

# The Macon Time

March 2012

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## President's Message From The Helm"

Hi shipmates,

Time is running out - get your reservations in for the 19th reunion 2012 which will be at Myrtle Beach in South Carolina from Sunday, April 29th to Wednesday, May 2nd. Evening shows and dinners are available on Monday and Tuesday evenings if you are interested. Details are being handled by Fred Gunther for this reunion. Ted Parker and myself are also available for assistance in answering any questions you might have relating to the reunion or association

As is done every year the association will be electing new officers at the general meeting. Nominations will be taken and voted on for all positions. Please advise the board if you are interested or know of another member that might be interested in one of the offices.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work and all the effort that has been put forth by our Treasurer, Bill Hossler and Secretary, Marie Scarlett. They have been putting in many, many hours in updating the association's records and finances.

Turnout for the reunion looks decent at this time and should be picking up after receipt of this newsletter.

I hope we have a good turnout in Myrtle Beach. Plan to be there and we will be looking for you.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas!" Glenn Scarlett, President

## USS MACON MARINE DETACHMENT COMMANDER AWARDED SILVER STAR

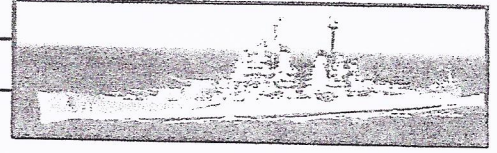
The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant Birney A. Adams (MCSN: 0-51495), United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Commander of Company F, Second Battalion, FIRST Marine Division (Reinforced) in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 15 September 1951. When the unit was impeded by withering fire from a large bunker on commanding ground while he was leading his platoon in an attack against a heavily fortified hill position defended by a strong hostile force, Second Lieutenant Adams bravely charged forward through the devastating enemy fire and delivered effective rifle fire into the emplacement. Continuing his single-handed assault with hand grenades and a pistol, he succeeded in killing all the hostile troops within the bunker, enabling his platoon to maneuver toward its objective. Although painfully wounded by enemy shrapnel during the intensive action, he refused to accept medical treatment and continued to move forward with his unit until the objective had been secured and a defense line established. By his courageous leadership, aggressive fighting spirit and selfless devotion to the fulfillment of his mission, Second Lieutenant Adams served to inspire all who observed him and contributed materially to the success achieved by the company, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United State Naval Service.

Action Date: September 15, 1951  
Service: Marine Corps

Rank: Second Lieutenant  
Company: Company F

**President** Glenn Scarlett  
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**Editor** Ted Parker

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## Marine's Corner

### Macon Marines

"Stand at Ease!"



19 February 1945, Marines land on Iwo Jima.

From the neighboring town of Cushing, ME a young man, 17 years old took marines in and landed them in the first wave. His landing craft was destroyed, he hitched a ride back on another landing craft. Then he got another boat and took in more marines. I know him quite well and nobody knew of his heroics until he died. His daughters put it in his obituary in the paper. I talked with one of them and she said he would be furious if he knew. I've also talked to his brother and he said he would be mad as hell. Real heroes don't talk much, do they??

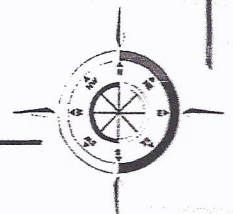
Our own Bill Semons was a wounded 17 year old marine on Iwo.

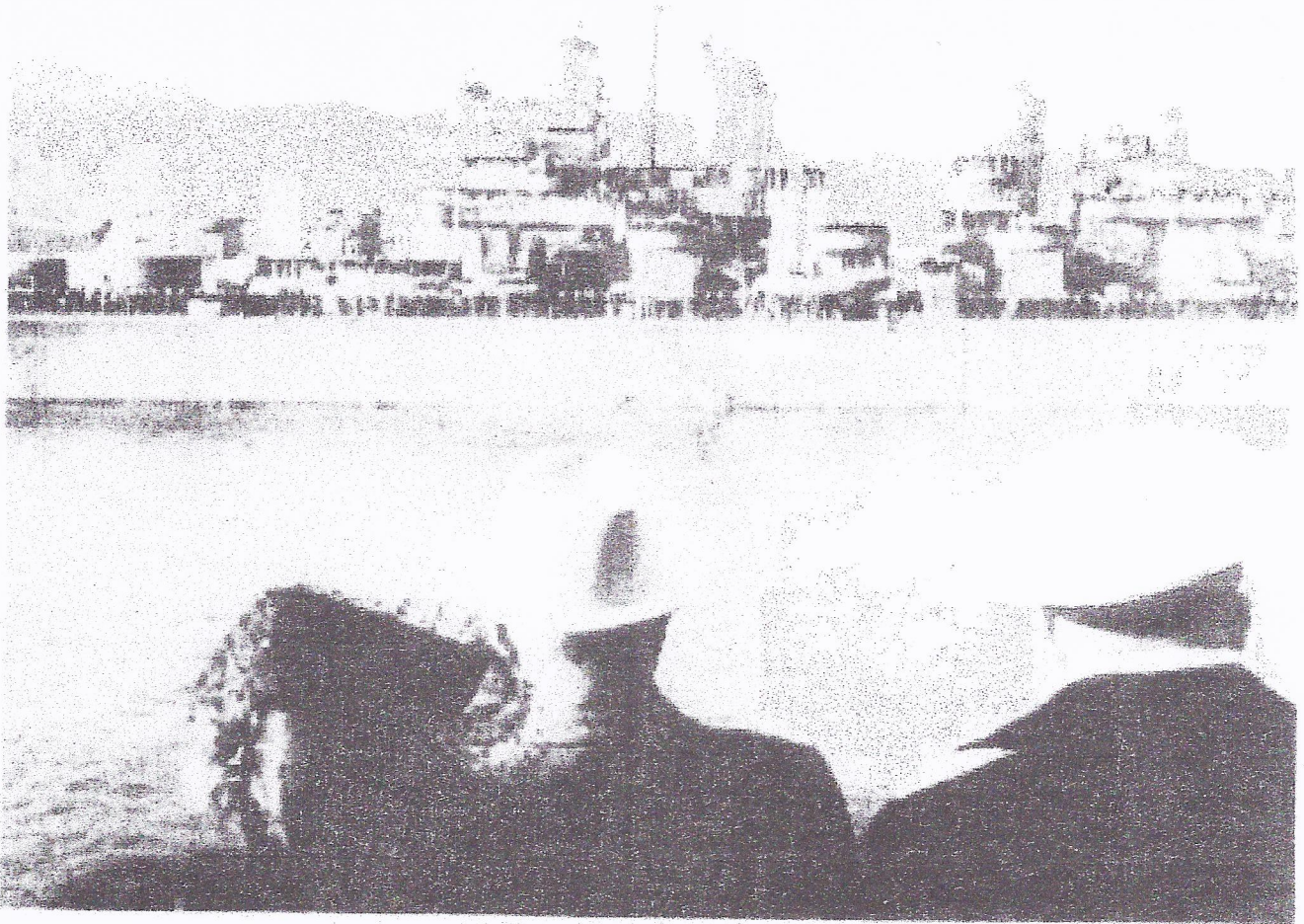
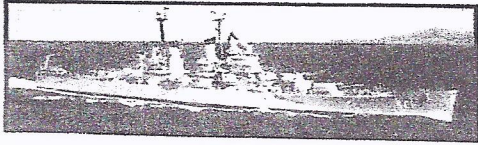
I received a call from Barry Retallack from Lancaster, PA. He said that former Macon Marine Detachment C.O. Rick Spooner from triangle, VA is interested in trying to have a reunion for just Macon Marines. I don't know how to do this - but for starters if former Macon Marines will send me a post card with their Name, Address, and Phone Number plus when they were aboard, and they are interested in getting together. This will determine if there is enough interest.

My address is:

Doug Miller  
48 Studley Lane  
Thomaston, ME 04861

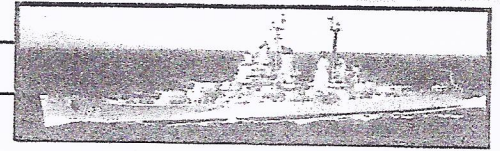
Semper Fi  
Doug



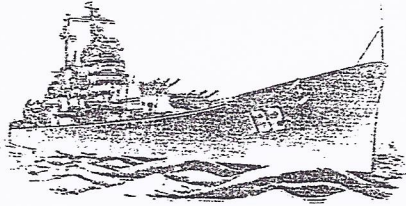


**Old Historic Photo  
USS Macon CA 132 New York Harbor  
Naval review – November 1945**

**This is a copy of this old photo.  
I have been asked about it many times.  
The three heads from the rear are alleged to be:  
Mrs. Bess Truman, President Harry Truman, and  
Sir Winston Churchill**



**TAPS**



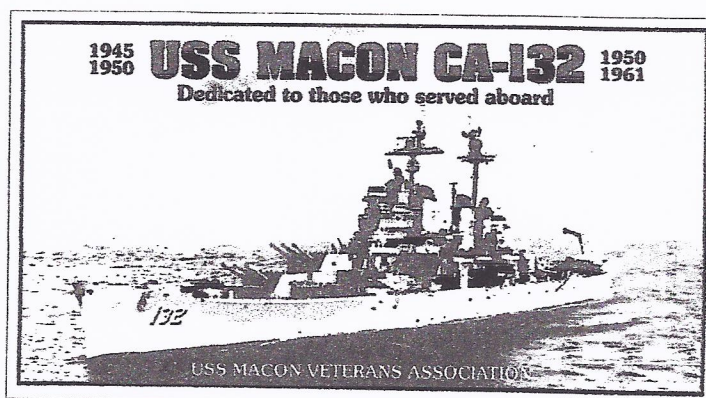
*Sailor Rest Your Oar  
"Now the laborer's task is o'er  
Now the battle day is past...  
Father, in thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now thy servant sleeping."*

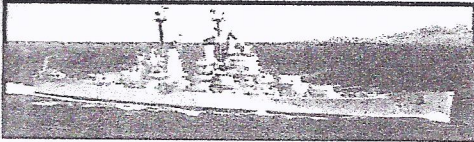
*Paul E. Crothamal Plankowner 5-25-2011  
Robert Thurston 1955-58 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. July 2011  
David E. Merwin 1950-55 6<sup>th</sup> Div. February 9<sup>th</sup> 2012*

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

*In the early years David was very active and a board member, We will miss him. And to Millicent his lovely wife, all our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sailors in our Thoughts:  
Tom Young – Plankowner – Heart  
Paul Sfredo - Past President – Heart Valve*





## **FYI From: USNCSA Magazine**

### **DONATIONS**

The UNICEF CEO receives **\$1,200,000** per year plus all expenses, including a Rolls Royce automobile. Less than 5% of your donation goes to the cause. The American Red Cross President and CEO has a salary of **\$651,957**, plus expenses. The United Way President receives a **\$375,000** base salary, along with numerous expense benefits.

The Salvation Army's Commissioner receives a salary of \$13,000 per year, (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization! 96% of donated dollars go to the cause. The National Commander's of the American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Disabled American Veterans, The Military Order of Purple Hearts and The Vietnam Veterans Association, **All receive \$0.00 (zero) salary per year.** Your donations to any of these organizations go to help veterans and their families and youth.

### ***USN Funnies***

**A sailor walks into a bar and takes a seat next to a very attractive woman.**

**He gives her a quick glance and then looks causally at his watch for a moment.**

**The woman notices this and asks, "Is your date running late"?**

**No !, he answers, " I just got this state of the art watch, and was checking it out".**

**The intrigued woman says, "A state of the art watch?, what's so special about it"?**

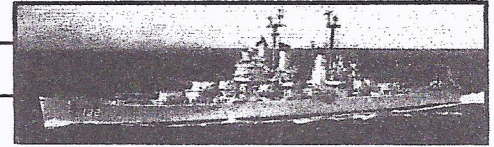
**The sailor explains, "It uses alpha waves to talk to me telepathically".**

**The lady says, "What's it telling you now"?**

**"Well it says you're not wearing any panties".**

**The woman giggles and replies, "Well it must be broken because I am wearing panties".**

**The sailor smiles, taps his watch and says, "Damn thing's an hour fast".**



**USS MACON VETERANS ASSOCIATION'S 19<sup>th</sup> REUNION - 2012**  
**Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**SPRINGMAID BEACH RESORT (800) 770 6895**

**EVENTS PLAN:**

**SUNDAY 1 PM Hospitality Room open for REGISTRATION.**  
**1 PM to 4 PM Ships Store 'New but Aged' Inventory Sale.**  
**6 PM "WELCOME ABOARD PARTY" in Hospit. room.**

**MONDAY Beach Resort activities,- Ocean swim, Pool swim, touring, golf, miniature golf, fishing, tanning. Hospitality Room.**  
**4:15 Stage show bus starts loading and departs at 4:30.**  
**5:00 Bus arrives 'Giant Crab' restaurant for buffet dinner.**  
**6:45 Bus departs for ALABAMA Theater, arrives at 7:00.**  
**9:50 Bus returns to Springmaid Beach, arrives near 10:00.**

**TUESDAY Beach Resort Activities as per yesterday.**  
**4:45 Stage show bus starts loading and departs at 5:00.**  
**5:30 Dinner at Captain Bennett's.**  
**7:00 Reboard bus for "LEGENDS" theater show at 8:00.**

**WED. 8AM Board Meeting**  
**10AM Memorial Service followed immediately by a**  
**General meeting followed by Crew group pictures.**  
**6 PM Couples and individual's pictures for Reunion book.**  
**Cash Bar**  
**7PM Buffet Banquet \*\*\* / Music / Dancing to the Majiks**

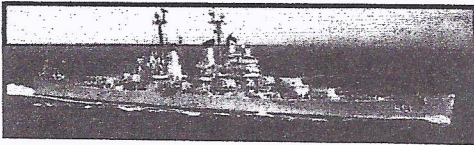
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**REUNION PARTICIPATION AS OF MARCH 9, 2012**

**57 PERSONS RESIDING AT SPRING MAID RESORT**  
**7 PERSONS JOINING US AT THE BANQUET**  
**38 PERSONS GOING TO THE ALABAMA THEATRE**  
**32 PERSONS GOING TO THE LEGENDS SHOW**  
**22 PERSONS GOING TO BOTH THEATRES.**

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**Our Hospitality Room is at the rear of the Resort's check-in building.**  
**A smaller Hosp. room, in case of inclement weather is in our hotel.**



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**Please complete this form and send with your check or money order, payable to the USS Macon Veteran's Association and mail it to our Treasurer's address >>>**

**USS Macon Veteran's Assn.  
c/o Bill Hossler - Treasurer  
28 Mill Valley Road  
Pittsford, NY 14534 3904**

<b>Member Name</b> _____	<b>Guest</b>
	1 _____
<b>Address</b> _____	2 _____
<b>City</b> _____	3 _____
<b>State, Zip</b> _____	4 _____
<b>Phone #</b> _____	<b>E Mail</b> _____

	<b>Number of Pers.</b>	<b>Price per Pers.</b>
<b>Registration Fee (includes Banquet)</b> _____	<b>X</b>	<b>\$125 = \$</b> _____
<b>Banquet only (Wednesday evening)</b> _____	<b>X</b>	<b>60 = \$</b> _____
<b>Monday Show &amp; Dinner (Alabama)</b> _____	<b>X</b>	<b>60 = \$</b> _____
<b>Tuesday Show &amp; Dinner (Legends)</b> _____	<b>X</b>	<b>60 = \$</b> _____

**Total Remittance = \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Enclosed**

**Please advise Fred Gunther if any attendee requires special meal consideration. 919-870-1453 or Fregun@aol.com.**

**Get your Springmaid resort reservations in by March 28, 2012. That's when they release the block they are holding. Be sure and mention Macon group Code #10356. Also be advised shows are almost filled and will be first come – first served. Please send in this whole sheet to Treasurer – Bill Hossler**



**Current Officers and Board Members Terms are up  
Interested in stepping up ????? Contact Us.....**

*Ed's Notes*

*If anyone can run a small free add in any local papers*

*Please put our reunion notice in you paper.*

*Who knows we may find a lost Macon Sailor????*

**CHARLESTON, SC, MACON REUNION MEMORY BOOKS**

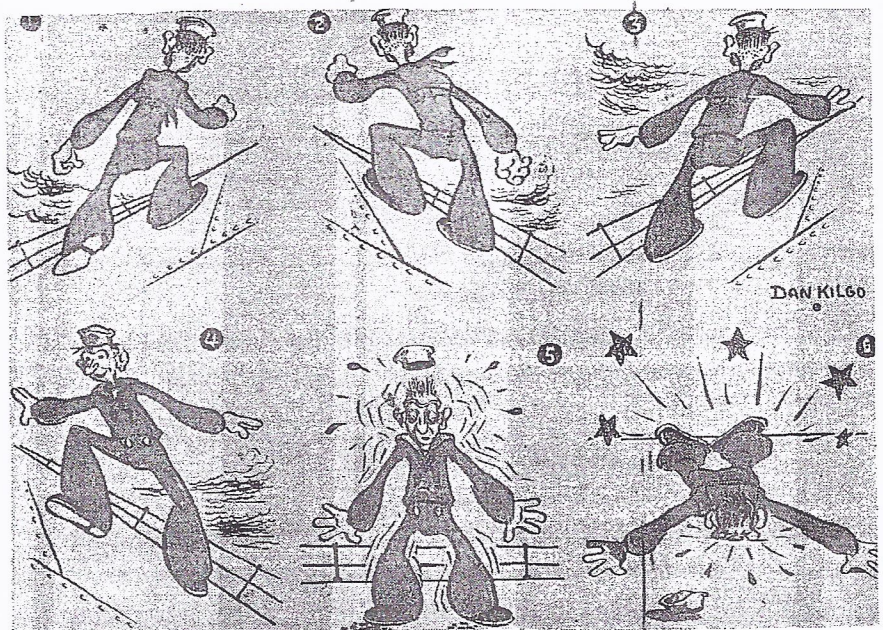
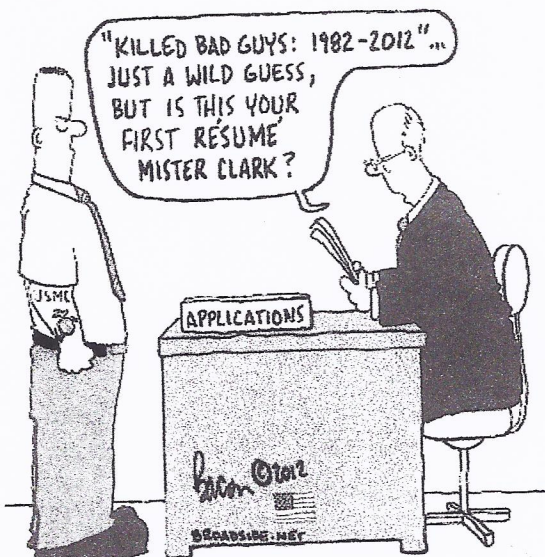
I have 7 Memory Books that were unused as we had to have 50 printed. If anyone would like one or anybody that would like an extra copy, send me a check (made out to: USS Macon Vet's. Assn.) for \$25.00 which includes mailing costs.

To:

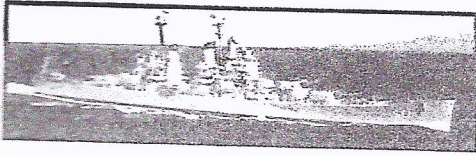
Ted Parker

1 Creek Drive (WCV)

Millsboro, DE 19966-9678



"Sea Lers"



## Banquet Table Reservations Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Please print the names of those who are to be seated at your table.**

The person submitting this form is to make sure and confirm that

The names submitted are registered to attend this reunion.

Deadline line for submittal is: April 15th 2012

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

Tables are round and will seat 8 people

Note: Reservations will not be taken at reunion

Please submit to: Ted Parker, USS Macon Veterans Ass'n.

1 Creek Drive

Millsboro, DE. 19966-9678

E-Mail: [bparker1@msn.com](mailto:bparker1@msn.com)

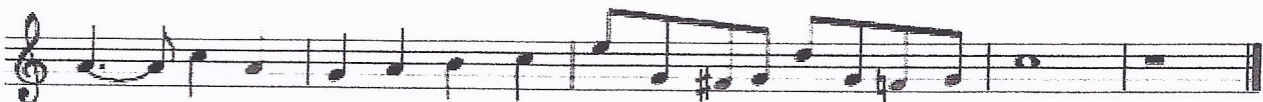
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An- chors a- weigh, my boys. An- chors a- weigh. Fare- well to col- lege joys we

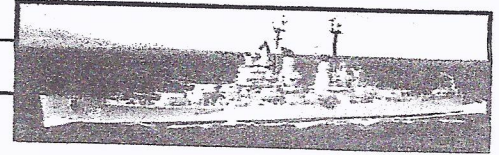


sail at break of day On our last night a-shore. Drink to the foam!



And, till we meet a- gain here's wi- shing you a hap- py vo- yage home!

# Ship's Store



## USS MACON - SHIPS STORE - ORDER FORM

ARTICLE	SIZE/DESCRIPTION	COLOR	UNIT PRICE	QTY	ITEM PRICE
POLO SHIRT	* S M LG XL 2X 3X	W B	25.00	_____	_____
SWEAT SHIRT	* S M LG XL 2X 3X	W B R	25.00	_____	_____
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	15.00	_____	_____
MARINE CAP	* ADULT ADJUSTABLE	R	15.00	_____	_____
USS MACON CAP	* US NAVY INSIGNIA	W	35.00	_____	_____
GOLD BRAID	* MOUNTED ON CAP		10.00	_____	_____
CHILD'S CAP	* MY G'PA SERVED	B	15.00	_____	_____
ADULT CAP	* MY G'PA SERVED	B	15.00	_____	_____
CHILD'S CAP	* MY GRT. G'PA SERVED	W	15.00	_____	_____
MACON PHOTO	* 11X17 COLOR		10.00	_____	_____
TRAVEL MUG	* STEEL/ LONE SAILOR		20.00	_____	_____
PLASTIC MUG	* ASSOCIATION INSIGNIA		13.00	_____	_____
MINI-AFGHAN	* EMBROIDERED W/SHIP	W	30.00	_____	_____

**PURCHASED ITEMS TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHIPPING (1 ITEM - \$5.50/2+ITEMS - \$7.50)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL COST** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURCHASER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY / TOWN** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE CONTACT** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SHIP TO:** **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY/TOWN** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE CONTACT** \_\_\_\_\_

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

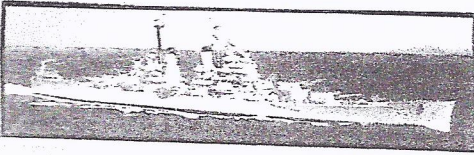
"USS Macon Veteran's Association"

Mail to Fred Gunther, 10504 Tree Bark Ct., Raliegh, NC 27613

E-Mail [frgun@aol.com](mailto:frgun@aol.com)

Note: Underlined items may be viewed in detail on our web site:

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



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)  
2012 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ - (\$20.00) 2013 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20,00) 2014 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00)  
Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE: 2012 dues are payable on January 2, 2012, 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 Ted Parker if the date posted is incorrect**

**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 !!!**

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## USS MACON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

### Summary Balance Sheet

As of March 8, 2012

	<u>Mar 8, 12</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	35,760.78
Accounts Receivable	20.00
Other Current Assets	2,070.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>37,850.78</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	1,073.21
<b>Other Assets</b>	150.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>39,073.99</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	39,073.99
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>39,073.99</u></u>