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## 2017 REUNION - BRANSON, MO

The 2017 USS Ashland LSD Association reunion will take place at the Honeysuckle Inn and Conference Center, 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway in Branson, Missouri on July 19th thru departure date Sunday, July 23, 2017.

Information concerning the reunion is included in this issue. The Ashland rate will apply for early arrivals and late departures at the reunion, based on hotel room availability.

Registration forms and complete information is included in the following pages.

Please remember to register by mail or e-mail as early as you can, you do not have to send payment at registration, pay at the reunion. The important thing is that you register with Bob Parrish, (who is coordinating the reunion) to assist him with the event planning

If you have any questions, then contact Bob Parrish by phone or e-mail. Bob's contact information is contained on page 2 of this issue.

### **HOTEL:**

**Cut Off Date for hotel registration, to obtain the group rate, is: JULY 1, 2017**

\*Remember your address labels to affix to all your raffle tickets, unless you like writing your names so many times. Also, much easier to read .

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

**The Board of Directors will meet at 1700 hours (5:00 P.M.) on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 in the Hospitality Room at the Honeysuckle Inn and Conference Center, 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson, Missouri.**

**The Annual Business Meeting of the USS Ashland LSD Association will be held at 1000 hours (10:00 A.M.) on Saturday, July 22, 2017 in the Hospitality Room at the Honeysuckle Inn and Conference Center, 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway, Branson, Missouri.**

**The Hospitality Room is titled Cardinal.**

### ***ATTENTION ALL LSD-1 AND LSD-48 FORMER CREW MEMBERS!!!***

Are you interested in the USS ASHLAND ASSOCIATION continuing to hold annual reunions? If so you need to attend this year's reunion and get involved. There will be a discussion and vote to continue as a ASSOCIATION or to dissolve it.

### **NOTE:**

This issue will be available on the Ashland Web Site. As the issue is delivered to the Post Office the printer sends me the completed issue over the internet which I then forward to Jimmie Barnes and he uploads it to the Web Site.

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## Gene J. Miller (Mieloszyk), age 85 of Lombard

Wednesday, October 5th, 2016



Gene was born in Rusk County, Wis. and lived there until they moved to town in time for him to start High School. He attended a one room school for the first years.

Being the youngest of 8, he was farmed out to help his sisters on their farms and with baby sitting. (No wonder he was always so good with kids). He loved his siblings, nieces and nephews.

He was very busy in High School, Future Farmers of America (FFA) Band, School newspaper, was a whiz at typing and shorthand and bookkeeping. He was also an extremely good dancer and he and his bookkeeping teacher taught dancing. He was always referred to as "swivel hips". In later years some knee problems took care of that.

He spent 5 years in the Navy, going to Yeoman School at Norfolk then on to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a year and a half. From there he was sent aboard the USS Ashland LSD 1 and spent 2 1/2 years.

After leaving the Navy, he went to Accounting School for 2 years, and worked an assortment of jobs in Wis. and finally settling in Illinois with his young family.

In the process he met Jeannine and after 3 years they decided that no one else wanted them, so they married. And what a ride that turned out to be. A great 56 years and one month of love and being loved.

He was a wonderful husband "most" of the time, and great and loving father and a terrific "Papa". Who could ask for anything more?

He was a kind, loving and gentle man, willing to help anyone, did not care to argue or fight, but if someone really stepped on his toes, he could just walk away and be done.

Since retirement in 1994 he has worked with his Ship's Association as Treasurer and as of 6 or 7 years ago, Newsletter Editor.

He loved travel, blowing snow and taking care of the yard. His greatest love was reading. He could read a book a day. It beat plumbing and other inside household jobs.

He also enjoyed his walks with his wife at Yorktown 6 days a week and meeting so many nice people.

Courtesy of daughter, Carol Miller Bell.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!!!**

I want to take this time to encourage all of our members to make plans to attend the 2017 reunion in Branson, Missouri. At last year's Annual Meeting a discussion about what to do if we are unable to continue with our Association took place. If we do not get more involvement from the members of the 60's crew and crew members from the 48, our Association will not be able to continue. As we have stated all our Officers are now in their 80's.

We look forward to seeing the faces of regular attendees as well as their families and friends. We need our members that have not attended a reunion to come to the Branson Reunion.

You will have the opportunity to choose activities you are interested in during your free time.

There are many shows and other entertainment to choose from. There is ample time to spent together in the Hospitality Room, Memorial Service, the Annual Meeting and at the Banquet.

Tell all of those you know who have not attended a reunion how happy we would be to see them in Branson.

***If we are to continue our Association, we need members to consider "hosting" a Reunion.***

Once again thanks to all our members who have worked so diligently to keep the USS Ashland Association active.

I hope to see you in Branson and hope to see members of the 48 also.

Bob Parrish, President

MARCH 2017



#### FROM THE CHAPLIN'S DESK

Ahoy Shipmates,

I write this with sadness. Our association has lost at least two of our original members since our last newsletter. October 5, 2016, Gene Miller, our treasurer and temporary news editor passed away. Gene had been our treasurer for 23 years and edited our newsletter for the last few years. We will have a hard time surviving as an association without Gene. He worked many hours each year doing this volunteer job. He was a great sailor when he was aboard the LSD 1 and a great worker for our association besides being a great friend to all of us.

On January 25, 2017, Wilma Parrish, the wife of our president, passed away. Wilma was loved by all who knew her. She was a very, very, funny lady who always had you laughing. It was a joy each year to walk in the conference room at our reunions and spot Wilma, who would be entertaining those around her.

The sailors who served on the LSD1 range in age from the 60s to the 90s. Because of these age groups we are losing several members and also some spouses each year. Each one of the sailors had good friends while aboard and also was able to meet some of them again when they became association members. The key thing that each one of the shipmates shared was that they chose to serve their country. And of course this is true of all our shipmates. Another great thing about our association is the Marines and their spouses, who are a part of us. The Marines too, chose to serve their country.

It has been a great experience coming to the reunions and meeting the sailors who were on the LSD1 during the WW11 two years and hearing about their experiences while in the seven battle missions. They were my heroes! It's also nice to meet their wives. It's also an honor to have the post WW11 shipmates and their wives, along with the Marines and their spouses as reunion friends.

We thank all the shipmates and their spouses who have served our association as officers over the years.

We sure hope you can join us in Branson in July. It was a lot of fun when we were there several years ago. Branson has many types of entertainment and many great restaurants.

Our president, Bob Parish selected a nice resort with a good room rate for us. Let us join him there and have a super time together.

#### AN APOSTLE (WHO SAILED LIKE A SAILOR)

The Apostle Paul went on three missionary trips and was at sea 8 different times. During his service for the Lord he was shipwrecked three times. One of the shipwrecks was after having the ship torn apart in a raging 14 day storm. In another shipwreck he was in the open sea a day

and a night before he was rescued. At other times Paul was beaten, thrown in prison, and even stoned once. He was willing to pay the price to tell his audiences about Jesus. He told them that Jesus willingly died a horrible death by being crucified on a Roman cross after he was flogged and beaten so bad he could not carry his cross to Calvary. Simon, a Cyrenian, had to carry the cross for Him. After His crucifixion He was resurrected three days later as He defeated death. Paul told his audiences the only requirement for them, and also for us is to believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.

peace giver  
heart lifter  
*Jesus*  
forgiver  
soul healer

## DUES RECEIVED SINCE LAST ISSUE FOR 2016/2017 AND BEYOND

Kirk DuBois (4)

Leif Eide (3)

Gayle Coon (1)

Charles L. Thompson (2)

Nathan White (2)

### LEGEND:

(1) Dues paid thru 16/17, (2) Dues paid thru 17/18, (3) Dues paid thru 18/19, (4) Dues paid thru 19/20

### DEATHS

John J. Coper, EM3, aboard , 53-55      Date of death 2015 ?

Gene J. Miller, YN1, aboard, 53-55      Date of death 10/5/16

Michael Presti, MoMMI, '44-'46      Date of death 2016 ?

David Pitts, BT1, '54-'56      Date of death 6/4/16

David Seely, ETN2, '61-'64      Date of death 12/7/16

Wilma Parrish (wife of Robert) ETSN      Date of death '1/25/17

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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### WAYS & MEANS

The Branson Reunion will be here before you know it, so think raffle and auction.

We have had great success and fun with the raffle and hope to again. Items for raffle and auction are needed and appreciated and of course cash for the 50/50.

**\*Reminder\***

Bring along your address labels for the raffle tickets. It's so much easier than writing your names on the individual tickets.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Branson in July.

Safe Travels!

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:**

**The opinion of 10,000 men is of no value if none of them knows anything about the subject.**

**(Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor from 121-180 AD)**

**Nothing is more dangerous than sincere ignorance or conscientious stupidity.**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**



## **2017 Reunion Information**

The 2017 Reunion will be held on July 19th to July 23rd at the Honeysuckle and Conference Center in Branson, Missouri. We have a block of 25 rooms with two doubles or King.

We have 4 handicapped rooms included in our allotment. Included is a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet each morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The cost per night is \$79.99 inclusive of room tax rate.

The Honeysuckle Inn and Conference Center is located at 3598 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway "the red route". Check-in time is 3 P.M. and Check-out time is 11 A.M. Guests must CALL THE HOTEL DIRECT and mention they are with the USS Ashland LSD Association when making their reservations to ensure they are included in the block at our room rate.

Tollfree reservation number: 800-942-3552. The direct number for the hotel is (417) 335-2030.

Individuals make their own reservations and are responsible for all their own expenses. A valid credit card is required to make and guarantee reservations.

Our rate will apply for early arrivals and late departures. Rooms will be released from group block to hotel on cut-off date of July 1, 2017.

Get your reservations in early and I hope to see a good number at this reunion.

You will have the opportunity to choose things you are interested in at your discretion. There are plenty of shows and other entertainment to choose from.

Remember, dress is casual.



**PLAN OF THE DAY, 2017 REUNION****USS ASHLAND LSD ASSOCIATION****Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

	<b>Time</b>
Complimentary Breakfast Buffet	0700 - 0900
Hospitality open-Cardinal Room	0900 - 2300
Hotel Check in	1500
Board of Directors Meeting in Hospitality room	1700

**\* Lunch and Dinner on your own.**

**Thursday, July 2017**

Complimentary Breakfast Buffett	0700-0900
Hospitality open-Cardinal Room	0900-2300

**\* Lunch and Dinner on your own**

**Friday, July 21, 2017**

Complimentary Breakfast Buffett	0700-0900
Hospitality Room open-Cardinal Room	0900-2300
Bus Departs	1030
Memorial Service	1130

**\* Lunch and Dinner on your own.**

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

Complementary Breakfast Buffett	0700-0900
Hospitality Room open-Cardinal Room	0900-1630
Annual Business Meeting in Hospitality Room (Raffle after the meeting )	1000-1200

**\* Lunch on your own.**

Group Pictures	1730
Annual Banquet in Hospitality Room (50/50 drawing and Auction)	1800

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**

Complimentary Breakfast	0700-0900
Hospitality Room open for clean up and removing our supplies	0800-1000
<b>* Hotel Check Out until</b>	<b>1100</b>

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2017 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Robert Parris, 1416 Broadway Street, Lincoln, IL 62256

Phone: (217) 871-9706 e-mail: rep1933@yahoo.com

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tag#1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag#2 \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tag#3 \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag#4 \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary/Handicap Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of service aboard Ashland: ( ) 40's ( ) 50's ( ) 60's ( ) 90's ( ) 2000s

DATE	EVENT	COST/PERSON	# OF PERSONS	TOTAL
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Friday

July 21, 2017	Memorial Service	\$14.00	_____	\$ _____
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Saturday

July 22, 2017	Annual Banquet	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
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	Hospitality Room	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
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	Annual Dues	\$ 15.00	_____	\$ _____
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	Administrative Fee			\$ _____
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	Grand Total			\$ _____
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Amount included with form: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount due at Reunion: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MARK YOUR CHOICE FOR BANQUET BUFFET:

ROAST PRIME RIB # \_\_\_\_\_

NORTH ATLANTIC SALMON # \_\_\_\_\_

## **A LITTLE HUMOR**

I found this timely, because today I was in a store that sells sunglasses, and only sunglasses. A young lady walks over to me and asks, "What brings you in today?"

I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond.

## **AM I GETTING TO BE THAT AGE?**

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball but are too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company."

Employment application blanks always ask who it to be called in an emergency. I think you should write, 'An ambulance.'

Birds of a feather flock together and then potty on your car.

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals forty (40) are XL.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'THE' and 'IRS' together, it spells 'Theirs...'

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their 'odometers'. Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some roads aren't paved.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.....

# "Memories"



## REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and mail to the address below so your addresses and information on the roster and mailing list is correct and verified.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

When Aboard the Ashland \_\_\_\_\_

Rate/Rank (When leaving the ship) \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Jeannine Miller, 34 East Ash Street, Lombard, IL 60148-2602

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The Association dues are \$15.00 per year for a single member or a couple. We consider spouses as full members of the Association. The dues year begins each year at Annual reunion time. Dues to the Association are voluntary by our bylaws but we always hope you will support our efforts. The dues collected help pay for printing and mailing out the Newsletter, locating former crew members, planning the Annual Reunion and other expenses in running the Association. Please complete this portion of the form and mail to our Treasurer.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is/are dues for (    ) year/s. I understand that the dues year begins at the annual reunion and will cover up to the next Annual Reunion.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Make any checks payable to USS Ashland LSD Association, Inc

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