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Veterans Day

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 1918 the Armistice with Germany formally ended major hostilities of World War I. Today at the 11th hour of this 11th day of this 11th month of 2014 we celebrate the 96th anniversary of this Armistice. I would like to say thank you to all the Veterans of all the wars both in the past and the present that have been called to duty for this great country. This call to duty has caused these brothers and sisters in arms to make sacrifices that are unique to being a veteran, they have given of themselves to protect and defend this country in her time of need. Whether it is a natural disaster at home or major conflicts around the world the Veterans of this country will be there to see this country through this time of need. I take pride in being a Veteran of this country and I hope that all of my fellow Veterans feel the same. Have a Great Veterans Day!

Wainwright Officers

I thought it appropriate in this Veterans Day edition to introduce the association officers that are charged with guiding the association through the next two years. I hope that all

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members will give there full support to our officers as we go forward.

President

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Master-At-Arms

Founder

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Trailer Curator

Edward (Cookie) Cookenham

President

I reported to the USS Wainwright Pre-commissioning Detail at Newport RI in Sep 1965 as a Radioman 2nd Class. How well I remember that cold snowy day in the Boston Naval Yard when we commissioned. As the ship had no Teletype Repairmen I was sent to TTY School in Norfolk, VA for 2 months. I performed TTY repair and section supervisor duties until I was transferred in Dec '67 soon after returning from the 1st Vietnam Cruise. For the



majority of my time on board the Radiomen were on Port and Starboard watches so if I wasn't on watch, or at the Aux Radio GQ Station, you could find me in my rack.

My Naval Career includes starting off in high school as USNR Oct 60-Mar 62, USN - USS Allagash AO-97 62-63, RM "A" School 63, USS Rich DD-820 63-64, Radioman "B" School 64-65, USS Wainwright DLG-28 65-67, Instructor School and RM"A" & "B" School 68-70, USNR 70-82, USN - NAVCOMSTA Iceland 82-85, Naval Telecommunications Operations Center 85-88, NAVTELECOMSTA Iceland 88-92, NAVTELCOMSTA Washington DC 92-94. Retired RMCS June 1994 at Navy Memorial, Washington DC

Having served as this association's Vice President and President several years ago I am honored to have been elected once again as your current President. Please feel free to contact me regarding your ideas, suggestions and criticisms. We hope to have a great Golden Commissioning Anniversary Reunion in Charleston in July 2016. There have been several suggestions to make this extra special already. It is also the 30th Anniversary since JC Carlson founded this great association.

One of my interests is Amateur Radio (K3ORS). I obtained my first license while on board the Wainwright in October 1967. This allowed me to run many phone patches on the way back home from that first 'Nam Cruise. Other interests include camping with our pop-up camper, military history and battle fields, collecting First Day stamp covers and our 4 cats. My friend and good buddy, Leanne Braddock USN (RET), have been married since Aug 1994.

Ricky Horne

Vice President

I left a tobacco farm in Loris SC and joined the navy at a naval reserve training center in Georgetown SC, into the 2x6 program with class A school on November 20, 1972. I started boot camp January 17 1973 RTC Orlando Florida. Upon completion of recruit training I entered yeoman school in Orlando Florida March of 1973. After completion of A school, I was ordered to report aboard the USS Wainwright DLG-28 July 23rd 1973. I waited the arrival of the Wainwright from the MED cruise aboard the USS Yellowstone AD-27. I served on the USS Wainwright from July 23rd '73 to March 5th '75 as a weapons yeoman. I had a great visit in October/ November '74 at GITMO Cuba. I also sailed the Caribbean from Montego Bay Jamaica to Puerto Rico. After active duty I did my reserve training in Wilmington NC until discharge. While in the reserves, I worked in the hotel industry in Myrtle Beach at the Landmark Resort Hotel for 18 years. I am currently the owner of Waterbridge Contractors of the Carolinas in Murrells Inlet SC. I currently reside in Pawley's island, SC however I enjoy escaping to my home on Sandy Island, SC which is only accessible by boat, go Navy. One of my biggest passions is restoring boats. I am currently restoring a navy whale boat off the USS Tattnell DDG-19 and a Vietnam era landing craft. I was elected Vice-President of the USS Wainwright Veterans Association for 2014-2016. My duty is to assist the president of the association in his responsibilities. I am now working on the logo for the USS Wainwright's 50th anniversary convention in Charleston, SC. I was awarded the Locke award from the USS Wainwright association in 2014.



Walter F. Turbyfill III

Secretary

I joined the Navy in 1979, attending boot camp in Orlando, FL and graduated December 7, 1979. Attended "BT" A school and "6YO" advanced training at Great Lakes, IL. I reported onboard USS Wainwright in August 1980 and serving onboard for 5 years until October 1985. I worked for about 3 1/2 years out of the Oil Lab, and 1 1/2 years in the aft fire room. After reenlisting under Guard III, I transferred to Pearl Harbor, serving as a Military Police Officer until leaving active duty in 1989. I returned to my home in West Columbia, SC where I worked for 5 years with local government as Sanitation and Parks Director. I left to help my wife, Marila achieve her dream of opening a restaurant. Opened in Oct. 1997, Cafe Strudel has become one of the top restaurants in the city, still going strong! I remained in the Naval Reserves until retiring in 2000



Jerry McKnight

Treasurer

I Served as an Electronics Technician aboard Wainwright from June 1985 to February 1990.

My job kept me mostly in Radio Central maintaining Crypto.

The remaining part of the day was spent in the Electronic Calibration Lab, located beside the Chief's Mess, maintaining and calibrating electronic calibration equipment.

After the Navy, I went back to Lexington, KY. Applying what I learned in the Navy, I worked for Sylvania. I moved to the Atlanta area in 1999 and now work as Sr. Project Engineer for Atronix Engineering.



Kenneth Merrifield Jr

Master-At-Arms

My name is Ken Merrifield and I am looking forward to serving the USS Wainwright Assoc. as the new M.A.A. (Master-at Arms). I am proud to say that I am a "plank owner" and served on the Wainwright from Pre-com school, the commissioning, to the end of its 1st West Pac cruise, as a Radioman 3rd class. I was discharged from the Navy the day the ship pulled into Charleston, S.C. at the end of that cruise (11/16/67). After more than a decade of working in manufacturing, I reconnected with the Navy as a civilian and went to work at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, in Portsmouth, N.H. (my home state), as a Rigger. We overhauled and refit submarines there. When I retired from there in July of 2004, my lovely wife Marie, and I left our 4 children and 6 grandchildren and moved to Florida, where we lived for 8 years. We now live in a small, quiet town in Wartrace, Tn. and have been here for 3 years. We love our quiet country life with our dog Candy and have truly been blessed by God. I count the time I served on the Wainwright, my fellow shipmates, and all the friends we have made since joining the Assoc., a very big part of those blessings. God bless



John C Carlson (JC)

Founder/Historian

My name is John Carlson (JC) I am the Founder and Historian for the USS Wainwright Veterans Association. I reported to Great Lakes Recruit Training command for basic training, stayed on for FT 'A' and 'C' schools, meaning I spent 13 months at Great Lakes before reporting to the USS Macdonough in Charleston. The 3 years of duty on the USS Macdonough were highlighted with two Med Cruises.

During my 2nd enlistment I attend AN/SPG-55B school at Mare Island CA after completion of this 'C' school I reported to The USS Wainwright at Charlestown Naval Ship Yard in Boston MA. It was soon after reporting that I was again in Charleston once more

but not for long as we went off to the Tonkin Gulf and Operation Rolling Thunder. I served on



the 1st two Nam cruises in 1967, and 1968-69. I was discharged in January of 1970 with 6.5 years of sea duty. I then went on to civilian work in the electronics and electric fields. I had a career as a Pro-Tech Supervisor in the Holland Power Plant. I retired in 1998 and have done some travel, worked on the Wainwright Reunion group, and developed a lot of genealogy in my multiple families. I have been active in many veterans affairs. I started the Wainwright Association after attending the Welcome Home Parade hosted by the city of Chicago in June of 1986.

Kurt Ausbeck

Ship's Store Operator

My name is Kurt Ausbeck. I have been the Ship's Store Operator since October 1, 2012 and will step down after the 2016 reunion.

As ship's Store Operator I have been researching new items for the store and finding new suppliers for existing items to lower our costs.

I was in the Navy August 1980 to August 1984. I was aboard the Wainwright from Feb 1981 to August 1984 as an Electricians Mate. During my time onboard I held several position that included Division Supply P.O., Tool Issue Room Operator, Division DC P.O. My watch stations include those of Electrical Switchboard Operator and Supervisor of the Small boats Electricians.



Richard Molck

Trailer Curator

My name is Richard Molck I served on board the Wainwright from 1985 to 1990 as a FC1 in Missile Plot as a Terrier System Technician. I am currently serving as the curator for the Wainwright Memorial trailer. In this position I provide storage for the memorial and tow the trailer to various parades and static displays that we participate in with the trailer.

