



March 11, 2012 : USS Enterprise starts her final deployment.

USS Enterprise (CVAN/CVN-65) Association [www.cvan-cvn-65.org](http://www.cvan-cvn-65.org)

## Records Reveal Enterprise is on 25th Deployment

*From USS Enterprise Public Affairs*

USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea (NNS) -- Aug. 3 marks the 50th anniversary of the first deployment of USS Enterprise (CVN 65), and historians recently discovered the actual number of deployments is higher than commonly reported.

Now as the Big E continues her final deployment, scores of Sailors and historians are reviewing and double checking all aspects of the carrier's storied career.

The number of arrested landings, historic milestones, major evolutions, and, yes, even number of deployments are being checked and double checked for accuracy. As the Navy entered into the digital age, many of the historical documents associated with the carrier were made available online.

Cases in point are the command history reports, which outline the milestones and accomplishments that occur over each calendar year. Research into these and other documents have led researchers to a startling new discovery.

Tracing the number of deployments that Enterprise has completed would seem like a relatively easy task - simply tally up the number from the command history reports. Unfortunately, a few format changes over the years made for a task a bit more challenging than expected.

According to retired Navy captain Todd Creekman, executive director of the Naval Historical Foundation in Washington D.C., researchers at the foundation have unearthed some surprising news.

"All the current reports say that the ship is on her 22nd deployment. Actually, it is on the 25th deployment," Creekman said.

Research from the Naval History and Heritage Command's (NHHC) online database and other reports reveal that the carrier has "been there, done that" more often than commonly thought. "We've run it by Mark Evans, NHHC historian, and it matches his data," Creekman said.

As researchers worked to piece together what happened, it appeared that a focus on the ship's WestPac deployments led to the error.

In a number of accounts, including command history reports, a particular deployment would be listed, for example, as "the tenth WestPac deployment," which would be accurate counting from the ship's first 1965-66 epic "first

nuclear carrier in combat" deployment to the Vietnam War.

The carrier completed its fourteenth and last sequential WestPac in 1990, before entering Newport News Shipyard in 1990 for the ship's third refueling.

Following the final refueling, Enterprise made Norfolk, Va., her homeport once again and only made deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

"The problem began when later history reports used the same number sequence but dropped "WestPac" from the description," Evans explained. "The refueling reports failed to re-account for the three deployments Big E made to the Mediterranean Sea between 1962-1964."

As the 51-year-old carrier steams along today on its 25th and final deployment, researchers continue to verify and cross reference important facts and milestones to ensure accuracy.

"It's already exciting to be a part of Enterprise's final deployment, but each day we are discovering more and more about the rich history of which we are a part," said Capt. William C. Hamilton, Enterprise's commanding officer. "We estimate over 200,000 Sailors and Marines have served aboard the Big E, and every one has helped in making her the legend we serve aboard today. We are a very, very proud crew."

The eighth ship to bear the name Enterprise is scheduled to inactivate from service on December 1, 2012, in a ceremony in Norfolk, Va., in preparation for her defueling and decommissioning in 2016.

*Editor's Note: Our thanks to Capt. Creekman and Mark Evans for their continued and conscientious interest in Enterprise. Capt. Creekman's connection goes back to the early '60s when his father was the Supply Department head. Capt. Creekman was instrumental in the completion of the historical room on Enterprise. Mark Evans has been writing a history book on Enterprise in his spare time, of which he has a limited amount since he puts in many hours traveling and working for the Naval History and Heritage Command. I had the honor of working with both of them for the years that I lived in the Washington, DC, area.*

## Board of Directors appointed Don Thiry as temporary Chairman.

The Bylaws Committee Chairman considered this action inappropriate and advised the BOD of his opinion. The Board chose to ignore his interpretation and proceed with the appointment.

## Committee reports

**Bylaws:** *Jerry Van de Vyver* See bylaws in this issue for recommended changes.

**Chaplain & Historian:** *Bill Slupe* Bill reported that he is preparing for the Galveston reunion. He has been working with the ship's PAO and Robin Spelman on the Inactivation Ceremony planned for December 1, 2012.

**Inactivation Ceremony:** *Robin Spelman*

We are nearing the Big "E"s Inactivation Ceremony and there is some very important information you need to know.

In order to attend the actual ceremony scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 1300 on Pier 12 at Norfolk Naval Base you must visit the ship's website at [www.enterprise.navy.mil](http://www.enterprise.navy.mil) to register. If you do not register you will not be able to attend the ceremony. Get your name on the list early and then wait until you receive your invitation before making travel arrangements. Invitations are for the registrant and one guest if approved.

We anticipate ~12 to 14,000 attendees... Senior Administration and military leaders will be invited. Expect broad interest from military, political and industry leadership. Invitations will be controlled by Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL) and will be the lead for ALL invitations.

The ship will host tours the week prior to the Ceremony. The LAST opportunity to visit Enterprise will be 27-30 November. Similar to the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday event, the crew will be available to provide escorted tours. The ship will NOT host lunch onboard.

If you have suggestions on the pre- and post-parties surrounding the event or would like to help, please contact me at [robincspelman@gmail.com](mailto:robincspelman@gmail.com) or (757) 673-2552.

**Membership:** *Don Rasmussen* No input.

**Nominating:** *John Curley* No input.

**PAO/Webmaster:** *Larry Ragan*

All members should check the [cvan-cvn-65.org](http://cvan-cvn-65.org) web site as soon as possible. Significant changes have been made to the ship's web site relative to how registration is accomplished. There are also new PDF downloads with information.

Note that the ship's changes still require you to accept a security message on their site.

When I used the tour registration option I had to use the "go back" button after printing my confirmation instead of the exit. The other two items do not have a print option.

The ship's PAO has provided the list of registered individuals. This list is posted on our site as downloads, and I have requested frequent updates. I will post them as I get them.

**Scholarship:** *Don Thiry* No input.

**Ships Store:** *Rich Kehoe* No input.

**Tiger Cruise ad hoc:** *Jack Kepics*

We had a grand total of 54 members who requested a spot on the cruise, and we drew all 54 names in the off chance there would be a change in planning with regards to Enterprise Veterans.

I sent an email notice to all applicants and used a blind copy to protect everyone's email address.

## Association Officers

**BOD Appointed Chairman**  
Don Thiry

**Vice-Chairman**  
Ray Godfrey

**Secretary**  
Robin Spelman

**Treasurer**  
Jerry Pearson

**First Past Chairman**  
Chas Folcik

**Second Past Chairman**  
Bill Newby

**Third Past Chairman**  
Don Rasmussen

**Director 3 yrs.**  
Unknown

**Director 2 yrs.**  
Harrison Gerstlauer

**Director 1 yr.**  
John Curley

**Bylaws**  
Jerry Van de Vyver

**Chaplain & Historian**  
Bill Slupe

**Inactivation Ceremony**  
Robin Spelman

**Membership**  
Don Rasmussen

**Newsletter**  
Ray Godfrey

**Nominating Chairman**  
John Curley

**PAO/Webmaster**  
Larry Ragan

**Scholarship**  
Don Thiry

**Ships Store**  
Rich Kehoe

**Tiger Cruise Ad hoc**  
Jack Kepics

**2012 Galveston Reunion**  
Charles & Sheri Teller

**2013 Denver Reunion**  
Robin Spelman

**2014 Waterloo Reunion**  
Mike Butler

## The 50th Birthday Coins, More of the Story...

*By Ray Godfrey, Vice Chairman and Former Chairman*

I have had many inquiries about the coins, how they started, who paid for them, who ordered them, and where are the remaining coins, if any.

Harry Smith and Rich Kehoe designed the coins with no input from most of the Board of Directors (BOD). Initially about 300 were ordered for the Norfolk reunion and paid for by "an anonymous donor."

The BOD had already approved \$15,000 for use on the ship's 50th birthday party. Discussions were ongoing about how the Association could help the ship with the 50th birthday party and, after interchanges with the ship's PAO, she suggested that one potential use of Association money could be spent on challenge coins for the ship's company and guests. Based on the crew number of 3,500 plus potentially 1,500 guests, we figured the need was 5,000 coins. Stan Martin told me that Bill Newby, with Stan's concurrence, asked Rich Kehoe to order 5,000 coins. Rich ordered them at a cost of \$17,500 on 9/14/2011. Rich submitted the invoice for this order to Herb Hentschel, our treasurer at that time, for payment to ESP Inc. Stan and Bill had not presented the purchase or the picture of the coin to the BOD until after the order was submitted. Dee Armstrong noted that the Association name was not on the coin, which is why each envelope had a note in it.



*Head on left, tail on right, no Association connection.*

At the Norfolk general meeting, the assembly voted to reimburse the anonymous donor \$3,000 + the cost for the initial design and order, which brought the total Association cost of the coins to greater than \$20,000. The reimbursement to the anonymous donor made the Association the owner of the design and any molding or casting associated with the coin. Although the documentation and anything pertaining to the coins should be in the possession of our Secretary and/or Treasurer, currently the location is unknown.

During the birthday/reunion about 3,150 coins were given to the ship for distribution to ship's company at a time after the reunion. Attendees at the reunion were given coins in the goody bags passed out at the registration. Many other coins were passed out by BOD members to people who said they had not received coins in the bags or did not have received a bag at all. Some coins were turned over to Rich Kehoe for sale through the Association store. After the reunion, Bill Newby told me that he had given 300 coins at the reunion to Rich Kehoe for sale at \$10.00 each and that he (Bill) still had about 1,000 in his possession. All of the money resulting from the Association Ship's Store sales of the 50th birthday coins should return directly to the Association. I hope that has happened, because any money from sale of the coins could help pay for the coins' initial cost.

I believe that the Board of Directors at the Galveston reunion should resolve the issue of what to do with the remaining coins. They should insure that each member of the Association has a coin. I supported the initial purchase of the coins and voted against the reimbursement to the anonymous donor. I believe that a "donor" should not be reimbursed.

Ray Godfrey

### Commanding Officers USS Enterprise CVA (N)/CVN-65

Vincent P. de Poix  
Nov 25, 1961-July 20, 1963

Frederick H. Michaelis  
July 20, 1963-July 17, 1965

James L. Holloway III  
July 17, 1965-July 11, 1967

Kent L. Lee  
July 11, 1967-July 8, 1969

Forest S. Petersen  
July 8, 1969-Dec 3, 1971

Ernest E. Tissot Jr.  
Dec 3, 1971-April 9, 1974

Carol C. Smith Jr.  
April 9, 1974-Dec 10, 1976

James W. Austin  
Dec 10, 1976-Feb 23, 1980

Robert J. Kelly  
Feb 23, 1980-June 17, 1983

Robert L. Leuschner Jr.  
June 17, 1983-Jan 28, 1986

Robert J. Spane  
Jan 28, 1986-Oct 28, 1988

Harry T. Rittenour  
Oct 28, 1988-Aug 7, 1991

Daniel C. Roper  
Aug 7, 1991-Aug 27, 1993

Richard J. Naughton  
Aug 27, 1993-Feb 2, 1996

Michael D. Malone  
Feb 2, 1996-Nov 10, 1997

Evan M. Chanik  
Nov 10, 1997-March 10, 2000

James A. Winnefeld, Jr.  
March 10, 2000-Feb. 15, 2002

Eric C. Neidlinger  
Feb. 15, 2002- Dec. 10, 2004

Lawrence S. Rice  
Dec. 10, 2004-May 17, 2007

Ronald Horton  
May 17, 2007-May 6, 2010

Owen P. Honors Jr.  
May 6, 2010-Jan. 4, 2011

Dee L. Mewbourne  
Jan. 4, 2011- Aug. 17, 2011

William C. Hamilton  
Aug. 17, 2011-Present

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION  
To Be Posted and Presented 17 October 2012 Galveston, Texas

**The underlined text is the recommended change.**

## Change 1

### ARTICLE V - Directors Section 1

A Board of Directors, hereinafter call the Executive Board, shall be established that will include all elected officers during their term of office, a Chaplain, the three immediate past Association Chairmen and up to no more than three additional members elected by the membership at large.

#### *Reason for Change*

To clarify that three members may be Directors-at-Large. The previous wording of "up to" only allowed for two elected members at large.

***The Executive Board recommends approval of this change.***

## Change 2

### ARTICLE V - Directors Section 2

1. All committee chairmen shall be considered non-voting members of the Executive Board.

#### *Reason for Change*

To clarify that appointed positions have no vote on the Executive Board; only elected officers have a vote

***The Executive Board recommends approval of this change.***

## Change 3

### ARTICLE V – Directors Section 3

1. The Executive Board shall be the senior governing body of the Association. A majority of voting members of the Executive Board present shall constitute a quorum and call an official meeting for the transaction of business. Members of the Executive Board in an appointed position shall not have voting privileges.

#### *Reason for Change*

To clarify that only those members of the Board who can cast a vote should be counted when determining if a quorum exists. Otherwise, it is possible that a single voting member could decide issues that come before the Executive Board if the majority of the Board members present are non-voting members.

***The Executive Board recommends approval of this change.***

## Change 4

### ARTICLE VI – Officers Section 1

1. The following officers shall be elected at the annual Association meeting by open or closed ballot at the discretion of the Nominating Committee.

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Executive Board Member (s)-at Large (No more than three).

#### *Reason for Change*

The Nominating Committee may nominate up to three candidates but is not obligated to do so. The current wording only allows for one "at large" member.

***The Executive Board recommends approval of this change.***

## Change 5

### ARTICLE VI - Officers Section 2

Chairman

Preside at all meetings of the Association. With the approval or upon direction of the Executive Board, Appoint appoint those

committees and committee chairmen as he deems necessary for the good of to carry on the work of the Association.

#### *Reason for Change*

To clarify that the Executive Board is the governing body of the Association and all appointments to positions of responsibility need to be approved by the Board.

***The Executive Board recommends approval of this change.***

## Change 6

### ARTICLE VI - Officers Section 5

~~1. Any officer may be removed from office for conduct not in the best interest of the Association at the discretion of the Executive Board. Any office vacated for any reason may be filled by the Executive Board.~~

1. Any officer who fails to perform the duties of his office or for conduct not in the best interest of the Association, may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board at a regular or special meeting.

#### *Reason for Change*

To clarify who may relieve an officer of his duties and extends the reasons for removal to include failure to perform the duties of his office.

***The Executive Board recommends approval of this change.***

**(NOTE: ALL PROPOSED CHANGES 7a to 7d AS LISTED BELOW WILL BE VOTED UPON AS ONE CHANGE.)**

## Change 7a

### ARTICLE VI Officers Section 5

2. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board at a regular or special meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy.

#### *Reason for Change*

To clarify the original intent that the Executive Board has the responsibility to fill vacancies on the Executive Board.

## Change 7b

3. With respect to a vacancy in any office, the Chairman may appoint an interim officer to serve until subsequent action by the Executive Board as provided herein.

#### *Reason for Change*

To allow for an orderly continuation of responsibilities until the Executive Board can meet to fill a vacancy.

## Change 7c

4. When an officer, either elected or appointed and installed is removed from office, they shall surrender to their successor, all the property, records and any communications pertaining to their office and/or this Association.

#### *Reason for Change*

To add a new paragraph to combine responsibilities under the same Section that outlines the duties of Officers. Wording remains the same as currently shown in Section 6.

## Change 7d

~~Section 6 – Delete present verbiage in its entirety and change it to Section 5, Paragraph 4.~~ (Above) Replace Section 6 with the following:

In addition to the elected officers, the Chairman may appoint a Parliamentarian from among the Full Members in good standing

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and who shall advise the Chairman and the Executive Board on parliamentary procedure.

#### *Reason for Change*

Replaces current Section 6 in its entirety. The Bylaws currently mention duties of the Parliamentarian but makes no mention of naming one if needed. Note that the appointed Parliamentarian is NOT a member of the Executive Board. The duties of the Parliamentarian are solely to advise the Association on parliamentary procedures.

***The Executive Board recommends approval of these changes.***

#### **Change 8**

ARTICLE VI - Officers New Section 7

#### Section 7

In addition to the above duties, officers shall perform such other duties as prescribed by these Bylaws, or ordered by the Executive Board, or as directed by the Chairman, or as prescribed by parliamentary procedure.

#### *Reason for Change*

The current bylaws make no allowance for assigning additional duties that may become necessary. This proposed new Section 7 gives the membership and the Executive Board the ability to delegate other duties to the officers, other than those stated in the current bylaws.

***The Executive Board recommends approval of this change.***

#### **Change 9**

ARTICLE XI - SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

#### Section 1 Scholarship Description

The Association shall award a scholarship of no more than ~~\$1000.00~~ **\$2000.00** per student as a onetime grant to be taken from the scholarship fund.

#### *Reason for Change*

At the 2011 reunion in Norfolk, a motion was made, seconded and approved to increase the amount of the scholarship from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This formalizes that change to be included in the Bylaws.

***The Executive Board recommends approval of this change.***

**THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION AT THE 2012 REUNION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Respectfully submitted this 15th Day of August 2012

*Gerard J. Van de Vyver*

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Chairman, By-Laws Committee

## **USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION Constitution and By-Laws Adopted December 3, 2011**

### **ARTICLE I NAME**

- The name of the Association will be **USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION**.

### **ARTICLE II CHARTER**

- The purpose of this Association will be to perpetuate the memory of the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) and those shipmates who served aboard her, both prior to and after commissioning and to promote and maintain the spirit of camaraderie that existed among those who served aboard USS ENTERPRISE. This purpose includes:
  1. Planning and arranging annual reunion meetings.
  2. Locating former shipmates and urging their active participation in the Association.
  3. Contributing mementos, pictures, plaques, artifacts, insignia, papers, letters and other memorabilia relating in any way to pre-commissioning, commissioning and service aboard the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65). Such items may be maintained by individual members and shared at Association gatherings or donated to the Association Historian for historical preservation.
  4. To educate the public regarding the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65).
  5. To solicit funds to preserve and maintain the Historical Room on the USS ENTERPRISE CVN-65.
  6. To solicit funds to support the scholarship funds established for the eligible USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) crew and dependents as outlined in these bylaws and the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) FUND bylaws.
  7. To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or an advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its members, directors, or officers.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1**

- Membership is to be open to all personnel as follows:

1. Individuals who served aboard ENTERPRISE either prior to or after commissioning may join as **"Full Members"**.
2. All Commanding Officers of ENTERPRISE may join as **"Life Members"**.
3. The Widows of deceased ENTERPRISE personnel may become **"Honorary Members"** of the Association in accordance with Article IX, Section 4.
4. Individuals who have not served aboard ENTERPRISE and are interested in ENTERPRISE and/or the Association may join as **"Associate Members"**.
  - All Members of the Association in good standing as of 31 December 1986 shall be considered **"Charter Members"**.
  - All Members joining the Association 1 January 1987 or later shall be considered **"Full Members"**.
  - **"Charter Members"** and **"Full Members"** will have the same benefits and privileges within the Association and shall be considered **"Full Members"**.
  - **"Life Members"** will have the same benefits and privileges within the Association as **"Charter Members"** and **"Full Members"**.
  - **"Honorary Members"** will have limited benefits and privileges within the Association.
  - **"Associate Members"** will have limited benefits and privileges within the Association.

#### **SECTION 2**

#### **Membership Privileges**

- All Members of the Association shall be classified as **"Full Member"**, **"Life Member"**, **"Honorary Member"**, or **"Associate Member"**.
- 1. **"Full Member"** shall have all rights, benefits and privileges within the Association as set forth within these "Constitution and By-Laws" including the ability to vote, hold any elected office or serve on any committee as chairman or participant.

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2. **"Life Member"** shall have all rights, benefits and privileges within the Association as set forth within these "Constitution and By-Laws" including the ability to vote, hold any elected office or serve on any committee as chairman or participant. **"Life Member"** status is not limited to Commanding Officers of ENTERPRISE. Any **"Full Member"** who has shown exemplary dedication and service to the Association and who, in the opinion of the Executive Board, warrants this status may nominate the individual at the Executive Board meeting held at a reunion. Then, a two-thirds majority vote from the General Membership at the first meeting held of that Reunion must be obtained. **"Life Member"** status is exempt from all sections of ARTICLE IX DUES of these "Constitution and By-Laws".
3. **"Honorary Member"** will have limited benefits and privileges within the Association. As an **"Honorary Member"** they may attend Annual Reunions, assist in locating former shipmates or other persons interested in joining the Association. **"Honorary Members"** are ineligible to vote or hold elected office. However, they may serve as a Committee Chairman if appointed by the Chairman or serve on a committee if selected by a Committee Chairman.
4. **"Associate Member"** will have limited benefits and privileges within the Association. As an **"Associate Member"** they may attend Annual Reunions, assist in locating former shipmates or other persons interested in joining the Association. **"Associate Members"** are ineligible to vote or hold elected office. However, they may serve as a Committee Chairman if appointed by the Chairman or serve on a committee if selected by a Committee Chairman.

### **SECTION 3**

- The Addresses, E-Mail Addresses, Phone Numbers and FAX Numbers of the Membership shall be for the sole use of the Association Members ONLY. Distribution to anyone who is not a Member is prohibited without the written approval of that single Member or group of Members. The (Membership Roster) is for the sole use of the Association Membership.

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1**

1. Annual meetings of the Association shall be held in locations designated by the Membership.
2. Location of reunions shall be posted at least three years in advance. This section may be suspended by vote of the Executive Board.
3. If volunteers are available, the Association will alternate sights for convenience of the Membership ... West, Middle & East, if a Member chairs the reunion, if no one volunteers for the proposed area location in turn, then their turn may be passed over.

### **SECTION 2**

1. Meetings of the Association shall be conducted by the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, or in his absence, the First Past Chairman, the Second Past Chairman, the Third Past Chairman or the meeting postponed until an officer of one of these stations is present.

### **SECTION 3**

1. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the By-Laws and by Robert's Rules of Order in cases not covered by these By-Laws. The members shall transact such business as may properly come before them.

### **SECTION 4**

1. Executive Board Meetings may be called and held at such times and places as the Executive Board may designate. Notice of aforesaid meetings to be given 15 days in advance of said meeting.

## **ARTICLE V DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1**

1. A board of Directors, hereinafter called the Executive Board, shall be established that will include all elected officers during their term of office, a Chaplain, the three immediate past Association Chair-

men and up to three additional members elected by the membership at large.

2. Elected Executive Board Members shall:

- Work on special projects with the Association Chairman.
- Assist the Public Affairs Officer, Membership Chairman and Nominating Committee Chairman in promoting and maintaining the relationship between the Association, the Ship, Patriot's Point Maritime Museum and Public Affairs in general.

### **SECTION 2**

1. All committee chairmen shall be considered members of the Executive Board.

### **SECTION 3**

1. The executive Board shall be the senior governing body of the Association. A majority of members of the Executive Board present shall constitute a quorum and call an official meeting for the transaction of business. Members of the Executive Board in an appointed position shall not have voting privileges.

### **SECTION 4**

1. All present and past Commanding Officers shall serve as Honorary Members of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1**

1. The following officers shall be elected at the annual Association Meeting by open or closed ballot at the discretion of the Nominating Committee.
  - Chairman
  - Vice Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Executive Board Member

#### **Chairman -**

The Chairman shall serve a two year term and not more than two consecutive terms at any given time or not more than four terms in total.

#### **Vice Chairman -**

The Vice shall serve a one year term and no more than three consecutive terms or more than five years in total.

#### **Secretary -**

The Secretary shall serve a two year term with unlimited terms allowed if he is unchallenged

#### **Treasurer -**

The treasurer shall serve a two year term with unlimited terms allowed if he is unchallenged

#### **Executive Board Members -**

The Membership shall also have three (3) Executive Board Members elected to the Board

### **SECTION 2**

The elected officers shall exercise administrative power appropriate to their office which includes but is not limited to the following:

#### **Chairman -**

- Preside at all meetings of the Association. Appoint those committee chairmen necessary for the good of the Association.

#### **Vice Chairman -**

- Assists the Chairman in the performance of his duties and will assume the responsibilities of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. Extend an expression of sympathy to the family of deceased members from the Association.
- Coordinate and directs the efforts of the Nominating Committee Chairman and Committee Members.

#### **Secretary-**

- Take meeting minutes and prepare them for distribution in a professional manner.
- Prepare and print any 'Constitution and By-Laws' changes between the first Executive Board meeting and the first General Membership at each of the annual reunions.

- Maintain the "Official copy" of the 'Constitution and By-Laws'.
- Incorporate any changes at the reunions to the 'Constitution and By-Laws' and print and distribute them to the General Membership annually.
- Maintain the Association's current Organizational Chart.
- Maintain the Association's current Job Descriptions.
- Supply the Newsletter Editor with a report for each of the four Newsletter editions.
- Maintain and keep accurate records of all Association correspondence
- Support the Executive Board as needed.
- Send out letters of condolence to widows of deceased members as directed by the Association Chairman.

#### **Treasurer-**

- Collect Association Dues, Initiation Fees, Scholarship Fund contributions and any other Association income.
- Pay all invoices presented to the Association for payment.
- Maintain accurate record of all Banking transactions and report on the status of the Association funds at the annual reunions.
- Maintain and report on the status of the Association's Checking and Savings accounts also known as the 'Association's General Fund'.
- Maintain and report on the status of the Association's Scholarship Fund.
- Issue the Scholarship Fund check annually to the recipient of the Scholarship Fund Award as prescribed by the Executive Board of Directors.
- Prepare and submit any and all Income Tax Forms for the Association as needed.
- Oversee the Association's Database Administrator reporting functions.
- Maintain the Association's Identification Number.
- Conduct Annual Audit the Association's Ship Store Clerk
- Send a letter and donation to Navy Memorial Fund for deceased members in good standing as directed by the Association Chairman.
- Pay all submitted Monthly Expense Reimbursement forms.
- Submit to the chairman, a monthly financial report.

#### **Executive Board Members –**

- Work on special projects with the Association Chairman.
- Assist the Public Affairs Officer, Membership Chairman and Nominating Committee Chairman in promoting and maintaining the relationship between the Association, the Ship, Patriot's Point Maritime Museum and Public Affairs in general.

#### **SECTION 3**

- The officers and Executive Board shall receive no compensation for services.

#### **SECTION 4**

- The Nominating Committee, under the guidance of the Vice Chairman, shall submit a slate of officers to the Chairman NOT LATER THAN 1 MARCH OF EACH YEAR. Any member in good standing may also submit the name of a nominee for any office, such nominee to be a member in good standing, to the Chairman NOT LATER THAN 1 MARCH OF EACH YEAR. The Chairman shall cause the entire slate to be published in the next edition of the official Association Newsletter in order that all Members in good standing may have an opportunity to vote at the annual Association meeting.

#### **SECTION 5**

- Any officer may be removed from office for conduct not in the best interest of the Association at the discretion of the Executive Board. Any office vacated for any reason may be filled by the Executive Board.

#### **SECTION 6**

- When an Officer, either elected or appointed and installed is removed from office, they shall surrender to their successor, all the

property, records and any communications pertaining to their office and/or this Association.

### **ARTICLE VII ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

#### **SECTION 1**

All Officers and Committee Chairmen must be dues paying members with current Membership in good standing.

### **ARTICLE VIII VOTING**

#### **SECTION 1**

- Voting privileges shall be extended to all Association members in good standing. Voting for all officers shall be by ballot at the annual Reunion. Newly elected officers shall take over their elected position during the last General Meeting held at each annual Reunion.

#### **SECTION 2**

- There shall be no voting by proxy.

#### **SECTION 3**

- A two thirds (2/3) vote of voting members in attendance and in good standing, quorum being present at a General Business Meeting, shall be required to revise the By-Laws. Proposed amendments and/or changes to the By-Laws must be made available to the membership, in writing, at the beginning of the reunion so they may be posted in the Memorabilia Room. Thus allowing the By-Laws Committee and Parliamentarian time to make sure of no conflicts with other rules and regulations of the Association and/or governing bodies.

### **ARTICLE IX DUES**

#### **SECTION 1**

- The dues of the ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION shall be \$15.00 per member per calendar year. An initiation fee of \$30.00 for all new members shall include the first year's membership. An invoice shall be forwarded to each member prior to 1 January of each year indicating amount of dues/fees payable. All moneys, dues and fees shall be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer, not later than 31 January of each calendar year.
- Membership committee chairman may, as recruiting incentive, waive initiation fee if the members attend the next annual meeting.

#### **SECTION 2**

- "Sol Walsh Plan". Dues may be paid annually for any number of years in advance as desired by the member. Any member paying for four (4) years in advance shall receive credit for five (5) years dues.

#### **SECTION 3**

- Members shall be considered delinquent with unpaid dues for one year on 30 June of each calendar year. Any member who becomes delinquent for two or more years may rejoin by paying the initiation fee of \$30.00. The initiation fee shall include membership dues for the year the member was reinstated. Members delinquent for two calendar years shall be dropped from the active rolls.

#### **SECTION 4**

- Widows of paid-up deceased members shall not be assessed any dues. Widows of deceased personnel who were not members, or were delinquent at the time of their husbands' demise may join on their own by paying a one time initiation fee of \$30.00. No other dues shall be assessed.

### **ARTICLE X COMMITTEES and POSTS**

#### **SECTION 1**

- Chairman of the following committees shall be appointed by each elected Chairman of the Association. The incoming Chairman at the Annual Reunion shall appoint Committee Chairmen for the coming year, to serve until the next Annual Reunion. Each Committee Chairman shall select his own committee members to serve under the guidelines of the Position Description Article defined as "Term".
  - **Chaplain -**

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1. Shall serve as religious leader of the Association.
- **Newsletter Editor -**
1. Receive input for and publish a periodic Association Newsletter.
- **Audit Committee -**
1. Audit the fiscal records of the Secretary-Treasurer annually prior to the annual meeting.
- **By-Laws Committee**
1. Develop suggested amendments or changes to the existing By-Laws and present to the Membership at the annual reunion. Proposed amendments and/or changes to the By-Laws must be made in writing and available to the Committee at the beginning of the reunion.
- **Reunion Committee -**
1. Evaluate potential facilities for Association Meetings. Plan and execute arrangements for the meeting after securing authorization and approval by the Executive Board and the General Association Membership.
2. The Association Chairman shall be kept up to date on all plans and any needed changes, or requests by either the appointed facilitator or association. The Association Chairman shall pass this information on to the Association.
3. Complementary rooms, food etc. shall be reserved for the Ships representative or Honored Guest Speaker, if outside the Association. If the Honored Speaker is a member of the Association, Their registration fee shall be waived as a gesture of the Associations gratitude. Any discounts, will be deducted from the Associations final bill.
- **Membership Committee -**
1. Endeavor to recruit eligible persons to become members of the Association.
- **Nominating Committee Chairman -**
1. Under the direction of the Vice Chairman develop a slate of Officers to be voted on at each annual reunion. The Association Chairman shall ensure that there are at least four members of the Nominating Committee, one of whom is on the Executive Board. The Nominating Committee Chairman shall ensure that the slate is forwarded to the Chairman NOT LATER THAN 1 MARCH OF EACH YEAR, who will ensure that the slate is published in the next edition of the Newsletter for voting on by all members in good standing. Further, the Nominating Committee Chairman shall obtain background information on each nominee (to include his Navy Career and any civilian career after the Navy), which will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter with the slate of nominees to assist the members in their decision making.
- **Database Administrator**
1. Shall maintain the Association Membership Data Base. Under the direction of the Treasurer, print and mail prior to 1 January of each year, annual invoices to each member for annual dues payment.
2. Provide, as requested, rosters, telephone directories, etc. to any member of the Association.
- **Scholarship Committee Chairman -**
1. Shall administer the Scholarship Program as identified in the Scholarship Committee Chairman Position Description and be responsible for providing all verifications and submissions to the Board of Directors for a fair and objective selection process
- **Ship's Store Clerk -**
1. Develop and maintain the ship's store. Prepare and setup a display for the Annual Reunion. Produce Flyers of items available for sale to the general membership.
- **Webmaster -**
1. Develop and maintain the Associations Net sight. Thus not only keeping us in close contact with the Ship's Net page, but also with anyone seeking information about the Association by way of the Net.

## **SECTION 2**

### **Committee Information**

1. After the Reunion, all Committee Chairmen shall write a brief note of comments, goals and list of Committee Members, to the Chairman. Also in January and May. If any support, of any type, is needed it may be requested at any time.

## **SECTION 3**

- The Executive Board shall appoint Posts who will not only be selected from the Association Membership, but also from Associate Membership. They will report directly to the Chairman or his appointed representative.
- **Public Affairs Post -**  
Coordinate the Public Relations of the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION.

## **ARTICLE XI SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **SECTION 1 Scholarship Description**

- The Association shall award a scholarship of no more than \$2000.00 per student as a one-time grant to be taken from the scholarship fund.

### **SECTION 2 Eligibility**

- Applicant must be a USS Enterprise CVN-65 crew member, or a dependent thereof, or a USS Enterprise (CVAN/CVN-65) Association member in good standing or their dependent.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant (grandchild/great-grandchild) of a USS Enterprise CVN-65 crew member or a USS Enterprise Association member in good standing. (These applicants are only eligible if there are no applicants in category 1 above.

### **SECTION 3 Qualifications**

- Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in the upcoming fall semester at an accredited college or university. Scholarship must be used for undergraduate studies only, leading to a bachelor's degree.
- Applicant's sponsor must be a member of the Association one (1) year prior to application date. Sponsor information must be completely filled in for consideration.

### **SECTION 4 Submissions**

- Applicants must complete and return the Association Scholarship application to the Scholarship Committee Chairman no later than 30 days prior to the start of the annual reunion in the year of application

### **SECTION 5 Selection Criteria, Process, and Judging Guidelines**

- The Scholarship Committee Chairman presents the Association Board of Directors with all eligible and qualified applicants' submissions.
- At the annual reunion, the Board of Directors score the applicants accordingly:
  1. Grade point (cumulative) X 10 points for a high school senior, OR grade point (cumulative) X 5 points for a college student.
  2. Number of total hours of volunteer work X 1 point limit 15 (requires verification).
  1. Applicant and/or sponsor involvement in Association is worth 5 to 25 points at the discretion of the Board.
  2. Working while a full-time student is worth 1 point per hour per week with a maximum of 15 points (with verification).
  3. Each extra-curricular activity and/or honor is worth 1 point (with verification).
  4. Scholarship essay, as demonstration of skills and documentation, is worth up to 20 points -- up to 10 points for quality of message and up to 10 points for grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- The Board of Directors will use these criteria, total the points for each applicant, and determine the most worthy recipient.

### **SECTION 6 Implementation and Verification**

- The scholarship recipient shall be announced at the reunion dinner banquet. The recipient's essay shall be published in the Big E-Mail Newsletter, along with a recognition article.



### **SECTION 7 Release of application information**

- No information received through the application process shall be released to anyone, for any reason.
- Applications will be kept on file for a period of two years

## **ARTICLE XII COMPENSATION AND PROFITEERING**

### **SECTION 1 Services Rendered**

1. No Officer, Member of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairperson, Committee Member, appointed or elected Officer, or any other Member of the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION shall be compensated for ANY service performed for the Association.

### **SECTION 2 Profiteering**

1. Profiteering by any Association Member for any reason is prohibited. Any and all profits from sales from the Ship's Stores, e.g., ball caps, jackets, jewelry, photographs, other memorabilia, etc.; Association sanctioned drawings or any other profit making undertaking during the annual reunion or at any other time by any Member, shall only be by official authorization of the Executive Board unless covered by another Article or Section of the Constitution and By-Laws. All profits from such undertaking shall accrue to the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION.
2. Sales of Association memorabilia through any source other than the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION Ship's Stores are not authorized.

### **SECTION 3 Solicitations**

1. No Member shall utilize any USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION Membership listings (Roster); this to include Addresses, Phone/FAX numbers and E-Mail Addresses for commercial solicitations of any kind. Commercial solicitations outside of the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION of any Member shall result in the soliciting Member being expelled from the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION for cause.

### **SECTION 4 Auctions, Drawings and/or Donation Tickets**

- Depending upon the Laws of the State or District in which the Reunion is held:
  1. Auctions of items will be held first, either at any general meeting or banquet, with proceeds going to the General Fund unless the person or persons who donated the items or a majority vote held in the business meeting designates the funds elsewhere.
  2. The money from ticket donations for a drawing of any and all items donated for this purpose shall accrue to the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN/CVN-65) ASSOCIATION.
  3. A "RED" TICKET or "HALF-AND-HALF" Drawing may be conducted at any general meeting or banquet, with one-half of the ticket donations going to the Scholarship Fund and one-half to the holder of the winning ticket.

**The changes from the Norfolk reunion that the general membership voted on have been incorporated into this document and are adopted as of December 3, 2011**

## **Wayne Ward, Plank owner and Friend**

Dear Ray,

I am writing you on behalf of my mother, Katherine E. Ward and my family, regarding my father, USN Retired MMC Wayne E. Ward. I know that you and he spent a fair amount of time together on the Enterprise, I'm sure you both have fond memories.

My dad is 73 years old. He and my mother have resided in Bolingbrook, IL for about 35 years. My father retired from the Navy in 1977 and also put in an additional 17 years at Commonwealth Edison, Illinois' electrical supplier, retiring from there as an A mechanic in 1995. When he retired, he and my mom enjoyed many years traveling with their fifth wheel camper to different sites in the US.

Last year, my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and was dealing with it quite well. He realized it, told his friends and we all helped him through his memory loss. On May 20th, 2012, he suffered a massive stroke that left him paralyzed on his left side. He has been in a nursing home since that day in rehabilitation. He has been able to recover some strength in his left leg and can walk a bit, through parallel bars. His left arm is still very weak. He also has a problem swallowing on his left side, and unfortunately although his physical stance is showing improvement, his Alzheimer's has gotten worse, and he will reside in the nursing home.

The nursing home, Meadowbrook Manor, is only 2 miles from their home, so my mom and I and my sister and her children see my father on a regular basis. I also have a brother, Steven who, with his wife, reside in Southern Illinois.

We were all aware that my dad was a plank owner of the USS Enterprise, and my brother had the dream of taking my father in December to the decommissioning ceremony, but that will not happen now.

Thank you, Ray for being a long time friend of my father's, and for speaking with my mother last week. She was so glad to be able to share with you.

I will keep you informed of my father's situation, if anything changes. Thank you for your prayers and thoughts for our family.

Sincerely, Pamela L. Ward

*Ed's Note: Since this letter, Wayne has returned home under hospice care.*



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*USS Enterprise CVN 65 being pushed into the channel by tugs for her final deployment. Photo by Ray Godfrey*

## THE EARLY YEARS

*By Hugh A Towsley, ETCM (Ret)*

One day, in April 1956, the O-in-C informed me that the Navy was replacing all the general service ETs on GCA Units with ATs and that I no longer would be in Naval Air. I was asked where I would like to go for my next assignment. My choices were Antarctica for six months or Naval Attaches. My wife, Mary Ann, nixed the Antarctica trip (I fail to remember why), and the attaché billets were turned down by BuPers. So, BuPers assigned me to Nuclear Propulsion School, another 9900 billet. I had no clue what or where Nuclear Propulsion School was located. The revelation came shortly – orders to Idaho Falls, Idaho – to report in early June.

My orders were to report to a street address in Idaho Falls, Idaho, I found the address to be the Naval Reactors Branch of the US Atomic Energy Commission. The first instruction was not to wear my Navy Uniform, only “neat street attire” as long as I was there. Also, I was given a sheet with instructions to meet a Greyhound type bus at a certain street corner, at a certain early morning time, next Monday.

Boarding the bus Monday morning, there were several people aboard. Highway US 20 west was the route to our destination, approximately sixty eight miles. An hour later, we arrived at a gate, with a fenced in area surrounding a fairly large warehouse type building, the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, which was further identified as S1W. Checking in, I saw fairly early that this was the Navy, even without uniforms! Orientation consisted of ID photos, badges, verifying Secret clearance, before touring the facility. I soon learned what and where I was, the first class for the Large Ship Nuclear Propulsion Plant. There were some thirty-five enlisted personnel in the class, with various ratings of Hospital Corpsman, Machinists, Engine men, IC, Electricians, and Electronic Technicians.

Classes started in early July 1956, consisting of courses in nuclear fission, chemistry, mathematics, radiation health, mechanical and control systems. Personnel were advised that if they did not feel comfortable in the nuclear environment, they could return to the fleet, with no questions asked, and some did. The majority of the class stayed with the program classes, with continued study at home, sometimes into the morning. The class work was finished in December, and we were sent to the S1W facility for hands-on training. S1W had been operational for some time, training submarine crews. We were trained in reactor operation, and this class, in six months, became the trainers and instructors on S1W operation for the next three years, qualifying A1W and S1W crew members.

I qualified as a Chief Reactor Operator for S1W, and became one of the trainers, for reactor start ups. Reactor start up on S1W was conducted in the reactor vessel compartment, and after criticality and sustainability, the controls for reactor control was transferred to the Control Room. Most of the time I had to caution the trainee not to withdraw the control rods too fast, but wait for the fission rate to level off, or a high start up rate scram would occur. On one occasion, CDR D. P. Brooks was my trainee; he didn't listen too well, and caused a reactor scram on a high SUR. His report of the incident explained that the cause of the scram was because the overhead crane in the building was transporting radioactive debris as he was pulling rods. My report of the inci-

dent listed Operator error, which developed a high SUR causing the scram. Both reports, of course, were filed with the administration. A few years later, CDR D.P. Brooks became the Enterprise Reactor Officer, and when we met, he said “I remember you”. We retained a cordial relationship.

While I was in the operating crew for S1W, there were a number of reactor experiments conducted to measure reactor response, and to determine if there was a self-limiting mechanism of the reactor fission process. There were various control rod configurations and cold water injections. Cold water injection accidents consisted of closing one loop, cooling it to a finite temperature below the operating loop, then starting the cold loop circulation pump, and measure the reactor response. In conducting these cold water accident tests, the cold loop steam generator took a beating, resulting in leaking primary tubes in the steam generator. The plant had to be shut down to plug some of the leaking tubes. All hands were rotated into this job, including me, to reduce individual radiation exposure. It was necessary to get the head and arms inside the steam generator to drive metal plugs in the end of the leaking tubes.

Meanwhile, A1W was under construction next door in a separate building. Admiral Rickover and his influence was everywhere. He established a group of four enlisted men under LCDR J. A. Smith to enforce Rickover's stringent standards in construction and operation of A1W, and report directly to him. His powerful focus on personal integrity is largely credited with being responsible for the US Navy's continuing record of zero reactor accidents.

The job of the group of four, Electrician, IC, Machinist and an ET (me), was to verify that the construction work was performed in strict adherence to procedures and blueprints, i.e. Admiral Rickover's extreme focus to guarantee safe operations was Quality Assurance.

We, the four of us, were known throughout the plant as “Rickover's Spy's”, although we were not authorized to stop an operation, our mere presence was able to have some influence in the construction, while maintaining personal relationships (those are my words), throughout the plant.

The first reactor of the dual reactor (A1W) prototype went to power on January 17, 1959, with Admiral Rickover and his entourage, Westinghouse dignitaries, and several of us Navy personnel all present to witness the event.

Operator training on A1W proceeded, and near the end of 1959, the personnel of the first class were assigned, roughly one third to each of the three reactor powered surface ships, USS Enterprise, USS Long Beach and USS Bainbridge.

The long hours and the shift work was noted by the families that were living in Idaho Falls, Blackfoot, and Pocatello, but that all came to an end in late 1959, when transfer orders came.

Hooking up the mobile home behind a cut-down Dodge truck, I headed East with my pregnant wife and small son, to the USS Enterprise, being built by the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company, in Newport News, Virginia. The overall length of the mobile home and truck was required to be less than sixty feet to travel across some eastern states, plus restrictions on night and holiday travel.

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On New Year's Day, 1960, we arrived in Indianapolis, Indiana, waiting there trying to get a permit to cross Ohio, gave up, and went through Kentucky instead. Overall it was not a bad trip, making it to Newport News, located a mobile home park, disconnected and went to the USS Benewah, the birthing ship, with my orders to the USS Enterprise.

The first month included going to Cheswick, Pennsylvania, to the Westinghouse Atomic Equipment and Fuel Departments facility for a refresher course and detailed information of the reactor systems.

Back in Newport News yard, we were able to gain familiarity with the ship as it was being built. After the launching, which was actually floating of the ship in the dry dock, and christening on September 24, 1960, specific assignment and duties became organized.

There seemed to be very little communication with the families of the Reactor Crew, because the information was fairly technical, coupled with the three and a half years of long hours the families endured at Idaho Falls, and now twelve hour shifts, they were becoming more than a little frustrated.

This situation prompted my wife, Mary Ann, to contact CDR D. P. Brooks, Reactor Officer, to see about raising the morale of the long suffering spouses. He agreed, would have Ship's Officers speak to the families, if she would organize them. She organized a group of Navy wives that formed the "Nuclear College of Nuclear Knowledge", and set up a place at Langley Air Force Base for meetings.

Ship's Officers came to this group about once a month and gave talks on subjects that would be of interest and informational to Navy Wives. Briefings commenced on 28 February 1961, with the history of all the US Ships named Enterprise; other subjects were the reactor plant, operation, how it worked and the necessity of highly trained operators; Radiological protection from ionizing radiation; a Navy Doctor gave a lecture on dependent medical care and other services available to families in the area; an Officer from Norfolk Navy Yard gave information on a Navy career, its retirement, pay, service members rights and privileges; and how and why the families were so important to the men in service. The last meeting and graduation was a party, on 22 May 1961, at Langley Air Force Base, where members of the program, their husbands, Ship's Officers and their wives, attended a sit down dinner party which they thoroughly enjoyed. Displayed on a sep-

arate table was a working model of a Nuclear reactor, while Frances Welch observed, Mary Ann demonstrated the model to Captain de Poix, who was very gracious in attending the party. Completing the graduation party, the Navy Dance Band, from the Norfolk Navy Shipyard, provided music for dancing. The Navy Wives enjoyed the program and "learned so much".

Enterprise completed Sea Trials in October 1961. The ship went back to sea for the Operational Readiness Inspection in April 1962, returning to Norfolk for further outfitting.

On 9 August 1962, USS Enterprise departed for the Mediterranean and joined the Sixth Fleet. October 11, 1962, the ship returned to Norfolk from Mediterranean duty. Three days later Enterprise weighed anchor and participated in the blockade of Cuba during the Cuban missile crises, returning to Norfolk in November.



Captain V.P. de Poix and Frances Welch watch Mary Ann Towsley demonstrating a model nuclear reactor at the "Nuclear College of Nuclear Knowledge" graduation party. Photo by Hugh Towsley

I remained attached to the Enterprise in the RC division as Propulsion Plant Watch Officer for the 1963 Mediterranean deployment and also for the 1964 Mediterranean cruise. At the end of this duty, USS Enterprise, as flagship, along with nuclear powered USS Long Beach and USS Bainbridge, formed Task Force One, and sailed around the world, hosting dignitaries from many countries while underway, although there were three ports of call. The USS Enterprise returned to Norfolk on 3 October 1964. I retired from the Enterprise and US Navy on December 16, 1964, after twenty years of service.

*Editors note: Hugh, thank you for the story. I have had to edit some of it to fit it in the newsletter.*

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### CRITICAL: Address updates

Please send your postal and email address corrections to Jerry Pearson, 6872 County Road 477, Fulton, MO 65251-6320. Jerry has reported that a large number of our members are lost because of incorrect addresses.

### New members 6/8/2012 to 8/10/2012

*Submitted by Jerry Pearson*

John Regan; James Poole; Joseph Miskell; Dennis Mancini; Robert Whitney; Thomas Shafer; Robert Hamos; Karen Harnish-Ladd; William Lynch; Arthur Founds; Charles Baker; James Schmidlin; Mark Saffell; Ronald Miller; Edward Gliot; Bill Pegues; Valdean Mosier; Gary Campbell; Bruce Neye; Prestos Becker; and Richard Risch.



*USS Enterprise on Yankee Station  
R.G. Smith painting*

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### Men and Women of Military Service (MOMS) sends cookies

*From Herb Hentschel*

MOMS Cookies is an organization that I support here in Illinois. It's a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that sends out packages of snacks and toiletries to the troops overseas and has existed for the last nine years. It was started by Deb Treppiedi and her friends from Grace Lutheran Church in Wilmington, IL in April of 2002.

Over the years, she has partnered with such organizations as Frito-Lay, Sturm Foods, and Kraft who send her semi-trailers full of product. Other companies donate cash, publicity and time to Deb's efforts.

Our Association sent a donation and a request to MOMS. Deb has sent 153 boxes to the Big E. If any of our members has a desire for a friend or family member to receive one of these packages, go to the website [www.momscookies.org](http://www.momscookies.org) -- for the particulars. A visit to the website is quite educational and gives a great over view of their efforts.