



# The Deckplate

**USS RAMSEY**

**USS SCHOFIELD**

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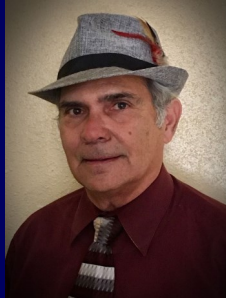
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**Doug Minnis**

### THE COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Hello to all of our USS Ramsey and USS Schofield Shipmates,

I hope you are well and getting past all this COVID-19 stuff. The lock-downs have been difficult throughout the country. We have been waiting to hear from Las Vegas on the COVID-19 restrictions. The good news is that the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted June 1st, All the issues around the hospitality room and Banquet have been resolved, so we are moving ahead with the October 10-13 reunion at Arizona Charlie's-Decatur. See contact information in this newsletter or on the Facebook web pages. We will be stocking and maintaining the Hospitality room ourselves and I know we can work together to make that happen. American Legion Post 8, Las Vegas, will be providing the Banquet facility and a buffet meal. We will need everyone's cooperation to make this a great reunion. So I urge you to make your travel plans and contact Arizona Charlie's, **1-800-342-2695** and reference group code **C-NAVY**, to make reservations. Any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,

BT2 Doug Minnis- Reunion Coordinator

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## Dues

## \$20.00

Please make check payable to:  
Ramsey-Schofield



**Please send to:**

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**to help pay for coins, ball caps,  
and the printing and mailing  
of the "Deckplate"  
Newsletter.**

## Gerald Sigman *by Michael Clark*

Here's a little story about Gerald Sigman and myself.

Gerry and I grew up in Hoboken, New Jersey. We were attending Hoboken High School together. He was one class behind me. I graduated in 1966 and he in 1967. I couldn't stand him when we were in high school because he was always chasing my sister home from school. When I graduated I was glad that I didn't have to look at him again or so I thought.

I went in the Navy in May 1967, boot camp at Great Lakes then to USS Talladega (APA-208). Talladega was put in the inactive status and some of the crew were sent to PRE-COMMDET SCHOFIELD in San Diego. In 1969 we just arrived back in Long Beach after the ship's second WESTPAC.

One morning after reveille, I went up to the head to shave and clean up and when I came out of the head I got to the top of the ladder. I looked down and here was this new guy standing there giving me the finger. I thought "who the hell is this new guy think he is giving someone the finger". We called it the Hoboken salute. Anyway, he came up the ladder and stood in front of me with this big smile and said "it's me Gerry". I asked him what he was doing there and he said he had just reported aboard. I looked at his sleeve and said "you're a radioman too" and I went down to the compartment. He knew I was still miffed at him. So I got in to the compartment and I told RM2 Steven Danzis to keep him away from me.

Since the day he reported aboard he was constantly on me about burying the hatchet but I absolutely refused. But Gerry was persistent. After about 3 or 4 months of him pestering me, I gave in to him. I told him we're both radiomen and we have to work together and there can't be any friction between us. We shook hands and became the best of friends. Gerry and I hung out together and we went everywhere together. Where you saw one, you saw the other.

We used to hang out at the amusement park in Long Beach, I think it was called The Pike. He met a girl down there but she didn't separate us. Gerry and I were very close and she didn't

mind. One night I had duty and he asked me if he could barrow my car so I lent him the car. Next morning there was no Gerry and I thought he'd been in an accident. It's after 0800 now and I get a call. It was Gerry. I asked him where he was and he told me he was in Vegas and he got married to the girl he met in the Pike. That marriage didn't last long for some reason. He said he was on the way and asked if I would cover for him. So I pulled the LPO, RM1 Moriarty, aside and told him Gerry had called and is on his way back to the ship.

One thing I remember that Gerry and the others in the watch section did that almost destroyed our friendship. We were at sea and a flash message came in and I took off to get it to the captain. When I got back to radio, he handed me another flash message and I took off with it again not knowing it was a fake message. I was fuming at Gerry and the watch supervisor. Moriarty was also fuming about it because it's against the rules to create a message to look real. So the RM2 supervisor was removed from supervisor and I, as an RM3 took over. I was hard on Gerry for the stunt he pulled but soon forgave him and the friendship was salvaged.

I thank God, the navy and Schofield for bringing two high school boys who weren't friends in the beginning and bringing us to be close friends. I'm in the Facebook Radioman group and have made a post regarding his passing and the comments just make me cry. Gerry and I kept in touch a bit through Christmas cards and email. He sent me some picture post cards of what Hoboken looks like today. I'll treasure them until the day I die.

Rest In Peace Gerald Sigman, a good friend, fellow radioman and shipmate.

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That's the story of Gerry and myself. I will definitely miss him.

Peace to all of you,  
Michael

# Financial Report: *Prepared and Submitted by Rick Wischmeyer, Treasurer*

## USS SCHOFIELD TREASURER'S REPORT - SUMMARY OF REVENUE & EXPENSE

Date Prepared: July 1, 2021

		Revenue	Expense	Member's Name
Balance - May 13, 2020	5,415.67			
Dues - Schofield		20.00		Rick Wischmeyer
Dues - Schofield & Ramsey		40.00		Don Feldman
Dues - Schofield		40.00		Dayne Frary
Dues - Schofield		100.00		Rick Martin
Dues - Schofield		20.00		Dorothy Gruber/Schoenborn
Dues - Schofield		220.00		Fred Weber
Dues - Schofield		100.00		Thomas Dawdy
Dues - Schofield		40.00		Robert Cichowski
Dues - Schofield		20.00		Timothy Gallivan
Dues - Ramsey		40.00		Robert Courtney
March 2021 Deckplate			59.44	
Interest - October 2020		0.23		
Interest - November 2020		0.22		
Interest - December 2020		0.23		
Interest - January 2021		0.23		
Interest - February 2021		0.21		
Interest - March 2021		0.24		
Interest - April 2021		0.24		
Interest - May 2021		0.25		
Interest - June 2021		0.25		
		642.10	59.44	
<b>CURRENT BALANCE (7/1/2021)</b>	<b>5,998.33</b>	<b>Transferred to Chase Account on 7/1/2021</b>		

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## TAPS

Date	Rank	First	Middle	Last	Ship	Years	Notes
	CDR	John	Munry	Leaver	Ramsey	70-72 KIA	Every ceremony
	LT	David	W	Wyrick	Ramsey	KIA	Every ceremony
	GMG-2	Robert		Mills	Ramsey	KIA	Every ceremony
11/30/2018	QMB	John		Carricabuna	Ramsey		
2/7/2019	STG3	Barry	J	Hefty	Ramsey		
10/31/2019		Paul		Scoons	Schofield	66 - 70	
1/2/2020	BT	Mike		Giles	Schofield		
2/19		John		Drusser	Schofield		
4/3/2020		LeRoy		Galan	Schofield		
4/8/2020	SN	Benny		Ricks	Schofield	70 - 71	
5/18/2020		Thomas	B	Allen	Ramsey		
5/18/2020	ET1	Thomas	B	Allen	Ramsey		
7/22/2020	DK1	Thomas (Tommy)		Shap	Ramsey		
8/28/2020	FTMC	John		Bengel	Ramsey	71-72	
11/19		Bany		Hefty	Ramsey		
11/19		Charles		Kiser	Schofield		
	FTM1	Mike		Crosier	Schofield		
	ETR3	David		Bowman	Schofield	76 - 79	
		Mark		Lemery	Schofield		

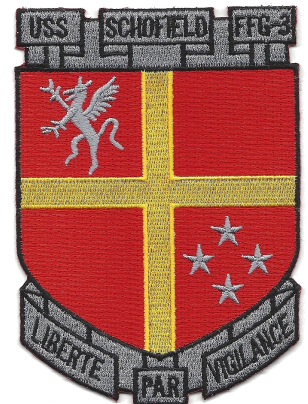
# USS SCHOFIELD

**SEE YOU AT THE REUNION**  
**OCTOBER 10-13 2021**



USS Ramsey/USS Schofield Reunion  
October 10-13, 2021  
Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino  
740 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107

**USS Schofield & USS Ramsey**  
**2669 Rocky Point Road NW**  
**Bremerton WA 98312**



**JULY 2021**

**USS RAMSEY & SCHOFIELD**



# REUNION



## USS Ramsey/USS Schofield Reunion

October 10-13, 2021

Registration / Itinerary Form

Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino

740 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107

Name of Shipmate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Shipmate's Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Info:** If there should be an emergency during the reunion, list a family member we should contact.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hotel Reservations:

Please call 1-800-342-2695 and reference group code **C-NAVY** to receive the group rates for your stay. Reservations must be made prior to **September 20, 2021** to receive the group rates. The first night room & tax will be required as a deposit and balance to be paid at Hotel check-in on date of arrival. A (48) hour minimum cancellation notice is required to receive a refund for your deposit. Breakfast is not included this year but they have great prices for us.

Room types at the Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel:

**King or (2) Queen Beds (1-2 people) \$50.85 per night includes tax**

**Resort Fee of \$21.46 has been WAIVED for group.**

Guests who would like to arrive early or stay later:

Rates for October 8 & 9: \$84.75 including tax

Rates for October 13 & 14: \$50.85 including tax

**Registration Fee per person is \$15.00**      number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee is required from all reunion attendees regardless of where you are staying and covers the hospitality room snacks, and beverages.

### SCHOFIELD ONLY

**Veteran Name Tag**      \$8.50    x    \_\_\_\_\_    = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name Tag**      \$7.50    x    \_\_\_\_\_    = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**City Tag**      \$6.40    x    \_\_\_\_\_    = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If this is your first USS Schofield reunion, or if you have misplaced the name tag you received at a previous reunion, you can order one here. Please fill in the information below to insure your name tag is printed correctly. **If you fill in below you will be charged for tag.** A previously misspelled name tag will be replaced free of charge, indicate that this is a replacement.

Your name tag : \_\_\_\_\_ What was your highest rank while on board: \_\_\_\_\_

### RAMSEY ONLY

Ramsey Challenge Coin # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## USS RAMSEY & SCHOFIELD REUNION REGISTRATION

## Reunion Con'td

### Sunday, October 10, 2021

3:00 PM Check-in at the hotel and Registration/Hospitality Room opens

### Monday, October 11, 2021

8:00 AM Hospitality room opens

10:00 AM Business Meeting

### Tuesday, October 12, 2021

8:00 AM – Hospitality Room Opens

6:00 PM - Dinner Buffet Banquet at American Legion

	# People	Total Price
\$14.00	x _____	= \$ _____

Registration form should be sent to:

Doug Minnis, 11741 Sullivan Rd, Emmett, MI 48022. Make check out to Ramsey-Schofield. Any questions should go to Mary Minnis 810-300-4935 or email [ka8ieo@gmail.com](mailto:ka8ieo@gmail.com). Please submit registration forms and payment prior to September 20, 2021.

**Fair Winds, Clear Skies and Following Seas, until we meet again...**

# See You at the reunion



**USS RAMSEY & SCHOFIELD REUNION REGISTRATION**