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Shipmates, Families & Friends

Summer Greetings to my KEARSARGE Association Shipmates, families and friends from "sunny" Pensacola Florida. (The "Free State")

I'll begin by CONGRATULATING and thanking all the Association members and friends that have helped the Association by their contributions. (Monetarily and by receiving KEARSAGA via email.) Your responses far exceeded the Leadership Teams expectations very impressively.

My latest information is that you contributed a little more than \$2,000.00 BOOSTER dollars and new email transmissions are around 15+. This effort only verifies what we all know already, when you have to go to "General Quarters (GQ), Sailors pull together to "Fight and Save The Ship."

On a very sad and regretful note, A Great American and Shipmate, MM3 Charles "Chuck" Patton lost his battle with dementia and is now with our "Supreme Commander." "Fair Winds and Following Seas" Chuck. As many of you remember, Chuck and his loyal wife Charlotte have been our "Ships Store" proprietors for many years. Their work, dedication and caring for KEARSARGE Shipmates has been and is unparalleled, and we are profoundly appreciative.

In closing, I would be very remiss without thanking my fellow Association Officers for their "Zeal-Diligence & Obedience" with unending dedication in serving KEARSARGE Shipmates. Barry Rittle "stewarded" the email transmission effort and All serving Officers collectively brainstormed the other initiatives. We are all very fortunate in having these great "Older Sailors" AT THE HELM.

C.V.

"IN OMNIBUS PINNACULUM!"

THANK YOU TO ALL THE KEARSAGA BOOSTERS

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Amy Mason		

"In Memoriam of IC2 Jerry Wagaman, E Div.

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN!

KEARSARGE IN THE 1940'S

HISTORY OF THE KEARSARGE WE SERVED ON

The Kearsarge was a Crane Ship in the early 1940's. She rendered valuable service for the next 20 years. One highlight of excitement being the raising of the sunken submarine SQUALUS off the New Hampshire coast. On 6 November 1941 she lost her illustrious name which was reserved for a newly authorized aircraft carrier. Now designated CRANE SHIP NO. 1, she gave a full measure of service toward the American victories of World War II. She handled guns, turrets, armor and other heavy lifts on the new battleships INDIANA and ALABAMA; cruisers SAVANAH and CHICAGO, and guns on the old battleship PENNSYLVANIA.

In 1941 she was towed to the San Francisco Naval Shipyard where she assisted in the work on the ESSEX-Class aircraft carriers HORNET and BOXER, as well as SARATOGA. She left Long Beach in 1948 to finnish her career in operations out of the Boston Naval Shipyard. Joe McDonald, master rigger in charge of lifting done by the craneship, described her as "a big gray hulk of a thing" which was "pulled around by two or three tug boats" on the job. As Crane Ship No. 1, her name was struck from the Navy List on 22 June 1955.

KEARSARGE IN THE 1950'S

A WHOLE NEW KEARSARGE

The third KEARSARGE was built as a heavy aircraft carrier, CV-33, by the New York Naval Shipyard. Her keel was laid on 1 March 1944. She transited the Panama Canal and proceeded by way of San Diego to enter the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on 23 February 1950. She was decommissioned in that yard on 16 June 1950 for modernization overhaul that would enable her to handle the new and higher performance jet aircraft.

She was recommissioned on 15 February 1952, Captain Louis B. French, USN, commanding. She left Puget Sound astern on 18 April for Shakedown Training out of San Diego that was intervened by final alterations in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. On 5 July she stood out of San Diego for intensive flight training in the Hawaiian area until 29 August, then set course to assist the United Nations Forces in the fight against aggression in Korea. The flagship of Carrier Division Five, she reached Yokosuka, Japan, 8 September and departed the 14th to join the Fast Carrier Task Force77 off the east coast of Korea. Nearly 6,000 sorties rose off her flight deck for combat missions against Communist forces in North Korea by 23 February 1953 when she arrived in Yokosuka to pre-

pare for the voyage home. She put to sea on the 28th and returned to her home base of San Diego, California on 17 March 1953.

During this cruise, 1 October 1952, her hull classification was changed from Heavy Aircraft Carrier CV-33 to Attack Aircraft Carrier CVA-33. Kearsarge conduced operations off the coast of California until 1 July 1953 when she again sailed for the Far East. Proceeding by way of the Hawaiian Islands she arrived in Yokosuka on 3 August and departed three days later with the Fast Carrier Force during the uneasy truce in Korea. She also helped them keep watch over the waters that separated the Nationalist Chinese on Taiwan from the mainland of Communist China. The Far Eastern cruise terminated at San Diego on 18 January 1954.

KEARSARGE IN THE 1960'S

HER FINAL CRUISES

After a short stop at Yokosuka the carrier went to sea on March 3, 1960. Three days later a storm forced her to head to 1,200 miles off Wake Island where a 50 foot Russian landing craft had drifted for 49 days in choppy waters. The four crewmen had survived the ordeal with three cans of beef, one loaf of bread, and whatever water could be saved from rainfalls. The Russians gave their names as Master Sergeant Victor Aygonschi, Private Anthony Kruchowske, Private Philip Poplavski, and Private Fredor Ivan. They were given food and medical attention until the carrier arrived at Alameda, California, March 15. They were then flown to Moscow via New York. Later a radio message was received from Odessa, Russia, which said, "Let us greet you for saving our compatriots who returned to their country and would like to shake hands with you.... Oldunov."

For almost a year the Kearsarge sailed the area of Southern California, operating mostly from San Diego while training with other units of the First Fleet. On March 3, 1961, she went to the Gulf of Siam near Bangkok when the Seventh Fleet prepared to deal with the Communist threat to Thailand in conjunction with the crisis at Laos. When tension ceased the Kearsarge resumed operations with the Seventh Fleet.

On September 19 the carrier arrived at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, then transferred to the yard at Bremerton, Washington for modernization, which required seven months. The facelifting was completed June 19, 1962, and the refreshed carrier went to San Diego for training maneuvers.

The Kearsarge sailed for Hawaii on August 2 to participate in her first Project Mercury operation. Commander Walter M. Schirra, Jr., 39, orbited the earth nearly six times in his space capsule, Sigma 7. Com-

mander Schirra had lifted off the pad on the morning of October 3 and splashed down in the Pacific 8 hours later at 5:29 P.M., EDT, Sigma 7, with Astronaut Schirra still inside, was placed upon the Kearsarge's flight deck at 6:15 P.M. Schirra later talked with President Kennedy and Vice President LBJ via ship-to-shore radio-telephone.

LIES LEARNED IN SCHOOL

You Will Need Advanced Math In Life

Year after year, legions of kids - many of whom aren't mathematically inclined - are forced to suffer through the chores of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry with the presumption multiplying numbers against letters in parentheses is necessary to hack it in the adult world. In reality, fewer than 1 in 4 Americans performs anything above basic math regularly at work

HAVE YOU HEARD!

Q: What gets wetter the more it dries?

Q: When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look?

Q: What has to be broken before you can use it?

Ans: A Towel. You stop when you find it. An egg.

E-MAIL REQUESTS!

The following members have requested their Kearsaga be e-mailed to them:

Larry Anderson, Walter Dzubiak Jr., Pete Gormsen, Victor Graf, Allen Grant, Howard Haase, Dr. Janet Keener, Richard Nylander, Eric Oxendorf, Jody Pallen, Charlotte Patton, Charles Slack, Ron Smith, Martin Sterrett, Allen Stollberg, Chuck Talmadge and Andrew Von Werder. We thank all of you and the money it will save us.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All of the following shipmates below have renewed their membership:

Larry Anderson	P226	1955
Robert S. Cohen	1464	1961
Rick L. Dacus	1072	1963
Robert D. Doheny	1471	1966
John P. Greaney	1508	1961
John Sharp	1270	1965
Andrew Von Werder	1396	1959
Earl E. Wilson, Jr.	924	1967

Thank you to all the Members who have renewed and their support. We don't want to lose any shipmates.

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AMERICA'S RETURN TO THE PHILIPPINES MAKES SENSE

From Bloomberg Opinion By James Stavridis

A new agreement to allow the US access to more military bases will help counter China's influence and stabilize the region. When I was a junior officer in the Navy during the Cold War, I spent a great deal of time in the Western Pacific. I regularly pulled into Subic Bay Naval Station and its associated Cubi Point Naval Air Station — which, along with the even larger Clark Air Force Base to the north, made the Philippines the US military's central hub in the Pacific. Thousands of Philippine citizens served in the US Navy, and we felt a strong bond with the country. At the same time, when I got off the bases — walking the crowded streets of Manila, say, or taking a break in the beautiful highlands near Baguio — I could sense the ambivalence about our presence. More than 30 years ago, the US was asked to leave its former colony, and we departed with regret.

Last week, both nations announced that the US would again have significant access to additional military sites in the Philippines, this time in the northern part of the country on the large island on Luzon. It is a decision that will have considerable strategic, operational and diplomatic impact over the coming decades — especially, as my Bloomberg Opinion colleague Hal Brands notes, when it comes to the US relationship with China.

First, it is important to note the US is not re-creating the vast naval and air bases of the past. The arrangement, worked out by Department of Defense, the State Department and their counterparts in the Philippines, will merely build on current agreements and grant access to four crucial additional sites within the country.

The location, in the far north on Luzon, is significant. A glance at a map shows the new logistics hubs will "fill in" the great arc around the contested South China Sea, stretching from the Japanese home islands, through the Philippines, and then south to significant bases in northern Australia. Equally important, the location is just to the southwest of Taiwan, providing the US with significantly enhanced ability to organize and coordinate logistics, ammunition, fuel, surveillance and command and control.

Meanwhile, in Guam - a US territory - the US Marine Corps is building its first new base in 70 years, Camp Blaz, named after a heroic son of the territory. The combination of base access in the Philippines with a muscular Marine base in Guam is a sea change in America's presence.

Finally, the access agreement is a significant diplomatic success for the US. Under the previous Philippine pres-

ident, the mercurial Rodrigo Duterte, the nation leaned toward China on many issues. But with President Bongbong Marcos, the son of former dictator Fernand Marcos, the Philippines is more attentive to the long-term danger of Chinese territorial claims in their front yard, the South China Sea.

The new access agreement is a very strong signal to Beijing that the Philippines will remain fiercely independent and will develop the geopolitical relationships needed (not only with the US, but with a militarily resurgent Japan) to contest the region. And the Philippine military will receive enhanced training, equipment and engagement with the US military.

China is watching closely, and last week's balloon excursion over the US may indeed have been a response to the basing agreement with the Philippines and the new US base in Guam. The timing would certainly suggest that, but whether China intended such a public incident (especially days before a visit by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken) is difficult to prove.

What can be said with certainty is that the US is strengthening alliances and relationships with old friends such as the Philippines, staunch post-World War II allies such as Japan and South Korea, and traditional partners such as Australia. To say that all of this is landing like a lead balloon in Beijing is a cheap pun. But for those of us who have spent time in the Philippine Islands, and appreciate America's historical relationship with the country, this agreement comes as welcome news indeed.





Craig W. Leslie '46-'46 V1F Div. P719 Gordon O. Haugen '56-'58 V6 Div. 1351 Jerry Wagaman '58-'60 E Div. 1419 Charles Patton '64-'67 A Div. 256

OBITUARY

We received a letter. The letter was from the Wagaman family informing us of the passing of Jerry Wagaman on March 19th. There was a generous donation and a card that said, "Please accept our donation in loving memory of Gerald "Jerry" Edward Wagaman. Jerry was a Navy veteran serving from 1957 to 1960. Jerry was an especially loving uncle to Emily Deiterich Benas while working at Double Day Book Binding. Our gift is given with love." Signed: Amy Deiterich Mason, Emily Deiterich Benas, Mark Deiterich and Tod Deiterich.

A CARRIER FLIGHT DECK BECAME A CHILLY CONCERT HALL

On April 10, 1953, Conductor Werner Janssen led the San Diego Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert aboard the Carrier Kearsarge, anchored at North Island. From the Evening Tribune, Saturday, April 11, 1953

Music Warm, Night Chill Aboard Carrier

The Carrier Kearsarge, back from the fighting in Korea, completed another mission last night and came through with flying colors.

The San Diego Philharmonic concert on the flight deck was played in the teeth of a chill west wind, but the musicians and the Navy men and their guests met the weather's challenge and the final result was an evening of warm music.

The lucky ones were bundled under blankets, looking very much like the crowds at a Minnesota football game, but Werner Janssen conducted as if it were opening night at Carnegie Hall

This was the orchestra society's salute to the Navy and the musicians kindled aflame of melody that wanned the crowd. Janssen lead the orchestra through a program of light classics that included Debussy's "Claire de Lune" and the stirring "Finlandia, by Sibelius.

Carl Plangi-i, San Francisco bass-baritone, offered "Old Man River," "Road to Mandalay" and the romantic "Some Enchanted Evening" from "South Pacific."

Palangi will be the soloist with the Philharmonic at its concert tomorrow night at Russ Auditorium.

The concert aboard the Kearsarge, which began at sunset with the national anthem, was made possible through co-operation of the Musicians Association of San Diego and the American Federation of Musicians, Local 352, through a grant from the Nation Music Performance Trust Fund.

When the musicians had put away their chilled strings and brass, the crowd went below to the hanger deck for hot Navy coffee and dancing to the music of a service band.

From The San Diego Union, Saturday, April 11, 1953

Carrier Concert: Philharmonic Tries Its Sea Legs

By Constance Herreshoff

There were several unusual things about the concert played last night by the San Diego Philharmonic on the flight deck of the USS Kearsarge. In the first place, so far as is known, this was the first symphony orchestra concert ever played on the deck of a Navy ship.

Second, the weather was "not fittin' for man nor beast." An icy wind, blowing fiercely from the West,



chilled the audience to the marrow. The hands of the musicians were ice-col and their music backed and filled in spite of heroic efforts to pin it down with clothes pins.

This was a night when earmuffs, buffalo robes and warming pans were needed. Smudge pots would have been welcome.

Last night's weather was unusual for San Diego, where Heaven on Earth conditions generally prevail.

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PENTAGON'S ABILITY TO DETECT CHINESE SPY BALLOONS

By Brad Dress

A Navy admiral and former head of U.S. Pacific Command said it was concerning that the Defense Department was unable to detect at least four previous Chinese spy balloons that flew over the U.S. in recent years.

Speaking at a House Armed Services Committee hearing, retired Adm. Harry Harris Jr. told congressional law-makers there is a "disconnect in our ability to understand these balloons and that ought to concern all of us." Harris added it was imperative the U.S. take steps to understand the technologies and capabilities of the surveillance devices."

Harris joined Melanie Sisson, a foreign policy fellow at the Strobe Talbott Center for Security, Strategy and Technology, to discuss the rising threat of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on U.S. national security.

The hearing comes after a Chinese spy balloon flew over the continental U.S. for several days, capturing the public's attention on its path from Montana to South Carolina, where a fighter jet shot it down over the Atlantic Ocean.

Gen. Glen VanHerck, the head of U.S. Northern Command, told reporters the Pentagon failed to detect three previous Chinese surveillance balloons during the Trump administration. At least one other Chinese balloon surveillance device also flew over U.S. skies during the Biden administration, VanHerck added, raising more questions about the incursions.

Rep. Steven Horsford (D-Nev.), a member of the Armed Services panel, told The Hill that congressional lawmakers should "absolutely" look into the previous Chinese spy balloon flyovers. "The committee has a responsibility to look at all areas of national security," he said. "We should review actions from the current and previous administrations."

The high-profile balloon incident canceled a trip Secretary of State Antony Blinken was planning to make to Beijing over the weekend, which Sisson said was "a shame." "We need those high-level contacts," Sisson said at the Armed Services hearing. "It would have been an opportunity to discuss crisis management."

China said the balloon was a civilian weather research airship, a claim the Pentagon has denied. Similar Chinese surveillance balloons have been spotted in other countries, including one in Latin America.

U.S. officials, who first detected the balloon over the Aleutian Islands in Alaska are currently working to recover the equipment of the balloon to better understand the device.

Republican lawmakers have slammed the Biden ad-

ministration for allowing the Chinese spy balloon to float over the U.S. mainland for several days before it was shot down because it could have collected sensitive information.

The Pentagon said it took steps to ensure the balloon was not collecting any compromising information, although it did fly over Montana, home to one of the nation's three nuclear missile fields.

Republican lawmakers have argued there were chances to take the balloon out over the waters of the Aleutian Islands or sparsely populated areas in America's heartland.

Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), a member of the Armed Services panel, did not have an immediate comment on the previous balloon incursions but said she was concerned about how the Pentagon responded to the balloon over the weekend. "I would pay attention to the kinds of military sites the balloon flew over," Mace told The Hill. "Why did we wait four days to do it?"

Rep. Cory Mills (R-Fla.) said at the hearing that he viewed the balloon incursion as a "vulnerability assessment" from the PRC. "Allowing it to come across the United States was a huge mistake and a failure. If the idea was to shoot it down in a safe area, then we could have done that over the Pacific."

Harris, the Navy admiral, told lawmakers he believed the Pentagon responded appropriately to the Chinese balloon.

"I do think shooting it down over the Atlantic was the appropriate response," he said. "If it was a threat to the United States, if it was collecting information that could not be blocked ... then that's a different issue."

The U.S. and China are sparring on nearly every front, from trade and economics to the self-governing island nation of Taiwan, where there remains a threat of a Chinese invasion.

Harris said this decade would be the "decisive" one between the two superpowers, although he did not explicitly agree with the recent warnings from an Air Force general of a war between the U.S. and China in 2025.

The retired Navy admiral stressed it was vital to enact a clear policy for how the U.S. would respond to a Chinese invasion of Taiwan and ensure American troops are prepared for a conflict.

"Last week's spy balloon drama playing out on the doorstep of the secretary of State's visit to Beijing typifies PRC bad behavior and disregard for international norms," Harris told lawmakers in opening remarks.

"That Beijing would claim the incursion over American airspace was innocuous and unintended beggars the imagination."

https://thehill.com/policy/defense/3847652-navy-admiral-expresses-concern-with-pentagons-ability-to-detect-chinese-spy-balloons.



GOOD OLD KEARSARGE DAYS

By Kearsarge Member Walter Dzubiak

I was thinking about my good old days. Having duty as section leader wasn't always boring. I remember one day having duty aboard the 'Mighty K' at the V4 Office. It was Jan 1969.

A night or so before, an SAS DC-8 had flown into the Pacific Ocean, just off the LA coast. It was night and the pilots were not paying attention. They were concerned with a landing gear light not showing the wheels down & locked. That afternoon, a barge was towed in with the DC-8 upside down on her. They flipped it upright and eventually brought it to Pier Echo. I think they wanted it away from the public. I also noticed that they painted over the airline's name. First chance I had, I walked over to see it. Wow! I think a few people died in that crash. The picture at the top is the DC-8 upside down on the barge. The picture below was taken from the flight deck showing the Queen Mary with the DC-8 on the pier on the right side.



U.S. BEGINS AIR BASE REHAB IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Rene Acosta

MANILA – The United States and the Philippines started rehabilitating the runway of the Basa Air Base in Pampanga on the island of Luzon, one of the five original

Philippine military sites identified to host rotating American troops and their equipment under the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA).

Rehabilitation of the runway started after eight years of delays and legal challenges to the EDCA, Department of National Defense Officer-in-Charge Carlito Galvez Jr. said. "Today, we laid down the time capsule to signify openly the start of the necessary rehabilitation of the Basa Air Base as one of the EDCA priorities."

Secretary of the U.S. Air Force Frank Kendall attended the ceremony at the air base. The rehabilitation of the 2,800-meter runway will cost \$25 million, excluding "improvements" and the construction of the wing's operation center, Galvez said.

"The runway rehabilitation, which is expected to be completed in September 2023, would make Basa Air Base ideal for the efficient conduct of joint task force exercises and as a natural hub for HADR (humanitarian assistance and disaster response) operations, especially that we are a disaster-prone country," he said.

Out of the 15 EDCA projects, five have been completed, five are still ongoing and the remaining five are up for implementation, Galvez said.

Aside from Basa, the four other original sites that will host American forces and their equipment are Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija, Antonio Bautista Air Base in Palawan, Benito Ebuen Air Base in Mactan, Cebu and Lumbia Air Base in Cagayan de Oro.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila said that \$11.4 million has been allocated for EDCA works at Fort Magsaysay, \$1.8 million for Antonio Bautista; \$2.7 million for the Benito Ebuen and \$3.7 million for the Lumbia Air Base. Late last year, Philippine military officials disclosed that the U.S. asked for four additional sites for the EDCA, and these camps are located in the provinces of Palawan, Zambales, Cagayan and Isabela.

Officials of Cagayan, led by Governor Manuel Mamba, however, are not amenable to hosting American forces in the province, but Galvez said Monday that Mamba has already withdrawn his opposition.

Local reports said the U.S. and Philippines were close to announcing two of the sites.

"The two countries will announce as soon as they can," Kendall said during a press conference.

The EDCA was originally drafted in 2014 following the departure of the U.S. military in 1991. The agreement allows for U.S. forces to stage material and rotate forces throughout sites in the country. In February, during a visit by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, the agreement added five more additional sites for use by U.S. forces. Manila and Washington also have a 1951 mutual defense pact.



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