

# The Macon Time

**MARCH 2019**

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## President's Message From The Helm"

Fellow Shipmates,

So far this winter we have had a combination of some snow, cold at times below Zero and spring weather. We are looking forward for spring to come and getting ready for our 26<sup>th</sup> reunion at Myrtle beach SC.

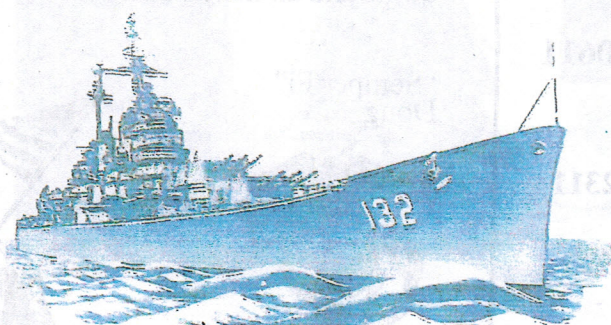
We are hoping for a good turnout at Myrtle Beach so get your Reunion Registrations in to Bill Hossler as soon as you can before the deadline of April 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. The 2019 26<sup>th</sup> USS Macon Reunion is to be at the Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach SC., from May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>. This Hotel has an Airport Shuttle with a fee of \$5.00 each way. To get the Shuttle transportation to the Landmark Hotel from the airport you need to call the hotel at **843-448-9441**.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Reunion to be held at the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Airport from May 4 to May 8, 2020 and is well underway with the contract now signed.

We hope to see you all at Myrtle Beach.

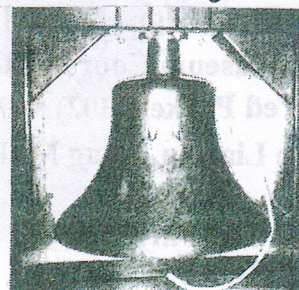
*Keep Your Rudder Amidships*

President,  
Bud Johnson



U.S.S. MACON CA-132

U.S.S. Macon's original bell

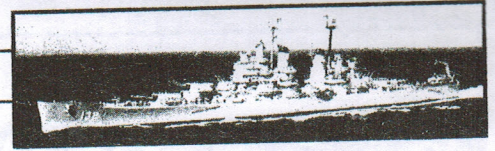


*Liberty Still Rings,  
All Gave Some... Some Gave All*

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Editor    Ted Parker

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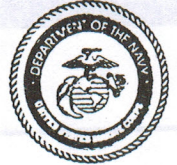
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## Marine's Corner

### Macon Marines

#### "Stand at Ease!"



A salute to veterans took place at the Thomaston Masonic Lodge in October of last year. (2018) Tribute was paid to military personnel of all branches. Boy Scouts led the pledge of allegiance and participated in the flag folding. The mid-coast community band played patriotic songs and the National Anthem was sung.

Memorabilia shared by the veterans was displayed on tables around the hall. Representatives from the Honor Flight of Maine and Quilts of Valor were present. A decorated cake by the DAR and refreshments by The Thomaston Historical Society were enjoyed by all.

Maine State Coordinator for Quilts of Valor presented a one of a kind to the veterans. 198,300 Quilts have been awarded since 2003. Started by a mother of a soldier deployed to Iraq. They have been awarded in all 50 states. They are meant to be used to say thank you for your sacrifice.

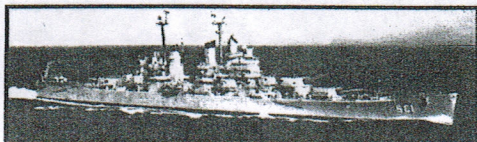
And I might say they are handsome quilts and all handmade.

"Semper Fi"  
Doug



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From George Slavik: Those of you that attended the Macon 16<sup>th</sup> reunion in Lancaster, PA 2009 may recall our guest speaker Rear Admiral Edward Sheafer USN (ret). We recently learned from his friend George Slavik (59-61 OR Div.) that Admiral Sheafer passed away on June 27, 2016. An outstanding naval officer. Should you be interested in viewing Admiral Sheafer's obituary please do so on line. One item of interest is that when Ted was a midshipman his first cruise was on a destroyer that accompanied the USS Macon in opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. That was a momentous occasion for those of us that were there.



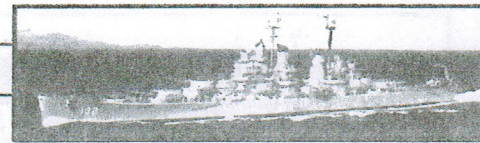
Hello,

My father Michael Benkovich sailed on the USS Macon during the Korean War, part of the 6th Fleet in the early to mid 50's. A few weeks ago he was part of the Honor Flight of Rochester NY Mission 63. We toured several memorials, and also got to go into the Navel Museum, and there was the Macon's Bell! My father was so thrilled to see the only remaining legacy to this great ship.

I wanted to send these pictures to you. If possible you please use these for an upcoming newsletter.

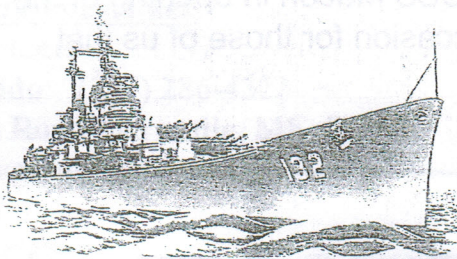
Thank You,



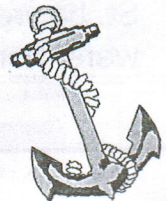


## TAPS

Joseph T. Brown, Jr.	Plankowner, 1945/46, SN 2nd	4/1/2018
V. Jack Morris	1946/48, F Div.	7/4/2018
Raymond Carl Eynon	1952	10/29/18



*Sailor Rest Your Oar*  
*"Now the laborer's task is o'er*  
*Now the battle day is past...*  
*Father, in thy gracious keeping*  
*Leave we now thy servant sleeping."*



If you hear of a shipmate that has passed on make sure you  
 Notify someone with the association, Secretary, or Editor.

We are saddened to inform you that Geraldine French passed away on February 12th after a long illness. She and Karl attended many reunions together. May she rest in peace.

Once again I want to remind all members to let me know if you hear of any members that have passed or are ill. Also, if anybody has any articles of interest please send them to me so I can get them in the newsletter. I would rather have an article of interest than put in jokes or cartoons to fill space. Also this year at Myrtle Beach we will have tables of 8 at the banquet. But due to the projected number of people coming we are not having "Reserved" tables. There should be enough seating available for all. Hope to see you at The Reunion.

Fair Winds and Following Seas:  
 Ted The Ed

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## Shipmate Lee Colucci Now involved in Honor Flights ,AZ. To DC.



Hi Guys and Girls . . . I'm sending this photo of Walt and I, again. It was taken in Washington, DC on Oct. 20, because I want everyone I know and their friends to get first copy from me. Yes, I'm proud to say it has been in the Navy Times and I've heard a lot of response. It may go into the paper and send to President Trump for his review of the vets who need his help. Lets make America healthy and keep voting. We need our children to succeed and thanks for all the email response. God Bless America . . . Keep Her Strong. Yes I have been commissioned - Lee Colucci.



I was so excited when I was selected to go on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC with a group of able and disabled vets of the Korean War and from AZ. From the moment our volunteers met us at the airport the care provided by the guardians was super. The flight, meals, hotel, the Hilton and all transportation was included and paid by the Honor managers of AZ. The flight was Sept. 18 to the 20. From the moment we arrived until we left we were treated with respect and honor by the people and families in the airport should God Bless Our Vets. Everyone turned out for us. Fire dept., police dept., volunteers of various organizations at all memorials we attended, Arlington, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Korea and WW2. On the final day we went to Fort Myers for a meal of spaghetti and meatballs with all the trimmings. My uncle was also honored for his conduct during the invasion of Normandy and being the only survivor in a jeep mining at the Battle of the Bulge. During my stay aboard the Macon, I was moved from personnel to the engine log room, promoted to PO in the supply room, I was chief cook and shipper. I had the opportunity to visit many countries in Europe and Asia as a very young man. That was the highlight of my life, except for the North Atlantic cruises when on shore I was badly injured with leg and face injuries and saved by Frank Sanchez from a crazed sailor. After chasing him up a ladder, we had cap mass on this and he was taken off the ship in shackles, never to be seen again. Thank God for his soul. This wonderful trip to Washington to visit the memorials with 56 vets which included 16 disabled vets and me, and guardians. Now I know what it feels like to be first with our country. God Bless our Vets who gave their lives for others. I feel completely appreciated by our people. We must keep America strong. In the photo with Walter, a WW2 Vet I met at the airport waiting for a flight to AZ, he saluted me. He was not familiar with the Honor Flight and told me he wanted to go. He was a lonely man and missed wife and most of his friends and was looking forward to meeting others. I promised to forward his paperwork to Karen. He should be going shortly to contact the VA in your state. Good Luck and God Bless. Email or call me . . . I will love to hear from you guys.

Lee Colucci





# USS MACON CA-132, 26th Reunion 2019



## Registration Form

Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 10 Departure

Landmark Resort Hotel  
1501 South Ocean Blvd.,  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Each Member will call the hotel direct at 800-845-0658 and press the number 2 when you get the recording to make your reservation and say you are with the USS Macon Association. Room Rate USS Macon \$82.00 plus \$15.00 per night resort fee and 13% Tax is \$109.61/night Total. The Cutoff date is April 7, 2019.

Registration Fee per Person \$140.00, which will include the following:  
Hospitality Room, Memory Book, Banquet, Champagne, Wine and Pins.

Welcome Aboard Party on Monday Evening

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City-State-Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell PH \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you driving Y\_\_ N\_\_, Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: # persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$140.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ X \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Only: # persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$65.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_;

Reunion T Shirt: \$11.00 S\_\_ M\_\_ L\_\_ XL\_\_, Quantity \_\_\_\_\_; \$14.00 2XL\_\_ 3XL\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_,

Reunion T Shirt Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday, Show:** Legends in Concert and Luncheon on your own at Margaritaville Restaurant

# of persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Landmark Airport Shuttle fee is \$5.00 each way. The shuttle runs only upon request and call the Hotel direct number at 843-448-9441 for shuttle. Tips are optional and up to the individual.

Tuesday is the Show. Wednesday, do as you like. Thursday is the Board and General Meetings, Pictures, and Banquet. Please complete this form and send your check or money order, payable to USS MACON VETERANS ASSOCIATION, and mail to:

Bill Hossler,

28 Mill Valley Rd,

Pittsford, NY 14534-3904. [Please call 585-746-2765 for any special dietary considerations.]

**HAVE THE FOLLOWING NUMBER TO LEAVE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO MAY NEED TO REACH THEM WHILE THEY ARE STAYING WITH US: 843-448-9441 AS THE 800 NUMBER CAN NOT BE TRANSFERED TO ANY OF THE HOTEL ROOMS OR SUITES. Also use this Phone Number to call the Airport Shuttle for transportation to the hotel.**



# 2019 USS Macon 26<sup>th</sup> Reunion Event Schedule

## **Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2019**

1000 Hrs. Hospitality Room open. Registration starts 1100 Hrs.

1800 Hrs. Welcome Aboard Party (Pizza & Beverage) hosted by Landmark Resort.

Hospitality Room Open till 2200 Hrs.

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## **Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

0800 Hrs. Hospitality Room Open.

1200 Hrs. Board Bus to arrive at Margaritaville Restaurant for lunch. Lunch from menu on your own.

1315 Hrs. depart restaurant for Legends in Concert show.

1330 Hrs. Arrive at Legends in Concert for 2hr show.

1600 Hrs. Board Bus and depart for hotel.

Hospitality Room Open till 2200 Hrs.

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## **Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**

0800 Hrs. Hospitality room open. *This is a free day to do what you want.*

Hospitality Room Open till 2200 Hrs.

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## **Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**

0830Hrs. Board Meeting –in Board Room 304 for 10 People & Coffee Station.

1000Hrs. Memorial Service –Podium and American Flag for Service & Meeting in Hospitality Room

1015Hrs. General Meeting, Group Pictures after Meeting [TBD]

1600 Hrs. Individual Pictures in Room or Area [TBD]

1800Hrs. Opening for Dinner-Buffer Banquet in Coquina Room, 1900 Hrs. Pledge, Invocation, Dinner, Toasts, and Speaker. Tables for 8.

2000Hrs. DJ & Dancing till 2300 Hrs.

2300 Hrs. Secure the from Banquet

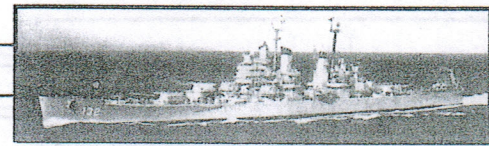
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## **Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Departure from Hotel

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62 year old newspaper article sent in by Bill Hossler

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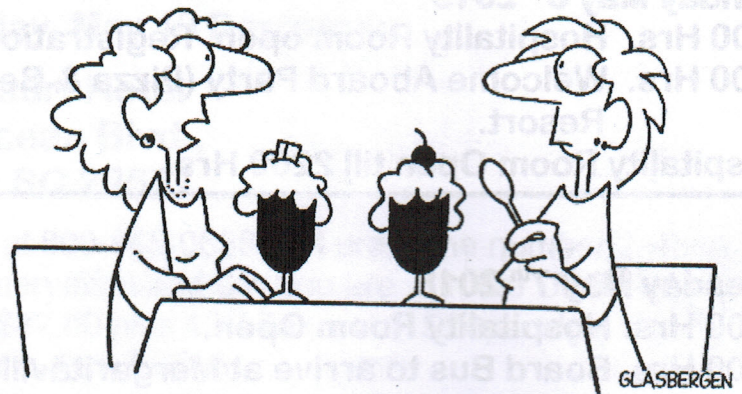


Pvt. Robert L. Keller, whose wife, Idella, lives, at 535 Earl rd NW, is receiving eight weeks of basic combat training with the 4th Armored division at Fort Hood, Texas.

Keller, son of William F. Keller also of 535 Earl rd NW, attended Washington high school.

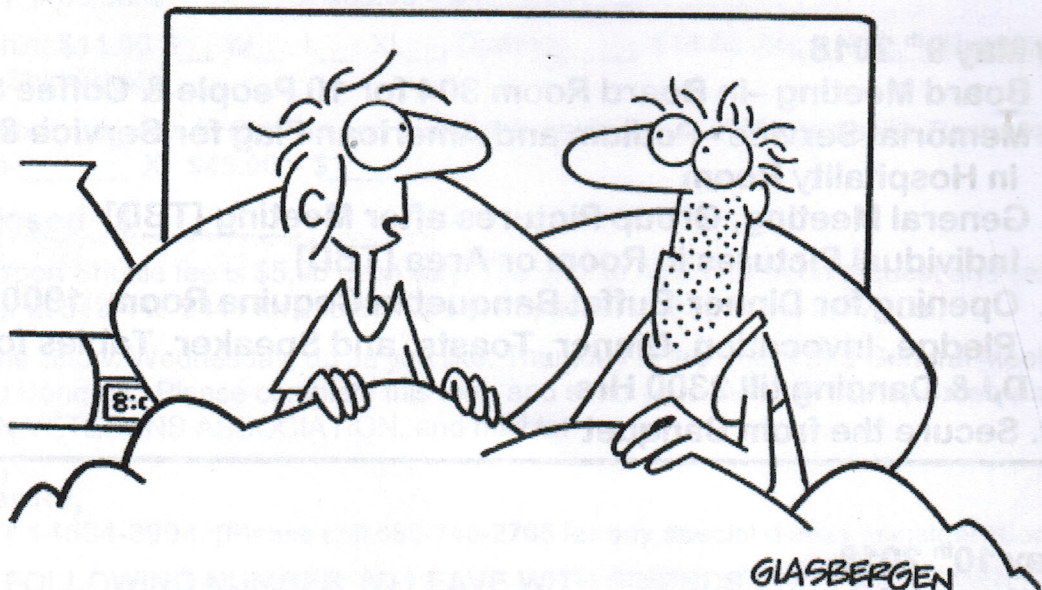
William F. Hossler, fire control technician third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford L. Hossler of RD 1, Hilton dr, Massillon, is taking part in a midshipman training cruise to South America aboard the heavy cruiser USS Macon.

"Cruise Alfa", the first of three annual summer training cruises for midshipmen of the U. S. naval academy and reserve officer training units, began on June 12, when the Macon took part in the international fleet review at Norfolk, Va.



**"If you put a crouton on your sundae instead of a cherry, it counts as a salad."**

**Come to the Reunion in  
Myrtle Beach - We need you!**



**"I was going to wake up early to go jogging,  
but my toes voted against me 10 to 1."**



Life is short.  
Smile while  
you still  
have teeth.

A wise man once said  
nothing.

**BEHIND EVERY ANGRY  
WOMAN, STANDS A  
MAN WHO HAS  
ABSOLUTELY  
NO IDEA WHAT  
HE DID WRONG!**

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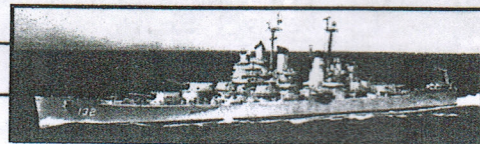
NEVER MAKE A WOMAN MAD.  
THEY CAN REMEMBER STUFF  
THAT HASN'T EVEN  
HAPPENED YET.

"Be decisive. Right or wrong,  
make a decision. The road of  
life is paved with flat squirrels  
who couldn't make a  
decision."  
~Unknown~

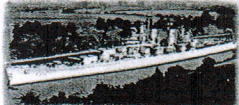
**SOME THINGS ARE JUST  
BETTER LEFT UNSAID.**

**AND I USUALLY REALIZE IT  
RIGHT AFTER I SAY THEM.**





## USS MACON - SHIPS STORE - ORDER FORM

ARTICLE	SIZE/DESCRIPTION	COLOR	UNIT PRICE	QTY	ITEM PRICE
T SHIRT U.S.S. Macon CA-132  The Best Damn Cruiser in the Navy	BEST,DAMN POLYESTER SHIRT S M LG XL 2X 3X	W	25.00	_____	_____
POLO SHIRT	S M LG XL 2X 3X	W B	25.00	_____	_____
NEW (LIGHT) JACKET	S M LG XL 2X 3X 4X*	B	35.00	_____	_____
JACKET	INSIGNIA ON FRONT S M LG XL 2X 3X	B	70.00	_____	_____
JACKET	INSIGNIA ON FRONT USS MACON ON BACK S M LG XL 2X 3X	B	90.00	_____	_____
USS MACON CAP	ADULT ADJUSTABLE	W B R	16.00	_____	_____
MARINE CAP	ADULT ADJUSTABLE	R	16.00	_____	_____
MACON PHOTO	8 X 10 PHOTO B & W		5.00	_____	_____
PURCHASE ITEM TOTAL				_____	_____
SHIPPING (1 ITEM - \$6.00/ 2+ ITEMS - \$10.00)				_____	_____
TOTAL COST				_____	_____

PURCHASER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

Send Requests for Ship's Store items along with check made out to:

"USS Macon Veteran's Association"

Mail to Don Dennis, 16100 Napa Ridge, Edmond, OK 73013

E-mail [dennisokie@aol.com](mailto:dennisokie@aol.com) Phone (405)812-6810

Note: Items may be viewed in detail on our website:

<http://www.britesites.com/macon/macon5.htm>

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## Check Your Labels and Pay Your Dues

Use the following form for dues and forward to: USS Macon Veterans Association  
C/O Bill Hossler  
28 Mill Valley Road  
Pittsford, NY. 14534-3904

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tele: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Years Served on the Macon 19\_\_ to 19\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Address : From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (For you snowbirds)  
2018 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ - (\$20.00) 2019 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00) 2020 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00)  
Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: 2018 dues are payable on January 2, 2018, Thank you for all of you that have paid ahead and thank you for all donations.

Note: Please check mailing label on this newsletter, The date indicated after your name reflects the year that your dues is paid through. Please notify Marie Scarlett if the date posted is incorrect

As of May 2012 ALL ORIGINAL 1945 PLANKOWNERS Are LIFE Members  
And are exempt from paying dues

PLEASE ADVISE OF ADDRESS AND INFORMATION CHANGES AS THEY OCCUR OR YOU MAY GET LOST !!!!!

IF YOU KNOW OF A SHIPMATE THAT HAS DIED-PLEASE NOTIFY US !!!

### USS MACON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

#### Balance Sheet

As of February 7, 2019

ASSETS		Feb 7, 19
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		11,936.08
Chase Bank		
Total Checking/Savings		11,936.08
Total Current Assets		11,936.08
Fixed Assets		
HP Laptop 1070US System		
Rebate	-50.00	
HP Laptop 1070US - Other	1,123.21	
Total HP Laptop 1070US System		1,073.21
Total Fixed Assets		1,073.21
Other Assets		
Macon Reunion		3,153.31
Museum Macon, GA		236.75
2020 - Reunion		264.00
Total Other Assets		3,654.06
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>16,663.35</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
3000 - Retained Earnings		15,512.35
Net Income		1,151.00
Total Equity		16,663.35
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>16,663.35</b>