

# CREW from MARS

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## from the editor's desk



## My Fellow Shipmates

We held another successful reunion in Norfolk & for the first time with the crews from the USS Sylvania. John Pierce (1967-68), from the Sylvania set everything up & it was a pleasure to help John coordinate the events. Our joint reunion worked well & I thank John for his help & effort.

Another informal meeting was held during the reunion to plan the future of MARS REUNIONS. Much to my surprise, we were able to plan reunions for the next three years. We are starting to pick up a good following of those who enjoy attending these reunions & we will see them at most of our future reunions.

A very special **THANK YOU** to all that helped with the Norfolk Reunion. So many of you helped in many ways to bring everything together & your extra effort was appreciated by me. I only had to ask for help & you volunteered willingly & that makes coordinating a reunion very rewarding.

Our newsletter & reunion funds continue to be financially sound. The no annual dues policy seems to be working well as your support of the two accounts with donations makes for less paper work.

The newsletter fund will be used only for the cost of the newsletter. It now cost about \$1.20 to mail each newsletter every five months. I mail at least one free copy of the newsletter to

each new contact. If I get no response, then their name goes on the inactive mailing list.

Our reunion fund is used for the support of the reunions. This account has grown through donations, the sale of shirts, hats & the raffles held at each reunion. I have used the funds to buy raffle items, pay for the costs of up-dating the Mars history books & mailing reunion pictures to those who attend the reunions.

We will be contacting everyone on the inactive mailing list within 500-600 miles of Cincinnati, before our up coming 2003 Newport Reunion. We want to give everyone the opportunity to attend this reunion. If you plan to attend & you would like to see an old shipmate who is on our mailing list, give him a call & maybe that will be all that's needed for him to attend.

Our next Mars newsletter will be mailed in July. David & I are as always in need of more comments & memories from your days on Mars. We would like to hear from more of you & how life has been for you since you left the ship. Help us to continue with an enjoyable to read newsletter.

Everett R. Jones (1965-68)



**M**ake contact with me if you are interested in our Newport Reunion. I will mail you the information. Everett R. Jones 619-421-3721 or E-mail: oncerj@pacbell.net



## USS Mars (AFS-1)

## •History 1979•

Commanding Officers

Executive Officer

Supply Officer

Captain Steve Ralph, Jr  
Captain F. Baumgardner  
Captain Charles K. Hutchinson

Cdr. Belmont W. Cousins

Cdr. E. W. Withrow

**A**fter returning from their eight month Western Pacific deployment, the crew spends the first month of the year on liberty & leave. Local operations & training keep the ship busy the first part of the year.

**I**n May the ship was out of San Diego, headed for Mazatlan, Mexico. On 14 May, in dense fog off the coast of San Diego, Mars was involved in a collision with the USS Cook (FF-1083). The bow of the Cook entered No. 2 hold on the starboard side. No. 2 hold was flooded. Seven crewmembers were injured on the Cook. Both ships returned to San Diego for repairs. Mars moored alongside the USS Dixie (AD-14). A cofferdam was put over the 30 x 40 foot hole.

• (See page 5 under Comments & Memories for the personal view point & additional comments by the CIC Officer).

**A**fter temporary repairs, Mars steamed to San Francisco for repairs at Hunters Point Shipyard. A formal investigation was initiated into the incident.

**C**aptain Ralph was relieved by Captain F. Baumgardner as Commanding Officer in June.

**C**aptain Baumgardner was relieved by Charles K. Hutchison as Commanding Officer in August.

**A**fter the necessary repairs at Hunters Point, Mars returns to Alameda. The last part of the year is spent in local operations, participation in READEX 1-80 & two trips to Mexico.

**M**ars spends her 16th birthday moored to the pier in her homeport as the year ends.

The day after the collision involving the USS Mars & the USS Cook, a sailor from the Cook was seen wearing a new t-shirt with the words,  
**"USS COOK LANDS ON MARS"**

## USS Mars (AFS-1)

## •History 1980•



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Captain Charles K. Hutchison

Cdr Belmont W. Cousins  
Cdr L. Mike Pivonka

Cdr. E. W. Withrow  
Cdr. Jack T. Kavanaugh

**P**re-deployment training & the loading of supplies keep the crew busy the first two months of the year. On 26 February, Mars once again deployed to the Western Pacific. The ship heads south of San Diego & supports the ships operating in the area before setting course for Pearl Harbor.

**A**rriving in Pearl Harbor on March 13, the crew has the opportunity to relax before heading for Subic Bay. Loaded with supplies, fleet freight, passengers & mail, the ship sets course for Singapore, resupplying ships along the way. A few days of R&R for the crew & the

ship is once again underway.

**M**ars now heads for the Indian Ocean & the Arabian Sea to be the main supply ship for the Battle Groups operating in these areas. Several trips are made to Diego Garcia to load supplies & passengers. On May 6, Mars crossed the Equator & allowed all pollywags to become shellbacks after a fair & just trial. A full day of fun & enjoyment for everyone, or maybe just for the trusty shellbacks.



**O**n 17 June, the ship made a stop in Muscat, Oman to load fresh fruit & vegetables. By

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the end of June, Mars is in need of supplies & heads for Subic Bay to reload. After two weeks in Subic the ship set course for Singapore, arriving on 19 July.

**D**uring July, Cdr Jack T. Kavanaugh reports Donboard & relieves Cdr Withrow as Mars Supply Officer.

**T**he next six weeks are spent supplying the ships in the Indian Ocean, with another Mars resupply visit to Diego Garcia. During this time period, Chaplain Marvin Snyder, a Mars plankowner & now a Captain, reports onboard for a couple of weeks & a visit with his old ship.

**D**uring August, Cdr L. Mike Pivonka reports Donboard & relieves Cdr Cousins as Executive Officer.

**I**n september, Mars leaves the Indian Ocean & sets course for Phattaya, Thailand. Arriving in Phattaya on 15 September, the crew has a chance to relax & do some early Christmas shopping.

**A**rriving in Subic Bay on 23 September, the ship spends a few days off loading before heading for Pearl Harbor. The ship arrives in Pearl Harbor on 8 October. During this WEST-PAC deployment, the crew transferred 8976 pallets of cargo with a total tonnage of 5600 s/t.

**O**n 15 October, Mars steams under the Golden Gate Bridge & moors to the pier in Alameda. A well done to the 1980 crew for a successful eight month deployment.

### **Future Mars Reunion Plans**

#### **REUNION 2003 ■ October 17-19 ■ Newport, KY**

**S**ince we had no plans in place for a 2003 reunion, it was decided that we again would join up with the crews from the Sylvania. John had already set a date for the Sylvania reunion, so we will join with them in Newport, KY.

**W**e will use the Comfort Suites Riverfront as the reunion hotel, which is along the banks of the Ohio River. Our meeting room will have an excellent view of the river. The reunion will be during the TALL STACKS festival, the world's largest gathering of historic riverboats. Seventeen paddle wheelers will congregate in Cincinnati for this event.

**P**lans are to have an early Saturday evening dinner/cruise on the river.

**I**f you want to attend this event, let me know by slow mail, a phone call or e-mail. I will mail out the registration letter when the details are in place for those who are interested in attending.

#### **REUNION 2004 ■ September ■ Seattle, WA**

**W**e will take the MARS REUNION to the great Pacific Northwest in 2004. Ron Henning (1967-70) will coordinate this reunion for us. There are over 50 former crewmembers living in Oregon & Washington, with another 70 living in Northern California. We should have a good turn out.

#### **REUNION 2005 ■ October ■ Jacksonville, FL**

**C**aptain Paul Anderson (1968-69) has volunteered to hoist this reunion, so mark your calendars for this big event.

**W**e are looking into a REUNION 2006 in Branson, MO & then back to the western area in 2007. If you have some input as to



where we can hold a future reunion, please contact me. Your suggestions & opinions are most welcome.

# REUNION 2002

Our Norfolk reunion went off as scheduled this past October. Forty three of us were able to attend this reunion. Twenty former crewmembers attended their first MARS REUNION.

As in the past, a group of us arrived on Thursday & had an informal welcome with each other. Most of us had a nice relaxing dinner & chat session during the evening.

The weather was nice on Friday & almost everyone attending the reunion went on the two hour harbor & lunch cruise. We took a lot of pictures which have been added to our reunion picture history book. Our welcome reception was well attended with the crews from Mars & the Sylvania having the opportunity to introduce themselves & share some memories of the past. It was nice to see so many spouses & friends in attendance. We had dinner on our own Friday & many were able to join with friends & remember the good days on the Mars.

Early Saturday morning we held an informal meeting to talk about future Mars reunions. We all agreed that we wanted to continue having reunions, so the next three years have been scheduled. This will allow those who are interested in attending a reunion to make advanced plans.

A tour of the USS Wisconsin (BB-64) by the Mars & Sylvania crews was next on the Saturday schedule. RADM Jack Kavanaugh, (Mars Supply Officer 1980-82) met our group at the entrance to the ship & talked about the status of the Wisconsin. The ship is in the Inactive Fleet, reserved for national emergencies. The Wisconsin looks great & we were able to take many pictures of those who came aboard for the tour.

The Mars & Sylvania crews took a bus tour of the Norfolk Naval Base in the afternoon. This tour took us around most of the Navy's largest base with views of some areas that many of us had not seen while we were in the navy.

The Saturday evening banquet was well attended, as 156 people filled our banquet room. The buffet dinner seemed to work well & the food was plentiful. We had three guest speakers. RADM Ray Sarcaram, Atlantic Fleet Supply, Hank Landau, WWII USS Sylvania, who talked about the 1946 Bikini bomb tests. Our main speaker was Robert Esposito SN (1966-68) from



the USS Sylvania. Robert is head of operations for Verizon in all of New York City & Long Island. He has over 1400 employees under him & they had the task of restoring communications to New York & Long Island after 911. Robert shared some of his personnel experiences of September 11, as he viewed the twin towers from his office.

The evening banquet ended with a successful Mars & Sylvania joint raffle. The raffle highlight for the Mars' crew was the three 16 x 22 inch lithograph pictures of the Mars replenishing a nuclear carrier. The pictures were donated by Marvin McClure (1963-65) We hope to offer the sale of reproductions of this picture in the near future.

*Thank You*

Your Support for the Newsletter  
is Greatly Appreciated

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If you wish to make a donation for the support of our newsletter, please make your check payable to the MARS REUNION.





## COMMENTS & MEMORIES

Continued from Mars History 1979, detailed comments by Charles E. Vogel, CIC Officer:

Unfortunately, I was onboard for that incident (Collision of 14 May 1979) & was present in San Diego for some of the investigation. I was the CIC Officer. We had just left San Diego as part of a

large sortie & were looking forward to a short exercise & visit to Mazatlan, Mexico.

Lookouts & phone talkers were on deck & the maneuvering watch was set because it was extremely foggy. We were traveling north in an area west of San Diego's Mission Bay. I left CIC to set flight quarters in order to retrieve two helos. As I recall the forecabin was difficult to see clearly in the fog when I exited from the forward superstructure & proceeded aft to the helo tower. I was in the helicopter control tower with flight quarters set & one helo on deck when Mars turned to find some less foggy conditions for the second helo.

Everyone was alert as the second helo made its decent. With the helo at about 300 feet & not in sight, I felt Mars' momentum hesitate slightly. It wasn't a very large hesitation & I remember it as only something very out of the ordinary. I remarked to the Comm Officer who was present with me at the time that we must have hit something. Almost immediately the collision alarm sounded & Mars' engines changed status. I requested the helo to remain at altitude & exited the tower to take a look. Fully expecting to see a small commercial or private craft, you can only imagine my reaction when I saw a Navy destroyer coming out of the fog along Mars' starboard side. The Cook's forecabin was severely mangled & as it came closer to me, I could see their crew around the pilot house hanging on as she rolled significantly to port in response to the collision. I held my stunned gaze to look for someone in the water. Thankfully there were none.

I called the bridge & told them I was remaining on station to ensure the helo was released to North Island NAS & radioed San Diego that USS Mars was involved in a collision. After the radio handoff, I proceeded back to CIC to deal with the immediate situation.

Mars suffered an intrusion on her starboard side at the bulkhead between the first & second cargo holds from the bow of the USS Cook. Damage went in approximately 40 feet. I believe the USS Cook was able to make it back to San Diego on her own, however Mars took on a lot of water & came into port with assistance & listing 10 or so degrees to port in an attempt to keep the gash as much out the water as possible.

There were many individual Mars heroes from the Supply & Engineering Departments that day who worked very professionally & in some cases without regard to their own safety in order to slow the sea from engulfing our forward holds.

Charles E. Vogel (1977-80)

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In 1973, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy for a two year period. My intention was to get a education as a Seabee, but was assigned to the USS Mars, homeported in Sasebo, Japan.

Upon arrival to the Mars, I was assigned to the Deck Division. My intention was to be transferred to the bridge for on the job training in the QM rating.

I stayed on the ship for my two year enlistment & was honorably discharged. Upon my discharge from the US Navy, I returned to my home town, Santa Fe, New Mexico. In November 1975, I applied





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for a psychological disability through the Department of Veterans Affairs. I was awarded 100% disability in the form of a pension & compensation from the Veterans Administration, which I continue to receive today.

I live in Santa Fe, NM & have an active life. Santa Fe is a multi cultural community & is a comfortable life for me.

Andrew Collaro (1973-75)

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First of all, let me introduce myself. My name is Phil Sedlock & I served aboard the U.S.S. Mars from September of 1966 to November of 1967. A total of 14 months, I spent the majority of my time in the S-2 Division, Hold 2, Fleet Issue Paint Locker.

I arrived onboard the Mars in Sept. of 1966 direct from Boot camp. My plane touched down at Yokada Air Base near Tokyo. After a bus trip to Yokosuka, I found out that I had missed the ship by two or three days. I was put into the transient barracks & then after a few more days I was flown out to the Philippines to meet my ship. Mars was resupplying at this time & getting ready for another swing though Yankee Station. My first assignment was to the deck division. Chipping paint for BM2 Lott was not my idea of a good time but I got by. I found out that the ship was headed for Singapore & a swing over the Equator.

After being thoroughly inducted in the mysteries of the deep by King Neptune, it was back to work. It was after Singapore that I was volunteered for "Mess Cooking Detail". I worked on the mess decks under ENS Dick Ling, a great guy (he was later assigned to River Patrol Boats in Vietnam & was killed there). Remember 'Boston'?, one of the best cooks in the navy, at least I thought so & still do.

After completing my tour of mess cooking, I was assigned to Supply Division, S-2 to be exact. Hold 2, the Fleet Issue Paint Locker became my new home. I worked with SK3 Jim Dauley, if I remember right he was from around Lexington, Kentucky. Eventually, after Jim left the ship, I was put in charge of the Paint Locker. Being in the working end of the supply group really taught me the meaning of the word endurance, as well as how to get along with others in order to get a job done. I remember coming up on deck after loading stores & seeing a carrier on the port side, a cruiser on the starboard side & a string of destroyers lined up astern like the cars of a freight train. Both of the choppers were very busy also, taking supplies to the 'Tin Cans' & other support ships of the Task Forces. This was NOT uncommon; in fact I can still remember the X.O. being down in the holds working alongside the enlisted men during an 'All Hands Evolution'. It was a very common thing to work through the night after a full day & then with a little sleep, do it all over again. Names like Ranger, Forestall, Coral Sea & Enterprise come to mind as well as Bainbridge, Long Beach & Chicago. For those of you that weren't aboard at the time, Mars was there when the Forestall had her tragic fire in '67. I recall that on at least one occasion, we took aboard a large quantity of used aircraft parts, the after cargo deck looked as if we had a plane crash aboard.

I remember a number of the ports that we stopped in: KaoShung, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore & what members of the crew can never forget, that 'Pearl of the Orient': Alongapo City at Subic Bay in the P. I. We also stopped in a few places that were entirely for business reasons like Vung Tau, DaNang, Cam Ranh Bay just to recall a few. AT least at Cam Ranh we were allowed to have a beach party, complete with beer. Of course the favorite was Yokosuka, our homport. Anybody remember the New Black Rose or the New Yokosuka bars, there were many others to be sure but, right now only these two come to mind. We were in luck back in '67 as we got to spend Christmas in our homeport. Thanksgiving was celebrated underway out in the Gulf of Tonkin; man Boston put on one heck of a spread that day!

How many readers can recall the day that Mars was fired upon by th V.C.? It happened as she passed





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between Tiger Island & the mainland. The ship took on a list to port as the crew came on deck to watch the water spouts from the projectiles. It was announced over the 1MC that 'Mars was being fired upon by enemy forces. G.Q. was not even sounded, thankfully all enemy rounds fell well short of their intended target. My first

abandon ship drill comes to mind, they announced that the nearest land was only six miles distant, STRAIGHT DOWN!

Mars was a very good learning experience for me, I actually was sad to leave her. I went from Mars to shore duty at N.S.A. DaNang, survived that, got married & spent my final year in Charleston, SC, aboard the USS Everglades AD24. I was discharged in January of 1970. Upon getting out, I returned to the Detroit, Michigan area & resumed work as a draftsman for the local phone company. I retired in 1994 & have managed to work in the drafting field off & on for the last few years. I'm still happily married 32+ years. We have two kids, one of each, Judy 32, born in Charleston & Eric 26 born in the Detroit area.

Phil Seplock (1966-67)



Thanks again for all your logistical support & vision in planning these reunions. Due to our trip to Norfolk, I have already started looking up some of my buddies. I just called my best buddy from the Mars & had a great time talking to him.

Many thanks for making it possible for us to have such a great time in Norfolk over the weekend.

Pete Golldlatte (1971-72)

Pat & I really did have a great time. We would like to be able to attend the Midwest reunion, hopefully one on the coast also. It was great to see Fred, Joe & you. Would have been great if more could have attended, but maybe next time.

Paul Klenlen (1963-67)

Let me congratulate you on putting on a wonderful Mars Reunion. Betty & I had a wonderful time. It was great to see so many of my old shipmates. Captain Tom Nutt & Wynnona stopped by our house on their way home on Sunday. Tom & I were classmates at George Washington University in 1962/63.

Chaplain Snyder & his wife Eda, were so good to see again.

James M. Baumgardner (1965-66)





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I would like to thank you for a really great time in Norfolk. We did not have a really big turnout, but had a good reunion. A lot of familiar faces were not there, but Joe Tizol has not changed a bit, he is still "The Man". Paul Kienlin could pose for a retake of a 1966 photo.

How come I got so old & gray? I am formulating my plans for Seattle.

Fred Stith (1963-66)

Just wanted to drop a quick note to tell you again what a good time we had at the Norfolk reunion. Ray Zuccarelli said he is already making plans to attend next year & of course Larry Martin & I are regulars now.

Joe Kay (1969-70)

Suzan & I enjoyed the Norfolk reunion. It was great to meet you. Thank you for putting it all together.

Ed Schweizer (1974-75)

We wish to thank you again for all you do for the people of MARS. The reunion was very enjoyable. We saw some shipmates we had not seen for 36 years. It was especially nice to have a couple of men to introduce their wives & tell how they had shared with them their appreciation for help I had give them when they were on Mars. Thanks to you for making the reunion possible & also for the photos.

Marvin E. Snyder (1963-66)

## the Ships Crew



*A Special Welcome!*

1963-1965	Hunter, Ira J.	EM2	E Div	Pinon Hills, CA
1965-1967	Winne, Worden E.	RM3	OC Div	Harpers Ferry, WV
1968-1970	Davis, Kenneth A.	BM2	Deck	Palmetto, FL
1969-1972	Southworth, Tom	BM3	2nd Div	Dandridge, TN
1970-1972	Dalmeida, William jr.	RM3	OC Div	League City, TX
1970-1972	Heesch, Rodney H.	RM3	OC Div	Pikeville, TN
1973-1975	Kaiser, Elmer S.	SN	-----	Platteville, WI
1973-1975	Mathews, Wayne A.	OSSN	OI Div	Champaign, IL
1973-1975	Schwenke, David P.	YN	Ops	Vallejo, CA
3/74-3/76	Buchanan, Leonard	MM2	A Div	Grand Haven, MI
1974-1975	Schweitzer, Ed S.	LCDR	Ops Officer	Chesapeake, MD
1975-1977	Harwardt, Hank	MM3	M Div	Farmingdale, NY
5/79-7/82	West, Philip H. Jr.	Ltjg	Eng	Louisville, MS
2/80-8/81	White, Willard Jr.	RMSN	OC Div	Hobbs, NM
5/80-4/84	Conley, Denney L.	HT2	R Div	Monterey, CA
1980-1984	Luecke, Bruce	EN2	A Div	Fletcher, NC
1983-1985	Gooley, Pat	LCDR	Ops Officer	Suffolk, VA
1986-1988	Lisenbery, Kevin D.	ET2	OE Div	Porterville, CA
1/90-7/92	Miller, Jonathan	IC2	E Div	Belton, MO



## Statement of Reunion Account

**Expenses:**

Printing	\$ 5.18
Postage/stamps	\$ 49.63
Ball caps	\$386.84
Raffle items	\$ 78.05

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**Total Expenses**                    \$519.70

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**Income:**

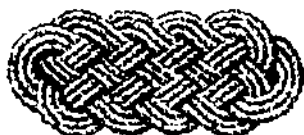
Donations	\$443.00
Sale-Ball Caps	\$298.00
Reunion 2002	\$135.26
Account interest	\$ 14.64

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**Total Income**                    \$890.90

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August 2002 Balance	\$2482.10
February 2003 Balance	\$2853.30



## MARS BALL CAPS

Another order for the MARS ball caps has been made & we now have a good supply in stock. The cost will remain at \$12.00 each.

Make your payment payable to MARS REUNION & mail to Everett R. Jones, 1947 Gotham St. Chula Vista, CA 91913



**AFS-1**

## Statement of Newsletter Account

**Expenses:**

Postage/stamps	\$142.33
Printing newsletters	\$187.94
Envelopes	\$ 21.54
Account service charge	\$ 6.00

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**Total Expenses**                    \$357.81

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**Income:**

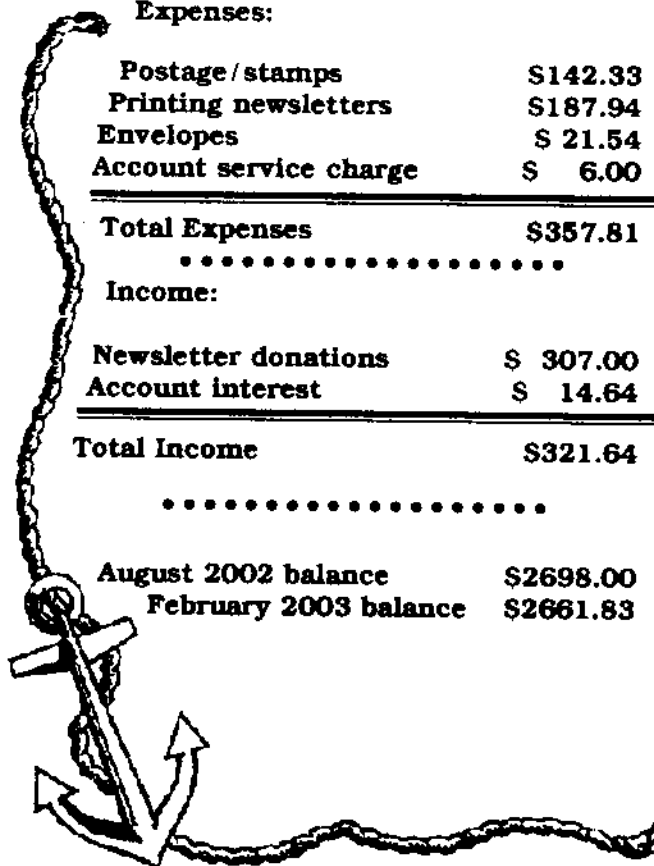
Newsletter donations	\$ 307.00
Account interest	\$ 14.64

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**Total Income**                    \$321.64

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August 2002 balance	\$2698.00
February 2003 balance	\$2661.83



### Thank You

We have received these donations for our  
MARS REUNION fund

Michael Bachler	\$93.00
Keith Barnes	\$25.00
Tom Nutt	\$70.00
Marvin Snyder	\$20.00
Guy Colson	\$20.00
Fred Stith	\$80.00
Perry Shelton	\$64.00
Paul Anderson	\$13.00
Jim Miller	\$50.00
James Gibson	\$ 8.00





**We Mourn the Passing  
of this Shipmate**

**John L. Casali  
SN**

**■ 1963-1966 ■**

**John passed away on  
October 29, 2002**

**E**mbazoned with the words "Don't Tread on Me", the flag will stay up until the war on terrorism ends.

**T**he flag, bearing a rattlesnake stretched across 13 bars of red & white, above the words "Don't Tread on Me", was first flown from the nascent Navy's ships during the Revolutionary War.

**T**his flag was last ordered to be flown on United States Navy Ship for the one year of 1976 during the 200th birthday of the United States.

## From the Graphic Desk



**W**e all know that this great county of our is facing a great challenge & many of us wish we were once again young & healthy so we could also join with the young troops to stand in harms way.

**W**hile the Naval Station is near empty of those fine gray ladies, this old retired sailor has been able to be part of the security support at the Marine Terminal just south of the Naval Station. The Department of Defense for a number of weeks took over part of the terminal for loading out military cargo.

**T**he old USS Pollex, that some of you rode, would be proud of the new USNS Pollex that just loaded here about three weeks ago. She took up a full two berths with her 900 some feet, having seven drive on cargo decks & said to do 33 knots, along with a sister ship just before her.

**A**s I typeset the reunion comments, again I wished my original plans to attend had not been derailed. I knew I would miss a great event.

## Salutes to America

An American is one who will fight for his freedom & that of his neighbor.

Harold Ickes

## FLEET NEWS

**T**his past October, the USS Constellation (CV-64) departed San Diego for her final deployment to the North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Connie is expected to be decommissioned after she returns to San Diego.

**T**he Navy announces implementation of CWO5 pay grade. The rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5 is now a reality in the Navy. By law the total number of authorized CWO5 billets may not exceed five percent of the total number of CWO billets.

**T**he nuclear Aircraft Carrier, U.S.S. Harry S. Truman (CVN-75), & the ships in her Battle Group, got underway from Norfolk, VA this past November for an extended deployment.

**J**ust as the lines were cast off, this announcement was made throughout the ship & top-side on the ships intercom (1mc):  
"Peace on Earth to men of good will - All others, Stand By".

**O**n September 11, 2002, all U.S. warships hoisted a flag from the Navy's earliest days - the first Navy Jack.

## 2002 USS MARS Reunion Attendees

1968-69	Anderson	Paul & Rosina	Florida
1969-71	Ashcraft	Dale, Susan & father James "Bo"	Kentucky
1963-65	Barnes	Keith & Chick	New Jersey
1965-66	Baumgardner	James & Betty	Virginia
1963-66	Bonar	David & Evelyn	Wisconsin
1968-73	Chase	Harold & Esther	Ohio
1969-71	Colson	Guy, Nancy, Alexis & Time	Connecticut
1968-70	Donovan	Don & Paula	New Jersey
1970-74	Edwards	Robert	Virginia
1981-85	Flynn	John, Irene, Jack & Kevin	Pennsylvania
1971-72	Goodlatte	Pete & Maria	Maryland
1963-67	Hart	Frank & Susan O'neil Merling	Kentucky
1965-67	Havens	Gerald	Japan
1967-70	Henning	Ron & Yukie	Washington
1973-74	Holland	Dan	Iowa
1963-65	Jones	Charles & Lila	Washington
1965-68	Jones	Everett	California
1980-82	Kavanaugh	Jack & Ann	Virginia
1968-70	Kay	Joe	Michigan
1963-67	Kienlen	Paul & Pat	Virginia
1965-67	Lada	Bill & Eleanor	New Jersey
1969-71	Mabic	Lew & Nan	Virginia
1968-70	Martin	Larry	Michigan
1963-65	McClure	Marvin & brother Bob	Arizona
1967-70	Moeller	Bill & Cheryl	Missouri
1968-69	Mueller	Dutch & Betty	Ohio
1969-71	Nutt	Tom & Wynnona	Virginia
1984-87	Pike	Chuck	Michigan
1966-69	Pineda	Jaime & Mila	California
1969-75	Prinner	Terry, Berna & Brian	Illinois
1965-67	Rawl	Frank & Judy	So. Carolina
1963-67	Rydzewski	Joseph & Mary Jane	Pennsylvania
1975-79	Schatz	Russell	Virginia
1974-75	Schweizer	Ed & Suzan	Maryland
1967-68	Shelton	Perry & Barbara	Pennsylvania
1963-66	Snyder	Marvin & Eda	Virginia
1963-66	Stith	Fred & Lourdes	Texas
1963-66	Tizol	Joe	Massachusetts
1963-66	Travis	Gary & Shirley	Washington
1976-77	Walters	William, Joy & Mike	Michigan
1971-73	Watts	Charles & Beverly	Virginia
1968-71	Woodward	Neil & Edith	New Jersey
1968-71	Zuccarelli	Ray	New Jersey