could excavate millions of tons of earth in a few seconds—we could, and did).



A tour of Creech Air Force Base, home of the USAF’s Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Wing. These aircraft, including the Predator and the Reaper, are deployed worldwide in the on-going Global War on Terror. Training, and much of the real-time mission control is provided from the facilities at Creech. We’ll get a mission briefing, tour of the facilities, a tour of the simulators, and a chance to talk with the operators.



Dinner at, and a private tour of the National Atomic Testing Museum, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum that takes us behind the scenes of the nation’s development of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy.



We’ll also have ample opportunity to enjoy the incomparable entertainment available in Las Vegas. Start planning today for the Las Vegas gala. A tentative schedule of events is on pages 8 & 9.

Lt COL Nicholson Visits Texas Family & Friends



Adults (l-r) Karin and Jim Nicholson, Bill Kelberlau and father Jim Nicholson with grandsons (l-r) James and Alexander sampled Texas BBQ at the famous Salt Lick Restaurant in Round Rock. Jim authored *Because No One Else Can*, the book featured in the Spring Issue of the OS&AS newsletter.

A Change of Command from the History Book



Aboard the riverboat on the Mississippi at Steve Warren's change of command in New Orleans, September 2000, were Captains (l-r) John Hitchcock, Doug Moore, Tony Alfortish, Tucker Coughlen, Cheryl Hole, Jim Roark, Steve Warren, Mike Waldron and Lester Alfortish.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 2013 – Nov. 30, 2013

OS&AS Operating Fund:

Beginning Balance, Jan. 1, 2013 \$9,181.23

DONATIONS/INCOME:

Contributions	\$3,085.00
Bank Account Interest	\$11.17*
Reunion Deposit	\$9,650.00

TOTAL INCOME 2013 \$12,746.17

Total Operating Fund to Date \$21,927.40

Expenses, Jan. 1, 2013 – Nov. 30, 2013:

Newsletter Printing	\$178.50
Postage to Mail Newsletter	\$122.10
General Postage /Postal Box	\$0.00
Other Printing & Printing Supplies	\$0.00
WEB Site	\$0.00
Reunion Expenses	\$8,401.41
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Expenses paid for Ships Store	\$400.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$9,102.01

Ending Balance Nov. 30, 2013 \$12,825.39

OS&AS Ship's Store

Operations:

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2013 \$2,345.19

Bank Account Interest	\$3.72*
Matching Donations	\$0.00
Ship's Store Sales (2011)	\$373.00
Misc	\$0.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$376.72

TOTAL Ship's Store to date \$2,721.91

Fund Income:

Bank Account Interest	\$0.00
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TOTAL INCOME \$0.00

Fund Expenses:

Ship's Store Inventory (2013)	\$400.00
Shipping	\$0.00
Sales tax	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$400.00</u>

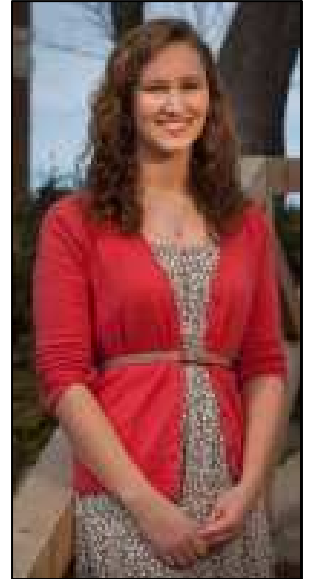
Ending Balance Nov. 30, 2013 \$2,321.91

- William D. Anderson, Treasurer

***The OS&AS Board of Directors decided in June 2013, following the Treasurer's transition, to utilize a Wells Fargo Bank no-fee business account that does not pay interest.**

Kelsey Mattingly Awarded Fulbright

ISCM (AW) David A. Mattingly's daughter Kelsey, a Western Kentucky University senior art history and sociology major, has been awarded a highly competitive Fulbright Research/Study grant to pursue a one-year master's degree in art history at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, United Kingdom.



Mattingly's research focuses on the response of traditional arts and crafts to industrialization in Britain and America. In past years, only about 5 percent of applicants for Fulbright Student grants to the United Kingdom have been successful.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The program operates in more than 155 countries worldwide. After completion of her Fulbright, Mattingly plans to pursue doctoral studies.

Warrens Attend Change of Command

Steve Warren attended the change of command of a former high school student of his, Colonel Bruce Ybarra. Colonel Ybarra was the Commanding Officer of the Presidential Airlift Group. He flew Air Force One for five years during the Bush and Obama administrations.



(l-r) Steve Warren, Colonel Bruce Ybarra & Debbi Warren with Air Force One

Lt. Dan Band Weekend in Charleston, SC Charleston Therapeutic Riding, Inc. Hosts Wounded Warriors

Actor, director and musician Gary Sinise, also known as Lt. Dan in the 1994 film *Forrest Gump* brought his **Lt. Dan Band** to Charleston September 13-15 for a weekend of activities in support of the Independence Fund, a nonprofit that provides grants, services and high-mobility wheelchairs to severely injured veterans. Two decades after the impact of playing a double amputee in the movie, Sinise is inspired to devote much of his free time to performing and raising money for injured troops through his band and his nonprofit, the Gary Sinise Foundation.

"The Lt. Dan weekend falls right into a mission I was already on," says Sinise. "The band is part of an overall passion to support our veterans. We can't let what happened to our Vietnam veterans when they came home happen to any service member again.

"When you go off to war and come home and get spit on, that's not good for the country, for the military, the individuals or for the American people. If you're going to sign up to defend your country, it would be nice if you felt that people were appreciative of the freedom you provide, and I think there's a role for me as a public person in the entertainment business to play by raising awareness."

After 9/11, he went abroad to visit troops on a USO tour. Gary had friends he'd been playing music with, so he asked the USO if he could bring them along to Iraq and Afghanistan. A decade after their existence, the **Lt. Dan Band** includes 12 musicians, including five singers and Sinise on base. "When I play for veterans and their families and see the smiles on their faces and hear about the money we've raised, that's fuel for the fire, and that's the reward," he says. "It's such a blessing meeting these great human beings who are inspirational because of either what they've given or what they continue to give."

In addition to the concert by Sinise and his band, over 150 disabled veterans enjoyed a four-day retreat at Palm Key in Ridgeland, SC before the **Lt. Dan Band** weekend in Charleston. A number of the veterans and their families chose to participate in Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding's "Horses for Heroes" field day Saturday afternoon. This is a veterans program that *Old Salts and Assorted Spies* supported financially following their September, 2011 Charleston reunion.



Gary Sinise performing with the Lt. Dan Band

Wounded warriors were able to groom and lead therapy horses around CATR Farms with their families & many participants said their afternoon experience was the highlight of the weekend.

Horses have a long history of being used to rehabilitate individuals suffering from emotional, physical and mental health wounds.

Another high interest event of the getaway weekend was a wheel chair and equipment expo sponsored by the Independence Fund held Saturday morning. The government doesn't want to spend \$30,000 on a wheel chair, but with the all-terrain chairs donated to veterans by the Independence Fund, the wounded warrior can go fishing, hunting, to the beach and play with children in the back yard. Some high-tech wheelchairs include the functionality to climb stairs and elevate six feet off the ground. The Independence Fund's mission is to provide the best and most cost effective way to address the long-term physical and emotional wounds of the men and women who have fought in the global war on terrorism by empowering them to help themselves. Nearly \$400,000 has gone towards these high end wheelchairs.

The **Lt. Dan Band** will perform December 14, 2013 in Dallas at the Snowball Express and other cities throughout the U.S. in 2014.

- Bill Anderson



Darryl Wallace makes friends with Rio during his afternoon at CATR's Horses for Heroes

Meet AA Hurley, Jordan T.



This is my grandson who has been in the Navy since June 2013. Bill Kelberlau delivered his first swearing in June 2012. He is in Norfolk with a training assignment on the *USS Wasp*. The *USS Wasp* is scheduled to deploy 20 Dec 2014.

I want to share a story about his first assignment after graduation in Great Lakes. He got to be a guard at the graduation of the next class. He did not get to see all the pomp and circumstance from his graduation so he was excited about this assignment.

After the ceremony was over, he was put on "grass" duty. A man was stomping on the grass and this 18 year old "kid" walked up to him and said, "Sir, could you please step over here. You are not supposed to be walking on the grass, only the sidewalk." The man retorted, "Well, it's already done so why don't you just shut up!" Jordan didn't know what to do so he went to his Petty Officer and told him what happened. The man said, "He told you to shut up?" "Yes sir he did." "Go get the handcuffs, NOW." Jordan will never forget having someone's dad handcuffed and thrown off base after his child graduated Navy Basic.

I laughed but he hasn't — yet.

-Ronda

From the President

Season of Giving

Here we are getting the newsletter out with information for the 2014 Reunion. Plan on yet another outstanding performance in the history of great reunions.

It is also the season of giving, a tradition and the cornerstone to our great Constitutional Republic. One of the things most recognized about American citizens is their propensity for giving to others, nations and cultures, sharing the fruits of our successes.

This tradition of giving has always been a full spectrum especially one of the most important gifts of bringing freedom to many others in the world. Of all of the gifts that a human can receive is the happiness and joy in living free without oppression and controls.

To this end are our military and their families with their allegiance to our Constitution and the concept of liberty and justice for all. Many of these patriots having given the ultimate sacrifice with their blood and life on foreign soils so that mankind can be free. The United States of America has led the world in putting an end to slavery and tyrannical governments.

So, as we hit the streets to continue our tradition of giving, remember those who gave their all ensuring their sacrifices are honored and remembered by future generations so that those generations can follow in the footsteps of our forefathers.

It is incumbent upon us to share and instill these values with our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. As you give gifts on Christmas day and share that warm hug with loved ones remember that the greatest gift you can ever give them and future generations is their freedom.



As I look forward, after doing the same with my family, I get a smile on my face as I prepare to put a bow around the OS&AS gavel and gift it to Gary Ryan at the next reunion in Las Vegas.

God Bless America and Merry Christmas to all.

Bill Kelberlau

NOLA Reunion Tour of the PT305

Many thanks to Rich and Bonnie Jones for these photos. During the visit to the WWII Museum, the guest speaker for the NOLA Reunion, Jim Letten, lead a tour of the restoring of the PT305 . These first four (4) photos are of the hull and bottom, framing and the first layer of the double planking on the hull. The first layer will be covered with a canvas and then the second planking. Enjoy your tour.

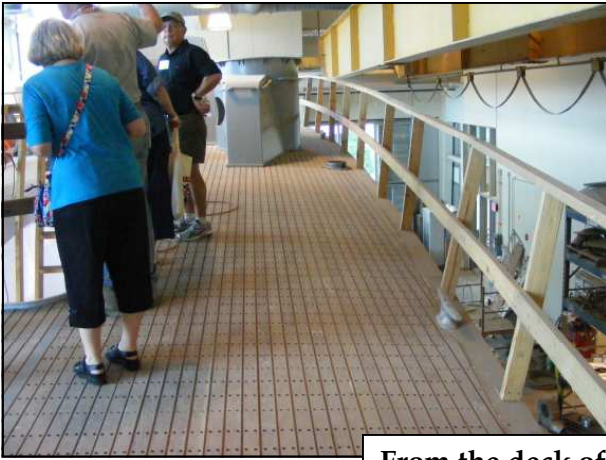
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An engine block in the center engine position a temporary placement for alignment of shaft/framing.



The Higgins Company sign, builder of the PT305.



From the deck of the PT305.



Letten at one of the three propeller struts.



Riveting the deck by hand with copper rivets.



Depth charge:
The numbers are
for the depth set
to explode.



Bridge from foredeck .



Helm on the bridge with a refurbished wheel.

Information Dominance Corps Reserve Command Update

From: Russell, Gordon D RADM CO-MIDCRESCOM, N00
 Fall 2013
 Subject: IDCRC command update

Leaders,
 I'll be sending you an update in the next week or so on the standup of a new Information Dominance Type Command...another step in positioning Information Dominance as the Navy's newest warfighting pillar. We are fully engaged with the active IDC commands in crafting the new ID TYCOM, to which we will be closely aligned.

One update I do want to pass along to you now, however. As a result of your collective leadership and accomplishments of your Sailors, you have demonstrated the value of IDCRC to the active component, and enabled others to see the value deriving from the reserve IDC Type command. In order to keep us properly aligned with the active component as the ID TYCOM stands up, VADM Braun has made the decision to elevate IDCRC from an Echelon IV command to Echelon III. This will put IDCRC on the same level as the active component Type commands and the new ID TYCOM.

The shift to Echelon III will result in a number of changes, many of which I'll highlight when I send out the update on the ID TYCOM.

In the meantime, I want to thank each of you for your continued leadership and mentoring of our reserve IDC Sailors. We would not be positioned where we are today were it not for your outstanding contributions.

Keep charging hard! And all the best,
 RADM Gordon Russell, Commander Information Dominance Corps

Las Vegas 2014 Reunion

I realize this is an earlier start date than anticipated, but tour of Nevada Test Site only available Monday-Thursday, and no tours of Air Force facilities available on weekends. To accommodate these restrictions, the reunion tours will begin on Thursday. You can attend only the tours you have registered for prior to the beginning of the reunion.

No one can be added for either tour at the reunion.

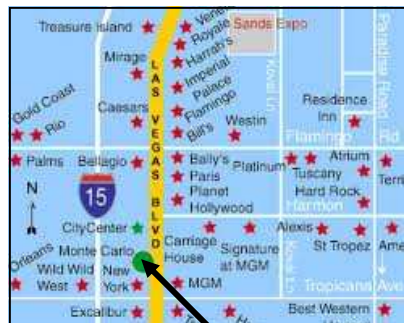
IMPORTANT NOTE

We need to have your registration forms no later than mid-July. Both Nevada Test Site and Creech AFB will need at least 8 weeks to run a background check on all tour attendees.

I would like to get a tentative headcount as soon as possible so please be ready to fill out the registration form in the spring newsletter. The costs will be listed also.

I'm the primary question-answerer. You can email any questions you have to me at jr2d2@aol.com or send them to the newsletter email osasnews@os-as.com.

See you in Vegas,
 - Russ Dyer

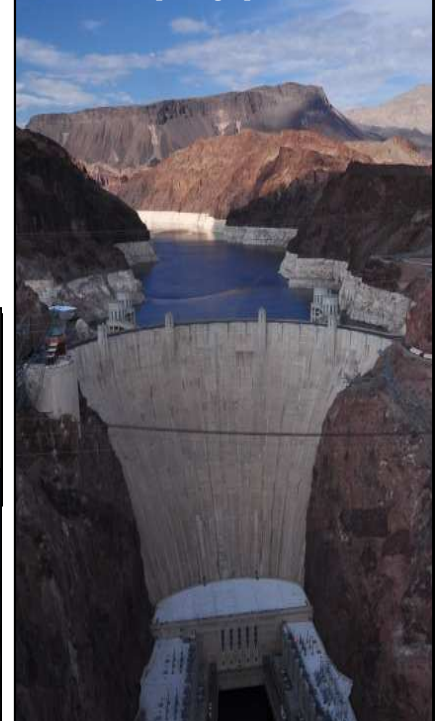


OS&AS will have rooms at the Monte Carlo for the 2014 Reunion. Find hotel data at www.montecarlo.com.



Another Vegas Attraction Hoover Dam

-Tim Kathka photographer



OLD SALTS AND ASSOCIATED SPIES

2014 REUNION

(More information and advance registration forms coming in the Spring OS&AS Newsletter)

Dates: Wednesday, October 1 – Sunday, October 5, 2014

Location: Monte Carlo Hotel-Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. Located on the south end of the fabulous Las Vegas Strip, the Monte Carlo offers superb accommodations, as well as outstanding access to all the Strip has to offer.

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, October 1

1200 - 2100 - Registration at Monte Carlo Hotel-Casino

1700 - 2100 - Welcome aboard reception (details with registration packet).

Thursday, October 2

0800 – 2100 - Registration at Monte Carlo Hotel-Casino

0800 - 1700 - Tour of the Nevada Test Site, location of over 900 nuclear weapons detonations.
(U.S. Citizens only – must pre-register. Limit of 50 participants)

After 1700 – Sample some of Las Vegas’ world-famous dining and entertainment (show offerings will be available later – for a sampling of current offerings, go to *l.com* or *lasvegastickets.com*).

Friday, October 3

0800 - 2100 Registration at Monte Carlo Hotel-Casino

0800 - 0900 Transportation to Creech Air Force Base

1030 – 1400 Tour of Creech AFB facilities (Home of the 432 Wing – keepers of the Air Force’s unmanned aircraft (predator, reaper, etc.). Tour to include (depending on OpTempo): Mission Briefing, tour of UAV simulators, tour of facilities/hangers).
(U.S. Citizens only – must pre-register)

1400 – 1500 -Return to Monte Carlo

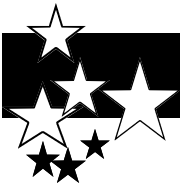
After 1500 - More chance to sample some of Las Vegas’ world-famous dining & entertainment.

Saturday, October 4

0800 – 1100 Business Meeting Breakfast at Monte Carlo Hotel-Casino

1800 – 2200 Private tour of the National Atomic Testing Museum (Las Vegas).
Buffett dinner at the museum.

FINAL ORDERS



★ **CAPT Francis L. "Les" Hesse**
USN (Retired)
1932-Sept. 2013



Francis Lester "Les" Hesse, retired Captain (USN), Orleans Parish Teacher, and Hospice Volunteer, died September 25, 2013 at home. He was 81 years old. Preceding him in death were his loving wife, Betty Jean and his son, Steven. CAPT Hesse, a native of Arkansas, graduated Kansas State University (BS), and the University of Southern California (MSED).

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy serving over 33 years, he retired at the NAS, Belle Chasse, LA in 1986 and lived in New Orleans for the past 31 years. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1952 serving at Lackland AFB, Lowry AFB, K-9 Pusan, Korea, Tooele Ordnance Depot and Hill AFB. While in the USAF, he was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, 3 bronze stars, plus other medals & South Korean awards. Following his release from the USAF in 1956, but remaining an active reservist and as a student at Kansas State graduating in 3 years and was assigned Asst. Dean of Men in 1959/1960. He was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, a member of 2 academic honor societies & Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

In 1960 with a BS in Psychology, he joined the U.S. Navy and completed Pre-Flight, NAS Pensacola, Florida being commissioned Ensign. Various assignments included NAS, Patuxant MD, *USS Enterprise*, NAS Alameda, CA, NSA, New Orleans, U.S. Forces Japan, Tokyo, JP and NAS New Orleans. While attached to US-FORCES Japan in 1978, he was commended by Rear Admiral Lando Zeck as the Senior Debriefing Officer of a P3 Orion crew that ditched & rescued by the Russian Navy off Petropavlovsk, USSR.

On commissioning in Norfolk, VA, the *USS Enterprise* made a round the world cruise exhibiting U.S. nuclear power while entering the Vietnam Conflict in 1965. His Navy awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Honorary Admiral in the Texas Navy from Gov. Mark White, among other citations and awards.

During his military career, he was a student, professor, and Dept. Head at The Armed Forces Air Intelligence Training Center, Lowry AFB. He was a graduate of the National Cryptologic School, National Security Agency, Washington DC, & was Intel

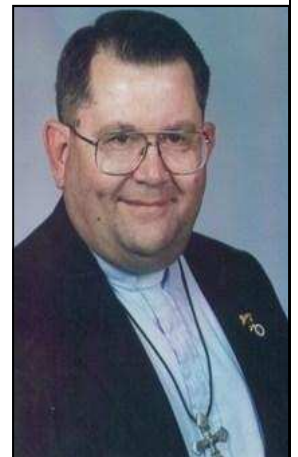
During duty in Japan, CAPT Hesse attended the USC campus in Tokyo where he was awarded Honor Student earning a Masters in Education. Following his retirement from his military career of 33 years as both enlisted and officer, he attended the University of New Orleans where he was certified to teach K-12 grades in Special Education (ED/BD). While at UNO, he was selected in both Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa National Honor Societies in Education. He again retired after 15 years, ending his teaching career with the New Orleans Public School System in 2002.

★ **CDR Ronald K. Bonebrake**
USNR

Ron Bonebrake passed away August 25, 2013. He was frail but mentally alert and suffered from several ailments. He is survived by his devoted wife, Linda.

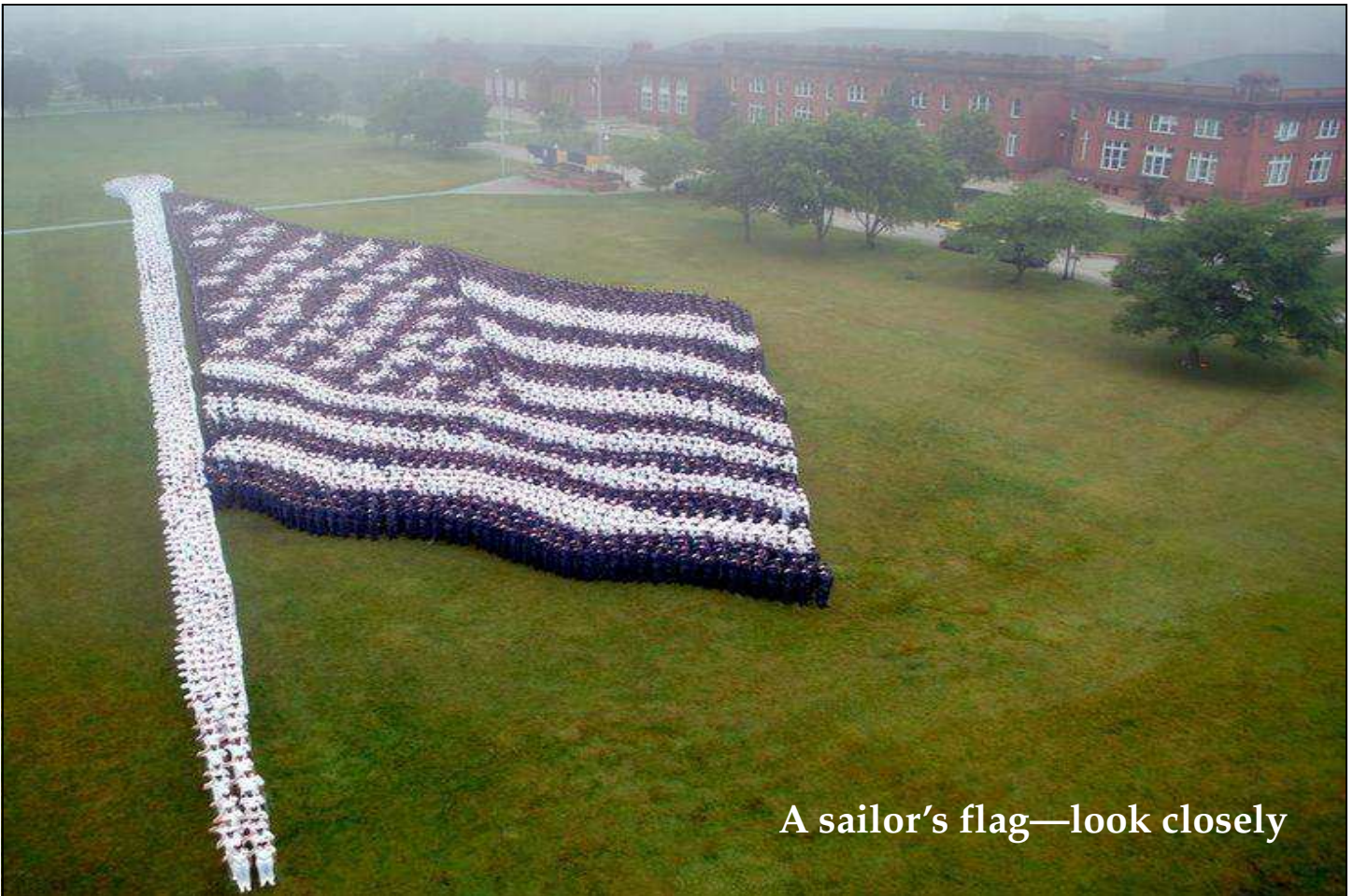
★ **IS2 James P. Upton**
USN (Retired)
June 1953—November 2011

James Patric Upton was called home on November 8, 2011 at the age of 58. Beloved husband of Debra L. Upton and devoted and proud father of Thomas G. and James Philip Upton and grandfather to Sara and Savanna Upton. Patric was a graduate of Pascagoula High School in Pascagoula, MS.



He met wife, Debra, while attending Mobile College in 1970 and graduated from Baptist Seminary of New Orleans, LA in 1978.

He was a devoted minister, school teacher and geo-analyst and also served in Naval Reserves in Intelligence.



A sailor's flag—look closely

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First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____ () Check if preferred mailing address

City, State, Zip: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

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Merry Christmas Everyone!

