

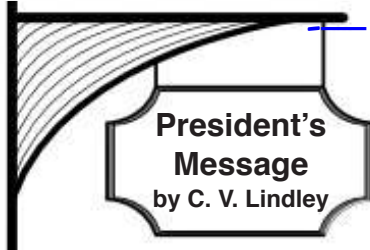
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Shipmates, Families & Friends

Very thankfully, Fall is finally here and temperatures here in Northwest Florida have moderated to a more comfortable level. (Fall is my favorite time of the year coincidentally). Here's hoping that everyone of you have had an enjoyable summer with family members and friends. And, for those still traveling I hope that your ventures were safe and rewarding.

Included in this KEARSAGA is an article denoting some great price reductions in almost every item in the Ship's Store inventory. I have conferred with Charlotte Patton concerning the Ship's Store future as well as with your Association Officers with agreement from all. Moreover, most items will not be replaced as they are depleted because our dwindling membership will be unable to sustain maintaining the stocked items. If there's enough demand for KEARSARGE ball caps then we will reorder those. Sadly, this is probably your last opportunity to purchase KEARSARGE memorabilia at a decent price and to support our beloved Association. Ordering instructions are included with the Ship's Store merchandise article.

A word on KEARSAGA Boosters, again, membership participation was "outstanding" and most appreciated. However, We instituted the program for the long term so all contributions are still very welcomed and will be used for KEARSAGA expenses. For those members that chose to receive it by email, we thank you and that also helped reduce Association expenses.

I don't know how many of you stay informed on our Navy, but "YOUNG KIDS" just like we were on the KEARSARGE, are still getting the job done 24/7, 365. In my opinion solely, that's despite the inept leadership from the heads of our different services and DOD all the way to the top. (AS INFO, I read "Navy News" every day and am able to receive up-to-date information.)

Until the "winter edition" is published, I wish good health, happiness and a "safe harbor" to all of you "Red Blooded, North American Blue Jackets" and to all families! C.V.

"IN OMNIBUS PINNACULUM!"

THANK YOU TO ALL THE KEARSAGA BOOSTERS

KEARSAGA BOOSTERS
MAY - SEPTEMBER 2023

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Robert Nelson	X	TE2
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Carol Thomas	OA	AGAN

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN!

KEARSARGE 1963

By Jack De Merit, Editor

The Flight Deck Becomes a Concert Hall article was sent to me by Member Paul Young. My son, Adam, was a GMG3 in 1985 with the Naval Reserve. He did his Boot Camp and 2 years in Great Lakes. He did serve some time at the Los Angeles Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center on Stadium Way, down the street from the Police Academy and Dodger Stadium where I served for a few years before being sent to the Reserve Center in Encino, California.

He now lives in Sparks, Nevada where he met his wife and got married. I asked when he was going to have children and he said they did not want to be burdoned with kids. He sent me the picture below from the newspaper. I wish he had sent the article that went with it. It is the Kearsarge tied up in San Francisco in 1963. It is easy to see as it is on the far left and the only Carrier. I boarded her in Japan in September of 1964 and left in August 1966.



KEARSARGE IN THE 1940'S

HISTORY OF THE KEARSARGE WE SERVED ON

Kearsarge arrived at her homeport Norfolk 21 April 1946, and for the next year engaged in training operations along the East Coast and Caribbean. She cleared Norfolk 7 June 1947 on a midshipmen training cruise to the United Kingdom. Upon her return to the U.S. in August, the carrier engaged in maneuvers for 10 months before departing Hampton Roads 1 June 1948 for duty with the 6th Fleet. During her tour in the Mediterranean units of the 6th Fleet were placed on alert to insure peace in the Arab-Israeli area. Kearsarge returned to Quonset Point, R.I., 2 October and operated along the Atlantic Coast and the Caribbean until 27 January 1950 when she sailed for the West Coast. She was decommissioned at Puget Sound Navy Yard on 23 February and while there 16 June 1950 was overhauled to able her for jet aircraft.

KEARSARGE IN THE 1950'S

A WHOLE NEW KEARSARGE

The "MightyKay" kept watch over the Formosa Straits to prevent the Communists from interfering with the Chinese Nationalists on Taiwan. Kearsarge returned to San Diego 18 January 1954 to resume training operations off of California. Clearing San Diego 7 October, she steamed toward her third deployment to the Far East. While operating with the 7th Fleet, the carrier stood by to assist the Nationalist Chinese in the evacuation of the Tachen Islands. From 6 to 13 February 1955 Kearsarge supported units of the fleet in the successful evacuation of 18,000 civilians and 20,000 military personnel from the islands. Her cruise ended at San Diego 12 May and for the next 3 years she operated on the annual deployment schedule to the Far East and training operations off California.

During the summer of 1958 Kearsarge was fitted out as an anti-submarine warfare support carrier and reclassified CVS-33. Following intensive training in her new role the carrier sailed 5 September 1959 for 7th fleet operations in the Far East. Early in her tour, Japan was hit with a violent typhoon and Kearsarge played an important role in providing relief to the victims. Her planes landed parties of medical and supply units, while her crew and air groups donated clothing and money to the distressed people. After participating in SEATO exercises and 7th Fleet operations, she cleared Yokosuka on 3 March 1960 for her homeward voyage. Three days later in stormy waters 1,200 miles off Wake Island, four Russians were rescued after drifting 49 days in disabled landing craft. They were flown back to their country after Kearsarge arrived in Alameda, California on 15 March; and the carrier received thanks from the Soviet Union for this gesture.

KEARSARGE IN THE 1960'S

HER FINAL CRUISES

A Year of training operations preceded her next deployment from San Diego which began 3 March 1961. The anti-submarine carrier steamed to Southeast Asian waters as the Communists intensified their effort to overthrow the government in Laos. The power and determination of the 7th Fleet was observed by the enemy and the crisis eased. Peace prevailed. After 6 months in the Far East, Kearsarge arrived Puget Sound 1 November for the second phase of her modernization.

Upon completion of repairs and training Kearsarge departed Long Beach on 1 August 1962 to station herself in the Pacific missile range as a recovery ship in the Mercury orbital space flight of astronaut Walter Schirra. On October, after a flawless flight, the carrier played her role in the "SpaceAge" by retrieving Schirra and his capsule and returning him to Honolulu for flight back to the States.

Kearsarge resumed training exercises, continuing these for 6 months before arriving Pearl Harbor 29 April 1963 to once again take part in the space program. The carrier repeated her earlier recovery by plucking astronaut Gordon Cooper on 18 May 1963 after he orbited the earth 22 times in his capsule "faith 7." She returned the space hero to Pearl Harbor, then departed 4 June on her eighth cruise to the Far East. Operations with the 7th Fleet included keeping watch on the unsettled problems in Southeast Asia. Kearsarge returned to Long Beach on 3 December, for training exercises off California.

Six months later, 19 June 1964 the anti-submarine carrier was deployed on her ninth Far Eastern cruise. Arriving Yokosuka 30 July, Kearsarge was dispatched to the South China Sea, following the North Vietnamese patrolboat attack on U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin. While U.S. Navy planes destroyed North Vietnam oil and supply depots, Kearsarge provided anti-submarine protection for the 7th Fleet. The decisiveness of American action persuaded the Communists to delay their objectives for the time being; and Kearsarge returned to Long Beach on 16 December 1964.

After overhaul in the shipyards during the first half of 1965, Kearsarge operated off the West Coast until sailing for the Far East on 9 June 1966. Steaming via Hawaii and Japan, she reached "Yankee Station" on 8 August and operated off Vietnam through 24 October. The next day she headed for the Kuala Lumpur area and anchored in the Strait of Malacca on the 30th. She returned via Subic Bay to "Yankee Station" on 5 November and operated there through the 23d. The next day the carrier started home via Hong Kong and Japan, arriving in San Diego on 20 December. She operated on the West Coast until departing from San Diego on 18 August and reached Pearl Harbor 10 days later to prepare for future action.

Kearsarge received 2 battle stars for Korean service.

SHIP'S STORE "SUPER SALE"

Kearsarge Association Members and Families,

We are promoting a "Sailor Super Sale" of most Ship's Store merchandise. Prices are marked down below original costs on some items and FYI, in agreement by Association Leadership and with Charlotte Patton, (Ship's Store Proprietor) when this inventory is gone, the store will regretably be closing due to the decline in membership. It's "first come, first served" based on your order receipt by Charlotte.

Here's the reduced "Sale" prices:

Golf shirts, All sizes-----\$20.00

Dress shirts, All sizes-----\$20.00

Sweat shirts, All-----\$25.00

Watch Caps, ----- \$10.00

Magnetic Ship's Crests— \$2.00

Ball Caps and cloth Crests (ships Patches) no change.
All orders will receive 3-4 anniversary covers "FREE."

These reduced prices will remain in effect (vice what's listed on the ship's store page, we'll leave those unchanged for comparison) until we've sold out. This will be your final opportunity to get memorabilia from your "Kearsarge sea going days."

"IN OMNIBUS PINNACULUM"

ONCE I WAS A NAVY MAN (AND STILL AM)

I liked the Navy. I liked standing on deck on a long voyage with the sea in my face and ocean winds all whipping in from everywhere, the feel of the giant steel ship beneath me, it's engine driving against the sea. I liked the Navy. I liked the clang of steel, the ringing of the bell, the foghorns and strong laughter of Navy men at work. I liked the ships of the Navy, nervous darting destroyers, sleek cruisers, majestic battle ships, steady solid carriers and stealthy submarines.

I like the names of the Navy ships: Saratoga, Midway, Hornet, Enterprise, Sea Wolf, Canberra, Iwo Jima, Wasp, Shangri-La, and Constitution all majestic ships of the line. I like the bounce of Navy music and the tempo of a Navy Band, "Liberty Whites" and the spice scent of a foreign port.

I like shipmates I've sailed with...the kid from the Iowa cornfield, a pal from New York's eastside an Irishman from Boston, and a drawling friendly Texan. From all parts of the land they came, farms of the Midwest, small towns of New England- from the cities, the mountains and the prairies. All Americans, All comrades in arms. All men of the sea.

I liked the adventure in my heart when the ship puts out to sea, and I liked the electric thrill of sailing home again, with the waving hands of welcome from family and friends waiting on shore. The work was hard, the going rough at times, but there's the companionship of robust Navy laughter, the devil-may-care philosophy

U.S.S. KEARSARGE ASSOCIATION SHIP'S STORE



Golf Shirts

CV, CVA, CVS 33 - Navy
Med, Large. X-Large, 2X Large-\$29.00



Sweat Shirts

CV, CVA, CVS 33 - Navy
Med, Large. X-Large, 2X Large-\$36.00



Dress Shirts

CV, CVA, CVS 33
Short Sleeve Navy
Med, Large. X-Large, 2X Large-\$29.00

Hats



CV, CVA, CVS 33
NAVY - \$16.00

Watch Caps



Navy - CV, CVA, CVS 33
\$11.00



Ship's Crests

CV, CVA, CVS 33
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or
Magnet - \$5.00



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of the sea. And after a day of hard duty, there is a serenity of the sea at dusk, as white caps dance on the ocean waves. The sea at night is mysterious.

I liked the lights of the Navy in darkness—the masthead lights, and red & green sidelights and stern lights. They cut through the night and look like a mirror of stars in darkness. There are quiet nights and the quiet of the mid-watch when the ghosts of all the Sailors of the world stand with you. And there is the aroma of fresh coffee from the galley.

I like the legends of the Navy and the men who made them. I like the proud names of Navy Heroes: Halsey, Nimitz, Perry, Farragut and John Paul Jones. A man can find much in the Navy — comrades in arms, pride in country. A man can find himself.

In years to come, when the Sailor is home from the sea, he will still remember with fondness the ocean spray on his face when the sea is angry. There will still come a faint aroma of fresh paint in his nostrils, the echo of hearty laughter of the seafaring men who once were close companions. Locked on land, he will grow wistful of his Navy days, when the seas belonged to him and a new port of call was always over the horizon. Remembering this, he will stand taller and say,

"ONCE I WAS A NAVY MAN"

LIES LEARNED IN SCHOOL

You Need Milk For Strong Bones

Milk is absolutely necessary for a strong, healthy body if you're a growing cow. A series of studies have found no evidence that cow's milk improves bone health, but have shown dairy has a negative effect on overall health, including on bones. The milk myth has been pushed by the dairy industry, which lobbies the USDA (a recent USDA chief took a cushy, high-paying job as CEO of the U.S. Dairy Export Council).

HAVE YOU HEARD!

Q: A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode out on Friday. How was that possible?

Q: Railroad crossing, watch out for cars. Can you spell that without any "r's"?

Q: What has a face and two hands, but no arms or legs?

Q: What belongs to you but is used more by others?

Answers: 1. Friday was the name of his horse.
2, T-H-A-T. 3. A Clock. 4 Your Name.

PUN OGRAPHY!

What did the Cop say to the stomach? You're under a vest.

How do hedgehogs make love? Very carefully.

New Friends & Old Friends

**Make new friends, but keep the old;
Old are silver, New are gold.
New-made friendships, like new wine,
Age and mellow and will refine.
Friendships that have stood the test —
Time and change — are surely best;
Brow may wrinkle, hair grow gray;
Friendship never knows decay.
Formidable old friends, tried and true,
Once more we our youth renew.
But old friends, alas! May die;
New friends must, their place supply.
Cherish friendship in your breast —
New is good, but old is best.
Make new friends, but keep the old;
Those are silver, these are gold.**

Joseph Parry, Author

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All of the following shipmates below have renewed their membership:

Joseph Aboussleman	AG	AMH1
John Hand	OE	ETR2
Robert Hillhouse	E	IC3
Dwight Langhoff	VF	AN2
Fred Lenz	B	MM3
Dan Moyle	V4	
Donald O. Norris	X	PN2
Allen Stolz	1st	SN
Roger White	S2	SN
Jimmy Woods	V3	AN
John Woznick	E	EMFN

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

TAPS!



Lt. Athur J. Morrow '52-'54 P25
Sgt. Glen R. Green, Marine '46-'48 P480

SOLSTICE 2023

By Kearsarge Member Walter Dzubiak, Jr.

My wife & I recently visited the USS Midway CV-41, in San Diego, California.

I was happy to see an old friend on the flight deck. There is an 'SH-3A Sea King' helicopter on display. it was one from our HS-6 squadron.

I was also pleased to see examples of the various flight deck 'color jerseys' on display. I was a purple gang 'Grape Ape.' I may have refueled that helicopter.

Being a sister ship of the Mighty 'K,' I was treated with special respect from the tour personnel, when they saw my Kearsarge tee-shirt and hat.

I was trying to view our squadron's 'patches.' I don't know if I got the correct ones (see below). Can you verify?



CELEBRATING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE

By National Archives

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The National Archives holds a wealth of material documenting the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Visit National Archives News to view the documents, educational resources, articles, historical presidential proclamations and more related to the Asian and Pacific Islander experience.



Certificate of Identity for actress Anna May Wong. Although she was a third-generation American, exclusionary laws meant that a Chinese person had to be certified as eligible for re-entry into the United States.



Future actor and martial artist Bruce Lee was born in San Francisco, CA, in 1940. He returned with his parents to China in April 1941 and they filed for a Return Certificate on his behalf, documenting his birth and American citizenship.



Approved Pension File for Private Edward D. Cohota, Company I, 23rd Massachusetts Infantry Regiment; Companies C and H, 15th U.S. Infantry Regiment; and Companies B and G, 8th U.S. Infantry Regiment (XC-2346488) Cohota was a Chinese soldier who served in the Union Army in the American Civil War and remained in the U.S. Army until 1885.



President Gerald R. Ford signs a proclamation in 1976 confirming the termination of Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.



Figure skater Michelle Kwan, a 5 time World Champ and 2 time Olympic medalist, was appointed as the first American Public Diplomacy Envoy in Nov. 2006



Renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma plays for President Ronald Reagan, Crown Princess Michiko, Crown Prince Akihito, and First Lady Nancy Reagan at the White House in October 1987.

U.S. FORCES RETURN TO COUNTER CHINA'S THREATS IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Jim Gomez, Associated Press

A sign stands on a quiet day in what used to be America's largest overseas naval base at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Zambales province, northwest of Manila, Philippines on Monday Feb. 6, 2023. The U.S. has been rebuilding its military might in the Philippines after more than 30 years and reinforcing an arc of military alliances in Asia in a starkly different post-Cold War era when the perceived new regional threat is an increasingly belligerent China.

A renewed U.S. military presence at Subic, however, would generate more jobs and raise additional freeport revenues at a crucial time when many Filipinos and businesses are still struggling to recover from two years of COVID-19 lockdowns and an economic recession wrought by coronavirus outbreaks, Paulino said.

"I see them as tourists," he said of the U.S. forces whose presence could boost economic recovery.

About the size of Singapore, the former American Navy base at Subic with its deep harbors, a ship repair yard and huge warehouses had been used to support the U.S. war effort in Vietnam in the 1960s and '70s. It was shut down and transformed into a commercial freeport and recreational complex in 1992 after the Philippine Senate rejected an extension of U.S. lease.

A year earlier, the U.S. Air Force withdrew from Clark Air Base near Subic after nearby Mount Pinatubo roared back to life in the second-largest volcanic eruption of the 20th century and belched ash on the air base and outlying regions.

The American flag was lowered for the final time and the last batch of American sailors left Subic in November 1992, ending nearly a century of American military presence in the Philippines that began in 1898 when the U.S. seized the archipelago in a new colonial era after Spain held the Southeast Asian nation as a colony for more than three centuries. Washington granted independence on July 4, 1946, but maintained military bases and facilities, including Subic.

China's seizure in the mid-1990s of Mischief Reef, a coral outcrop within the exclusive economic zone of the Philippines that extends into the South China Sea, "provided the first hint that the allies may have been too quick to downgrade their relationship," said Greg Poling, director of the Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative at the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The Philippine Constitution prohibits permanent bas-

ing of foreign troops in the country and their involvement in local combat but allows temporary visits by foreign troops under security pacts such as the 2014 Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement and a 1998 Visiting Forces Agreement.

The 1998 agreement allowed a large number of American forces to be deployed in the southern Philippines to help provide combat training and intelligence to Filipino forces battling the then-al Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf group, which was blamed for deadly bombings and mass kidnappings for ransom, including three Americans — one of whom was beheaded and another shot and killed in a Philippine army rescue. The third survived.

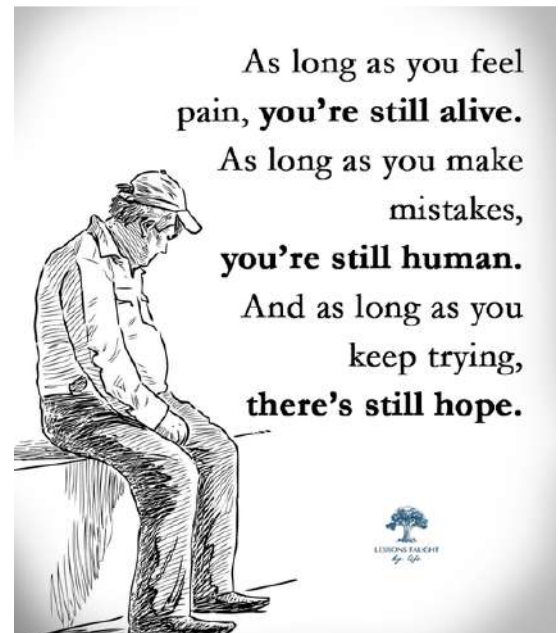
There is still, however, domestic opposition to a U.S. presence in the Philippines, which left-wing groups have criticized as neo-colonialism, reinforced by the 2014 killing of a Filipina transgender woman by a U.S. Marine, Wong said.

Governor Manuel Mamba of northern Cagayan province, where Bacarro said the U.S. has reportedly sought access for its forces in two local military encampments, vowed to oppose such an American military presence. Cagayan, located on the northern tip of the main Luzon island, lies across a narrow sea border from Taiwan, the Taiwan Strait and southern China.

"It'll be very dangerous for us. If they stay here, whoever is their enemy will become our enemy," Mamba told the AP by telephone, adding the Philippines could be targeted by nuclear weapons if the conflict over Taiwan boils over.

"You cannot really remove any presumption by anyone that the Philippines has a nuclear capability through the Americans, who will be here," Mamba said.

(Part 2 will appear in the next issue)



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If it has been highlighted in yellow, renew immediately.

You can also check your membership details on the website roster to determine your membership expiration dates. That is the date on which your dues payments are due and payable.



**Kearsarge Member Walter Dzubiak
on the U.S.S. Midway, April 2023**

DUES and MEMBERSHIP

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