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## THE IRONMAN—A DOUBLE ENDER'S NEWSLETTER

### Membership Scorebox

Active	126
Lifetime	43
Current Paid	29
Need to renew	54
Deceased since last reunion	4
Snail Mail Addresses Only	240
Email Address	497
Total Shipmates	4,252

### LCDR Woodie C Stegall USS Reeves First Navigator

By Gerry Hines Reeves Association VP



LT W. C. STEGALL, USN  
Navigator

[This is the first in a series of the new USS Reeves Legend Series. The first article of the Legend Series features LCDR Woodie Stegall USN \(Ret\), who was the very first navigator on the USS Reeves.](#)

This has been a real treat for me. Tom, Kurt, Jeff, and I had a very enjoyable visit with Woodie and Claire in San Antonio during our Reeves Reunion in 2016. I have had several conversations with Woodie and his wife Claire. They both will turn 95 years old this year. Claire's recollections of details from long ago are amazing. She has been helping me with getting my facts straight.

Woodie was born in Texas in 1928. Growing up, his high school years, were during the highly patriotic times of World War II. He joined the Navy in 1946 when he turned eighteen right out of high school. It was off to San Diego for boot camp and then training as an ET. A good time to enlist as the Navy was trying to reorganize and replace the 3 million WWII vets that were leaving the service.

Woodie went aboard the USS Southerland DD-743 in 1946 as a seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> class and left as an ET1 in 1951. Southerland took part in the invasion of the Korean peninsula at Inchon. It was during this time that Woodie met Claire at Hunters Point and after a false start due to ship's movement in 1949 they eloped in 1950. That elopement started a marriage that is still intact after 73 years, 5 children and a 28-year Navy career. Claire like most military wives learned to be a master mover during 15 duty stations all up and down the west coast and Hawaii.



His next assignment was to the USS Bremerton CA-130 which had been in fleet reserve in San Francisco since

### Dues Notice!

If you have not paid your annual dues or a life member.

You should renew your annual dues. To reach the greatest number of shipmates, we will publish the complete Association newsletter to any valid email or snail mail address. Your dues payments make this possible.

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## The President's Page



Greetings to the entire USS Reeves Family,

Well, here we are in the Spring of 2023, and we're pleased with the way the 2023 Reunion is coming together. We still have a thousand things to cross off the list, and the list will undoubtedly grow as we discover new things to add, but that's the nature of the beast. We are happy that the big steps, like the when and where, have been completed, and we're busy working on all the other stuff. Feedback has so far been positive, and the hotel reports that there have been a number of reservations submitted. We've also received a number of completed (and paid) reunion sign-up sheets. In addition, we've seen an influx of dues payments, which is always a good thing. Between the hotel, reunion applications, and dues payments indicate that we're off to a very good start. Time will tell, but things are looking good.

That brings us to you, as now would be the opportunity for you to start making plans to join us. The hotel reservations are easy, just contact the hotel and let them know that you are part of the USS Reeves Group. There are no up-

front costs to make the reservation, just a credit card number to guarantee the reservation. The travel arrangements are a little more cumbersome, but you still have time to find a deal on airline tickets. Most airlines have Spring Sales that are currently in progress and may help you save money on plane fares. Many of us will be taking advantage of Dayton's central location and driving to the reunion. That has its own problems due to the ever-changing cost of fuel. Keep in mind that we have plenty of free parking available, including adequate room to park RVs (no hookups).

Now is the ideal time to contact any of your Reeves shipmates that you would like to see again. An upcoming reunion is the perfect excuse to make that call to an old friend from the Reeves, and the perfect opportunity to extend an invitation – especially to shipmates that are in the middle of the country. You would be surprised how many calls we get from Reeves sailors who had no idea that there even was a Reeves Association, and no idea that we have been having reunions for years. They're out there, so please don't hesitate to give them a call, or you can also send me some contact information and I'll send them some reunion information. Dayton

is fairly well in the middle of the country and is accessible to many of our shipmates that won't travel to either coast. All they need is an invitation.... Be that Shipmate and give them a call.

Okay, enough of the reunion talk, here's something new in this edition of The Ironman Newsletter. We have initiated a new series designed to celebrate legendary Reeves Shipmates. This edition is the launching point for the new USS Reeves Legend Series. As many of you know, we have been in the habit of publishing articles on amazing Reeves Sailors over the past 15 years. All these were memorial articles to celebrate the lives of Reeves Sailors who are no longer in our midst. Our esteemed VP, Gerry Hines, has taken over the task of writing the Memorial Stories over the past few years, and has done a fine job in helping us to celebrate the lives of great Reeves Sailors.

The Legend Series is designed to honor and celebrate Reeves Sailors, some of whom are still very much here with us, and some who have passed. These sailors are the legacy of what made The USS Reeves such a fine Navy warship. Legendary Reeves Sailors ALL, and we felt it was time to celebrate

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All comments, suggestions, submissions and criticism are welcome. My email is always open..

## Life Memberships

At the 2014 reunion in Portland, shipmates voted for a Life Membership. After researching various Associations, it was decided that the US Navy Cruiser Sailor Association's plan was best for the USS Reeves Association. Monies for life membership are placed in an interest-bearing account and not mixed with operating funds.

The schedule is simple:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Under 50	\$500
Under 60	\$400
Under 70	\$300
Under 80	\$200
80 or older	\$100

We already have 43 life members.

## LCDR Woodie C Stegall USS Reeves First Navigator (cont)

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1948. Newly recommissioned the cruiser headed to the Western Pacific for the bombardment of the Korean coast. Next up in 1952 was a 2-year tour at the transmitter station at the Naval Yard in Long Beach.

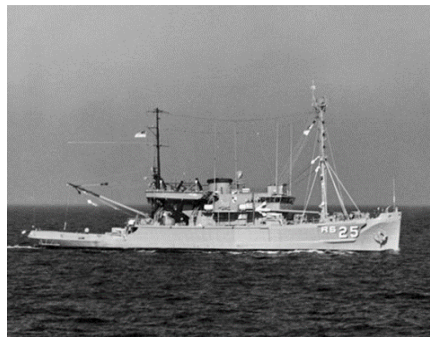
By 1955 now ET Chief Stegall transferred to the USS Rombach DE-364. Rombach spent 8 weeks a year as a training ship for sonars in San Diego.

Chief Stegall's next assignment was to be an instructor at NTS Treasure Island in 1957. While he was there, he became part of the Admiral Holloway Program and was sent to OCS for a direct commission. After commissioning he reported aboard the USS Kearsarge CVA-33 as a 29-year-old ensign for such duties as 5" battery officer, underway OOD and whatever else they could think up for a junior officer. Although an ensign with 12 years in could hardly be your typical junior officer. Woodie tells of his OCS company made up of chiefs being taught about the navy by a young lieutenant JG. Probably more than a few background snickers during those talks.

The years 1959 through 1962 saw Woodie first on the USS Russel County LST-1090 as the XO and then command of the USS Duval LST-758.

After a 2-year assignment at the Service Schools Command at San Diego from 1962 to early 1964 he came to the pre-commissioning crew of the Reeves. He served on board as navigator and admin officer, plotting through sea trials, commissioning, and our first Westpac tour to Viet Nam. Leaving the Reeves in 1966 with a pro-

motion to Lieutenant Commander Woodie took command of USS Safeguard ARS-25 a Diver class Rescue and Salvage ship home ported in Pearl Harbor. Safeguard had a vastly different mission than the Reeves. During September-October of 66 she salvaged a 10,000-ton commercial barge that had run aground on Wake Island



during a storm, towing the barge 2000 miles back to Honolulu.

14<sup>th</sup> Naval district Hawaii as director of Navy recruiting filled the years 1968 to 1969. Then on to his last at sea command of a very unusual ship. He took over the USS Nueces APB-40 on June 10, 1969. Nueces was/is a Benewah-class barracks ship. One of only 3 ever built in 1946. Berthing was available for up to 26 officers and 1200 enlisted. During Viet Nam while Woodie was Captain, she was converted into a mobile base for river patrol squadrons on the Mekong river also housing parts of the Army's 9<sup>th</sup> infantry division and served as their headquarters. While on the Mekong they were frequently shot at from the south shore of the river, responding with their quad 40mms fore and aft.

An incident that occurred while anchored in the Mekong Delta was the finding of a bomb that had been floated down and attached to the Nueces' anchor chain. It was spotted by a sentry and luckily the control wire had been severed be-

fore it could go off. A demolition crew was flown in to deal with it but it had lost its flotation and



sunk before they got there.

Woodie brought the Nueces back to the states in 1970. She was berthed in Long Beach and housed the crew of the USS Kearsarge that was being de-commissioned. Shortly after that the Nueces was also de-commissioned, later to be resurrected as the APL-40 and is presently being used in Yokosuka as a berthing and messing barge.

Shore duty finished out a long and distinguished career. 1970 to 1974 as Ford Island rep to the Commanding Officer of Pearl Harbor Naval Station. Then 74 and 75 as commanding officer of Naval Reserve Center, Evansville, Indiana.

Returning to civilian life after an almost 30-year Navy career must have been quite an adjustment. He found work in the oil and gas exploration industry working for several companies including Exxon before finding a home at Able Energy Co. and retiring from there as a vice president.

We thank you, LCDR Stegall for your service on the USS Reeves, and please know that you were the perfect candidate to launch the USS Reeves Legend Series. We thank you and Claire for your help in this article and wish you both the very best.



## Discover Dayton

We went through some trouble to find the best location for the 2023 Reeves Reunion. As noted in the last newsletter, we were looking for an affordable location in the middle of the country, that was also near something interesting for us to see. Dayton Ohio found its way into the process by meeting the availability and affordable goals, and has lots of a rich American history for us to enjoy.

Dayton is The Birthplace of Aviation and So Much More! Only in Dayton, Ohio can you explore and learn about the entire aviation story---past, present, and future. Dayton is the home of the Wright Brothers, the [National Museum of the U.S. Air Force](#) (the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum), and the Dayton [Aviation Heritage National Historical Park](#). In Dayton, you will find one-of-a-kind aviation experiences, world-class attractions and arts, fantastic family fun, and exceptional outdoor recreation including the nation's largest network of paved trails: 340+ Miles, and a slew of craft beers. Here are a few examples of what's to do outside when you're not catching up with your Reeves Shipmates. You can click on each of the categories below to get the full story.

[America's Packard Museum](#)

[Carillon Historical Park](#)

[Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park](#)

[Five Rivers Metro Parks](#)

[Wright B Flyer at Dayton Wright Brothers Airport](#)

[Wright Brothers National Museum](#)

In addition, there are a number of inventions from Dayton that have literally changed the world! At the turn of the 20th century, Dayton was the home for more patents per capita than any other city in the nation and one-sixth of the nation's corporate executives had spent a portion of their career at legendary Dayton company, National Cash Register (NCR). The airplane. The self-starting ignition for the automobile. The ice-cube tray, and pop-top can. Yep, they were invented in Dayton.

The real logic behind our 2023 reunion trip being based in Dayton is the opportunity for us to visit The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. This is easily one of the biggest and best museums that you'll ever get an opportunity to see. It's located at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which is a short drive from our hotel.

2023 marks a special anniversary for the museum, as it turns 100 this year. Since 1923 the museum has grown from a small engineering study collection to the world's largest military aviation museum and is a world-renowned center for air and space power technology and culture preservation. The museum is home to countless one-of-a-kind objects. The museum's once small engine collection now includes more than 350 aerospace vehicles and missiles, thousands of artifacts, and spans 20 indoor acres with additional outdoor Air and Memorial Parks that continue to grow every year.

The museum itself is quite large, and the 20 acres of indoor exhibits are divided into a number of galleries. The following is a listing of the galleries. You can click on each of the categories below to get the full story.

[Early Years Gallery](#)

[World War II Gallery](#)

[Korean War Gallery](#)

[Southeast Asia War Gallery](#)

[Cold War Gallery](#)

[Missile Gallery](#)

[Space Gallery](#)

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[Research & Development Gallery](#)

[Global Reach Gallery](#)

[Presidential Gallery](#)

[Air Park](#)

[Memorial Park](#)

[Other Exhibits](#)

We really enjoyed the Early days of aviation and the World War II exhibits. The B-29 Bocks Car (2<sup>nd</sup> atomic bomber) was there in original condition. Quite a difference between the other famous B-29 Enola Gay, which was shined up like a new penny at the National Museum in DC. Somehow Bocks Car, in her un-polished state, looked more like the real thing. The Korean and Southeast Asia Galleries were impressive, but somehow my favorite, and I suspect many of you will agree, is the Cold War Exhibit. Just seeing a giant B-52 sideways inside the hangar was enough to get things started, it was then surrounded by a B-1, B-2, F-117, SR-71, and a U-2 ...and that was just the start.

The museum seemed endless, and then there was yet another room full of truly historic aircraft and exhibits. The Presidential Gallery was the final hangar when we were there in 2018, and it contained the Air Force One plane that transported JFK's casket back to DC after his assassination. We were able to go inside the aircraft and see where his casket lay, and where LBJ was sworn into office. Nothing like walking into a bit of history.

We believe that everyone will be amazed at the Museum when we take our group trip on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, and we're quite sure you'll be able to roam around freely and catch up on what strikes you. We are planning lunch at the Museum and are still trying to get us to the Wright-Patterson AFB Officers Club for lunch. They have our request, but no word back as yet. We are also trying to get access to the base R&D shops for small group tours on Friday. The bases are still weird about civilian access, so we're hoping to get behind the fence to see some other stuff.

Either way, we'll be there to see the sights and help celebrate the museums major milestone. The 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations include a variety of special events, exhibits and special tours. The museum is also very easy to get around and is very well equipped for handicapped access.

We hope you take advantage of the opportunity to see the sights in Dayton. There are more than a few things to do, and plenty of folks who are willing to share rides and company to get everyone out and about. There are plenty of restaurants in the area of the hotel, so you won't have to go far. If you feel a little more adventurous, Cincinnati is only an hour's drive, and there's plenty to explore.

In the meantime, please plan on joining us in Dayton. The dates are October 5-8, 2023. Booking the hotel room is surprisingly easy. To make the reservation online, go to <https://group.doubletree.com/jzjc1k> and enter the code URA the group rate box to get our negotiated rate. -Or- You can call the hotel at (937) 436-2400 (select phone option #3) and ask to get the USS Reeves Association rates for October 5-8, 2023. You still may have to have the URA code handy to make sure you get our rate. There is no advance payment required to confirm your reservation. **The discount hotel room price actually expires 30 days before the reunion, so it's rather important to make those reservations well in advance.** There's no penalty for cancellation but making them too late could be costly. We have our normal agreement with the hotel for reunion pricing two days before and after our reunion times. **If you have problems making your reservation with the hotel, please CALL ME at (719) 647-2872, and I'll deal with the hotel.**

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## Financials

### Income

Current Checking	\$8198.90
Current Savings	\$6081.74

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the living legends as well as those who have parted company with us. The first article of the Legend Series features LCDR Woodie Stegall USN (Ret), who was the very first navigator on the USS Reeves. We thank Gerry for investigating Woody's history and providing us with such a great article to kick off the new series. It is our intention to include a Legend Series Article in as many Newsletters as is practical. If you have any nominations for sailors to be featured in the Legend Series, please forward a written nomination to Gerry Hines ([gerryhines@ussreeves.net](mailto:gerryhines@ussreeves.net))

That's all I have for now. We're working towards putting on the next "best Reeves Reunion you've ever been to", and hope that you are all as excited to be part of the October reunion as we are. Please talk with your family and shipmate friends to get things lined up to be with us.

Here's wishing you fair winds and following seas.

//tom

Tom Bailey BT2 84-87

### **Charitable/Educational Objectives**

The USS Reeves Association is an educational, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service, FEIN 86-1163983. For that purpose at the 2010 business meeting, it was recommended that future excess funds be used for donations and scholarships as determined at business meetings starting in 2012.

## Shift Colors

To receive the Navy's Shift Colors newsletter via email send the following information to [Mill\\_ShiftColors@navy.mil](mailto:Mill_ShiftColors@navy.mil) -- First name; Last name; E-mail address; Title (Mr., Mrs., rank, etc.); and Military affiliation (retiree, surviving spouse, veteran, other). There is no longer any funding for hard copies to be printed and mailed. To receive Shift Colors it does not matter whether or not you're retired, active duty, a veteran, a surviving spouse, or just someone who's interested in receiving the newsletter.

## Discover Dayton (cont)

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The other per person cost for attending the reunion is the participation costs for our reunion stay. The rooms, as usual, are the responsibility of each attendee. Part of the reunion registration process that always seems to cause reunion confusion for our first-time reunion attendees is the Reunion Participation Fee that we, the Reeves Association, charges each attendee to be a part of the reunion.

The participant costs are those which each attendee pays to the association, and are in addition to the room fees paid to the hotel. The participant fees cover all the other stuff that the Reeves Association provides to make the reunion worthwhile. They cover all the incidental costs that make the reunions work, and include event insurance, the Friday night reception, the cost of your banquet meals, event ballcaps, reunion bags, door prizes, genuine Reeves giveaway bling, and most importantly.... keeping the hospitality room stocked with all your favorite snacks and adult beverages for the whole reunion. We always try to keep that cost as low as possible, but it normally ends up being about the same as the cost for one room night. **If you plan to attend, please fill out the attached reunion form and send us a check.** If you are not going to be there for the entire reunion, we pro-rate the participant fees so you pay for only those days you'll attend.



## Ship's Store

<p><b>Photo #1 1967 11" x 17" \$10 + s/h</b></p> 	<p><b>Embroidered Golf Shirt \$20 + s/h 2X and 3X add \$2.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Reeves HD Vinyl Banner, 30"x48" \$30. Each + \$14. s/h</b></p> 
<p><b>Photo#2 1972 11" x 17" \$10 + s/h</b></p> 	<p><b>Embroidered T-Shirt \$15 + s/h 2X and 3X add \$2.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Reeves 2" custom acrylic coated Challenge Coins \$14. ea +\$3.50 s/h for 1st coin &amp; \$.100 ea for extras. Limit 3 coins</b></p> 
<p><b>Photo#3 1986 11" x 17" \$10 + s/h</b></p> 	<p><b>DLG or CG Ball Caps \$12 + s/h</b></p> 	<p><b>Pens and 2 1/2" DLG or CG Vinyl Stickers *</b></p> 

### USS Reeves Association Ship's Store Order Form

Item	Description / Size	Qty	Price	Shipping Handling	Total
<b>Photos</b>	Specify Photo# 1, 2, or 3			\$2.00 each	
<b>Ball Cap</b>	Specify DLG or CG			\$5.00 each	
<b>Vinyl Banners</b>				\$14.00 each	
<b>Challenge Coins</b>	Limit of three			\$3.50 /1 .00 for addl	
<b>Golf Shirt</b>	Sizes run large			\$6.00 each	
<b>T-Shirt</b>	Sizes run large			\$6.00 each	
<b>Ball point pens</b>				\$1.00 each	
<b>Vinyl Stickers</b>	*Specify DLG or CG			\$1.00 each	
				<b>Total</b>	

\*Pens and stickers are available only with other items purchased

Shipping is via USPS Priority.

**Checks Only**, please make payable to:

Kurt Stuvengen

410 E. Spring St

Orfordville, WI 53576

Cell: (608) 921-5586

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMCS Wendell Gawthorp

It is with heavy heart that we pass along that another USS Reeves Shipmate has crossed the bar. EMCS Wendell Gawthorp passed away 01APR23 at his home in West Salem, IL after a long illness. Senior Chief Gawthorp served on the USS Reeves (CG-24), USS Dubuque (LPD-8), USS Oklahoma City, and a few of the Destroyers out of Yokosuka during his long career. While onboard Reeves in the 80's he served as the 3M coordinator, so he interacted with many of the ships departments to get all our maintenance activities scheduled, completed, and documented. Running the 3M program was a huge and thankless task that required a lot of attention and persistence. Wendell engaged it vigorously. Wendell was always engaging, and those who knew him spent many hours at the Asia Sailor Reunions and Reeves Association Reunions just sitting and listening to his sea stories. His loving wife Kyoko was always at his side, and we thank her for keeping him moving during the last few years. There's no tougher job than that of care giver, and we salute her loving efforts to extend Wendell's time with us. We thank her for her service to our shipmate. Wendell is survived by his wife Kyoko; son, Michael (Dawn) Gawthorp; sister, Shirley Myers; two grandchildren, Kevin, and Jared.



Senior, save us a seat at the bar in Fiddler's Green. We have the watch.

## Chance Encounter Postponed By Gerry Hines 2/27/2023

Last June I was reading the monthly magazine our power company puts out and came across an article titled "Life As A Navy Photographer". It was about Mark Stevens who lives about 15 miles from me in the Town of Dagoon. In rural Arizona where going for groceries involves a 50 mile or more round trip it seemed like he was a next door neighbor. Mark had been on the Reeves back in the 70's during Admiral Fontaine's time as Captain. A friend gave me Mark's phone number so I could set up a time to get together only to find out he had just had a heart attack and was on his way to the hospital. Life got busy and I didn't check in with him again until last week.

He has recovered from the heart attack and agreed to meet me for breakfast. We had a 2 ½ hour sea story swap. He was the first photographers mate ever assigned to the Reeves. During his time on board, the ship was in the yards at Pearl Harbor. He installed the TV system aboard hauling the main coax cable the full length of the ship and then teeing off to all spaces. One memory he had of that time is that the captain was a big fan of the old WWII Victory at Sea films and Mark was requested to play them every evening at 7.

Among his duty stations during a 20-year career he spent 2 ½ years on the submarine USS Stonewall Jackson in the North Atlantic taking pictures of Russian ships through the periscope. Operating a radio/TV station on both Midway Island and Diego Garcia. His final assignment before retiring from the Navy was with the Navy Band in Washington, DC. Of the several possible duty stations his detailee came up with Washington was the only one his wife approved. He didn't then or now play any instruments, but he took a lot of pictures of the band.

You just never know where your going to find an old Reeves sailor.



## Celebrating More Khaki in the Family

### By Kurt Stuvengen

Greetings Shipmates! As those of you who served with me already know, I come from a multi-generational Navy family. Recently I had the opportunity to be involved in our family's next generation of Sailor being advanced to Chief Petty Officer. My nephew Kristoffer took orders to Okinawa and reported aboard Kadena Air Force Base in April. He is an IT which in my time was a RM. RMs and CTs merged and became ITs. He is attached to a Joint Command and involved with the spook stuff that those guys deal with.

Kris found out in September that he had been selected for Chief and would be advanced the latter part of October. The dates have changed over the last few years due to Covid and also shortening what used to be called initiation. My brother Karl, who is a retired EMCS, and I made the decision to try and make it to Okinawa for the pinning ceremony. This started quite a flurry of activity trying to make this all happen. Initially we would need a letter from the command to the Japanese government granting permission to make the trip. Basically, we had three weeks to make this work even though the Japanese Consulate information page recommended three months. Well, the stars aligned and a week before our scheduled flights the rules changed and all that was needed was a passport and a shot card.

We started our journey from Madison, WI on a Tuesday morning with a flight to O'Hare Airport and then a connecting flight to Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Japan, with a follow-on flight to Okinawa got us

to the Navy Lodge at Kadena AFB. At 0600 on Thursday the Chief picked us up and we headed to White Beach Navy Base, Home to Commander Amphibious Group One. This was the location where today's CPOs participated in the activities that we called initiation. While it was significantly different from my initiation in 1991, I will say that the intent was the same and lessons learned will serve these 21<sup>st</sup> century CPOs well in their future career. Karl and I were warmly accepted by the Active-duty Chiefs and also allowed to fully participate in the activities. Activities that went well into the evening finally concluding around midnight.

Friday at 1000 was the pinning ceremony for the approximately 35 newly minted Island wide Chief Petty Officers. Karl and I had the privilege of pinning Kris' new anchors on his collar and clasping his hand welcoming him into the mess. Also, after the ceremony during the congratulations receiving line, I was able to get a photo taken of our family's own CPO Mess. Kris is the 5<sup>th</sup> CPO in the family and represents the third generation of Naval Service. The pictures are of my mother's brother, a RMC in service dress whites and my father, a BMC in service dress blues. Both of these Chiefs served from WWII into Vietnam with my uncle retiring as a LCDR.

After the ceremony Kris took us around the island showing the sites and also taking me places where I could pick up the items on my wife Fumiyo's shopping list. Saturday morning, we again toured around and then got ready for the

evenings Khaki Ball, being held at USMC Base Camp Butler Officers Club. It was a great time and again we were accepted by the Chiefs as brothers. There were also many comments on how emotionally people got seeing Karl and me pin Kris.

Sunday was our last full day on the Island and I had arranged for us to meet up with a former Reeves Shipmate for lunch. SK1/C Dan Batenhorst and I had served together from 80-82 in Reeves. Dan served his whole career in Japan and retired as a CWO4 in Okinawa. I presented Dan with a Reeves Challenge coin.



It was great interacting with today's Sailors and getting to see some of my old stomping grounds from the 1990s when I was stationed on USS Dubuque (LPD-8). I can honestly say that our Navy is in good hands. While it definitely isn't "my Navy", the men and women who are Sailors today are carrying out the missions, playing the cards they are dealt and abiding by the new rules coming down from the civilian leadership.

See you all in Dayton in 2023!  
Kurt Stuvengen / BTC(SW/AW)  
1980-1986

# USS REEVES (DLG/CG-24) ASSOCIATION REUNION

## 2023 REGISTRATION FORM

### October 5-8, 2023

Make hotel reservations with the **DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Dayton/Miamisburg Ohio, 300 Prestige Place, Miamisburg Ohio, 45342** OR call (937) 436-2400 and select phone option #3 to get the hotel reservation desk, or make direct reservations at: <https://group.doubletree.com/jzjc1k> and use the group code **URA**. Please tell them you are part of the “USS Reeves Association Reunion” to ensure proper credit to our Association and to receive our negotiated group rate (\$119.00 per night).

#### Reunion Schedule

Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	
10:00 to 1500	Set-up at the Navigator / Ohio Hospitality Suite (visitors and helpers welcome)
1500	Hotel registration. Reunion check-in at the Navigator / Ohio Hospitality Room
1500 to Close	Hospitality Suite OPEN for business. (Snacks, adult beverages and some sea-stories)
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	
0900 to 1800	Hospitality Suite OPEN for business. (Snacks, adult beverages and more sea-stories)
1800 to 2000	Welcome Reception in Hospitality Room with open bar and Pizza Party
2000 to Close	Hospitality Suite OPEN for business. (Snacks, adult beverages and advanced sea-stories)
Saturday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	
0930 to 1700	Group outing to The US Air Force National Museum at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. Tour includes a bus ride from the hotel to the Air Force Museum. of adult admission is FREE and return to hotel. Lunch will be at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Officers Club. <b><i>Our tour fee, which includes bus transportation, is \$ 20.00.</i></b>
1700 to Close	Hospitality Suite OPEN for business. (Adult beverages and more advanced sea-stories)
Sunday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	
0900 to 1300	Hospitality Suite OPEN for business. (Adult beverages and updated sea-stories)
1200 to 1500	Reeves Ladies-only Event, Similar to the “Paining with a Twist” event in the Springs
1300 to 1530	Reeves Association Bi-Annual Business Meeting – Hospitality Room
1730 to 1900	Doubletree Banquet Room B / Cash-bar happy hour: Group/Individual Photos
1900 to 2200	Doubletree Banquet room B / Reunion Banquet (please bring dinner choice cards)
2200 to Close	Hospitality Suite OPEN for business. (Adult beverages and highly advanced sea-stories)
Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	
0800 to Noon	Hotel checkout & departure (helpers are appreciated)

#### Sunday's Banquet Menu Choices

Dinner starts with Hors D' Oeuvres: Fresh Fruit, Cheese and Vegetable Trays, Hibachi Beef Skewers, and Jumbo Gulf Shrimp with cocktail sauce. Entrees include:

- ⇒ [Beef Roulade with Steamed Redskin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and Glazed Baby Carrots.](#)
- ⇒ Chicken Marsala with Steamed Redskin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and Glazed Baby Carrots
- ⇒ Vegetarian Entree

Dinners include Tossed green salad served with choice of dressings, Fresh baked rolls, and butter. Fresh brewed regular or decaf coffee, hot water, herbal Tea, Iced Tea, and soda. A desert will be served with dinner

**Please complete and return not later than 9/1/2023 or sooner.**

# USS REEVES (DLG/CG-24) ASSOCIATION REUNION 2023 REGISTRATION FORM October 5-8, 2023

## Reunion Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Years served on board: 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_\_, Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate onboard \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the reunion \_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s).

I would like to order the following meal(s) for the banquet – one per member and one per guest

# \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Roulade      # \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala      # \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Entrée

**NOTE: There is a single, all inclusive, fee of \$110 per person for the reunion. These fees cover the incidental costs associated with putting on the reunion, to include; event insurance, the Friday night reception, the cost for your banquet meals, event ballcaps, reunion bling, door prizes, and most importantly.... keeping the hospitality room stocked with all your favorite snacks and adult beverages. Tours are not included in this fee.**

**Reeves Association Shirts** – This is a handsome, high quality, Navy Blue polo shirt with the USS Reeves Association logo embroidered on the left chest. Sizes available: S, M, L, XL, XXL and XXXL. The price for shirts is \$20 (add \$2 for sizes XXL and XXXL). \_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like a shirt(s). Qty: \_\_\_\_ S, \_\_\_\_ M, \_\_\_\_ L, \_\_\_\_ XL, \_\_\_\_ XXL, \_\_\_\_ XXX

**US Air Force National Museum Tour**. Museum Tour is FREE, \$20.00 fee is for bus transportation, and does not include lunch. \_\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will participate. Number participating: \_\_\_\_ x \$20 each

TOTAL attending reunion fee is \$110 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL attending Air Force Museum Tour / Transport x \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL for Sunday Ladies Event: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ - interested only at this time, is not a commitment

TOTAL for Shirts x \$20 (or \$22.00 for XXL and XXXL sizes) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DUES - Renew your 2022/23 Association Dues at this time: \$ 20 per year. Enclosed for Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Enclosed for Reunion, Tour, Shirts, and Dues = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete and return no later than 9/1/2023 (sooner if at all possible!); make check payable to:*

**USS REEVES ASSOCIATION**  
Mail to:  
Thomas Bailey, Reunion Planner  
1154 S Greenway Ave, Pueblo West, CO. 81007-1745  
(719) 647-2872

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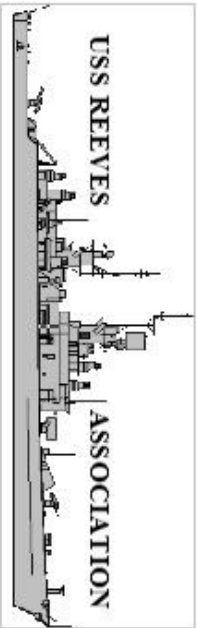




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Membership Application

Name

StreetAddress 1

StreetAddress 2

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

I served on the USS REEVES (DLG-24/CG-24) as a \_\_\_\_\_ (rate/rank) from 19 \_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_.

Membership in the Association includes the right to vote and hold elective office. It also includes receiving a newsletter, email updates and further privileges as to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Dues Per Year: \$20.00

I also wish to support the goals of the Association which is the building of a membership that will increase interest in bi-annual reunions, as well as the establishment of a newsletter and other means of communicating our activities with all Reeves shipmates. I am making an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I enclose my check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
I am interested in helping the Association grow and become successful. I wish to serve on a committee, provide other assistance or have an interest as follows:

Mail application to:

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Tom Bailey, President  
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