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Join us in Las Vegas October 1-4 for the 6th reunion of the *Old Salts and Assorted Spies*. Besides enjoying the camaraderie of former shipmates, enjoy the world-class entertainment available in Las Vegas, as well as tours of facilities critical to our national security.

Our reunion headquarters is the **Alexis Park Resort**, an all-suite, non-gaming (i.e. quiet) facility located about a half-mile stroll from the Las Vegas strip. The weather in Las Vegas in October is great, a welcome change from the 115 degree summers. There'll be plenty of time to lounge by the pools, or stroll the strip, in addition to our planned events.

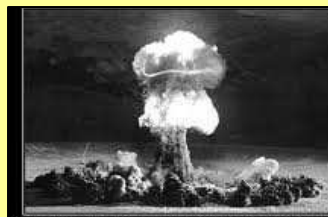


For more reunion details, see pages 2 & 5

Forms on pages 6 & 7



- ▶ Mission briefing
- ▶ Tour facilities
- ▶ Tour simulators
- ▶ Talk with operators



NEVADA TEST SITE

- ▶ Visit filming sites
- ▶ Learn about nuclear weapons tests
- ▶ Underground control room tour
- ▶ See where team monitors sites
- ▶ Visit Sedan Crater



National Atomic Energy Museum

- ▶ Numerous peacetime applications of atomic energy
- ▶ A hair-raising 250,000-volt generator
- ▶ Mechanical analogics of Oak Ridge Plants
- ▶ Movies of atomic bomb tests
- ▶ Scale model of uranium mine
- ▶ Geiger Counters and samples of uranium



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VIVA LAS VEGAS

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Alexis Park, at a rate of \$69.00 per night for a Monarch Suite for single or double occupancy. Larger suites are also available at higher rates depending on availability. Suite descriptions



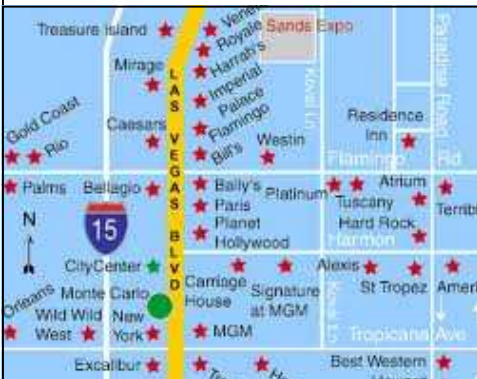
and facility information can be found at www.alexispark.com. Individuals should make their own reservations by calling the Alexis Park reservation office at 800-582-2228. In order to receive the group rate, callers must identify their affiliation with the "Old Salts & Assorted Spies" group. Room rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out for guests who fail to identify their group affiliation at the time the reservation is made. A deposit of the first night's suite cost plus a 12% Las Vegas occupancy tax is required with all reservation requests. **Room reservations must be made no later than September 1, 2014.**

We'll have a hospitality room for the duration of the reunion, Room 2301, so stop by after you've checked in for OS&AS registration and to get information on our events and what's going on in Las Vegas. Shows are constantly changing, and we'll have the latest info – but if there is a particular show that you really want to see, you might try to book tickets online.

You can check out the entertainment offerings at www.lasvegas.com, under "shows & events". This website also has a good listing of restaurants in Las Vegas. GREAT food is available with corresponding prices, but there are many really good places to dine for considerably less.

More Las Vegas Reunion details on page 5.

Required registration forms on pages 6 and 7.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Dec. 1, 2013 – Mar. 20, 2014

OS&AS Operating Fund:

Beginning Bal., Dec. 1, 2013 **\$12,825.39**

DONATIONS/INCOME:

Contributions	\$700.00
Bank Account Interest	\$0.00*
Reunion Deposit	\$0.00

TOTAL INCOME 2013 **\$700.00**

Total Operating Fund to Date **\$13,525.39**

Expenses, Dec. 1, 2013 – Mar. 20, 2014:

Newsletter Printing	\$86.06
Postage to Mail Newsletter	\$59.40
General Postage /Postal Box	\$0.00
Other Printing & Printing Supplies	\$0.00
WEB Site	\$0.00
Reunion Expenses	\$700.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Expenses paid for Ships Store	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$845.46**

Ending Balance Mar. 20, 2014 **\$12,679.93**

OS&AS Ship's Store

Operations:

Beginning Balance Dec. 1, 2013 **\$2,321.91**

Bank Account Interest	\$0.00*
Matching Donations	\$0.00
Ship's Store Sales	\$0.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$0.00**

TOTAL Ship's Store to date **\$2,321.91**

Fund Expenses:

Ship's Store Inventory	\$0.00
Shipping	\$0.00
Sales tax	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$0.00**

Ending Balance Mar. 20, 2014 **\$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.**

Wood Increases Family Size

Mary Frances and I are parents again!! Milena is our eighth child and seventh daughter. We are so happy to have her as part of our family.....Shocked?? Don't be. Milena is our eighth exchange student. She is from Germany, and celebrated her 16th birthday last month. We really enjoy showing these teenagers what America really is so they don't think we are what they see on TV and in the movies. Last summer we spent a few weeks in Germany, and had a chance to visit with some of our previous students and meet their families.

I am continuing to support game day operations at Texas Christian University, and had the opportunity to teach a semester class of American Government at Fort Worth Country Day School. In May I will be escorting about 100 students for a week in Washington, DC.

I continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Air Power Council, and was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Snowball Express

(www.snowballexpress.org). Both give me the opportunity to be part of charity efforts that support our military service members and their families. (See ad below.)

By doing so I am able to honor their service and sacrifice, for if we don't take care of our own, who will?

V/R,
Bob

WIN A CUSTOM ORANGE COUNTY CHOPPER!

To Support the Children of our Fallen Military Heroes

PROUDLY DONATED BY CELEBRITY CHEF ROBERT IRVINE

2ND PRIZE
VIP table at Sky Ball XII
(value \$5,000+)

3RD PRIZE
3 Day Trip for 2 to Las Vegas
(value \$2500+)

GRAND PRIZE
Custom Motorcycle
proudly donated by Chef Robert Irvine
(value \$38,000+)

TICKETS
Cash or Credit Card - 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25
(1st cost states will be mailed to you)

DRAWING WILL BE HELD
APRIL 27, 2014 AT THE FTW JOINT RESERVE BASE AIR SHOW
www.AirpowerFoundation.com/raffle

WINNER RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES AND SHIPPING FROM FORT WORTH
FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION SEE RULES AT AIRPOWERFOUNDATION.COM



Winkler Docent on Battleship *Texas*

As the world's only surviving dreadnaught battleship, the *USS Texas* (BB 35) was turned over to the State of Texas on 21 April 1948, San Jacinto Day, and she continues to welcome visitors at the San Jacinto Battlefield near Houston. You'll find *Old Salt* Mike Winkler back on the deckplates as a docent. Let him know if you plan a visit and he'll give you a full haze gray experience. The ship is open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

In 1914, the *Texas* was the mightiest war machine on the planet, sporting ten 14" rifles intended for the single purpose of sinking ships. Her service in the 1914 Mexican Tampico Incident, WWI, and WWII includes some surprising US battleship "firsts": first with a permanently assigned Marine contingent, first mounting anti-aircraft guns, first to control gunfire with directors and rangefinders, first to launch aircraft from a catapult, first with a production version of surface search radar, and first to show "talkies" to the crew. She was flagship of the US Fleet during the late



Docent Mike Winkler greets recruits on the *Texas* quarterdeck.

1920s to the early 1930s.

The ship saw WWII action in the invasion of North Africa, at Omaha Beach on D-Day followed by a gunfight at Cherbourg, the landings in southern France, at Iwo Jima, and off Okinawa earning five battle stars.

A contingent of volunteers mans the ship to guide visitors, interpret its history, and perform continual restoration and maintenance work. Restoration is funded by donations, and you're invited to support the effort through the Battleship Texas Foundation website at <http://battleshiptexas.org>, a 501(C)(3)

non-profit organization.

Mike adds, "I'm *very* enthused about the *Battleship Texas* – the people involved are top

notch and there is a well-planned program of on-going restoration. I'm a docent, and talking with visitors – especially kids! – is fantastic fun."

- *Mike Winkler*

Vice President / Docents



Turrets 1 and 2 cover the site of Santa Anna's camp that was overrun by the Texans on the San Jacinto battlefield.



One 3" 50 caliber gun on the ship.

SCHEDULE OF REUNION EVENTS



Wednesday, 1 October

Arrive, check in, register, mingle, enjoy in hospitality suite 2301
 Evening: dinner and entertainment on your own

Thursday, 2 October



0830-1630 **Tour of Nevada Test Site (NTS)**, site of nearly 1000 nuclear explosions. Bus will leave from the Alexis Park at 0830 (tentative) for the NTS.

Lunch at the NTS. ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE RETURNED A PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM TO RUSS DYER BY AUGUST 1.

Evening Dinner and entertainment on your own

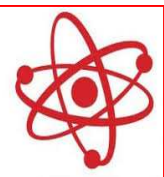
Friday, 3 October

0900-1600 **Tour of Creech Air Force Base**, home of the USAF's Unmanned Aircraft Wing Predator & Reaper aircraft

Lunch at Creech. ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE RETURNED A PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM TO RUSS DYER BY AUGUST 1.



1745-2100 **Bar-B-Q dinner and private tour of the National Atomic Testing Museum**, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum that explores the development, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons and nuclear power. As for the Bar-B-Q, does anyone remember Red's Bar-B-Q in Grand Prairie, outside of NAS Dallas?? Las Vegas' own Road Kill Grill featured on the Food Network's "Diners, Dives and Drive-Ins", will be catering this affair and they are a worthy successor to Red's.



Saturday, 4 October

0900-1100 **Business Meeting Breakfast and Invited Speaker**

Afternoon Visit Las Vegas on your own

1800-2000 **Banquet Dinner** at Alexis Resort

Sunday, 5 October

On your own – Room rates will hold until Monday checkout if you want to get in a round of golf, or see Death Valley, or ???



6th National "Old Salts and Assorted Spies" Reunion Registration Form

Experience the Hospitality of "Sin City" in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada

Name: _____ Rank/Rate/Title _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

RIA or NRIC/NRIP Staff retired from: _____ Year of retirement: _____

Name of Spouse/Companion/Guests attending: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Notes: (1) Each person attending the reunion must pay the registration fee. The fee will be used to pay for reunion incidental costs.

(2) Each person attending the Saturday business meeting must pay for the meeting's breakfast.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u># People</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Wednesday					
Oct 1	Registration Hospitality Suite	1200-2100	\$40	_____	_____
Thursday					
Oct 2	Tour of Nevada Test Site* <i>Transportation from Alexis Park provided</i>	0830-1630	\$25	_____	_____
Friday					
Oct 3	Tour of Creech AFB* <i>Transportation from Alexis Park provided</i>	0900-1600	\$40	_____	_____
	Tour National Atomic Museum and Bar-B-Q dinner <i>Transportation from Alexis Park provided</i>	1745-2100	\$55	_____	_____
Saturday					
Oct 4	Business Meeting & Breakfast	0900-1100	\$25	_____	_____
	Banquet dinner	1800-2000	\$65	_____	_____
TOTAL					_____

***Attendees for the Nevada Test Site Tour and/or Creech AFB tour must provide personal information for each attendee. (See page 7.) Information must be to Russ Dyer not later than 1 August 2014.**

Registration instructions:

- Complete this form and enclose check for total amount due
- Make check payable to **Russ Dyer**
- Complete and enclose information forms for Test Site/Creech AFB
- Mail registration form, information forms and check to:
Russ Dyer P.O. Box 570544 Las Vegas, NV 89157

Registration, check & tour information sheets must be received by Aug. 1, 2014. NO EXCEPTIONS

Reunion headquarters is the **Alexis Park Resort**, located about a half-mile stroll from the Las Vegas Strip. **Coaches for tours and events will depart from the Alexis Park.** A special rate of \$69.00 per night, per room, has been negotiated with the resort. Call the resort at **800-582-2228** and register, requesting the "Old Salts & Assorted Spies" reunion rate. **Make your own reservation prior to September 1, 2014 for special rate price.**

PORT 6-2



Personal Information

Information on this one form is required for each individual for access to Nevada Test Site and/or Creech Air Force Base

Full Name:

Last First Middle Initial

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Home Address:

Street

City

_____ / _____

State/Zip

Email Address

Telephone Number

Return the completed form(s), not later than 1 August 2014 to:

Russ Dyer

P.O. Box 570544

Las Vegas, NV 89157

Update: AN Hurley, Jordan

I think this is something that all golfers should be aware of. In fact, all Americans should be aware of this.
-Lester Alfortish



(l-r) AN Jordan Hurley with grandmother Ronda McCauley on his first leave, December 2014.

Being editor, I select only the best stories for the newsletter. Stories about my grandson seem to make every issue. This one is about his assignment on the *USS Iwo Jima*. He was underway in the Atlantic and quickly called home to tell us, "I was out for over three weeks and didn't throw up once! There's only a couple of us." Could there be anything more important? I say again, the Navy got a great person and an enthusiastic trainee.

- Ronda



McDaniel Travels

I flew to Seattle in August for a cousin's wedding and while at the wedding, drinking a canned Coke (no booze in it) I managed to fall and get three compound fractures in my left ankle. I was in the Seattle hospital for 5 days and then

flew home. I was in a wheelchair for just over 2 months and then a boot for awhile and then physical therapy for a couple of months. My ankle is still a little swollen but they said that it would probably take a full year to heal.

That's my good news!!

:) Nancy

THANK YOU, PING

On Monday, I played the Disney, Lake Buena Vista course. As usual the starters matched me with three other players. After a few holes we began to get to know each other a bit. One fellow was rather young and had his wife riding along in the golf cart with him. I noticed that his golf bag had his name on it and after closer inspection it also said "wounded war veterans."

When I had my first chance to chat with him I asked him about the bag. His response was simply that it was a gift. I then asked if he was wounded and he said yes. When I asked more about his injury, his response was "I'd rather not talk about it, sir."

Over a few holes I learned that he had spent the last 15 months in an army rehabilitation hospital in San Antonio Texas. His wife moved there to be with him and he was released from the hospital in September. He was a rather quiet fellow; however, he did say that he wanted to get good at golf. We had a nice round and as we became a bit more familiar I asked him about the brand new set of PING woods and irons he was playing. Some looked like they had never been hit.

His response was simple. He said that this round was the first full round he had played with these clubs. Later in the round he told me the following. As part of the discharge process from the rehabilitation hospital, PING comes in and provides three days of golf instruction, followed by club fitting. Upon discharge from the hospital, PING gives each of the discharged veterans, generally about 40 soldiers, a brand new set of custom fitted clubs along with the impressive golf bags.

The fellow I met was named Ben Woods and he looked me in the eye and said that being fitted for those clubs was one of the best things that ever happened to him and he was determined to learn to play golf well enough to deserve the gift Ping had given him. Ben is now out of the service medically discharged just a month ago. He is as fine a young man as you would ever want to meet.



PING, whose products are made with pride here in America (Arizona), has the good judgment not to advertise this program. God Bless America and the game of golf.

Thank you PING !!!

May God Bless our Military!!!

From the President



On our way to Nevada, and how do you pronounce this word? Need some history and other miscellaneous information? I have a silver stock certificate

from silver mine in Tonopah, NV. I got this from my great aunt who bought the stock in the early part of the last century (20th).

The name Nevada is derived from the nearby Sierra Nevada, which means "snow-capped range" in Spanish. The land comprising the modern state was inhabited by Native Americans of the Paiute, Shoshone, and Washoe tribes prior to European contact. It was subsequently claimed by Spain as a part of Alta California until the Mexican War of Independence brought it under Mexican control. The United States gained the territory in 1848 following its victory in the Mexican-American War. Nevada officially became a state in 1864.

Nevada formally transitioned from Spanish rule in 1836 when Spain, under the rule of Isabella II, recognized the independence of Mexico. (The Treaty of Córdoba is recognized by Mexico as independence from Spain. It was signed on August 24, 1821 in Córdoba, Veracruz, Mexico. However, the treaty was rejected by the Spanish government and published this resolution in the Gaceta de Madrid on 13 and 14 February 1822.) Also in April, 1836



Texas won its independence as a free and sovereign nation. Thus from 1836 until 1845, when Texas joined the Union,

the Nevada region and Texas were neighboring nations. Yes, I am a Texan. My mother's family was part of the German migration into New Braunfels, Texas in 1840.

More interesting observations are to be had. The flag of Nevada and Texas both have a single five point star in them, although they have differing meanings.



Nevada Mountain Bluebird



Texas Mockingbird

Both have state birds that are insect rather than seed eaters.



Texas State Native Shrub Purple Sage



Nevada's state flower is the Sagebrush

Both have sage plants that are officially recognized by the state. All these symbols are indicative of the rugged independent nature of their citizens and the rugged terrain where they built their futures.

The Bluebonnets are beginning to bloom in Texas and these beautiful plants grow from the roughest least hospitable soil one could imagine (my front yard). It reminds me of how Texas, like the union it joined, had its origin in an intolerable environment rebelling against taxation by tyrannical governance. Both emerged with the

ability to adopt a Constitution that guaranteed its citizens life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our forefathers gambled their lives, fortunes and future to make this the greatest nation in the world. I am happy that when we gamble in Nevada its only for money, and limited at that.



See you soon in Las Vegas and we will actually find out how to pronounce "Nevada."

God Bess America

- Bill Kelberlau



Barnes Visit Russia

Michael and Robin Barnes went to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, February 12 through February 18. Mike says, "It was a fantastic experience, getting to see the United States win some medals, and experiencing the Russian capabilities and hospitality. Nothing that \$51 billion and 25,000 security personnel couldn't have done anywhere!" Detailed trip report to be made available soon.

- Mike

FINAL ORDERS

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

★ **CDR Ronald K. Bonebrake**
USNR

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



Fenimore Adds To Shelby Cobra Operations

The most significant thing we can add is that we are still healthy and very busy. Julie Fenimore, Cdr., Ret, formerly in RIA SIX is expanding her Shelby Cobra

operations with a new factory in Baytown, Texas.

I am still practicing law in Houston and keeping up with a few comrades from RIA 3. For those with an interest in Cobras see the following YouTube video produced by the TV show American Muscle Car. The search phrase is "American muscle car S02e04." She is the owner of Everett-Morrison Motorcars, Inc. since 2006.



For those who are unaware, we be married.

- Tom Knickerbocker





A market in Helsinki



A Copenhagen waterway



One of the stone bridges in Tallinn



Copenhagen



White marble bridge in Stockholm

Roarks Travel

Jim and Lin Roark traveled through Sweden and Norway. These are some of the structures they saw in the many cities of that region.

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MAIL ADDRESS AND INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

New Member

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

Home Address: _____ () Check if preferred mailing address

City, State, Zip: _____

Spouse's First Name: _____ Email: _____

Bus Address _____ () Check if preferred mailing address Fax: () _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: Home () _____ Business () _____

RIA/NRIC of Retirement: _____ Year : _____ Rank/Rate: _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Operating Fund for the Association for Old Salts & Assorted Spies.

A yearly donation of \$25.00 is suggested for the Operating Fund. More or less is appreciated, too.

Make checks payable to OS&AS and send to:

**William D. Anderson, III
1315 Martins Point Road
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487**

The information requested on this form is used to keep the OS&AS mailing directory correct. Please fill in the information on the updating form when submitting a change of address, adding other information or making a donation to the Operating Fund.

Updated information can be emailed to osasnews@os-as.com

Thanks for Your Generous 2014 DONATION\$\$

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- 🏠 Mike and Robin Barnes
- 🏠 Dan and Bobbie Benton
- 🏠 Lawrence and Mary Carlson
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- 🏠 Michael and Annette Conger
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