

THE DECKPLATE

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Points of Special Interest

- *Richard Cohagan has a message for all in the cover story.*
- *WELCOME MAT is on pages two and three with the names and addresses of 18 newly located shipmates. Hope you see an old friend on the list.*
- *Read the preview of the attractions in the Seattle area on pages three and four. Make your plans now to attend next year's reunion.*
- *Please fill out the Seattle survey on page 4 and return it to us so we can plan your reunion.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

As you know the USS SCHOFIELD cruise books only have the crews' last name and rate, and it is almost impossible to locate addresses with the last name only.

We have located 271 shipmates by finding first names from internet WEB sites and other shipmates remembering a first name or two. We have set a \$10.00 per year dues, **but** any size donation will be appreciated. They are payable **June to June** of each year. As of now—August 22, 2002, we have 31 members that have sent the donations to **me**. My address is:

Richard Cohagan
P. O. Box 223
Duluth, GA 30096-0004
Phone: 770-623-9022

These donations are used to pay ML&RS Inc. for the newsletters. We also need supplies—stamps, etc., and for locating shipmates. The Enlisted Personnel Management Center (Code 311) has informed me that I can get many crewmen's full names from 1975 to 1988. There are 3544 pages of name available (some months are missing) for 15 cents per page or \$531.00. In order to get the names, we need **more**

donations. The Department for the Master rolls for the years 1967 to 1975 have not contacted me yet.

Bill Neeley was unable to attend the first reunion due to Dianna having surgery. Bill has notified me that she is recovering very well. Only an occasional discomfort, and that is improving too.

Richard Cohagan
Reunion Coordinator

**YOU CHOSE
"THE DECKPLATE"
AS THE NAME OF YOUR
NEWSLETTER BY A
VOTE OF SIX TO FIVE.**

STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

This is the official publication of the USS Schofield Association. From now on it will be published quarterly in March, June, September and December, *subject to receiving sufficient funding*. The Newsletter is funded by voluntary contributions from the membership. All members are encouraged to support the voice of the Schofield. A financial statement will appear in each of the following issues. **Send contributions to Richard Co-hagan.**

The newsletter is intended to be a vehicle for the members to express opinions, make suggestions and especially share experiences.

Unless otherwise stated, the views and opinions printed in the newsletter are those of the article's writer, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the Association leadership or the Editor of the Newsletter.

All letters and stories submitted will be considered for publication, except unsigned letters will not be published. Letters requesting the writer's name be withheld will be honored, but published on a space available basis. Signed letters with no restrictions will be given priority.

Letters demeaning to another shipmate will not be printed; letters espousing a political position will not be printed.

The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conform to space limitations and grammar.

You are encouraged to actively participate in the newsletter family, by submitting your stories and suggestions.

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NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON LINE

The Newsletter for the USS SCHOFIELD reunion is available to download from the Military Locator & Reunion Service Inc web site.

If you are able to visit our web site and download the Newsletter, and therefore do not need a paper copy mailed to you, please let us know.

Please visit our web site at www.mlrsinc.com, then follow the link labeled Reunions, then scroll down until you see the listing for the USS SCHOFIELD. Click on the button labeled Newsletters, and in a few minutes the newsletter should appear on your screen. (As a side note - it took about 4 minutes on my computer). This will only work if you have Adobe Reader 4.0 or higher. You can also download this viewer for free from our web site.

If this works for you and you would like to receive all future mailings from us in this method, please send me an e-mail requesting to subscribe to the SCHOFIELD E-mail Roster. Each time something new is available, we will send you an e-mail informing you something new is available on the web site. **Please let us know if your e-mail address changes so you don't miss any important information.**

To subscribe to the SCHOFIELD E-mail Roster please send an e-mail to SubscribeMLRS@aol.com, put the phrase SUBSCRIBE SCHOFIELD in the Subject line and type your name and e-mail address in the body of your e-mail. You will be placed in the e-mail roster.

Your name and postal mailing address will remain in our computers and will appear on all mailing lists, etc distributed to other members of your group.

If you have any question regarding this, do not hesitate to ask!

Dina Coffey



WELCOME MAT

The following shipmates have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome aboard. We hope to see you at the next reunion and that you will take an active part in the association. We welcome:

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Great Falls, MT 59404
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Otis Orchards, WA 99027-9281
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TAPS

The Schofield Deckplate has learned of the following death since the last newsletter. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the deceased.

Mark Alan Pass (1984-87) FTM2
Died 1987

Anyone who knows or learns of a shipmate's death, you are requested to notify the newsletter so that person can be listed in TAPS and also on the Honor Roll at the next reunion.

YOUR STORIES NEEDED

The newsletter needs your stories for inclusion in the next issue. Please send in a story or article that you think would be of interest to all. We received no stories about a **most memorable character**, so we are still searching for those unforgettable people who lived and worked among you on the Schofield. Please get the ball rolling. Just a few letters will encourage others to write in response and before long, we will have a great newsletter. Hope to hear from you soon. Send stories to:

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P O Drawer 11399
Hickory, NC 28603

OR:

E-mail: mlrsnewsletters@aol.com

REUNION SET FOR SEATTLE/BREMERTON

The USS Schofield 2003 reunion will be held on May 29-June 1 in the Seattle/Bremerton, WA area. The host hotel will be the Best Western Federal Way.

We will attempt to give you a brief preview of some of the attractions in the Seattle area that you may want to include in your reunion agenda. After reading about the sites, please take time to fill out the survey at the end and return it to us. We will take your surveys, and along with input from your coordinator, will custom design your reunion to conform to your wishes.

Seattle is situated on the shores of two large lakes and Puget Sound. It is flanked by two major mountain ranges (Olympics and Cascades), with Mount Rainier in full view. Some of the major attractions will be described and you will be asked to choose from them for your reunion activities. After reading the descriptions, please take time to fill out the survey on page four of the newsletter. We will then design your reunion activities to your wishes.

If you have only one experience in Seattle, make it **Tillicum Village**. During the harbor cruise that takes you to the village, you will cross Puget Sound and view the magnificent scenery and perhaps encounter a sea lion, dolphin, or soaring eagle. Tillicum Village's "longhouse" is styled in the fashion of the ancient dwellings of the North Coast Indians. There you will savor delicious fresh Pacific salmon prepared on cedar stakes over alder fires, the traditional method. The entire island is part of Blake Island State Park and is accessible only by boat.

The **USS TURNER JOY**, a Forrest Sherman class destroyer, is now on display at the **Bremerton Historic Ships Association**. Most of the ship is open to the public, including the aft engine room and the

LABOR DAY

The first state to declare Labor Day a state holiday was Colorado, in 1887. The day became a national holiday in 1894.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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fire room (boiler room). One of the compartments has been turned into a POW Memorial, an authentic prison cell replica from the infamous Hoa Lo Prison (nicknamed Hanoi Hilton) in Vietnam.

The **Naval Undersea Museum** represents the history of human enterprise under the sea. Among the most important undersea activities are the adventures of the U. S. Navy's undersea forces, which helped to bring victory in war and to maintain America strong in peace. The Navy's saga in the undersea is told through its exciting collection and interpretation of vintage objects.

The **Space Needle** stood as the centerpiece of the 1962 World's Fair. Since then it has become one of the top attractions in Seattle. It's a 43-second view-filled ride in a 10-mph elevator to reach the observation deck. There, maps describe what you're seeing in each direction, and telescopes offer close-up views of Elliot Bay or of Mount Rainier 90 miles away. Just below the observation deck is the famous Space Needle Restaurant that makes a complete revolution every 55 minutes.

The **Pike Place Market** is known around the world. It has been featured in such movies as Sleepless in Seattle and is often seen on television for those airborne salmon hurled through the air by employees at the Pike Place Market Inc. There you will find florists, artisans, and craftsmen of jewelry and clothing, as well as the original Starbucks Coffee shop across the street. See fish from around the world, smell flowers from local farmers, hear street performers strumming guitars, sample honey, nuts and other foods from local vendors. With produce from over 100 farmers and wares from over 200 artists, there's plenty to take in.

The **International District** is known for its ethnic and cultural diversity, and is home to a concentration of Seattle's Asian shops, restaurants, businesses, and residences. Hing Hay Park is located here with its authentic Chinese pagoda. Although primarily Asian, the district is also home to many other nationali-

ties, including Greeks, Italians, and Russians.

Ballard Locks are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks provide a link for boats traveling between the salt water of Puget Sound and the Ship Canal, which connects to the fresh water of both Lake Washington and Lake Union. Here you will find two navigational locks, a fish ladder, a botanical garden, a regional visitor center and bookstore, and a spillway dam.

Mount Rainier is a 14,411 foot high dormant volcano, capped with glaciers and can be seen for hundreds of miles on a clear day. See alpine meadows, cascading waterfalls, clear mountain lakes and spectacular canyons.

Mount St. Helens erupted violently on May 18, 1980, with the force of 20,000 atomic bombs. In the earthquake triggered landslide that followed, over 1,300 feet of the mountain's top flooded into the valley below. For 150,000 square miles from the impact zone, every living thing above ground was destroyed. In twenty years life has slowly returned to the area, but the devastation remaining will impact everyone who views this landscape.

Seattle's **Museum of Flight** tracks the history of aviation. Become a fighter pilot for a moment when you jump into the cockpit of an F/A-18, or pay your respects to space exploration at the Apollo exhibit and Rendezvous In Space. Visit Boeing's original plane, the B&W, in the awe-inspiring six-story steel and glass Great Gallery. Then, wrap up your tour with a lesson on the early days of aviation in the Red Barn, Boeing's original plant, and a walk through presidential history aboard the first Air Force One.

As you can see, there is a lot to see and do in Seattle. Hopefully this overview of some of the major attractions will help you decide what you most want to have on your reunion agenda. Make your wishes heard by filling out the survey and returning it promptly so plans can be finalized. See you in Seattle!

USS SCHOFIELD SURVEY SEATTLE, WA AREA MAY 29—JUNE 1, 2003

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey of the attractions in the Seattle area and return it to Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc. We will use the surveys to custom design your reunion to what you want to do.

Please check the attractions you would like to visit during the reunion.

Tillicum Village _____
International District _____
USS Turner Joy _____
Naval Undersea Museum _____
Space Needle _____
Mount Rainier National Park _____
Pike Place Market _____
Mount St. Helens _____
Ballard Locks _____
Museum of Flight _____

Reunion format:

Would you like a Welcome Reception the first evening of the reunion?
Yes ____ No ____

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings? _____
or only on Sunday? _____

Would you prefer dinner Friday night at the Tillicum Village? _____
or dinner at the hotel? _____

Do you want entertainment after the banquet? Yes ____ No ____

Your comments & suggestions:

Return survey to:

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