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The summer has gone by so fast this year. And I must apologize for being so slow at getting this newsletter completed.

I'd like to give a very special thank you to Rick Lingberg. Rick has been working on the new web site for the Memorial. This

site has a lot of interesting items, including the virtual tour of the memorial. We urge you to visit the site if you have never been to the memorial. www.ussouthdakota.com

Rick and his wife joined us for the reunion festivities and donated his time to take the photos of the group. You can see the photos within this newsletter.

We also need to give a big thank you to Candy Hanson and



Karen Dunham for all their help planning the reunion for the crew. These ladies do all the leg work for me prior to the reunion. Candy located a great

musical choir for our entertainment (The New Horizon Band) and helped stock the hospitality room for us.

Karen, as always handled the registration, the bus for the Saturday Memorial activities, the printing of the programs, and anything we

needed help with. You'll also find a few of the photos she took during the reunion.



We had 18 crew members attend the reunion this year, with 29 family and friends.

We appreciate them coming out to help dedicate the new wing of the memorial.

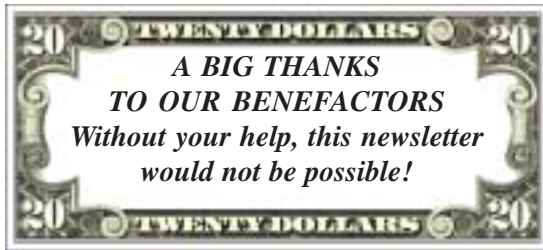
I was surprised to learn that many of the 18 crewmembers actually want a mini reunion in 2012. I will see how things go over the next few months before we commit to a mini reunion. Suggestions ranged from New Orleans, Seattle, Washington DC.

For those of you who were at the reunion I just want to give you a update on my shoulder. I'm almost done with Physical Therapy and now working on gaining the strength back.



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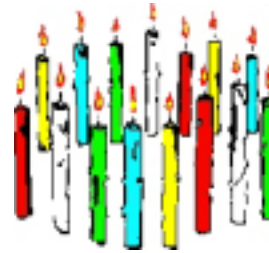


Welcome Aboard !

No new shipmates located since last reunion.

**Alexander C. S2/C
Weed William Marine Lt.**

Russo	Nick	Pratt	Waldron
Rothmann	Edward	Schweitzer	Al
Taylor	Warren	Freely	Francis
Freely	Francis	Mouser	Wayne
Wiggins	Shirle	Reed	Ray
Middleton	Thomas	Shellman	Carol
McCollough Sr.	Robert	Rickel	Elaine
Luster	Max	Mooney	Jim
Mac Donald	James	Mouser	Wayne
Bartholf	Howard	Cusack	TE
Eyman	Early	Hobbs	David E.
Kruichak	Max	Schweitzer	Albert



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Halkovick Stephen 9/1
Ridge Clyde 9/20

Lendenmann	Werner	10/10
Workman	George	11/3
James	Jack	11/22
Freely	Francis	12/14
Warner	Harold	12/26
Lainer	Yale	11/7
Marino	Eugene	12/5
McBee	Charles	12/19
Arbiso	Gilbert	12/25
Bailey	Gerald	10/30
Stehlik	Donovan	8/29
Saylan	Milton	9/28
Neuman	Donald	10/18
Westphal	Ted	12/5
Erickson	Calvin	12/14
Anderson	George	12/28
Lambert	Clifford	10/29
Fowler	Leon	10/31
Kocot	Andrew	11/11
Butts	Joseph	12/25
Arthur	John	9/25
Goldweitz	Sol	11/13
Martin	Ralph	8/31
Baltz	David	10/25
Hoy	William	10/7
McClure	Kenneth	12/16
Jagosz, Sr.	Mitchell	9/27



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of our fallen sailors and to those families who located us through the website to acknowledge the death of their BB57 loved ones.

The list below contains both recent and past deaths since our last newsletter.

Babione, Dan	07/22/84	WT/3/C
Campagnone, Frank	07/08/10	11th Div.
Cessarini, Enrico	06/23/11	GM3/C 2nd Div.
Coulbourn, Clint	02/11/11	QM 3/C N
Cox, Forrest	10/16/10	MM2/C E Div.
Dabcosky, Joseph	07/08/09	Marine Div.
Dunham, Malcolm	09/07/09	BM2, Div 1
Gundy, George	04/30/11	A Div.
Guzman, Richard	03/00/11	10th Div.
Lambert, Clifford	04/30/11	A Div.
Manson, Spalding	11/24/10	A Div.
McAslan, Alexander	07/14/02	4th Div.
McCullough, C. Boyd	05/27/11	6th
McCoy, Lewis	10/22/09	F Div. F1/C
McMahon, James	07/05/09	4th
Quillin, Jr., Hiram	12/09/10	2nd Div.
Radloff, Ron	06/18/09	MA MM2/C
Speakman, Ray	4/7/2011	11th Div.
Stasinis, Charles	05/09/10	N Div.
Walters, Merle	10/20/96	5th Div.
Wedgeworth, Howell	01/03/11	10th
Wiggins, Stan	05/23/10	Marine
Wyckoff, Earl	04/03/10	F Div. Yoeman 2/C

TOGETHERWESERVED.COM

A Place where Sailors can reconnect with Lost Shipmates, share Memories and tell their Navy Story

By Invitation of NTWS Member :

Brooks, Roger

Member # : 419544

<http://navy.togetherweserved.com>



**2011 Directory
Now Available**

If you would like a current directory, please send an email to ussdakota@aol.com

or write to:

Cathy Verschelden
465 Glendale Rd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

If we still don't have your photo, now's the time to send one to us.

Please do not sent photo copies. Scan and email in .jpg format or mail a hard copy and we will return it to you at your request after we scan it.

Hendrick Robert and Anna
Freely Francis and
Margaret 12/4
McBee Charles and Jean
1/31
Weir Al and Rosemary
9/7
Fowler Leon
11/8
Goldweitz Sol
11/8
Kocot Andrew and Ruth
Tackitt Donald
Baltz David
Sillers Richard

11/12



9/25
11/4
10/4
12/22



Attached is a photo of my father, Dan Lawrence Babione, Water Tender Third Class, he was on the South Dakota from commissioning until the war ended. I've also scanned his Shell Back Golden Dragon, and Blue Nose cards. My dad passed was born August 12, 1922 and passed away July 22, 1984, He was born in Cheyenne Wyoming and lived in Philomath Oregon until his death. I followed in his footsteps as did my younger brother Alan Babione, I retired

from the Navy 1/1/2000 after a 30 year career. Sincerely,
Ken Babione, MMCM (SS/SW), USN Ret. Bishop, Ca

sierrarat@suddenlink.net

**Richard Goforth
5/21/11**

dschantz@stioelive.com

Some time ago I was able to find some U.S.S. South Dakota crew members that could remember my Uncle Richard Goforth (Page 4 of photos). I was without the Internet for a while and lost track of everyone. I have found you again and I plan on mentioning your excellent site in my Memorial Day post at my blog site, <http://arepublic.blogspot.com/> . Once again I'm asking any of the crew members that remember Richard Goforth to contact me.



David Schantz
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Saint Joseph, Missouri
64504-1235

E-mail DSchantz@stjoelive.com

I want to thank all of the crew members of Battleship X for the part they played in keeping our country free. I took the liberty of mentioning the site in the Memorial Day Weekend post at my blog site, "A Republic, if you can keep it". I hope everyone has a safe and happy Memorial Day God Bless America, God Save The Republic.

David Schantz (Nephew of Richard Goforth) Saint Joseph, Missouri



Subj: Re: My Dad
Date: 3/13/11

I have shared your email with Cathy, my sister, who has all of the information you are looking for. We will get you whatever it is you need. Hopefully someone will remember your dad and contact you.

Diane

In a message dated 3/13/2011
Jo.Fadal@verizon.net writes:

Hello..I in the process of researching when my dad served on the USS South Dakota. I have limited information. I know he was on the ship at least in 1943... I do have a photo of him in his navy uniform and his dog tags.. and a couple of other small items. I am unclear of when my dad entered the service and how long he served. Can you direct me the right way to find this information out? His name was Levi James Holley. It would so incredible if someone remembered him. My dad passed when I was only 20.. I really don't know anything about his time in the war. Thank you for whatever help you could give me. I really want to come and visit the museum one of these days.

Jo Fadal
Daughter of Levi James Holley.



04/07/2011

Paul C Stasinis 32 Howard Drive Plymouth, MA 02360
508-747-4959

Dear Ms. Verschelden,
We received the USS South Dakota newsletter addressed to my father Charles 1 Stasinis of 17 Brewster Street, Plymouth, MA 02360.

With regret, I need to inform you that my father passed away on May 9, 2010. His wife, my mother is still alive and lives in their home on Brewster Street. He was loved by many and blessed with a big family and is missed!

I would like to let you know and of course other crewmates, my father was proud of his service, as we were proud of him and he enjoyed keeping up to date on the crew and information on the memorial building.

Please update your records and thank you for your work as News Editor. If not mistaken, I believe my father may have donated to the fund for the memorial, if a future fund raiser takes place, please feel free to include me on the list for possible donors, if I am able, it would be my honor to make a donation in my father's memory.

Sincerely Yours,
Paul C Stasinis



This letter is to inform you of the passing of my husband, Enrico Cessarini, June 23,2011.

Thank you for all the newsletters you sent us.

Dorothy Cessarini



I received the registration form for the upcoming reunion and with deep regrets I have to tell you that my husband, Hiram T. Quillin, Jr., passed away on December 9th, 2009. {Age 91}.He wrote a book about his USMC days and I learned many things about the South Dakota from it. {Title is Guadalcanal To

Tokyo}.Please make the necessary changes in the roster.

Thank you so much for your efforts and hard work.

Lillian Quillin [wife].



Sioux Falls Area
Community Foundation

**Battleship South Dakota
Memorial Foundation
Endowment**

Yes, I want to help the BATTLESHIP SOUTH DAKOTA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT in the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation grow more quickly.

(Donors of gifts of \$5,000 or more are recognized as permanent Benefactors to the fund.)

My gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

* My gift is in honor of _____

* My gift is in memory of _____

* Write the name and address of the person(s) you would like notified regarding honorary or memorial gifts below.

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone () _____

This Endowment Fund is for the purpose of Perpetual Care for the Memorial. Please consider discussing this with family members.

J. Robert MacDonald
Nichola P. Russo
Harold Buijack
Max Luster

Candy Hanson
C/O Community Foundation
300 N. Philips Ave. # 102
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57104-6006
605-336-7055



*Dear US South
Dakota, it is with
heavy heart that I
must report that
Raymond T.
Speakman passed*

*away on April 7, 2011, please
find attached a photo for the
website.*

Yours truly,

*Ray's daughter,
Roby Whitehouse*



*Thank you Cathy, I have enjoyed the two Second
Generation events that Dad and I attended, it was so
important to me to attend, I hope you still have a good
following, I really enjoy the news letters that Dad
received, he always passed them on me after he read
them. I display my plank from the USS South Dakota
prominently in my living room so all who ask what it is
get the full story...*

Thank you for all the wonderful memories.

Roby

RWhitehouse@yarmouth.ma.us

**WELCOME ABOARD
William Weed**

**Recently we found the USS South
Dakota blog on the internet. I'm writ-
ing to tell you tthat my husband
William L. Weed served aboard from
the fall of 1944 till the ship arrived at
the Philadelphia Naval Yard in the
spring of 1946. He was a Marine Lt.
and after 20 years in the Reserves,
retired as a Major. He is 89 years old
and in general good health. Will you
kindly put him on the survivors list.
Thank You -
Marjorie Weed**

My brother, Earl S. Wyckoff, jr. yeoman 2nd class died on April 3, 2011 at the age of 94. He was a plank owner and served for 33 months aboard BB 57 witnessing the twelve major battles in the South Pacific. His best friend aboard was killed in one of these actions. He never talked about it to his daughters feeling a need to protect them; but did to his siblings. His battle station was to



brothers and he will be sorely missed.

stand beside the firing officer to relay the commands to the sailors manning the big guns. He was proud of having served on Battleship X. I bought him a USS South Dakota cap and he enjoyed people commenting on it and asking questions about his ship. He was a good and loving man to all his family. He was the last of my five



My Father, William E Dadosky, was a US Marine who served as a gunner on the USS South Dakota during WWII from 1943-1945. While on the ship he earned the Bronze Star for taking down a Japanese fighter plane. I regret to inform you that he passed away on July 8th, 2009 at the age of 83. I know he as very proud to serve as a Marine on the USS South Dakota and, I was

lucky that he was able to share with me many of his memories of the time he served on the Ship.

Please remove him from the newsletter mailing list.

Thank you and I look forward to visiting the memorial in Sioux falls in the future with my children.

Ben Dadosky



IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW TO LET YOU KNOW THAT POP PASSED AWAY FRIDAY (2/11/10) AT 10:30 PM. . HE WAS SURROUNDED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE ENJOYED THE REUNIONS VERY MUCH BUT IT WAS UNCOMFORTABLE FOR HIM TO

TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES BUT HE WAS EXCITED FOR HIS FAMILY TO SEE A BATTLESHIP UP CLOSE (USS MASSACHUSETT) AT THAT REUNION. LAST AUGUST I PLAYED IN A GOLF TOURNAMENT IN MYRTLE BEACH. ON THE WAY I STOPPED AT THE USS NORTH CAROLINA MEMORIAL. I WORE MY SODAK HAT PROUDLY AS I TOURED THE SHIP AND WAS STOPPED BY SEVERAL WW II SAILORS AND THEY'RE SEC. GENERATION SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND THEY'RE CHILDREN AS THEY EXPLAINED THE SODAK'S PART IN THE WAR. I MUST GO NOW TO MAKE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE REST OF FAMILY. KEEP IN TOUCH!!!!!!



SECOND GENERATION

VIC COULBOURN

VC65KC67@MSN.COM

Subj: Info on my father

Date: 2/11/2011

From: ridgerunner25880(csuddenlink.net)

I'm trying to research my father's navy career. I was told by my mother that he served on the USS South Dakota. His name was Boyd Scott Mills but everyone called him Billy. Unfortunately, he didn't talk much about his experience while he was alive and I believe that he may have suffered the equivalent of what we call PTSD now. He was an alcoholic and I'm trying to put the puzzle together to see if the war may have contributed to it. Do you have a roster or manifest of all the crew members? Can you possibly help me with information or lead me in the right direction?

Sincerely,

Bonita Thompson, 315 Tank Branch Road, Glen Morgan, WV 25813 email: ridgerunner25880@suddenlink.net

Thank you.

April 14,2011

Thank you so much for your prompt reply to the inquiry I addressed to Capt. Witte regarding plans for the upcoming dedication ceremony of the "Bothwell Annex".

Since all of my children work and several of them were interested in accompanying me to South Dakota, I needed to know the planned date(s) so that plans could be made for vacation time.

Your package included plans for the entire reunion - and it looks like there has been quite a lot of work involved in the planning. However, our plans are to just attend the July 2nd dedication ceremony. Several of my children have never had the opportunity to see some of South Dakota's national attractions, such as Mount Rushmore, and we are going to try to incorporate some other points of interest while we are there. I sincerely hope that your whole reunion project is a huge success.

We are hopeful that we will have no trouble finding accommodations in Sioux Falls for the short time that we will be there. We are all looking forward to being able to see the entire U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Museum.

Thanks again -
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bothwell

Note: The Bothwell's did not attend as expected.

Subj: Re: looking for the book battleship X
Date: 5/16/2011
From: maggiebra@aol.com

So glad to hear that you have the "book" I have been looking for. My Grandfather's name is Bill Joeckel. The address is 11 Westminster Ct. Nesconset, NY 11767. He will be so excited. Please let me know where I can send it back to you. I know all the boys in the family are going to want to take a look at it. You have made my day. Thanks

In a message dated 5/14/2011
maggiebra@aol.com writes:

Hi I am looking for a book for my grandfather. It is called Battleship X and it was written by the captain of that ship. I can not find it anywhere but thought you may have a lead. I appreciate the help Susan Stanley

To Whom It May Concern,

My sister, husband and I visited the Battleship South Dakota memorial a few weeks ago. Our uncle, Lloyd Quartemont, was killed in action on the South Dakota. We saw his name in the register and on the stone memorial in front of the museum. We were so impressed with the wonderful job you've done memorializing all of the brave men who sacrificed their lives on the ship. The lady who was on duty at the memorial was just wonderful, helpful and kind.

Our father, Harry Quartemont, was Lloyd's brother and was the last surviving member of his family of ten children. Our dad died in 2008 at the age of 91. He spoke of Lloyd often and told about how his dad, Frank, blamed himself for Lloyd's death because he signed the papers for Lloyd to go into the service when he was just 17 years old. Lloyd never saw his 18th birthday.

We have these items of memorabilia from Lloyd's life and death. I have copies of everything I'm sending you. These are the originals. I hope you will put these items on display in your museum. If you can't use any of these, would you please send them back to me? These are cherished family heirlooms, but we agreed it would be better if we donated them to your museum instead of having them in storage at home. I'm enclosing a donation of \$50.00 to help cover the cost of the display.

We hope to visit the memorial again this summer or next and would be proud to see our memorabilia on display.

Kind regards,
Pamela Quartemont Grill



From left to right: William Whitcomb, Thomas Rodgers, Jr., O.F. Lilly, Terri Weigand, Bob MacDonald, Jerry Kelley, Charles Spangrow, Aubrey Moore, David Hebbel, Dawn Reichenbach, and right: Lynn Clark, Walter Farrel, William Swartzell, Al White, Donnan Charles, Edward Robinson, Max Finlayson, Nigel Wilson, Lynn Orr
July 2, 2011 / Basil Whelan Kamboke / Sioux Falls, South Dakota

David Wilte, President
William Ranney, Secretary
Treasurer James Kirschman,
Vice President Dale Norstrom,
Vice President Mark West
Larry Weires
Rollyn Samp

July 6, 2011

Dear Sgt.Maj.Scott Bakken:

I wish to commend your group of future Marines for the outstanding job they did in painting at the BATTLESHIP MEMORIAL. The Navy gray paint which they applied to the outline of the of the ship and other areas brought the ship to life. The timing of the project was also perfect. The painting was completed several days before the 22nd Reunion of the Battleship Crewmembers. We received many favorable remarks from the crew-members about the appearance of the ships outline.

THANKS AGAIN and as said in Navy jargon:

WELL DONE.

Sincerely,

David A.Witte, Pres CAPT USNR (Ret)

David A. Witte, Pres., 3001 W. 33rd St., #205 Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Dear Captain Witte

Thank you so much for the beautiful picture of the USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial. I have a perfect spot for it in my home.

I do want to apologize for not being present for the dedication on July 2nd. For some reason, I had it in my mind that the ceremony would be at 2:00 in the afternoon, and was surprised to learn (too late) that it had been 10:00 in the morning. Looking back through the information that I was sent concerning the reunion, I see that no time was mentioned for the ceremony, which I should have noticed immediately and questioned. It is my fault that I did not do that.

For my own sake, I am not concerned about missing the dedication itself. I have simply wanted to actually see the annex, the bronze plaque and Maurice's picture. We did accomplish that, and I'm happy. I was delighted with the annex, and pleased with everything about it. The ladies in the memorial who greeted us could not have been any more gracious.

From what I was told, the attendance for the dedication and band concert was large, and I'm sure that was gratifying to everyone who had worked so hard to make this year's reunion a success.

Again, thank you for the picture, and your efforts in keeping me informed of the annex construction progress during the past two years. I hope that my non-attendance did not cause any problems.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth Bothwell



FACTS ABOUT THE WAVES

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the U.S. Navy began building more ships and creating new bases and facilities. Facing a shortage of men for active and support jobs in January 1942, the Secretary of the Navy petitioned the U.S. Congress for a women's reserve. At the same time, the office of Naval Intelligence began looking to colleges for women who could work in intelligence. Once the training was completed, the women were sworn in as ensigns in the U.S. Navy.

In July 1942, the Navy Women's Reserve Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Their official name became Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service- or WAVES. The WAVES had full military status although fewer benefits than men.

The word "emergency" was intended to indicate the temporary nature of the women's service. As the war continued, more WAVES were sent overseas to cover noncombat jobs. By 1945 there were more than 84,000 women enlisted in the Navy. WAVES are no longer in existence. Women now join the regular Navy.

DONATIONS

Don Pratt has generously donated four side chairs and two arm chairs that belonged to General Douglas McArthur. They were in the General's dining room in the Philippines prior to the Japanese invasion. Fortunately, they were sold to a tea broker, Dr. Elliott Foote, a personal friend of the General. He removed them from the Philippines before the Japanese invasion. They are ornately carved and very beautiful. Visitors have been awed by them.

A group of 53 Retired Army Reservists which had their unit's reunion in the City of Alford, IA, honored the USS SD Battleship by visiting the Memorial. The group was impressed by the Memorial. Mr. and Ms. Mogler from the group donated \$250.00 to the Memorial, which will be used toward mounting the new 40mm gun barrels.

VISITORS

The visitor numbers at the Memorial have been impressive this summer. Some days the number of visitors were so large that it made it impossible to count all of them. Many days people are on the Memorial grounds when the attendants arrive and when they close. This summer's total counted visitors, as of August 18, 2011, are 8,922. The Memorial will officially close on September 5th. There have been several requests from tour operators for special visits after we close. The Parks Department is allowing us to open for these groups during the months of September, October, April & May.

We are planning to acquire a CREDIT CARD printer for the Memorial next year. As one out of five visitors can only pay by credit card we are losing sales!

My new email address: betndave@gmail.com
Dave Witte

New Horizons Band of Sioux Falls

c/o Augustana College Dr. Paul Schilf
2001 South Summit Ave
Sioux Falls SD 57197-0001

July 6, 2011

Battleship SD Memorial
Att: Catherine Verschelden
465 Glendale
Buffalo Grove, 1160089

THANK YOU THANK YOU

The New Horizons Band of Sioux Falls enjoyed playing for you at the Ramkota. Thank you for your donation of \$250.00. The money will be used to enhance our music program. If you know anyone age 50 & over who played an instrument in high school or college and wishes to play again, please tell them about the New Horizons Band of Sioux Falls. For more information about joining, call (605) 339-6030, Ext 20, or check us out on Friday mornings at 10 am when we practice at the Augustana College Humanities Bldg, Room 168, 33rd & Grange, Sioux Falls. This band is a wonderful social and musical outlet for seniors, providing fun, fellowship and the joy of playing music again.

Thank you again,

Jan Pappone

NHB Financial Custodian



The group was small this year at the reunion but we had 4 generations represented.

Dear Cathy,

Enclosed is a \$50 check to help you carry on the business of getting out the South Dakota Newsletter and for other expenses that may occur. You have always done a wonderful job for all of us who are still around to enjoy the memories that only serving on the most decorated ship in the Pacific and leading up to the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Harbor can bring

It has been 66 years since the end of WWII; the Sodak survivors has to be dwindling fast with the increasing years. Your postage expense should be getting smaller as each report of a death reaches your mailbox. I think that the last surviving crew member should get a bottle of champagne; who's it going to be?

I have a few interesting keepsakes from the Sodak; a leather-bound calendar that displayed some of sailor Lou Applehans' and my cartoons; (1 *retired as chief artist at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch*) and programs of events celebrating the South Dakota. After the war, Lou was an artist in an art studio in my home town St. Louis. However, my prize keepsake is the deck planking that I have mounted on a plaque with the ship's battle record displayed on a bronze sheet along the side and my battle ribbons attached below.

Keep up the good work, God bless,

Albert L. Schweitzer, Jr. 1628 Reserve Circle Decatur, GA 30033-1537

uralbert@yahoo.com

MORE MEMORIAL NEWS

The USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial joins in mourning the loss of one of the founding members, Pete Brzica. His vision and work helped the Memorial become a reality. He was the last living founder of the Memorial board.

HTC Robert P. Brennan, U.S. Navy (Ret) passed away January 19, 2011. He had a long distinguished Naval career and dedicated many, many volunteer hours assisting the USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial. As his obituary shared "following his distinguished military career. Robert continued his passion for military service working on the USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial for over 20 years." His family requested in lieu of flowers that donations go to the USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial.

Welcome Diane Diekman as a board member of the Memorial Foundation. Diane is retired from the Navy.



SEA CHEST

A sea chest is a type of wooden trunk used historically by sailors to store their personal possessions. Many sea chests were extremely well built, and as a result sea chests have become coveted antiques in some communities.

Historically, a sea chest would have been a sailor's sacred personal possession, and sailors did not touch each other's sea chests without permission. All number of things would be held in a sea chest, including eating utensils, extra clothes, curios from various journeys, and mariner's papers, papers which detailed a sailor's skills and official position on board ship. Sailors also kept references from former employers and mementos of home in their sea chests.

Lieutenant Robert Arbuckle called us to share information about his "sea chest" that was made especially for him by the ship's carpenter just before he left the BB57. His was made from a white pine or boxwood.

We hope to share a photo of his sea chest in our next issue.



James Robert MacDonald made the 10 o'clock news on July 2nd. Bob was interviewed by KELO



Virgil Nelson and his son Vern enjoyed the reunion and visiting with fellow crew members.



Gerald Bailey (left) of Lakewood, CO and Edward Rothmann of Weeki Wachee, FL stand at attention during the reunion at the Memorial ceremony.



The crowd was much smaller than years gone by but veterans enjoyed the beautiful day and festivities.

