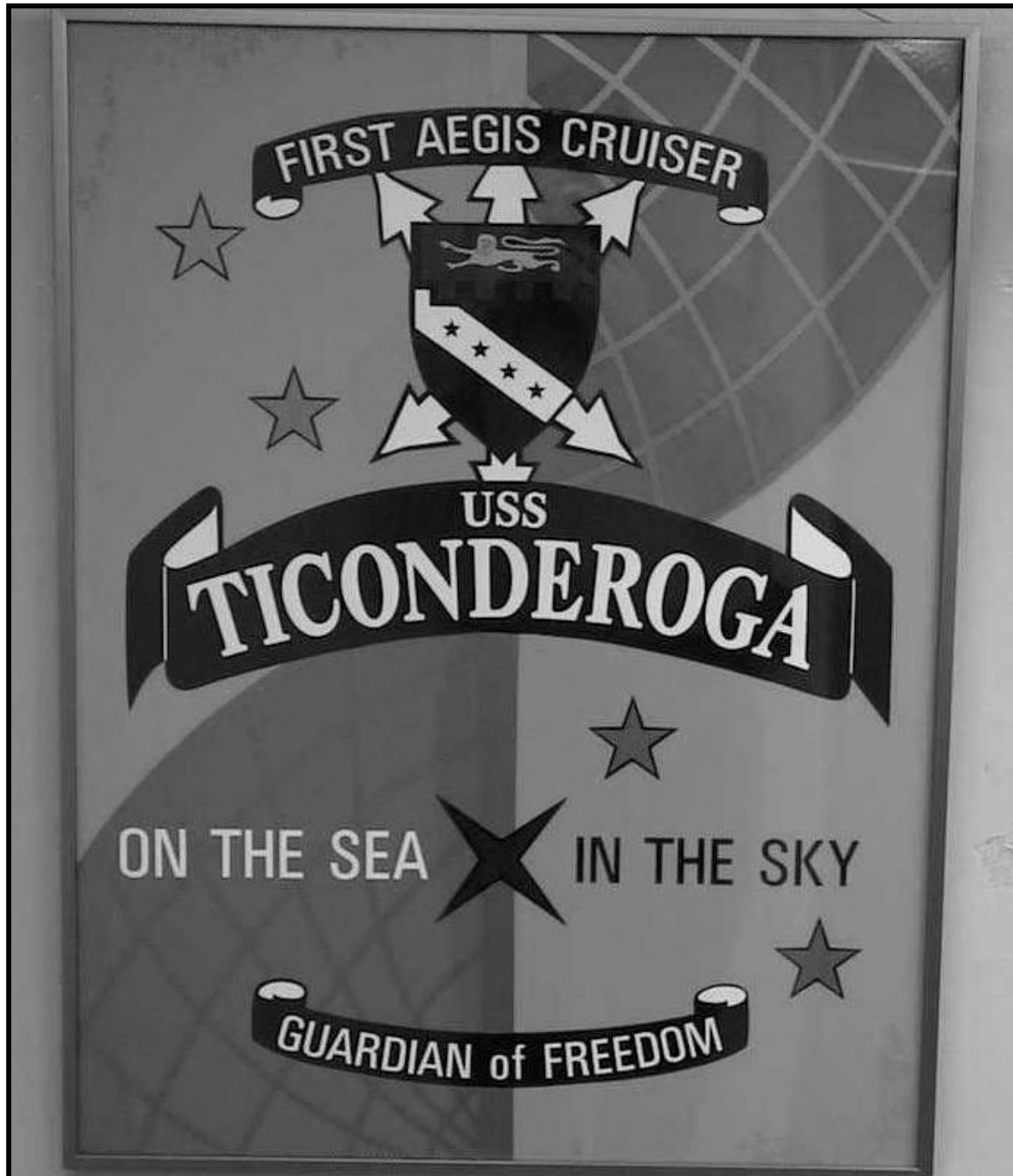


Veterans Association of the USS TICONDEROGA

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**It's not too late to make the muster, shipmates!
Roll out of your bunks and join us for our
39th Tico Reunion in San Francisco**

President's Message

Once again we are getting ready for our reunion in San Francisco. Ed Trotter and I worked very hard putting it together, but special thanks go to my wife, JeNeal, and John Lunsford for adding their support and hard work.

I feel that we will all have a great time. There are two planned tours and the rest of your time is free. There are many things to do in the city that you can pursue on your own, or the hotel can help if you feel you need some assistance making a trip or tour to another location outside of the city. Also, don't forget to check out www.goldstar.com for good deals on a variety of activities.

Please bring a jacket or sweater as it gets cool in the evening in San Francisco in June. Also, if you like baseball, the San Francisco Giants will be at home. It's a wonderful ball park and easy to get to from the hotel.

Again, thank you for allowing me to be your president for the past two years. It has been fun and I would like to thank all those who helped me along. To our officers and board members: Thanks for a job well done.

I look forward to turning this over to my brother Joseph McDonnell, your next TICO president. For my wife, JeNeal, and myself, I thank you.

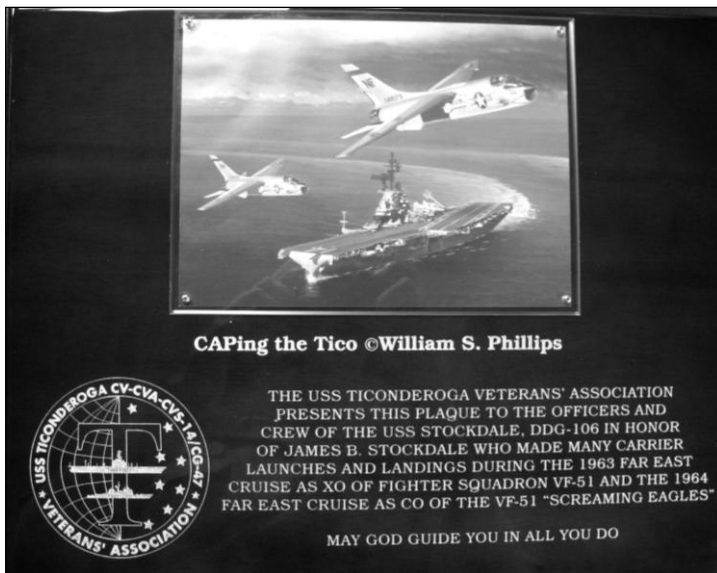
Al McDonnell



THE JUNE 2010 ASSOCIATION ROSTER

Is enclosed and can be removed for your convenience. As you know, it has been a long time since we last published the roster. We hope to do it on a regular basis. We ask you to check your information in the Roster and also on the newsletter mailing label to make sure it is correct. Please send any corrections to the secretary: by mail to John Lunsford, 2504 McNutt St., Bakersfield, CA 93306-4469 or by email to jlunscva14@sbcglobal.net

You will also notice the address label on the newsletter shows the date to which your dues have been paid. Some of you are overdue for your payment. We need you to catch up by the next newsletter or you will be dropped from membership. As we have not been good about getting out the newsletter for awhile and you may not have realized you were behind in your dues, we will continue mailing the newsletter to you if you pay the \$20.00 for May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. If you want to pay your back dues, that would also be nice.



USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION PLAQUE PRESENTED TO CREW OF USS STOCKDALE, DDG-106

As those of us who served on USS TICONDEROGA, CVA-14 on the 1963 and 1964 cruises know, JAMES B. STOCKDALE was the Executive Officer (63) and then the Commanding Officer (64) of the VF-51 "SCREAMING EAGLES" which was one of the Squadrons on the ship.

As shown above, the plaque has our Association crest, the words: THE USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THIS PALQUE TO THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE USS STOCKDALE, DDG-106 IN HONOR OF JAMES B. STOCKDALE WHO MADE MANY CARRIER LAUNCHES AND LANDINGS DURING THE 1963 FAR EAST CRUISE AS XO OF FIGHTER SQUADRON VF-51 AND THE 1964 FAR EAST CRUISE AS CO OF THE VF-51 "SCREAMING EAGLES"

The Plaque has a picture of JAMES B. STOCKDALE flying his plane (an F-8 Crusader) entitled CAPing the Tico by artist William S. Phillips. The picture is a copy of the print done by artist and used with his permission.

The plaque was presented to CDR Fred W. Kacher of Oakton, VA by Association member Ed Trotter while the ship was in Seal Beach, CA. The plaque was made by Trevor Ashton of Aswell Trophies, Oxnard, CA. The plaque is on display in the ships wardroom. At the bottom of the plaque we asked God to bless them in all they do.

Obituary

It is with great sadness that we report the DEATHS of the following Shipmates:

Clark E. Beltz - Clark was a Life Member who died on April 28, 2010. He lived in Leighton, PA and is survived by his wife Lorraine. While on the ship he was a Seaman First Class in the V-1 Division from 1944-1946

Donald C. Caldwell – Donald was a Life Member who died in August 2009. He lived in Elwood, IN and is survived by his wife Nancy. While on the ship he was a FT-3 in the Fox Division from 1954-1956

C. Robert Clare – Robert was a regular member who died December 27, 2009. He lived in Hanover, PA and is survived by his wife Mary. While on the ship he was an AOM-1 in the V-5 Division in 1944.

John F. Corrigan – John was a regular member who died July 21, 2009. He lived in Perris, CA and is survived by his wife Marge. While on the ship he was a Seaman in the FOX Division from 1954-1955.

John R. Fonvernge – John was a regular member who died January 1, 2008. He lived in Ceres, CA. While on the ship he was an Airman in the V-2 Division from 1958-1959.

Bruce A. Gregory – Bruce was a regular member who died in December 2007. He lived in Citrus Heights, CA and is survived by his wife Ginger. While on the ship he was a MM-2 in the A Division from 1958-1961.

Donald J. Lester – Donald was a regular member who died May 3, 2009. He lived in Lemon Grove, CA and is survived by his wife Mary Lee. While on the ship he was a RMCS in the CR Division from 1966-1968

Harmon E. Turan – Harmon was a Life Member who died August 2, 2009. He lived in Gulfport, MS. While on the ship he was a Coxswain in the 8th Division from 1944-1946.

James M. Webb – James was a Life Member who died March 1, 2010. He lived in Canal Winchester, OH. While on the ship he was a FC-3 in the F Division from 1944-1945. (James kept a model of the ship prominently displayed in his home and now this model is proudly displayed in the home of his daughter)

Francis Proper – Francis was a Life Member who died May 7, 2010. He lived in Amenia, NY and was predeceased in death by his wife Bertha. While on the ship he was a Seaman First Class in the 4th Division from 1944-1946. (On a note of interest member Philip Rosenberg, another 4th Division member was able to get the family a copy of the 4th Division Picture to display at the funeral)

Leonard Thorson – Leonard was a Life Member who died April 26, 2010. He lived in Philip, SD and is survived by his wife Phillis. While on the ship he was an AMM-3 in the V-2 Division from 1944-1945.

Francis (Frank) Guibleo – Frank was a Life Member who died October 9, 2009. He lived in Middlesex, NJ and is survived by his wife Natalie. While on the ship he was a Seaman First Class in 5th Division in 1944.

Robert W. Gunderson – Robert was not a member who died on November 13, 2009. He lived in Oxnard, CA and is survived by his wife Jo Ann. While on the ship he was an AMM2 from 1944-1945.

Raymond J. Bilek – Raymond was not a member who died February 27, 2010. He lived in Wayne, IN and is survived by his wife Diane. While on the ship he was a QM3 in NAV Division from 1955-1957.

Hotel Reservation for 2010 San Francisco Reunion

The San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf Marriott is pleased to welcome USS Ticonderoga Reunion. We are pleased to offer the special rate of \$120.00 Single/Double Occupancy. Please call (800) 228-9290 to make your reservation before June 9, 2010, or call the hotel directly at (415) 775-7555. You must mention the group, USS TICONDEROGA REUNION, by name in order to make sure that you receive the discounted group rate and our group receives credit for the room nights. After 9 June 2010 rooms will be available basis at the regular room rate. You can mail or fax your reservations to:

San Francisco Marriott Fisherman's Wharf
1250 Columbus Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94133
Tel: (415) 775-7555 Fax (415) 474-2099
Reservations: www.marriott.com or 1(800) 228-9290

(You may mail or fax this form directly to the Fisherman's Wharf Marriott)

I am attending the USS TICONDEROGA REUNION over the conference date of June 12-16, 2010 at the San Francisco Marriott Fisherman's Wharf.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Single_____ Double_____ [all rooms are non-smoking and cost \$120 per night]

Marriott Rewards # _____ Share with: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Credit Card (type): _____ Expiration Date: _____

Number: _____ Name on Card: _____

The Fisherman's Wharf Marriott looks forward to welcoming the USS TICONDEROGA REUNION

Registration for our 2010 San Francisco Reunion

Name: First _____ Last _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Wife or Guest Name: First _____ Last _____

Highest Rate/Rank While Aboard USS TICONDEROGA _____

Division or Squadron _____ Years Aboard _____

Optional but helpful: Phone: _____ email: _____

CV-14___ CVA-14___ CVS-14___ CG-47___ Associate Member___ Honorary Member___

	<u># of People</u>	<u>\$ TOTAL</u>
Package price : \$125 PER PERSON (includes banquet meal, breakfast & hospitality room) PREFERENCE FOR DINNER ENTRÉE: FISH ___ CHICKEN___ VEGETARIAN___	_____	_____
USS HORNET TOUR : \$45 PER PERSON PREFERENCE FOR LUNCH ENTREE: Baked Chicken Breast ___ (or) Fried Chicken ___ Meat Lasagna ___ (or) Vegetarian Lasagna ___	_____	_____
ALCATREZ TRIP : \$25 PER PERSON	_____	_____
	TOTAL \$ =	_____

Make Check out to "Big T Veterans' Association"

Mail to:

Al McDonnell

1749 9th Ave

San Francisco, CA 94122

Questions: Call Al at (c) 415-290-4914 – (h) 415-661-6753 – or email jagranieri@sbcglobal.net

*NOTE – THE ALCATREZ TRIP FILLS UP FAST SO GET YOU RESERVATIONS IN EARLY

San Francisco : June 13–16, 2010

Schedule of Events

Sunday – June 13

Sightsee on your own and enjoy the hospitality room

Monday – June 14

Tour of USS HORNET : bus will depart hotel at 0930 hrs, arrive at 1000 hrs for tour of ship. Hot lunch will be provided in the Officers Wardroom at 1300 hrs.

Please select one item:

a. Baked Chicken Breast [or] Fried Chicken

b. Meat Lasagna [or] Vegetarian Lasagna

Above served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Cookie & Soft Drink or Water, limit one per person.

Following lunch, the bus will depart for a *mini-tour of San Francisco* and return to the hotel at 1700 hrs. TOTAL = \$45 per person

Tuesday – June 15

Executive Board Meeting/General Business Meeting

Tour of Alcatraz : we will leave the hotel about 1000 hrs and walk to PIER 33.

Approximate time of walk is 15 minutes. If unable to walk there is taxi or trolley service. The boat for Alcatraz departs at 1100 hrs. We need to all be there as a group. Once on Alcatraz you can leave anytime you wish.

TOTAL = \$25 per person

Tuesday – June 15

Banquet, Raffle and Dance

Please select one item for dinner:

Fish, Chicken, or Vegetarian Meal

Wednesday – June 16

Chapel Service and Breakfast Buffet

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The Veterans Association of the USS Ticonderoga



invites you to join us for our 2010 Reunion in San Francisco