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Name:

Robert A.Martinez

Email:

[rcibolo@aol.com](mailto:rcibolo@aol.com)

Date:

31 Dec 2004

## Comments

I would like to hear from anyone who served in R division between 1953 and 1955 for my dad Gilbert Martinez. Ill tell you the only pictures on his wall are of his family and the Wisconsin.

Comments from Dom: Robert, Hope some one from R Division has contacted you by now.

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Name:

Steve White

Email:

n/a

Date:

29 Dec 2004

## Comments

I have followed the course of all four of these ships. I am really proud of the association and for the association in the condition they have preserved the ship in !! I still always like the way Wisconsin looks so untampered with being the newest of the Iowa`s it still has much of the 40`s equipment its a young ship indeed a loyal Iowa class fan ..... Steve White P.S. I need to see this someday soon !!! I hope the other three ships can be presented as such .....

Comments from Dom: Steve, We are all proud of our ship and intend to take very good care of it.

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Name:

Gary Grogan

Email:

[gary@groganpaper.com](mailto:gary@groganpaper.com)

Date:

28 Dec 2004

## Comments

I am looking for pictures of my father Troy Grogan he was on the Wisconsin from 1943-1945.

Comments from Dom: Hopefully someone has contacted you by now.

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Name:

Dennis Craig, Sm 1Div. Deck Dept.

Email:

[Blackwolf4ever@yahoo.com](mailto:Blackwolf4ever@yahoo.com)

Date:

27 Dec 2004

## Comments

Still a terrific site Dom, keep it up bro.. Where all proud of ya doing this for us, love to your family, an happy holidays, from the Craig Family.

Comments from Dom: Dennis, Happy Holidays to you and yours. Thanks for the kind words. You have to know that this is a labor of Love.

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Name:

Ronald STRATTON

Email:

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Date:

27 Dec 2004

## Comments

Just getting to know more about the ship my dad served on in the korean war

Comments from Dom: Come back and visit any time at all.

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Name:

John W. Crow Jr. A Div - 06/04/1956 - 12/05/1957

Email:

[davecrow@qtilaguna.com](mailto:davecrow@qtilaguna.com)

Date:

26 Dec 2004

## Comments

My home port was Norfolk Va. I worked in the machine shop my cruises included Barcelona Spain, Naple Italy, Brest France, Grenoch Scotland, GTMO Cuba, through Panama Canal down to Valparaiso Chile. If you had served at the same time or recognize my name please send any pictures or contact information to the above mentioned e-mail address.

Comments from Dom: We have a number of members on our crewmembers list that served in A division at the same time you did. Check it out and see if you recognize any names. While you're there, perhaps you would like to join our Wisconsin Family. Link to application form is at the top of the crewmembers page.

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Name:  
Billie Smith  
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[scarsuzabil@hotmail.com](mailto:scarsuzabil@hotmail.com)  
Date:  
26 Dec 2004

## Comments

I'm looking for info on my grandfather, William H. (Bill) Mizelle, from Charlotte, NC. He served during the last years of WWII. I'm not sure what to call his job, but I think he plotted torpedoes. Thanks for any help!

Comments from Dom: Does anyone remember Bill Mizelle? Please contact Billie.



Name:  
H A Stokely  
Email:  
[hstokely@cox.net](mailto:hstokely@cox.net)  
Date:  
26 Dec 2004

## Comments

Memories of long ago.

Comments from Dom: That's what this site is all about.



Name:  
Arnold H. Millman  
Email:  
[ammillman2@aol.com](mailto:ammillman2@aol.com)  
Date:  
24 Dec 2004

## Comments

Just want to wish all a very merry holiday season and a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Arnold Millman, "R" Div. DCW3, 1946-1948

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the Holiday Greetings. We wish you and yours the same.



Name:  
Gary Loyd  
Email:  
[gdloyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gdloyd@sbcglobal.net)  
Date:  
23 Dec 2004

## Comments

great pictures.I have alot of pictures taken between 1954-1958.Shall i mail them to you? since i donot know how to send them electronically.

Comments from Dom: Yes, you can mail them to me. I will scan them and return the originals to you ASAP. I will email you with my address.



Name:

Rick Murrin

Email:

[lyn7ric@msn.com](mailto:lyn7ric@msn.com)

Date:

22 Dec 2004

## Comments

Looking for info on my wife's father..Ernest Jay W. (J.W.) Sapp served aboard WWII and Korea. Think he was a Machinist Mate.

Comments from Dom: Anyone who remembers Ernest, please contact Rick. According to the 1951-52 cruise book, he was in "B" Division.



Name:

Jonathan W. Warford

Email:

[sniper-x@swfla.rr.com](mailto:sniper-x@swfla.rr.com)

Date:

20 Dec 2004

## Comments

Greetings from sunny south Florida! I served on this great ship from 1989 through 1991. Had the greatest time during the Gulf War. War makes men of us all! I spent time on the USS Hue City and then at the NAV/BRIG CCU Pensacola. By far, the best part of my career was on Wisconsin. I am proud to forever be called a "Battleship Sailor"!!!

Comments from Dom: Most former crewmembers that served on other ship's say the Wisconsin was the best ship that they served on. You are correct,  
"I AM PROUD TO FOREVER BE CALLED A "BATTLESHIP SAILOR"



Name:

Calvin Miller

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Date:

20 Dec 2004

## Comments

I was part of the USS Wisconsin BB64, That Gov. Tommy Thompson sworn in at the State Capitol in Madison.

Comments from Dom: That must be an unforgettable time in your life.



Name:

LCDR. Norm Gluckman, USNR Retired

Email:

[metalplane2@yahoo.com](mailto:metalplane2@yahoo.com)

Date:

18 Dec 2004

## Comments

Excellent site. Viewing the galleries brought back many memories to this old quartermaster.

Comments from Dom: Norm, did you serve aboard the Wisconsin? Glad you found our site and enjoyed it.



Name:

Tom Gerg

Email:

[Thomas.Gerg@nyscot.ang.af.mil](mailto:Thomas.Gerg@nyscot.ang.af.mil)

Date:

15 Dec 2004

## Comments

Dom I was reading the deck log and saw something about a PBS video about the ship Is there a way to get it a website or snail mail address. Would like to have one for myself and my brother who is retired Navy. I have the pictures when I was at the recom in 1988 with my dad but would like to have a video of the ship. My brother worked for Moran towing that brought her to her berth there in Norfolk. My father always loved the ship

Comments from Dom: Tom, The video/DVD you are looking for is called, "USS Wisconsin: The Last Battleship". Click on the following <https://secure.uwex.edu/wpt/videos/> and scroll down past, Past History-- Social Studies-Current Concerns. It's the 14 & 15 items. Better still, if you live in Norfolk, The Nauticus gift shop also sells the video/DVD.



Name:

Don Lecik EO1 7th Div May 53-Nov 56

Email:

[motowndojo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:motowndojo@sbcglobal.net)

Date:

12 Dec 2004

## Comments

From the beautiful Mts of KY, Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Santa will try to bring you peace and happiness, also if you keep loving, sharing and caring in your heart then everyday will be a Christmas Day for you.

**Comments from Dom:** Hi Don, Thanks for the beautiful Christmas message. From the mountains of the Pocono's we wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

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Name:

Jonathan (Fred) Fredette

Email:

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Date:

11 Dec 2004

## Comments

P.S. I brought my family to the Wisconsin back in Feb. 2002. We stayed in Norfolk for the night on our way to Disney. I was very excited as well as my Family. My 3 boys had a great time! Nauticus is great as well. My oldest son and I spent the night aboard the USS Massachusetts with his cub scout pack this past summer. What a thrill! Will the Wisconsin ever be open for events like this? Jonathan Fredette, Northfield N.H.

**Comments from Dom:** Jonathan, From what I understand, once the Navy releases the Wisconsin to Nauticus, Nauticus in time, will open the ship and sleep overs.

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Name:

Jonathan (Fred) Fredette

Email:

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Date:

11 Dec 2004

## Comments

Looking for David (Fid)Hommell -BT2(?)Worked in #1 and #2 Boiler Room from 1988 to 1991. Also would like to contact Jason(Face)Pirtle - BT3 Thanks

**Comments from Dom:** Jonathan, Fid Hommell is listed on our [Crewmembers list](#). Click on his name and you can email him. Jason has not contacted us. Perhaps someone out there has his email address or a way to contact him. How about joining our Wisconsin Family? It is very easy, just [Click Here](#).

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Name:

SK1 John S Benka Ret

Email:

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Date:

11 Dec 2004

## Comments

hi to every one and all have a happy holiday season, I have since moved from CA to Georgia this past year my new address is 140 Grist Mill Ln SE, calhoun , GA 30701 PH 706-624-0538 I was on board in 1953 to 1955 and 1957 to decom 1958, went to the the uss tanner ags 15 till 1960, then to navresfle in orange tx, then to the uss salfley dd465 key west fl, then to nav res tar till 1969 then went active again to the uss higbee dd 806 out of lang beach calf retired in 1972.

Comments from Dom: Hi John, Thanks for your Navy history. Very interesting. Now that you are on our email list, have you given any thought to joining our Wisconsin Family. [Click here](#) for an application.



Name:

IT1 J. Yoder

Email:

[jyoder@bmhcorp.com](mailto:jyoder@bmhcorp.com)

Date:

09 Dec 2004

## Comments

When will she sail again? I'll be waiting. Very nice site. Keep up the good work.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment on the site. As for the next sailing, I think her sailing days are over.



Name:

Arthur L. Cross

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Date:

08 Dec 2004

## Comments

What happened to Crossing The Line On Navy Day 1946 I have Seen A Few Books And 1946 is not Listed WHAT HAPPENED. I GAVE PICTURES AND INFORMATION ABOUT IT TO The Hampton Roads Naval Museum This pasted October The also have my Shellback Card. Give me some answers Thank You

Comments from Dom: Arthur, we have some photos, not yours, of Crossing the Line on Page 2 of the 1940's Pictures #112-119. We are not part of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, so what you gave them goes into their memorabilia file.



Name: BM1 SW CHARLES BROWN USN RET BB 61 83 85  
Email: JUST CANT REMEMBER IT  
Date: 08 Dec 2004

## Comments

DOM AND TO ALL SHIPMATES OF BB 64 ALL ERAS. WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY HOLIDAYS. MAY THE NEW YEAR SEE USS IOWA MOVED TO A PIER IN S.F. CA. FAIR WINDS FOLLOWING SEAS SHIPMATES. BOATS.

Comments from Dom: Thanks Charles. Hopefully your wish will come true.



Name: james schulz  
Email: [jamespschulz@aol.com](mailto:jamespschulz@aol.com)  
Date: 08 Dec 2004

## Comments

Could the Wisconsin ever be brought to Wisconsin as a Museum ? Thank You James Schulz Brooklyn, NY

Comments from Dom: Sorry James, She could never get there.



Name: Rudy Tamer  
Email: [rudytamer@msn.com](mailto:rudytamer@msn.com)  
Date: 07 Dec 2004

## Comments

Hi Dom: I was on the Wisky in the mid 50's I was on board when she collided with the destroyer Eaton. Also fought on the ship's boxing team and won the Atlantic Fleet Championship for Battleships, Cruisers Atlantic fleet. The last fight I had to win the title was against a marine who was a golden glove champion from New Jersey and he was station on the New Jersey (BB62) I think}. Also rode through hurricane Hazel on her in the middle of the Atlantic. Would like to attend the next reunion.

Comments from Dom: Rudy, How about signing up for our Crewmembers list. Better still, how about joining our Wisconsin Family. I was also on board for the collision. I don't think we will ever forget that day.





Name:  
Howard Nicholson  
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Date:  
07 Dec 2004

## Comments

On board Jan 9, 51 till fall of 52. Precious memories, 4 years today we rode our beloved ship into Nauticus. Part of my heart was left there. Am still very active in ministry, writing, music, world wide prayer ministry, Learned many lessons on board Wisconsin, Wife in nursing home, taking care of her. We are Blessed of the Lord.

Comments from Dom: Howard, I can't believe it's four years since we rode the ship. Where does the time go. Hope all is well for your wife.



Name:  
Bruce  
Email:  
[bes01@yahoo.com](mailto:bes01@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
07 Dec 2004

## Comments

Just want to thank all of those who have fought for our Freedom. Thanks

Comments from Dom: Again, our sentiments exactly. Thank you to all who served.



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Harold McDonald 3 rd div 53 to 56  
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[bigmac1532@insightbb.com](mailto:bigmac1532@insightbb.com)  
Date:  
07 Dec 2004

## Comments

Just wanted to take time today to thank all those who survived Pearl Harbor and also to thank all those who gave all on that fateful day. I was only 6 years old when it happened but I can still remember it as if it were yesterday. So once again THANK YOU ALL .MAC

Comments from Dom: Well said! May they never be forgotten!



Name:  
Dennis  
Email:

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Date:

06 Dec 2004

## Comments

Every time I see photos or action footage of the Wisconsin either in action or not it give me such a feeling of pride, I get the chills! It's a shame she is too large to make it home to Wisconsin for her final resting place...when ever that take place.

Comments from Dom: Dennis, Looks like her resting place will be beside the Nauticus in Norfolk, her home port.

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Name:

Art Hogberg

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[ahogberg@excite.com](mailto:ahogberg@excite.com)

Date:

05 Dec 2004

## Comments

5 Dec 2004 Captain Jerry Blesch visiting former crew members residing in Las Vegas. I have invited several politicians and many others. I have printed out several pictures from our Web site. Art

Comments from Dom: Art, hope everything went well.

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Name:

William E. Clarkson

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Date:

04 Dec 2004

## Comments

I never served on board BB64 , however I was on board a tug boat ATF 72 that pulled targets for BB 64 in the mid 1950 s . We also towed targets for the other big 3 battle ships . What an honor to have served with such grand ships. I was a young sailor then serving the US NAVY and loving every minute of it. I pulled my 20 years and retired as GMMC in 1972. God bless the USN and all the fine people who have served aboard UNITED STATES SHIPS.

Comments from Dom: Were you aboard the tug the time we put a hole right through the target? The story goes, ship's liberty was canceled in favor of 16" target practice. The first shot fired went right through the wooden target. The call came "Secure from target practice" And yes, we did get liberty after all.

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HT2 Giroud Steven  
Email:  
[giroud@comcast.com](mailto:giroud@comcast.com)  
Date:  
03 Dec 2004

## Comments

Missing everyone for many years. Hope everyone is fine. God bless and happy holidays

Comments from Dom: Steven, hope some of your former crewmembers contact you. Why not sign up for our crewmembers list?



Name:  
John Groot  
Email:  
[john.groot@sheridanc.on.ca](mailto:john.groot@sheridanc.on.ca)  
Date:  
02 Dec 2004

## Comments

Hi-just like to thank all aboard USS BB64 for a wonderful lunch with your Captain when you we in Montego Bay Jamaica-1989 Feb, as Canadians a special holiday-will try to visit your new home soon-again thanks-have photo's if interested to add to you collection-John Groot

Comments from Dom: John, Yes I would be interested in photos. You can either scan them to me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net) or send the originals to USS Wisconsin Association, PO Box 2264, Pocono Summit, PA 18346. Once I receive them, I will scan them and return the originals to you.



Name:  
William D. Boswell III  
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[williamboswell3@aol.com](mailto:williamboswell3@aol.com)  
Date:  
01 Dec 2004

## Comments

Dear Dom, My mom is looking for a very good friend of my dad who served on board the Whisky the same time my dad did, I believe time in service was 1951-55, my dad's name is William D. Boswell Jr, B division, The friend were looking for is named Bert Lawrence, nick name, HB, Don't know what division, Do you have an E-mail on this person or an addresses. Thank You So Much For Your Help! Wm D. Boswell III f n

Comments from Dom: I will try to contact Bert and get back to you.



Name:  
William D. Boswell III  
Email:  
[williamboswell3@aol.com](mailto:williamboswell3@aol.com)  
Date:  
01 Dec 2004

## Comments

Dom, My dad Wm D. Boswell JR was on board the Whisky I believe from 1951 to 55, B-Division. I would like to share some pictures of him and fellow mates, I also have copies of the Badger, the ships newspaper, I believe, one is dated 10 Nov 51, Headlines, 'Whisky' Pulls into Pearl Today, I also have two of the ships dinner menus, one is for Thanksgiving dinner and the other is Christmas Day, both dated 1951. Please let me know if I can share them with this beautiful Web site. Keep up the great work. Thanks Wm Boswell III

Comments from Dom: Bill, I will contact you via email.

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Gene Corsale  
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Date:  
30 Nov 2004

## Comments

Dom and wife have one of the best military sites. Keep up the good work because as we get older we remember how LUCKY we were to ride aboard the best looking ship in any country's Navy. When Lt. Cdr. Elmo Zumwalt's son passed away year back I sent him a sympathy card and he answered-I still have the reply. We can say that one of our Wisky Division officers made it all the way to the top--CNO. I am now 77 years , retired, have had seven heart bypasses, back operation and now am embarking on fighting the big one--prostate problems. Best wishes to all my shipmates ,1951 to 53 , who made my time aboard the ship something I will never forget--On Wisconsin--Gene

Comments from Dom: Gene, thanks for the compliment. Sorry to hear about all your medical problems. Just remember, you are a Battleship Sailor, and they don't make them tougher than that. Our prayers are with you.

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Mike Casey  
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[mcasey@merrick.com](mailto:mcasey@merrick.com)  
Date:  
29 Nov 2004

## Comments

I just met a Wisconsin sailor last week. I was wearing my USS Radford cap, the DD I was on in the 60s. He launched right into a sea story about when Wisconsin lost two engines, on that last trip home from the gulf in 91, I think, and made Norfolk dragging two screws, running 23 knots. Lost another and came in on one. We should all wear our caps, and get free sea stories every day.

**Comments from Dom:** Those caps will do it all the time. The jackets also receive a lot of attention.



Name:

Whitney Meadors

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Date:

29 Nov 2004

## Comments

My grandfather Oscar Meadors, Jr., served on the Wisconsin during WWII. The ship was commissioned on his birthday and he was on it through the end of the war. I'm trying to find a copy of the PBS special done on the ship for a Christmas present to him. Would anyone know where I can order that? Thanks to all the men and women who served on this ship and in all branches of the military!

**Comments from Dom:** Will send you an email.



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LCDR Lynn Howell, USNR-RET

Email:

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Date:

24 Nov 2004

## Comments

I was fortunate to be able to document BB-64 from Mothballs in Philadelphia to her sea trials in Mississippi to her decommissioning in Norfolk. I am now retired from the Navy Reserves and The Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel and now work for SBC. The Navy is not the same without the battleships and the Wisconsin was the best.

**Comments from Dom:** Hi Lynn, I have seen your name on many of the ship photos in the DOD site. You have some great shots and I have used some for our website. If you have any photos that you would like to share with us, I would be more than happy to add them to our website. I agree with you, Battleships should be part of our current navy. I am proud to say that I had the opportunity to serve aboard the BEST!!



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bertin orellana

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Date:

24 Nov 2004

## Comments

I served in the uss wisconsin from dec 90 to may 91 right during dessert storm and desert shield. I was assigned to the third deck division and afterwards after leaving the ship for decommissioning, I became a personnelman. Anyone out there that remembers me. I would like to talk to you

**Comments from Dom:** Bert, how about signing on to our crewmembers list. Click on the crewmembers button on the top of the page and fill out the form.



Name:

Donald P Coveleski

Email:

[cvlsk@intergate.com](mailto:cvlsk@intergate.com)

Date:

21 Nov 2004

## Comments

Great ship - Great guys - Great times!!!

**Comments from Dom:** You said it all Don!!! Sempre Fi



Name:

CHRIS F. HOOPER JR (OSC RETIRED).

Email:

[firedaddy1937@yahoo.com](mailto:firedaddy1937@yahoo.com)

Date:

17 Nov 2004

## Comments

In October 1958 I was on the USS Lowry DD770. We were in live guard station for BB 64, This was a Nato operation--We were in the storm that did major damage to a number of ships.

**Comments from Dom:** Are you sure on this date? The Wisconsin was decommissioned in March, 1958.



Name:

Barry Eтчells

Email:

[barryetchells@aol.com](mailto:barryetchells@aol.com)

Date:

16 Nov 2004

## Comments

Sir, My father sailed on the battleship HMS Vanguard and was aboard her when our two ships sailed together on joint activities. He has long since gone and I know very little about this "union" other than he was invited aboard your ship for 'Sun Downers' when the sun was over the yardarm. If any one can remember the date of the joint venture I would be very grateful. This year (September 2004) my wife and her father - and myself of course! visited the Wisconsin and I used the time on your wonderful vessel to try to imagine what it would have been like for my father. Keep the flag flying and I hope to revisit in the not too distant future.  
Barry Etchells

**Comments from Dom:** Anyone have a date for this, please reply.

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Name:

Mark Brown

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[mark.brown@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:mark.brown@fsis.usda.gov)

Date:

16 Nov 2004

## Comments

I'm Mark Brown from Oklahoma and I served on the Whisky from 4/89 to 5/91 in FA division. I miss all my friends and the memories we have getting qualified for the fleet and serving in Desert Shield/Storm. If anyone remembers me, email me anytime, it would be nice to hear from some of my old shipmates.

**Comments from Dom:** Mark, how about signing up for our crewmembers list. That's one way to keep in touch with old shipmates. Go on to the Crewmembers page and fill out the form.

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Name:

Kerrie Rush

Email:

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Date:

16 Nov 2004

## Comments

I was just wondering if anyone knows Joseph A. Martian, he served on the USS Wisconsin in the 2nd division from 1951 to 1954. He is/was my grandfather, but he passed away 5 years ago. I just wanted to know what he was like back then. If anyone knew him or served with him, please email me, I would be very grateful.

**Comments from Dom:** Anyone from 2nd Division that remembers Joseph Martian, please email Kerrie.

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Name:  
Ken Abernathy  
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Date:  
14 Nov 2004

## Comments

Just wondering if anyone remembers the USS Falcon (ASR-2) which was a submarine salvage ship that rescued most of the crew from the USS Squalus (SS 192) that sunk off the coast of Portsmouth, NH in 1939. My brother-in-law (Norman Rice) was on the Falcon when they rescued them. That was quite an operation and the crew of Falcon deserve a lot of credit.

Comments from Dom: Hope you have received some reponses.



Name:  
Danny Denney  
Email:  
[ic1020@aol.com](mailto:ic1020@aol.com)  
Date:  
11 Nov 2004

## Comments

Happy Veterans day to all, and especially BB-64 Plankowners

Comments from Dom: Hi Danny, Welcome! Have posted you on our Crewmembers page.



Name:  
George Matthai  
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Date:  
09 Nov 2004

## Comments

I served on the Wisconsin 1953-1955 in E division, Out of the power shop, My main work station was Turret two but before that I was stationed at a Naval Base in Algiers Louisiana which is across the river from New Orleans. I was there from 1951 to 1953. I would like to exchange emails with anyone who might have been stationed there as I had quite a few friends that I have lost touch with. If you served there please write. George

Comments from Dom: George, I hope by now you have gotten some responses.



Name:  
A. Putnam USN/USMC ret Honolulu, Hawaii



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**Date:**

04 Nov 2004

## Comments

Great U.S. warship! I'd suggest: reactivate BB-64! I'm 8 miles from Pearl Harbor, a volunteer for BB-63. "They" think that the Missouri is the last Battleship. I saw the PBS "Wisconsin" The Last Battleship, 0210hrs. Hawaii Time. Information 100% correct. BB-64 is the last, (and longest) Battleship! My 'atta-boy', give em hell to all plank holders and crewmembers who served on B-64! I feel that America requires a kick-start in Patriotism. Reactivating "Whisky" would sure be worthwhile! N. Abercrombie will receive my request asap! Gunboat diplomacy, no overpowering firepower! Usama, eat your heart out! America FIRST - always!

Comments from Dom: The keel of the Wisconsin was the last to be laid down. For some reason the Wisconsin was finished before the Missouri.

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**Name:**

Josh

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**Date:**

02 Nov 2004

## Comments

I JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW LONG IT TAKES TO GO THRU THE PANAMA LOCKS JUST TELL ME

Comments from Dom: It took the Wisconsin 10 hours to go through, narrower ships will go through faster.

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**Name:**

Arthur L. Cross

**Email:**

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**Date:**

01 Nov 2004

## Comments

I would like to hear from anyone who was in the B div from 1-25-46 to 1-13-48 thank you

Comments from Dom: OK, B Div. how about welcoming Arthur to our family.

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Name:  
CDR Eugene B. Veek  
Email:  
[veeking@cableone.net](mailto:veeking@cableone.net)  
Date:  
01 Nov 2004

## Comments

Thanks for providing this interesting site. Brings back good memories. I served on USS Wisconsin during my 1/c midshipman cruise during summer, 1956. Was well treated by crew. Great adventure

Comments from Dom: Eugene, how about signing on to our email list. We have several other midshipmen as members and/or emailers.



Name:  
Evelyn Richardson Thibeault  
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[ethibea@blazenetme.net](mailto:ethibea@blazenetme.net)  
Date:  
31 Oct 2004

## Comments

My Uncle Averl Phifer was on the USS WISCONSIN from 1944-1945. He was a gunner. He is still living in Warsaw Virginia. I had his name put on the WW2 monument in Washington and he said he has a ashtray on the ship. He was very proud of being on board and he was able to be at the pier in Norfolk when she was at last docked there. I have been there to see it when I go to see family in Norfolk.

Comments from Dom: thanks for adding your comments to our DeckLog. I hope you enjoy your visits to your Uncle's Ship.



Name:  
Edward Ortman  
Email:  
[mistypines@tds.net](mailto:mistypines@tds.net)  
Date:  
30 Oct 2004

## Comments

I served aboard the Wisconsin from Sept 1989 to April 26 1991. Sn 3 Ortman Deck division. I looked for my name in the crew members section but it looks like it must just be plank owners I guess. I was proud to fight a war on her and would love to have my name down as a past crew member. I was a chok and chainman during flight quarters, lower left powder door operator in GQ, and worked a detail called tiger team tad to other divisions helping to do pqs on equipment that did not fall under any specific divisions responsibilities. I spent thousands of hours landing helos, eating and most nights sleeping between helicopters on those teak

decks. At the time it seemed like hell, but I kinda miss it from time to time. I am most certainly proud to have been a part of it, and I love telling my five sons and daughter about it.

Comments from Dom: Edward, the crewmember list is not a ship's roster. It is a list of those crewmembers who have either joined the Association or signed up just to have their email address posted. Hopefully they will join our Association at a later date. We would like to have you join as a member and at the very least sign up for our email list. Click on the Crewmembers button on the top of this page and click on the form. Any problems, contact me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:  
McDonald,H.T. 3 rd div 53 to 56  
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[bigmac1532@insightbb.com](mailto:bigmac1532@insightbb.com)  
Date:  
24 Oct 2004

### Comments

What a pleasure to access this sight and read all the comments about the experiences that the crew of the USS WISCONSIN have to say . I too was aboard her ,,and that was an experience that I will never forget . I am still finding friends that I served with from 53 to 56 . I get a chill every time I access the sight . Because it brings it all back to me and I relive it all over again as if I were still aboard her. My memories of my tour of duty aboard her were an experience that will go with me for as long as I live . Dom and the rest of you guys that keep this sight going I salute you all (KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK)----MAC

Comments from Dom: Mac, glad you get that feeling every time you visit the site. That's what this site is all about, to help the guys relive their time aboard the Wisconsin.

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Name:  
Sam Turner  
Email:  
[sturner@jasperautomotive.com](mailto:sturner@jasperautomotive.com)  
Date:  
23 Oct 2004

### Comments

I served aboard her from 87-91 and will never forget all I learned from the sailors I served with. What a wonderfull experience....

Comments from Dom: Sam, how about joining our Association and re-acquaint yourself with the sailors who served aboard her with you. We are a great Association and growing. Click on the Crewmembers button on the top of this page and fill out the form.

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Name:  
HM1(FMF) Ed Keenan USNR- 2BN/25thMar

Email:

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Date:

21 Oct 2004

## Comments

Just returned from Iraq some months ago. Was aboard the "Big W" in 2002. Will be going to visit her sister the Missouri in November. These ships represent a Navy many of us can only read about. Like a good friend and Navy Chief who served aboard the Iowa's in the 80's said to me..."You know you've been in the Navy a long time when your ship is a museum." He would know! All I can say about the Wisconsin is that she looks great for a girl 61 years young since commissioning in 43'... What class!

Comments from Dom: Yes, she is a CLASSY LADY!! and we LOVE her!!.

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Name:

Alan Jackson

Email:

[TJchilster04@msn.com](mailto:TJchilster04@msn.com)

Date:

20 Oct 2004

## Comments

I really enjoy visiting 'our' website! What memories have been shared are a joy to relive. Keep the pictures coming! I lost all of mine but 2 over the years. Thanks for sharing!

Comments from Dom; Alan, Thanks to the guys for sending in these photos. Glad you enjoy "our" site.

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Name:

Michael D. Fisher

Email:

[mfisher@sweetwaterhsa.com](mailto:mfisher@sweetwaterhsa.com)

Date:

16 Oct 2004

## Comments

You really have a good web-site here. I wish that my ship's web-site:USS TOPEKA CLG-8, was half as complete as yours! Mike Fisher FTG-3 1962-66

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment.

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Name:

Arnold H. Millman, DCW3, 46-48

Email:

[ammillman2@aol.com](mailto:ammillman2@aol.com)

Date:

10 Oct 2004

## Comments

Just want people to know that I am still around. I am a construction Superintendent and still going to work every day, sometimes 6 days a week. I will be 76 yrs young on November 6th. We will be Married 52yrs, on November 23rd., and they said it would never last. Hope you are all well and still going strong. God Bless our Ship, our Shipmates and God Bless America and all of our young men and Women that are out there fighting to keep us SAFE and FREE. I remember that we were that age when we were doing the same for our Country. Your Shipmate Arnold Millman-R Div.

**Comments from Dom:** Arnold, keep healthy and keep on working. If that's what keeps you young. so be it.



Name:

Max

Email:

[www.jwford@usnreno.com](mailto:www.jwford@usnreno.com)

Date:

10 Oct 2004

## Comments

Is the Us Navy going to give up the last 2 iowa's any time soon? any talk about them coming back to fight?

**Comments from Dom:** We all hope that the Navy will release the last two battleships within a reasonable time. Don't think they will ever be re-activated.



Name:

Edward M. Frank

Email:

[scuba\\_ed@direcway.com](mailto:scuba_ed@direcway.com)

Date:

05 Oct 2004

## Comments

I am the grandson of John Frank, who served as Coxswain aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin (BB-9) from 1917 - 1919. I have become the family docent in charge of maintaining the military history of my family, and truly appreciated your site, and the effort you make to retain it. Is it possible that I may add my grandfathers name to the memorial list? Thank you, Edward M. Frank 1Lt, USAF

**Comments from Dom:** Edward, I'll email you about adding your grandfathers name.



Name:  
david allen myers  
Email:  
[quadzilla\\_1987@yahoo.com](mailto:quadzilla_1987@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
04 Oct 2004

## Comments

to all the men and fellow brothers of my uncle who served the navy for over 30 years. thank you for defending my rights and the rights of all AMERICANS. I tried to serve but was refused because of double jointed knees. all I can give to our solders is support . GOD BLESS THEM ALL . THEN AND KNOW. PEACE!!!!!! my god be with all the solders and their families.

Comments from Dom: Thank you for those kind words.



Name:  
john j hann  
Email:  
[dsltchmch@cs.com](mailto:dsltchmch@cs.com)  
03 Oct 2004

## Comments

great website ..always gets better..an enjoyment to visit..keep up the good work....go navy..

Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed the site. Visit us often. Thanks for the compliment.



Name:  
Constantinos Avtziannis  
Email:  
[doriank@otenet.gr](mailto:doriank@otenet.gr)  
Date:  
03 Oct 2004

## Comments

I visited Norfolk last July for business purposes and took the opportunity to visit the ship. I also visited what I believe are the premises of your association and had a very interesting conversation with some gentlemen there. I am a part time history researcher and I am currently working on an article about USS Wisconsin. I might use some of the photographs from your site if it is ok with you. Great ship and great web site.

Comments from Dom: Just let me know what photos you would like to use, and where. My email address is [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)



Name:  
Old Sailor

Email:

[sailors@earthlink.net](mailto:sailors@earthlink.net)

Date:

02 Oct 2004

## Comments

My wife and I will be going to Norfolk to visit the USS Wisconsin. Was on board in 1955 - EX division. We are staying at the Marriott downtown hotel. Is it close to the ship? I would guess walking distance.

Comments from Dom: Roy, It's close, but it is a walk. Maybe 4 blocks. Enjoy your visit.

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Name:

Patrick Reynolds

Email:

[patrick.reynolds@holtcat.com](mailto:patrick.reynolds@holtcat.com)

Date:

30 Sep 2004

## Comments

My father William Fredrick Reynolds was a plank owner. He passed away Sept. 26, 2004 and buried with a honor guard. How would I go about placing his name on your list ? Thank you

Comments from Dom: If you can email me his time aboard and division I will place his name on our In Memoriam page. Email me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:

Marilyn J. Williams

Email:

[will\\_hms@bellsouth.net](mailto:will_hms@bellsouth.net)

Date:

25 Sep 2004

## Comments

When and where is the next USS Wisconsin reunion? I wished I had known about the recent one in Nashville (which is where I live). I am trying to locate a cruise book for the years my uncle was on the USS Wisconsin -- Jan 1951 - August 1952. Your website is fabulous!

Comments from Dom: Marilyn, Sorry you missed this last reunion. Thanks for the compliment on the site. What is your uncles name?

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Name:

DAVID M. BATTISTE

Email:

[BATTISTEDMAEA@WEBTV.NET](mailto:BATTISTEDMAEA@WEBTV.NET)

Date:  
24 Sep 2004

## Comments

TO ALL CREWMEMBERS, INITIALLY I WAS PART OF S-1 WHEN I REPORTED ONBOARD, THEN TRANSFERRED TO S-2, WHILE ONBOARD, I AM NOT SURE IF IT WAS SCUTTLEBUTT OR IT WAS FOR REAL. BUT WE WERE TOLD THAT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT WANT TO GIVE EACH MEMBER OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES \$10,000. ANY SHIPMATE REMEMBER THIS? THEN PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH ADVISED THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT THAT WE WERE NOT MERCENDARIES, PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS. MANY THANKS, DAVID M. BATTISTE 24675 PECAN PLACE DRIVE PLAQUEMINE, LOUISIANA 70764

Comments from Dom: David, please keep me posted.

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Name:  
Dr. Fran Hassay Antal,  
Email:  
frantal@aol.com  
Date:  
22 Sep 2004

## Comments

This web site is awesome. A great tribute to all the men who graced this ship. I am proud to say my Uncle: Ed Hassay a Corpsman, served on this ship in 1951-52. He is so proud of his work on the ship. He attends all of the reunions. Glad you have produced this great piece of information and good memories I am proud of all who served aboard this magnificent battleship. Thank you.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment on the site. I met your uncle for the first time at our 2002 reunion, and we had several conversations at our Nashville reunion earlier this month.  
Looking forward to seeing Ed at our next reunion.

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Name:  
Marvin Linenbroker  
Email:  
[lbroker@fidnet.com](mailto:lbroker@fidnet.com)  
Date:  
20 Sep 2004

## Comments

I served on on the Wisconsin in 1946. Not sure of the exact dates. Noticed my name was not on the crew members list. Could you help me get my name added. I just found this web site. Great site. Thanks, Marv



Comments from Dom: Marv, those members who are listed on the crewmembers list are those crewmembers who have contacted us advising that they served aboard our ship. Need to know what division you served in.



Name: janice mcfall  
Email: [mcfalle@aol.com](mailto:mcfalle@aol.com)  
Date: 20 Sep 2004

### Comments

Hi, My uncle was on the Wisconsin in WW2. He was always talking about the ship, he had the name tattooed on his arm and it is on his tombstone. I was telling my grandson about him and I realized that I didn't know what he did aboard ship, so if you could help me. His name was Frank Norman Davis, he must have been on her from the beginning, since he enlisted as soon as he could. If you could let me know what he did and when I would appreciate it, Thank you, Janice McFall

Comments from Dom: Janice, sorry but we don't have a ship's roster, so there isn't anyway I can look him up. You can send for his discharge papers. Log on to [www.archives.gov/research\\_room/vetrecs/](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/) and follow the instructions

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Name: MA3 TINGLEY, JAMES  
Email: [satingley@yahoo.com](mailto:satingley@yahoo.com)  
Date: 19 Sep 2004

### Comments

im not on a ship right now but i love the pictures. thanks for all the support and god bless all our shipmates over there in the sandbox.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for your kind words to our guys overseas. God Bless them All.



Name: George Matthai  
Email: [matthai@fuse.net](mailto:matthai@fuse.net)  
Date: 15 Sep 2004

### Comments

I am trying to locate a former Docent from the Wiskey. She worked the decks the last few years and I haven't heard from her in about 6 months. I heard she moved out west. Her name is "Mitch" Mitch, if you sign on and see this send, me an email or call me. George

**Comments from Dom:** George, I hope by now Mitch has gotten in touch with you. Spoke with her at our Docents lunch.

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Name:

Jim Atwater

Email:

[jcatwtr@mchsi.com](mailto:jcatwtr@mchsi.com)

Date:

14 Sep 2004

### Comments

I enjoyed your site and took a couple of pics for my personal picture file.

**Comments from Dom:** Glad you enjoyed our site. Come back and visit us again.

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Name:

Raymond E. Craig Sr

Email:

[cowboy317@aol.com](mailto:cowboy317@aol.com)

Date:

13 Sep 2004

### Comments

Great Ship I was on the U.S.S.Mississippi Eag128 The old BB41 From Nov. 1948 until Aug. 1952. At one time in 1949 we were tied up aft of the Whiskey in the portsmouth shipyard .I was an EM 3. I have a picture. Good luck to you all.

**Comments from Dom:** Raymond, if you can a chance, can you email the picture to me.  
[dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:

Gere Mullican

Email:

[steelman37086@wmconnect.com](mailto:steelman37086@wmconnect.com)

Date:

13 Sep 2004

### Comments

Hey, I am sorry I didn't get to make it back to the reunion. I was sure I would win one of those prizes. I guess it shows when you snooze you lose. Oh well, I am sure some nice deserving person won. It was nice to see Dom and Dave and the Culps. Gere

**Comments from Dom: Gere, you missed a terrific time. We all loved Nashville. It was nice seeing you again. Hope to see you at our future reunions. Next one is Charleston, SC**

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**Name:**  
Ole Jorgensen, Denmark  
**Email:**  
ovj@os.dk  
**Date:**  
10 Sep 2004

### **Comments**

Visited Wisconsin August 2004 on our holiday trip along the east coast. Our third vacation in USA. Gorgeous ship - great country. If going to Denmark don't miss to visit our museum ship in Copenhagen harbour, the fregate Peder Skram. [www.pederskramsvenner.dk](http://www.pederskramsvenner.dk) Best wishes and goodluck in keeping W in good shape.

**Comments from Dom: I was in Denmark back in the 50's. Loved your country. Especially Tivoli Gardens. Thanks for your good wishes and come back and visit often.**

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**Name:**  
Dave Wollin  
**Email:**  
[cptbob@charter.net](mailto:cptbob@charter.net)  
**Date:**  
05 Sep 2004

### **Comments**

I'm sorry but, who was the last captain of the USS Wisconsin?

**Comments from Dom: The last Captain was Conraad van der Schroeff.**

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**Name:**  
Tim King  
**Email:**  
[bonandtim@rogers.com](mailto:bonandtim@rogers.com)  
**Date:**  
04 Sep 2004

### **Comments**

A great site. An absolutely beautiful ship. This is the ultimate expression of the battleship type.

**Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment.**

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Name: BT2 Steve Forbes  
Email: [STEVEN.FORBES@roquette.com](mailto:STEVEN.FORBES@roquette.com)  
Date: 04 Sep 2004

## Comments

I served aboard the Wisky from 5/87 to 6/92, I worked in #3 Fireroom. It was a experience I will never forget. My Son has joined the Navy and is headed off to bootcamp, I can only hope he leaves the Navy with the pride in his country that I learned while serving aboard the Wisconsin. I had some great teachers who taught me everything I needed to know about steaming Boilers. Thanks for the website pictures they are a great source of background and screensaver material. Dom you have done a great thing here. thanks!!!

Comments from Dom: Steve, how proud you must be of your son. Good luck to him in his Navy career. How about signing on to our Crewmembers list? Get in touch with those great teachers again. Thanks for the compliment on the site. Hope to hear from you soon.



Name: EM1(SW/AW)Curtin,Tim  
Email: [curtint@washington.navy.mil](mailto:curtint@washington.navy.mil)  
Date: 03 Sep 2004

## Comments

I had my re-enlistment onboard today. My family and I wanted to say thank you for a great experience. Cant wait till the next one.

Comments from Dom: Congratulations on your re-enlistment. You couldn't have picked a better place for your ceremony.



Name: dr. christopher wells  
Email: [wellsc55@hotmail.com](mailto:wellsc55@hotmail.com)  
Date: 25 Aug 2004

## Comments

My grandfather, Arthur C. Wells, served aboard the Wisconsin in WWII 1944-45. He just passed away August 17, 2004. I will always be proud of his and his shipmates service and sacrifices. Would you please add his name to your roster? thank you.

Comments from Dom: Christopher, would you know what division your grandfather served in while he was aboard the Wisconsin? You can email me directly [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:

William F Osborne

Email:

[willieoz@hotmail.com](mailto:willieoz@hotmail.com)

Date:

24 Aug 2004

## Comments

23 August 2004 I just completed my 1st visit to this wonderful website. Being ex-Navy, Radioman 2nd Class, WWII and Korea I treasure the memories I have of my Navy days. The WISCONSIN is special to our family because my wife's dear deceased brother served in the Wisconsin's Marine Detachment in the 1950's. I noted his name on your memorial page. His name is John J. Reiland. Another local man, John J. Sharkey (deceased) also served aboard the Wisconsin with Jack Reiland. They enlisted from Rockford, Illinois together and served their entire enlistments in the Wisconsin.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment on the site. Was unable to find John Sharkey's name in any of our cruise books. Do you have more information on him? you can email me directly with any information [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:

Robert Bowers

Email:

[Rbowers@cardlog.com](mailto:Rbowers@cardlog.com)

Date:

23 Aug 2004

## Comments

Very impressed with your site. Have been almost everywhere on it printing information for my Step Grandfather, James P. Campbell / K Division 43-45. Am taking him to see the Wisconsin. He has very vivid memories and talks of it all the time, many pictures at his home. He turns 90 on the 31st and is unable to do a drive from Wilmington, NC., So myself and a cousin are going to take him for the tour. I'm sure he is going to be in heaven. Thanks, Robert Bowers

Comments from Dom: Hope you have a pleasant trip. Remember, the public is not allowed inside the ship. You can only walk her main deck and three decks above.

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Name:

Bill Cross

Email:

[wtcross@verizon.net](mailto:wtcross@verizon.net)

Date:

21 Aug 2004

## Comments

I am a huge fan of the Battleship navy. I am researching the history of Battleships and I noticed that the Wisconsin was the last battleship to ever fire her main guns in anger (Feb-28,1991). Would anyone happen to know which Turret, which gun from that turret, and who was the gun Captain of that last firing?

**Comments from Dom: Ok, Third Generation Gunners Mates. This is your question. Can you help Bill with some answers. I would be interested in the answers also.**



Name:  
Phillip K. Sampley  
Email:  
[pksampley@juno.com](mailto:pksampley@juno.com)  
Date:  
20 Aug 2004

### Comments

Greetings, I have a magazine put out by the Historical Society of Wisconsin in 1988, entitled... "The USS Wisconsin A History of Two Battleships". It is in excellent condition and contains 55 pages and measures approximately 10" x 7 1/2" and is full of the history and pictures of the battleship. If anyone is interested, I am asking \$12 which would include postage to anywhere in the US. Thanks for your time and you have a great site. I served in the Army in Vietnam 1966-67. I also spent 30 days on board the troop carrier USNS General John Pope enroute to Cam Ranh Bay, RVN. If anyone wants a scan, I will provide it upon request.

**Comments from Dom: Nauticus at Waterside sells the same book. Very good and interesting history of the ship.**



Name:  
N M Knight.  
Email:  
xknighterrant  
Date:  
17 Aug 2004

### Comments

Aye, Enjoyed your site, found it interesting and your photo's excellent. A fine record of a great Ship. From an ex Royal Navy seaman 1950- 1962. I wish they had paid me enough to buy a camera whilst I was serving. Though perhaps I blew my pay on other "essentials". Best Wishes and calm waters. Bogey Knight.

**Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed the site. Come back and visit us often.**



Name:  
ANGEL L. GARCIA  
Email:  
LITTLEANGELS1974@AOL.COM

Date:  
15 Aug 2004

## Comments

I WANNA SAY THANKS TO THOSE WHO CREATED THIS PAGE. IT MAKES ME WANT TO LIVE ON FOREVER IN THE U.S.NAVY. IM CURRENTLY ON BOARD THE USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CVN-73. THANKS FOR THIS WEB SITE. IT HELPS US SAILORS LIVE ON. AS2(AW/SW) GARCIA. PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS.

Comments from Dom: Angel, my wife and I maintain this site in hopes of keeping alive the history and memory of our ship and crew. Glad you feel the way you do. The Navy needs more men like you. Thank you for preserving our Freedom and good luck in your future.



Name:  
Mitchell Austin  
Email:  
austin76053@sbcglobal.net  
Date:  
12 Aug 2004

## Comments

I just wanted to say that I love your site. I was on the whisky from Aug.90 to May 92 during the war...It was my home...

Comments from Dom: Mitch, don't see your name on our email list. How about signing on. Glad you enjoyed the site. Looking forward to seeing your email addition or better still, a membership application.



Name:  
Mike brown  
Email:  
firedogblazs@comcast.net  
Date:  
31 Jul 2004

## Comments

Hi Crystal yes I knew your dad if he was a cook. My name is Mike Brown and I believe if your dad was a cook we hung out together with Scott Campbell. I also saw his name in the passing of the shipmates if true I'm sorry for your loss he was a great friend. We had good times in Virginia and in Mississippi and in Jamaica. I'll be going down to see the ship in September before I go down to the reunion in Tennessee. I'd like to stand where me and Scott and your dad made donuts at 4:30am. We'll got to go have a nice weekend. To all you Wiskey shipmates see you in September yah hooooo MS3 MIKE BROWN 87-90 SOME ONE SAY HI TO CHIEF CARVER FOR ME

**Comments from Dom: Thanks Mike for answering Crystal. Mike, you can't get into the ship. You can only walk her main deck and three decks above. Looking forward to meeting you in Nashville.**



**Name:**  
Lou Sinagra  
**Email:**  
LSin242@CS.COM  
**Date:**  
29 Jul 2004

### **Comments**

Looking good! Dom and Lil you get better as you get older. regards, Lou Sinagra

**Comments from Dom: Thanks Lou,**



**Name:**  
Crystal Dugger Greer  
**Email:**  
greercd@apptate.edu  
**Date:**  
28 Jul 2004

### **Comments**

Was wondering if any who is was on the USS Wisconsin BB-64 knew my dad, David H. Dugger. He would have been on there in late 1980's to early 1990's.

**Comments from Dom: Sorry for the delay in answering you, but I see that Mike Brown has given you some information on your Dad.**



**Name:**  
StevenTBarron  
**Email:**  
stv303@  
**Date:**  
22 Jul 2004

### **Comments**

I would like to be on the ship. I like the ship

**Comments from Dom: Steven, most of us would like to be on the ship.**



**Name:**



**Dave Wagner**

**Email:**

[wagnerda@jag.navy.mil](mailto:wagnerda@jag.navy.mil)

**Date:**

22 Jul 2004

## Comments

Just stopped by to purchase a new belt buckle. Still on active duty, drop a line.

Comments from Dom: Enjoy your buckle. I wear mine all the time.

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**Name:**

Thomas Walz

**Email:**

[tljw1@juno.com](mailto:tljw1@juno.com)

**Date:**

20 Jul 2004

## Comments

Fine job. I was looking for an mailing address for a Richard Brinkman IC3 E Division 01/51 /05/54. Is it possible that you might have it?

Comments from Dom: I'm sure you two have gotten together by now.

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**Name:**

IMO OWERRI

**Email:**

[imo\\_owerrri@yahoo.com](mailto:imo_owerrri@yahoo.com)

**Date:**

20 Jul 2004

## Comments

I love This Website, Keep On The Good Work.

Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoy it. Come back and visit us again.

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**Name:**

RONALD THOMAS CRANDALL

**Email:**

[RONALD.CRANDALL@OPCO.COM](mailto:RONALD.CRANDALL@OPCO.COM)

**Date:**

19 Jul 2004

## Comments

I was in the Navy in the USS Wisconsin from 1956 to 1958. Does anybody know the latitude and longitude over the Arctic Circle that the Wisconsin went over?

**Comments from Dom:** This is the information that was on the certificate given to those that crossed at the time.

**CROSSED THE ARCTIC CIRCLE ON 21 SEP 57 AT 1950 AT 66 DEGREES 48 MINUTES NORTH AND 07 DEGREES AND 00 MINUTES EAST TO ENTER THE NORTHERN DOMAIN OF THE POLAR BEAR, AND WAS DULY INITIATED INTO THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE BLUE NOSES.**

**21 SEP 1957: At 1950 this date, crossed the ARCTIC CIRCLE at 68 48'N & 07 00"E to enter the Northern Domain of the Polar Bear, and was duly initiated into the Royal Order of Blue Nose**

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Name:

Judy Schuster

Email:

[jude\\_22180@yahoo.com](mailto:jude_22180@yahoo.com)

Date:

17 Jul 2004

## Comments

Would you please check to see why Mr. Burnell F. Harner is not listed in your roster for crewmembers for the USS Wisconsin during 1946. He served as a fireman on board while in the Atlantic.

**Comments from Dom:** Judy, If he is not a member of our Association or requested to be posted on our email list, then I wouldn't have any information about him. If he is deceased and we are notified as to division and time aboard, we can then post him to our In Memoriam page.

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Name:

frank w. ferguson

Email:

[FERGY1933@AOL.COM](mailto:FERGY1933@AOL.COM)

Date:

16 Jul 2004

## Comments

LOOKING FOR SHIPMATE, JACK DIAMOND, BT3 FROM PHILI. ON BOARD 1955-56.LOST CONTACT. I HAVE YOUR WEDDING PICTURES.

**Comments from Dom:** Frank, hopefully Jack will find our site and contact you.

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Name:

Jeffrey M. Longton

Email:

[tbeoe@yahoo.com](mailto:tbeoe@yahoo.com)

Date:

16 Jul 2004

## Comments

I was in Great lakes 04Jan88-feb88. Co.004 11th Div. Its nice to see we have a proper range there now.

**Comments from Dom: We were honored to have a gun range named after our ship.**

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Name:

McDonald, H.T. 3RD DIV 53 TO 56

Email:

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Date:

16 Jul 2004

## Comments

Hi Dom ,,Mac here again ,,,I don't know if you knew Bob Eisman or not ,, he left the ship in 53 just after I boarded in Sept. I talked to his wife yesterday and found out Bob had passed away 3 years ago. He was from Noblesville In. And that is my home town too . I don't know which div. he was in ,but he is listed in the 52 to 55 ships annual. I am trying to help a lady find her Father,,Franl R.Johnson,, that was in ss div . Your help would be appreciated too ,,Thanks MAC

**Comments from Dom: Mac, I didn't know Bob Eisman, but I will add him to our In Memoriam page. As for Frank Johnson, if he is not a member of our Association or Email list, I would not have any information on him. As you know, I do not have ship's rosters.**

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Name:

Gaston Glock

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[gaston@elitewarriorsofcombat.com](mailto:gaston@elitewarriorsofcombat.com)

Date:

15 Jul 2004

## Comments

Awesome photos, I'm just looking around, into the military and looking at possible service. Thanks for making these available.

**Comments from Dom: Glad you liked the site. Hope we won you over. The Navy is the way to go. I never regretted joining, only regretted not making a career of it.**

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Name:

SK-1 John S, Benka Ret

Email:

[johnsbenka@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnsbenka@bellsouth.net)

Date:

14 Jul 2004

## Comments

hi to every one who may be still around that may know me ?? I now live in Georgia was in calif. still in fairly good health at 69 also am a ham radio operator call sign is KF6JG cul, 73's, god bless all john

Comments from Dom: Hi John, Glad to see you are back with us. If you would like me to add you back on our crewmembers list, just drop me a line at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:

Harold McDonald,3rd div 53 to 56

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Date:

13 Jul 2004

## Comments

Hi Dom, Mac here was just looking at the pictures and noticed a few that I haven't seen before ,,but I am still waiting for the picture of me and my wife . Do you still have it ? Would sure like to see it posted . I sent it with the pic. #860. Thanks MAC . Still the best site on the web.

Comments from Dom: Mac, As I told you back in January, eventually I will set up another page of before and after photos of former crewmembers. When I get this set up, the picture of you and Betty will be on the page.

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Name:

George Matthai

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[matthai@fuse.net](mailto:matthai@fuse.net)

Date:

10 Jul 2004

## Comments

I wish to express my thanks to all who sent card, emails and phone calls after my recent heart attack. This was my second. I am doing pretty good now and have a stint in my main artery (More to come). I am still trying to find out if I can attend the re-union or not in September. Has anyone heard from Margaret Mitchell?, She is (Was) a docent on the USS Wisconsin until recently I and was corresponding with her and all of a sudden lost touch.

Comments from Dom: George, sure hope you are doing better at this time. I sent you an email pertaining to Margaret.

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Name:  
john munroe  
Email:  
[jmunroe5@yahoo.com](mailto:jmunroe5@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
07 Jul 2004

## Comments

What an outstanding website. I served in the Navy for six years and the best eighteen months of my hitch were spent on the decks of Wisconsin. This site brings back a lot of good memories. Keep up the good work.

Comments from Dom: Hi John, have added you to our crewmembers list. Many of our career former crewmembers tell me their best time in the Navy was aboard the Wisconsin.



Name:  
CTR1(SW) Dewayne Bates  
Email:  
[dandgbates@hotmail.com](mailto:dandgbates@hotmail.com)  
Date:  
04 Jul 2004

## Comments

I was stationed on the Wisconsin for just short of a year. I was a BT back then. Broke my ankle while down in Gula and transferred to Pensacola.. Would love to get in touch with old shipmates from the re-commissioning crew.

Comments from Dom: Dewayne, how about signing on to our crewmembers list. Perhaps former shipmates will find you and contact you. Go to the top of this page, click on "CREWMEMBERS" and fill out the form.



Name:  
Ron Doyle  
Email:  
[princeronnie@aol.com](mailto:princeronnie@aol.com)  
Date:  
02 Jul 2004

## Comments

Dom I had to change my email address to one above .would change it for me? thanks Ron

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the update. All records changed.



Name:  
Bryan hawkins

Email:

[bryan.k.hawkins@navy.mil](mailto:bryan.k.hawkins@navy.mil)

Date:

29 Jun 2004

## Comments

How can I order the reunion patches??? All eight of them. I am a plankowner and I served from July of 1988 til the Decoming in Philadelphia. She is the best. R/CTR1(SW/AW) Hawkins, bryan k.

Comments from Dom: Bryan, you can order them through our ship's store. In fact, our 2004 reunion patch is also available.

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Name:

Joseph Portuese

Email:

[jporttay@AOL.COM](mailto:jporttay@AOL.COM)

Date:

27 Jun 2004

## Comments

CHECKING ROSTER AND I NOTICED THE NAME JOSEPH JAMES was not listed. He is listed on the roster in a book I purchased in Norfolk reunion.

Comments from Dom: Joe, his name is there, check it again.

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Name:

Michael L. Manning

Email:

[m.manning109@comcast.net](mailto:m.manning109@comcast.net)

Date:

27 Jun 2004

## Comments

Comments from Dom: Have received your application and have added you to our crewmembers list.

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Name:

Gary Loyd

Email:

[gdloyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gdloyd@sbcglobal.net)

Date:

26 Jun 2004

## Comments

Great websight

Comments from Dom: Thanks!



Name:

Larry Gainey

Email:

[bulldog091168@aol.com](mailto:bulldog091168@aol.com)

Date:

23 Jun 2004

## Comments

I see in the ship store the patch for the back of the Desert Storm Cruise Jacket but not the patch that was placed on the front of the jacket. Is there anyway of getting the front patch also??

Comments from Dom: Larry, we have searched for them and they are not available. Have added you to our crewmembers list. Welcome



Name:

Anderson,Kenneth R.

Email:

[anderson.kr@comcast.net](mailto:anderson.kr@comcast.net)

Date:

23 Jun 2004

## Comments

Dom, Thank you for all your work on this site. I just spent another enjoyable hour or so with my wife going thru the pictures and comparing the ships multiple configurations during the years. Diane gets such a kick out of the pictures of the ship. Thanks again!! "Red sky at night." Ken

Comments from Dom: Ken, Thanks for the compliment on the site. If it wasn't for the crewmembers who sent in the pictures, this site would not be what it is today. Since you are I served around the same time and in the same division, it's a great feeling to go through the pictures and reminisce about our time aboard. Can't believe it's 48 years since I left the ship.



Name:

Rick Emord

Email:

[TRICIA@tmlp.com](mailto:TRICIA@tmlp.com)

Date:

21 Jun 2004

## Comments

Very good web site I am using photo's to build a radio controlled replica of the 1940's ship 110 inches long. What was the Wisconsin radio code name during WW II Thank you Rick Emord

Comments from Dom: Rick, don't know what the call letters were. I hope some of our 40's radio men came to your rescue. When you finish your model, how about sending us some photos. Good Luck in the building of our ship.

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Name:

Marie Parré

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[santjer.parre@t-online.de](mailto:santjer.parre@t-online.de)

Date:

21 Jun 2004

## Comments

Hi Anyone! I am trying to get hold of the USS Wisconsin Cruise Book 1952/53. My Father, Frank R Johnson, SS Div, is listed with photo in this book. As I don't have any photo's of him, it would be great to get hold of the book. I'd also like to make contact with anyone who served in the SS Div from 1952-55. I would be so grateful to hear from someone who can help. I live in Germany, so it's difficult for me to get any information about him. Thank you so much! Best wishes Marie

Comments from Dom: Marie, There just aren't any of these cruise books available. Hopefully someone has contacted you.

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Name:

Frederick R. Miller, PH1, USN Ret (55-73)

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[joker528@nycap.rr.com](mailto:joker528@nycap.rr.com)

Date:

20 Jun 2004

## Comments

The following obituary was published in the Catskill (NY) The Daily Mail on 20 June 2004. Francis J. Saracione U.S. Navy veteran HANNACROIX- Francis J. Saracione, 66, of Route 51, died June 17, 2004 at his residence after a long illness. He was born in the Bronx, NY on Jan. 15, 1938 and was the son of the late Louis C. and Theresa C. (Bastone) Saracione. Francis served on the U.S.S. Wisconsin Association Battleship BB64 in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1958 in Korea. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Coxsackie and a member of the V.F.W. #1094 of Ravena. During his working career, he was employed as an iron worker for the NYC Local #361 from 1963 to 1983. He was also a wood crafter and, in his later years, he owned and operated Frank's Hot Dogs in Hannacroix from 1994 to 2004.

Comments from Dom: Thanks Fred for the info on Frank. He was a good shipmate and we will miss him.



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Name:

Jake Judd

Email:

[www.ebay@jwford.com](mailto:www.ebay@jwford.com)

Date:

17 Jun 2004

## Comments

SO what else are you guys going to do to the ship? what about putting the CIWS back on, and make the 5inchers move. oh yeah , can you guys move the 16inchers around? ship have power?

Comments from Dom: Jake, Would love to do all of that. 16" have no power, they have to be hand cranked. As far as putting back the CIWS, that's up to the Hampton Roads Naval Museum to pursue it. Did you serve aboard the Wisconsin?

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Name:

GMCM(SW) Robert J. Eisenberg. USN(ret)

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Date:

16 Jun 2004

## Comments

Crewmember 1990-1992

Comments from Dom: Robert, how about signing on as a member of our Wisconsin Family. If you are interested, please go to our homepage, scroll down and click on Join Now, right under Uncle Sam. Fill out the application, submit it, print it and send it in with your dues check of \$15.00. We are a great Association that wants to keep the Wisconsin alive and we need the help of all those who had the honor to serve aboard her.

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Name:

Daniel Pierson

Email:

[danop2@hotmail.com](mailto:danop2@hotmail.com)

Date:

16 Jun 2004

## Comments

Hi to all. I do not know what happen but I thought that I to was a plank owner, I got the teak wood and certificate, and tie clip, and picture. can some one let me know please, thank you

**Comments from Dom:** Dan, I made the adjustment to the crewmembers list. Sorry about the oversight.



**Name:**

JOHN HUDSON JR.

**Email:**

[HUDSON5260@NETZERO.COM](mailto:HUDSON5260@NETZERO.COM)

**Date:**

14 Jun 2004

## Comments

I have been visiting your sight to try and find info on my father & his time on the Wisconsin in the early 40's. He passed away when I was only 10 and any one out there that may have info. about him or knew him would be greatly appreciated. His name was John Richard Hudson and may be known to some as "Johnny". He was from upstate New York. Thank You John Jr. & siblings

**Comments from Dom:** John, hopefully someone remembers your Dad and contacts you.



**Name:**

phil hudson

**Email:**

[PHILHUDSON@CTC.NET](mailto:PHILHUDSON@CTC.NET)

**Date:**

13 Jun 2004

## Comments

Just looking over your site again. my uncle James Hudson served this ship. 44-45. very interesting! my father was army at Luzon approx 2 yrs philipines. its harder to research the ground men.. thanks again phil hudson

**Comments from Dom:** Phil, come back visit any time.



**Name:**

Jorge De Montalvo

**Email:**

[JORGEDEMONTALVO@NAVY.MIL](mailto:JORGEDEMONTALVO@NAVY.MIL)

**Date:**

12 Jun 2004

## Comments

I'm very pleased with this website. I found it by accident while looking for a Battleship Logo. I was the last active duty sailor to serve onboard. I spent 3 days alone securing spaces, turning off lights and finishing paperwork. I commend all of you for keeping her spirit alive. There will never be a replacement for this great ship. PN1(SW) Demo.

Comments from Dom: You are certainly welcome to join our Association. [Click Here](#)  
You're right, there will never be a replacement for the USS Wisconsin. She is a grand Lady.

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Name:

Howard Franklin

Email:

[howiethfirst@charter.net](mailto:howiethfirst@charter.net)

Date:

12 Jun 2004

## Comments

1955 to 1957

Comments from Dom: Howard, Don't see your name on our roster. How about joining our association. [Click Here](#)

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Name:

Mark Mugu

Email:

[Mugu@maga.net.au](mailto:Mugu@maga.net.au)

Date:

11 Jun 2004

## Comments

I love this page

Comments from Dom: Mark, Glad you love us.

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Name:

Jake Jude

Email:

[www.uwq@us2.com](http://www.uwq@us2.com)

Date:

11 Jun 2004

## Comments

was a ( HULL TEC ) on BB-64 1987 to 1990 and was in the USN from 1986 to 1994 and has there been any talk about and Iowa's coming back? ht1(sw) USN/vet

Comments from Dom: Jake, How about joining our Association. We need guys from your era to carry on. [Click Here.](#) As for bringing these ships back, I doubt it.

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Name:

tracy lynn medberry

Email:

[tracylynn774@adelphia.net](mailto:tracylynn774@adelphia.net)

Date:

09 Jun 2004

## Comments

hi im try to fine out stuff about my father when in was in the war his grand kids would like to use it for school and my father name is Robert e. medberry sr. if u can tell me anything i would plz to know thank you from tracy l. medberry

**Comments from Dom:** I think the best way to find out what your Dad did is to ask him. I'm sure he has many stories to tell.



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Name:

Carl Shaw

Email:

[ar15mas@mindspring.com](mailto:ar15mas@mindspring.com)

Date:

07 Jun 2004

## Comments

Great site, as a former US Marine (74-78) I wish I had been on sea duty aboard an Iowa Class battleship. But they were in moth ball then. Will visit this site often. Semper Fi

**Comments from Dom:** You are alw

me to visit us.



Name:

Cathy Finley

Email:

[cfinley@smithandsharpeins.com](mailto:cfinley@smithandsharpeins.com)

Date:

04 Jun 2004

## Comments

My youngest Brother Wilson N. Smith was on the Wisconsin during the Gulf War. He passed away in 1991 and many of the photos you have on the website are similar to ones that he took and sent to me. It is great that our servicemen are honored this way so we are all able to see what our Military personnel do in their day to day lives. Great website I have enjoyed it very much. I also have a flag that was given to me at Wilson's funeral that had flown over the Wisconsin which holds a very special place in my home and my heart. Thank you to all the Servicemen from Wilsons era to my Fathers WWI and before and after

**Comments from Dom: Cathy, Thanks for sharing this with us. Come back and visit us often.**



**Name:**  
Peter Williams  
**Email:**  
[babysmooth23@msn.com](mailto:babysmooth23@msn.com)  
**Date:**  
03 Jun 2004

### **Comments**

**Hello...I was aboard the USS Wisconsin during 1990-1991. I would like to attend the next reunion that is planned. Will there be one this year and if so when will it be? I would like to be sent info regarding any upcoming events celebrating the USS Wisconsin. Sincerely, Peter Williams**

**Comments from Dom: Peter, go to our home page, click on the Spinning Guitar, and you will find all the information and registration forms for our reunion in Nashville, TN Sept. 7-12, 2004**



**Name:**  
Lavaaron Davis  
**Email:**  
[chriscarter80@hotmail.com](mailto:chriscarter80@hotmail.com)  
**Date:**  
01 Jun 2004

### **Comments**

**Greetings! My father-in-law was Walt Healy 43-46. He was a fireman. My wife Patti was very close to her dad, but didn't know much about his time in the Navy. I'm a history buff and when I found out he served on BB-64 I was very impressed. I knew the history which I shared with my wife and Walt's wife Mary (who is still very much alive)which they knew nothing of just this last memorial day. Walt never talked about it and they had no idea of how important of a role the BB-64 had in history. Walt's grandsons are now learning all about it also. Well as you see I started looking on the internet for more info. I'm so proud to see his name and know you remember him here! If you know anyone who knew him or could share a story, we would love to hear from them. My address is: Lavaaron Davis 22 Pinecrest Drive Yutan, NE 68073 402-625-2821 Home 618-4442 Cell**

**Comments from Dom: Glad you logged on to our site. If anyone remembers Walt Healy, please email or call Lavaaron Davis.**



**Name:**  
CHRISTINE BRADY  
**Email:**  
LYNNMEEKINS@AOL.COM  
**Date:**  
31 May 2004

## Comments

FORGOT TO SAY THAT MY DAD NORMAN W.BRADY SERVED IN PEARL HARBOR AND I WAS BORN IN JUNE OF 1948. SURE WISH HE WOULD HAVE LIVED TO SEE HIS SHIP AGAIN.

Comments from Dom: see below

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Name:

christine brady

Email:

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Date:

31 May 2004

## Comments

MY DAD NORMAN WILSON BRADY \*\*\*\*WHO IS NOW DECEASED\*\*\*SERVED ABOARD THE USS WISCONSIN\*\*\*\*MY BROTHER CALLED ME LAST NIGHT TO TELL ME THAT HE WENT TO VISIT THE SHIP IN NORFOLK VA WHERE IS IS NOW DOCKED, AND GAVE SOME OF THE HISTORY HE LEFT US TO PUT IN YOUR MUSEUM. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE I CAN SEE HIS NAME OR PICTURES AND ALSO GIVE HIM THANKS FOR ALL THEY ALL DID ON LINE. THANK YOU.

Comments from Dom: Christine, do you have your Dad's discharge papers? If not, you can obtain them from logging on to [www.archives.gov/research\\_room/vetrecs/](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/) and follow directions for obtaining a copy of his DD214 discharge papers. This form will list his time aboard the ship and other information. Once you have that information, email me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net) and I will add your Dad's name to our In Memoriam page.

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Name:

Ken Chritton

Email:

[kchritton@earthlink.net](mailto:kchritton@earthlink.net)

Date:

31 May 2004

## Comments

Thank you for preserving this tremendous ship. We brought my mother and two teenage sons from Wisconsin to visited it in April of 2004. Each of us was awed by the ship and the effort it must have taken to keep it in such beautiful shape. This trip was especially meaningful to my mother since it was the first time she had attempted to travel after breaking her hip. Thank you for making it possible for her to see most of the ship in a wheel chair. Best regards, Ken Chritton

Comments from Dom: We have to thank Hampton Road Naval Museum for the effort in making the ship handicapped available and for keeping it in such magnificent ship. The docents also do a great job in presenting the ship to the public. Glad you enjoyed your trip.

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Name:  
deborah little  
Email:  
[morfrana@yahoo.com](mailto:morfrana@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
31 May 2004

## Comments

Just now watched the PBS show regarding the Wisconsin and thought I would see what else I could learn about it. Needless to say, I am so impressed by this truly amazing web site. On this Memorial Day 2004, God Bless each and everyone of you who have sacrificed for my democracy. Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks. The emotions I have experienced this weekend watching the dedication for the Memorial have been many. I thank you all once again.

Comments from Dom: Thank you for your very kind words. We try to make this website as informative as possible. The PBS video is one of the better videos pertaining to the ship. I have a copy of it but I still watch it whenever it is on PBS. Thanks again for stopping by.



Name:  
GM1(SW) Danny R. Medlock  
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Date:  
30 May 2004

## Comments

I have really missed our ship lately as my career comes to a close (4 left). I get down to Waterside as often as I can since I am still stationed at NOB. I've always hoped that they would bring her back one last time, but I'm sure they would never find the money. I noticed a note from E.F. Chestnut, one of my gun crew during the Gulf War. I try to keep up with as many shipmates as I can. Anyone out there who remembers those long watches in Mount 52, drop me a line. Those days will always be my fondest memories of my naval career. I recently finished a tour on the USS Whirlwind, doing my best during this war, but nothing beats the firepower we unleashed from our Battleship. Take care and remember all of our brothers and sisters who have given the ultimate price for our freedoms during this Memorial Day. We owe our best efforts to all that have come before us and to all who will follow.

Comments from Dom: Danny, now you know how the guys from the 40's and 50's feel about the ship. This ship will never get out of our systems, she will be part of us for the rest of our lives. That was a nice dedication to our Armed Forces personnel. Thank you for serving our country.



Name:  
CUZICAN  
Email:  
[cuzican@imstressed.com](mailto:cuzican@imstressed.com)  
Date:

30 May 2004

## Comments

Loved touring on this ship in Norfolk. Took 17 rolls of film... Loved it.

Comments from Dom: 17 rolls, WOW!!. Glad you enjoyed it.

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Name:

JASON A SIMAS

Email:

JASON.SIMAS@DELTA .COM

Date:

30 May 2004

## Comments

HELLO ALL SHIPMATES I SERVED FROM 1988-91 ON THE WISCONSIN. THE ONLY PEOPLE I CAN REMEMBER IS BOBBY KINNER AND FC3 MIKE PUCKETT ANYONE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AT PLEASE E-MAIL ME AT [JASON.SIMAS@DELTA.COM](mailto:JASON.SIMAS@DELTA.COM)

Comments from Dom: Jason, How about signing on to our crewmembers list. Just go to the top of this page and click on the button "Crewmembers" Click on the form and submit. Would be glad to welcome our Third Generation crew.

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Name:

Penny Winkler

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Date:

29 May 2004

## Comments

Hi love the site lets me see what it was like when my father was on this ship[John Dunn 1957 or 1958]my father give my some pictures years ago of him on the ship. I would love to send them to you to post on your site.I was looking for a great fathers day gift for him and I know I found some here thank you for letting enjoy this great trip though history it made my day.  
Penny Winkler

Comments from Dom: Penny, A great Father's Day gift would be a \$15 membership in our Association. He would receive an Association pin and membership card, a two-year calendar, a ship's store catalog and he would receive our newsletter The Badger 3x a year. You can find a membership application by logging into our homepage and Clicking on "Join Now" As for the pictures, you can mail them to me at USS Wisconsin Association, PO Box 2264, Pocono Summit, PA 18346-2264. I will scan them and return the originals to you.

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Name:



John Schroppe

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Date:

28 May 2004

## Comments

I just wanted to stop by the website. My granddad served on the Wisconsin from 1943 to 1945 as a gunners mate. Thanks for everything.

Comments from Dom: John, send me an email [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net) and tell me about your grandfather.



Name:

Lynn Edwards

Email:

[eedwards@swfla.rr.com](mailto:eedwards@swfla.rr.com)

Date:

28 May 2004

## Comments

GREAT WEB SITE, I served from 56 to 58 in M div. with Walter McAteer, and the rest of M div.

Comments from Dom: Lynn, thanks for the compliment.



Name:

walter mcateer

Email:

[kicked12@yahoo.com](mailto:kicked12@yahoo.com)

Date:

26 May 2004

## Comments

I am writing on behalf of my father who served on board the USS Wisconsin from '56 - '58. he is alive and well. he has visited the ship since I believe 4 times.

Comments from Dom: Glad your Dad was able to visit the ship. I try to visit it 3 or 4 times a year also.



Name:

Mike Dorffler

Email:

[mkdorffler@earthlink.net](mailto:mkdorffler@earthlink.net)

Date:

25 May 2004

## Comments

Gentlemen, If any of you remember my father Clifford Dorffler of V Division 1943-1945, I would very much like to hear from you. Mike Dorffler

Comments from Dom: Mike, hope someone contacts you from "V" Division.

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Name:

Mike

Email:

[mgcjorge@yahoo.com](mailto:mgcjorge@yahoo.com)

Date:

25 May 2004

## Comments

Great website!!! I'll use the pics in making a 1:700 scale model of the Wisconsin!

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment. Good Luck on your model.

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Name:

Cheyenne Brown

Email:

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Date:

19 May 2004

## Comments

I wish to find anybody that served on a supply ship during the Korean War that knows what ship Louie Brown my grandfather served on.

Comments from Dom: Good Luck in your search.

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Name:

JOC (Ret) Bill Johnson-Miles

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Date:

15 May 2004

## Comments

Hello USS Wisconsin Shipmates, Vikki asked about USS Wisconsin (BB 64) t-shirts or baseball caps with the ship's logo. I don't know about the logo, but I did recently see a great photo of the ship on T-shirts, Greeting Cards, Postcards and more recently on the Internet. The photo is of the battleship's 60th Anniversary with USS Teddy Roosevelt Sailors manning the rails. Check it out at: <http://www.cafepress.com/freedomexpress6> Feel free to pass this on

to others if you'd like. I think you can get \$5 off any purchase of \$20 or more with this coupon code: GARBLEBOUGH (and I think it's good through 24 May). Enjoy, JOC (Ret) Bill Johnson-Miles

**Comments from Dom:** Bill, perhaps before she checks out the site you mentioned, she should check out our Ship's Store page. We sell many items with the ship's picture, logo, etc This includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, pictures, etc. Just click on [Ship's Store](#) We also have many embroidered items, windbreakers, fall jackets, golf shirts, t-shirts. Just click on [Embroidered Items](#) Happy shopping folks. Bill, thanks for the website you gave us.



**Name:**  
ATC(AW) Kevin Tillett  
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[kp\\_tillett@yahoo.com](mailto:kp_tillett@yahoo.com)  
**Date:**  
12 May 2004

### Comments

Thank you to Carl Capestrain, RADM Kavanaugh, and the rest of the USS Wisconsin Foundation for your assistance in honoring my dear friend and mentor, Rev. Gordon Gustafson. As I mentioned in a previous posting, Gus is an original plankowner of the Wisky who was scheduled to be my guest speaker at my retirement this Friday (5/14/04). Unfortunately, his health concerns prevent his attendance here, but we were able to visit Gus and June in FL and present him with many USS Wisconsin mementoes which left him speechless. Thanks again for your preservation of this historical treasure, an excellent web site, and your assistance in obtaining the gifts for Gus. I am deeply honored and grateful to be "piped ashore" from the USS Wisconsin. Yours in our country's service, Kevin Tillett

**Comments from Dom:** Kevin, Congratulations on your retirement yesterday. Glad he received our Association's membership packet that we had sent to RADM Kavanaugh. Again, congratulations and good luck in the future.



**Name:**  
Vikki  
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[burnley@pctcnet.net](mailto:burnley@pctcnet.net)  
**Date:**  
11 May 2004

### Comments

Saw the show about the battleship WISCONSIN recently on PBS... Very interesting to say the least.. Are there any t-shirts or baseball caps to buy with logos of the Battleship Wisconsin?? Thank you in advance for your time..

**Comments from Dom:** Vikki, if you go into our [ships store](#) We have many items pertaining to the Wisconsin. If you click on # 504 & 505 you will see two of our t-shirts with the ship on it. As for hats, click on #450. Any problems, you can email me direct at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:

Myron K. Olson

Email:

[SgtMKOlson@msn.com](mailto:SgtMKOlson@msn.com)

Date:

11 May 2004

## Comments

I am pleased to see that our records and contact information is being kept in Ship shape condition. After my extended 36 years in Police/Intl. Law Enforcement/CMA/Security, etc. I still enjoy working part time here in Phoenix Arizona for Securitas in the Security Profession,

**Comments from Dom: Did you serve aboard the Wisconsin?**

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Name:

Bruce Morris

Email:

[cowtown-photographer@att.net](mailto:cowtown-photographer@att.net)

Date:

11 May 2004

## Comments

To All, After 22 years in the Navy, 18 months of which were on Wisconsin, I have retired and am now working at the Dallas VA Hospital in the Medical Media Department (photographer). Any Battleship sailors that are in the area are welcome to drop by. Dom, I won't be able to attend the reunion but I look forward to hearing the stories. Thanks for a great job as historian.

**Comments from Dom: Congratulations on your retirement. Good Luck on your new job. Looks very interesting. Sorry you can't make this reunion, perhaps the next one.**

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Name:

Randy Swann

Email:

[RSWANN@Protocolmarketing.com](mailto:RSWANN@Protocolmarketing.com)

Date:

05 May 2004

## Comments

Great site. I served onboard in 91-92. Still miss her today. I have the original damage control books left to me by a retired master chief. who would I talk to about getting them back onboard where they belong?

Comments from Dom: Randy, I served aboard her 1952-1956 and boy do I still miss her. Don't see your name on our crewmembers list. Would you like to join. All information is on the home page. I'll email you about the books.



Name:  
William L. Upshaw  
Email:  
[scalshpyrd@aol.com](mailto:scalshpyrd@aol.com)  
Date:  
05 May 2004

## Comments

You have a great site, I produce fiberglass model ship hulls, mainly in 1:96 scale, I started making the Iowa class hulls back in 1982 and have produced over 300 of these 111" long hulls that are now in Naval Museums around the world. I have built the USS New Jersey as in 1984 and my son and I will start reactivation work on the 1945 USS Wisconsin model this summer, I started this model 18 years ago and put it on a shelf, now its time to get back to it. I found the photos really helped fill in many areas where I have lost my own photos over the years. I was a Naval Architect Tech. in the Battleship Division at Long Beach Naval Shipyard from 1981 til 1989. W.L. Upshaw The Scale Shipyard Long Beach, CA.

Comments from Dom: Check out your site, [www.scaleshpyard.com](http://www.scaleshpyard.com) was very impressed. I'm sure some of our model builders will be interested. I will link to your site as I do get requests for ship models. If it is not too much trouble, when you commence building the Wisconsin model, would it be possible to email me pictures of work in progress. My email is [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net) Thanks Bill



Name:  
Edward J. Clauss  
Email:  
[djbugman@rcn.com](mailto:djbugman@rcn.com)  
Date:  
04 May 2004

## Comments

What a fantastic website! My father, Edward G. Clauss served aboard the "Whisky" during WWII, manning the aft quad forties, and as a member of the underwater demolition squad. I can't wait to show him your site. Please keep up the good work, and THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY!!!

Comments from Dom: How about signing your Dad up for membership in our Wisconsin Family. All information and forms are on our homepage. Thanks for your great compliment.



Name:  
Carl Alford  
Email:

wb6ruf@msn.com

Date:

29 Apr 2004

## Comments

Dom In answer to your question, if you will bring up the history of the USS Saint Paul and about half way down the page you will find the answer she had that nick name and if you will Email me personally I will tell you why. I first went aboard her in early 1945 before she left for the Pacific. I left her in early 1947 and was released from service, called back in 1950 and again was on the USS St Paul or as we called her the Snookie Poo. Carl

**Comments from Dom:** There seems to be a few sites with the history of the St. Paul. I read two of them and could not find reference to Snookie Poo. Email me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)



Name:

jim reed

Email:

ww

Date:

28 Apr 2004

## Comments

so, when will they ever bring any of the iowa's back? and if they did which one's would it be? and whats the odd's? YN1(SW) 1991 TO 2011

**Comments from Dom:** I don't think we will ever see the iowa's back on active duty.



Name:

Benjamin Scott Nowlin

Email:

nowlin.marshall.edu

Date:

28 Apr 2004

## Comments

That morning was one of the 2 best experiences in my career in the US NAVY sure I was cold but it did not matter manning the rails that day was a dream come true for me just like it was months before when I was granted the honor of being able to fly off of my ship, USS Enterprise on April 15,2001 to be able to do colors onboard Wisconsin on her commissioning anniversary of April 16, and shortly after that I got back on a plane and flew back onboard the Enterprise the same day. I would have never guessed my last underway period would have been on board the USS Wisconsin because almost a month from that day I would have career destroying medical accident and now I am unfortunately retired only after 6 years of service but thanks to Admiral Kavanagh and Captain Sears at least I can say I was underway on the USS Wisconsin and part of her crew.

Comments from Dom: Sorry to hear about your accident. That was really a cold, cold day in December when you manned the rails. It was a wonderful experience and one that I will never forget. Thanks for sharing with us.



Name:

Robert H. Spear (Bob) MM2

Email:

[smokerangerbob@earthlink.net](mailto:smokerangerbob@earthlink.net)

Date:

26 Apr 2004

## Comments

I served onboard the U.S.S. Independence CVA-62 October 1966 thru September 1969. Our primary operating area was the mediterranean Sea during the 7 day Arab-Israel War and other hotspots during that time. 2 Mediterranean cruises, a NATO cruise, and deployment in various duties from homeport in Norfolk, Virginia. Thank you for a great website, and god bless you and the USA.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for sharing your Navy experiences with us. Also, thanks for the compliment on the website.



Name:

Frank Costigan

Email:

[pjm56@adelphia.net](mailto:pjm56@adelphia.net)

Date:

26 Apr 2004

## Comments

Why am I not listed as a crew member? I served 1951-1954 aboard the Wisconsin. I would like to purchase a cap. Please respond.

Comments from Dom: Frank, Only those crewmembers who asked to have their email address posted and/or those who joined the Wisconsin Association are list. If you would like to join, please click here [Membership Application](#), to have only your email address posted click the following [Email](#)



Name:

Carl Alford

Email:

[wb6ruf@msn.com](mailto:wb6ruf@msn.com)

Date:

23 Apr 2004

## Comments

Dom, one of the pictures of your ship running side by side with the destroyer Buck and my ship the St. Paul is one of the best I was on the Snookie Poo that day. Again a great web site brings back many memories. Carl

**Comments from Dom: Carl, one question: What is the Snookie Poo? Thanks for the compliment on the site.**



**Name:**

James A Foy

**Email:**

[jimnrose54@msn.com](mailto:jimnrose54@msn.com)

**Date:**

23 Apr 2004

## Comments

I went into the USS Wisconsin web site a few years ago. At that time, I just saw the history of the ship. Recently I have been wondering about a reunion. Last year I met a past crew member from the New Jersey in Las Vegas, he was attending their reunion. I just looked at the Memoriam page and was saddened to see some shipmates I served with.

**Comments from Dom: Welcome Aboard!! I am waiting for extra copies of our reunion packet. As soon as I receive them I will mail your reunion packet along with your new membership packet.**



**Name:**

Luther Carr

**Email:**

[luther.carr@shell.com](mailto:luther.carr@shell.com)

**Date:**

22 Apr 2004

## Comments

Son of Russell K. Carr (1944-1945)Electrician's Mate. Both parents are alive and well. They lived in Texas for about 45 years; are now retired and living in Washington state.

**Comments from Dom: Thanks for visiting us. Please give my best to your parents.**



**Name:**

Paul Hamlett

**Email:**

[freezero@turbonet.com](mailto:freezero@turbonet.com)

**Date:**

20 Apr 2004

## Comments



My grandfather served on the Wisconsin during the 40's. Clarence Eugene Hamlett. I'm trying to look up his past so I can understand my history. I'm hoping I can find information somewhere. I figure sites like this are a start. Thanks

**Comments from Dom:** We don't have a roster for any of the years. The 40's cruise book never listed names. What a shame! Hopefully some one remembers him and contacts you.

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Name:

Bud Guidry

Email:

[cajuncre@bellsouth.net](mailto:cajuncre@bellsouth.net)

Date:

20 Apr 2004

## Comments

I served aboard 43 - 45 and am looking for a copy (to purchase) of the yearbook that was offered for sale after the war - around 45 or 46. It has a dark blue cover and is in a yearbook format. It is about 1/2 inch thick with cover. Do you know of any for sale or copies of it? Thank you for looking into this for me. E.A. (Bud) Guidry (association member)

**Comments from Dom:** Bud, I sure hope some one has an extra copy for you.

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Name:

Rich Illes

Email:

[rh\\_illes@yahoo.com](mailto:rh_illes@yahoo.com)

Date:

20 Apr 2004

## Comments

My father, who passed away in 1981, served in the Navy in WWII from 1943-1947 and always had a picture of a Battleship on the wall. Recently, I found his discharge papers and one of the ships he served on was the picture he had; the USS Wisconsin. I estimate he was aboard the Wisconsin around 1945-1947. His name was Tibor R. Illes and went by 'T.R.' or 'Lucky' and was an Electricians Mate 2nd Class. I would appreciate hearing from anyone that knew him. Thank You

**Comments from Dom:** Hopefully someone remembers him and contacts you.

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Name:

Jim Bates

Email:

[bigburtha@aol.com](mailto:bigburtha@aol.com)

Date:

19 Apr 2004

## Comments

Was at the ship 4/15/04 boy did she look good, getting fresh paint in spots and flags everywhere! Was going to try to make it 4/16 for the 60th but traffic out of D.C. was bad. Hoping for some good pics from Dom.

**Comments from Dom:** Jim, we just missed you. We were aboard from about 1PM and in Nauticus until about 3PM. Are you coming to our reunion with the kids in September?

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Name:

Carl Alford

Email:

[wb6ruf@msn.com](mailto:wb6ruf@msn.com)

Date:

17 Apr 2004

## Comments

A Great web site from a cruiser sailor USS Saint Paul CA 73

**Comments from Dom:** Thanks for the compliment. I served in the 50's and at times we maneuvered with the St. Paul

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Name:

Jonathan C. Cagle Sr.

Email:

[hvnbownd1@cox.net](mailto:hvnbownd1@cox.net)

Date:

16 Apr 2004

## Comments

Dear Sirs, My name is Jonathan Cagle Sr. and my father was onboard the USS Wisconsin during WWII. His name was Oscar Theron Cagle and I think he was a radar technician. I had an absolutely wonderful photo of him and his shipmates under the big guns and seated. Can you please give me any information on him? My folks were divorced when I was very young, and I really didn't know my dad very well. I have always held a special place in my heart for all you heros of the war. My son is now in the US Navy, and is in Groton CT now in "A" school because he's proud of his grandfathers service on the Wisconsin, even though he didn't know him. Thank you, and God bless. John Cagle Sr.

**Comments from Dom:** Sorry, but I do not have any information on your father. Hopefully, some of our crewmembers who frequent this decklog will remember him and contact you.

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Name:

donald

Email:

[yearofthesnake@hotmail.com](mailto:yearofthesnake@hotmail.com)

Date:  
15 Apr 2004

## Comments

kick-ass site

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment.

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Name:  
Gabe Garfield  
Email:  
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Date:  
14 Apr 2004

## Comments

Please Help Me. My grandfather was a Marine cook, grandmother says he served briefly in 1951 on the Wisconsin. He passed away in 1996 and I wish I knew him better and am researching all I can about him, he is not on your crewmembers list and if he was on the Wisconsin I would like to get him on that list. If you can help me with this or any other info. on Harold Richard Haggerty, Staff Sgt. It would be deeply appreciated. On an other note great web site very informative, grandmother will like to know if the Wisconsin is a museum, perhaps we can visit her some day.

Comments from Dom: Gabe, there was a SSgt H. Haggerty aboard the ship in 1951. I will email you with additional information. Thanks for the compliment on our site. As for the ship , it is not a museum but you can go aboard and walk her main deck and three decks above. The public can not go inside the ship, she is still Navy Property.

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Name:  
LOU SINAGRA  
Email:  
[LSin242@CS.COM](mailto:LSin242@CS.COM)  
Date:  
13 Apr 2004

## Comments

HI DOM AND LIL, PLEASE NOTE THAT IN MEMORIAM (MENTIONED BEFORE) THAT LOUIS LINQUIST IS VERY LIKELY LOUIS LINQUATA OF GLOUCESTER MASSACHUSETTS. IF NOT HE SHOULD BE ADDED. WAS ON BOARD 51 TO 56, IN THE 4HT OR 1ST DIV. THE SITE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE WITH A GOOD AND VARIED DATA BASE. I SURF A LOT AND I WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO COME UP WITH A BETTER VET ASSOCIATION SITE. LOU

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment on the site. As for the confusion with the two names, you are probably right. I believe I informed you in the past, that the name, Louis

Linguist was on the In Memoriam list when Lil and I took over this job. We do not have any documents with either name. I will add the name Louis Linquata.

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Name:

Walter Farrell

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Date:

12 Apr 2004

## Comments

Retiring in 1990, i immediately joined several groups as a volunteer. I mentored PK-2 for 5 years. I now spend most of my time at our local historical museum. My favorite is the early (1516-1836) history of our state. I served on the USS South Dakota and the USS Alabama before joining the USS Wisconsin as she arrived in the Pacific. Presently, I am trying to account for my grandchildren, the whole sequence of events in which I had a part. I can't believe the excellence of your web-site! I have one complaint. I did not find any reference to the ship or it's history in any of the State promos. Thank you, Walter

**Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment, I enjoy doing it. You really are a battleship sailor, serving on three of them.**

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Name:

James Oscar Johnson

Email:

[tjohn58020@aol.com](mailto:tjohn58020@aol.com)

Date:

11 Apr 2004

## Comments

Member of 4th Division during Panama Canal crossing.

**Comments from Dom: What an experience that was, especially aboard the Wisconsin.**

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Name:

Sgt. Paul Sant , TNARNG

Email:

[paulsant@planet.com](mailto:paulsant@planet.com)

Date:

10 Apr 2004

## Comments

my dad served aboard the USS WISCONSIN korea era , he passed away in 1999 . i wish i could find his name , he was an electricians mate 1st class . could you check for me?? please , i am

about to deploy to iraq and would like to see his name as a crew member?? thanks ! Sgt. Paul Sant TNARNG

Comments from Dom: Paul, Your Dad, Martin Sant, was in E Div. I found his photo in the 1952-1954 cruise book. Have added him to our In Memoriam page. Good Luck in your deployment. Our prayers are with you.

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Received an email from James Dickson,MM2, M Div. 1988-1992. It reads as follows:  
My flight is today, so I have to get my bags together and be at the Expo Center (in Houston at 8:00AM for a final briefing. This is also where they issue us flak jackets, battle helmets, travel orders. etc.

This will be my last e-mail until I get to Tikrit, Iraq. I know they have an e-mail system setup, so I will try to email when I get there.

God Bless  
James.

I'm not sure in what capacity James is going to Iraq, but whatever it is, let's us keep him in our prayers.

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Name:  
STEVE AMRTINEZ  
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Date:  
09 Apr 2004

## Comments

JUST TRYING TO SEE IF I CAN FIND ANY INFO ABOUT MY GRANDFATHER STEVE MARTINEZ HE SERVED ONBOARD FROM MAR 1957 TO JAN 1958. HE WAS A BOILER TECH, I AM IN THE NAVY RIGHT NOW AND AM REALLY INTERESTED TO FIND ANY INFO, MY GRANDMOTHER JUST GAVE ME THE DATES HE WAS ONBOARD STEVE MARTINEZ III THIRD GENERATION SAILOR

Comments from Dom: Steve. Hope one of our former crewmembers remembers your grandfather and contacts you.

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Name:  
Gere Mullican  
Email:  
[steelman37086@wmconnect.com](mailto:steelman37086@wmconnect.com)  
Date:  
09 Apr 2004

## Comments

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Ben Hillikar? He was a Corpsman aboard at the time I was (1955-56) and I have been trying to locate him since I left the ship. He came from around Detroit. I would appreciate any info. Thanks. By the way, I am really looking forward to the reunion here in my hometown in September. Thanks. Gere

Comments from Dom: Gere, The name does not strike a bell with me. Hope someone out there remembers him and contacts you. See you in September.



Name:

Tory

Email:

[AmiRitter@hotmail.com](mailto:AmiRitter@hotmail.com)

Date:

08 Apr 2004

## Comments

I just came through on a whim. My father was a crew member on the Wisconsin, Eric Ritter, FC2. I'll never forget watching him when the Wisconsin came into the Nauticus, and the sun was rising and the tugs gave the salute. And I remember all of the veterans showing their family members and friends where they had worked, and what they remembered. I admire the crewmen and my father's pride in the Wisconsin. She still as strong and as beautiful as ever. Anchors away.

Comments from Dom: Tory, Thanks for finding us. That was a memorable day for all of us who served on our ship.



Name:

Scott Moyes

Email:

[scottmoyes2003@yahoo.com](mailto:scottmoyes2003@yahoo.com)

Date:

06 Apr 2004

## Comments

EXCELLENT!! Very interesting and informational.

Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed the site.



Name:

Shawna Chestnut

Email:

[shayfredchestnut@yahoo.com](mailto:shayfredchestnut@yahoo.com)

Date:

04 Apr 2004

## Comments

Hello all. I am hoping that you can help me out. I am trying to put together a memory book for my husband from his days in the navy. I have found one pic of him on this site and want to thank who ever sent it in. His name is E. F. Chestnut. He is in picture # 248 in the 1980-1990 album. He is on the far left in the front. I was wondering if anyone had any other pics of him or remembers him from his days on the USS Wisconsin. He went on board in May of 90, and was there until she was decommissioned. If you remember him or have any pics of him please contact me. I know he would love to hear from any one who knew him then. Thanks in advance for all your help and God bless and keep you all!!!

**Comments from Dom:** Glad you found a picture of your husband. Try contacting Mike Bowers, he sent the pictures in to me. You can email Mike at [bubbasbrew@earthlink.net](mailto:bubbasbrew@earthlink.net)

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Name:

Robert Jernigan

Email:

[bobandnancy222@wmconnect.com](mailto:bobandnancy222@wmconnect.com)

Date:

03 Apr 2004

## Comments

Hello shipmates, I have a cruise book dated April 1952-April 1954 that I would like to trade for the next succeeding book. I was on the Wisky during both of these books but have never seen the 54-56 book. If interested my phone number is 386-754-1531, Thanks Bob

**Comments from Dom:** Anyone want to make a swap, now is your chance.

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Name:

MIKE BRENKMAN

Email:

[DALEBUD8FAN1970@YAHOO.COM](mailto:DALEBUD8FAN1970@YAHOO.COM)

Date:

01 Apr 2004

## Comments

I AM LOOKING FOR CONTACT INFO ON JACK EUGENE ELGIN. JACK WAS IN 5-TH DIVISION WITH ME ONBOARD DURING DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM AND WENT TO THE KENNEDY SHORTLY BEFORE DECOM. IF ANYONE CAN HELP, PLEASE EMAIL ME! THANKS. MIKE BRENKMAN1

**Comments from Dom:** Mike, The name is not familiar to me. Hopefully we finds our site and your comment.

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Name:

Mickey Borgersen

Email:

[Mborgersen@Comcast.net](mailto:Mborgersen@Comcast.net)

Date:

01 Apr 2004

## Comments

Surfing the net. I have a distant relative who served on the Wisconsin. I served on an APA. Nice site. Enjoy your reunions. To date we have had 11 reunions. It's the USS Deuel APA 160. We served in the Navy in the early 1950's.

Comments from Dom: Mickey, thanks for your compliment on the site. Glad you enjoyed it.

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Name:

Gere Mullican

Email:

[steelman37086@wmconnect.com](mailto:steelman37086@wmconnect.com)

Date:

31 Mar 2004

## Comments

Francis Curran, I tried to email you but it was returned "User Unknown". I was aboard from 55-56 and would like to hear from you. Thanks. Gere Mullican - HM2

Comments from Dom: Gere, can't help you with this one. I haven't heard from him.

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Name:

Thomas Gerg

Email:

[Thomas.Gerg@nyscot.ang.af.mil](mailto:Thomas.Gerg@nyscot.ang.af.mil)

Date:

31 Mar 2004

## Comments

Hi My Father Howard M. Gerg was a plank owner. In 1988 I had the honor to go with him to the re-comm in Ms. What a day ! My father took me into the guns showing me how they operated. The day leaves me with many memories and pictures that I have from that day. Sad to say that my dad past away in 1992. last Sep 02 I was in the area and my brother who is retired BM from the Navy went and visited the ship in Norfolk He also works for Moran Towing the tug company that brought her to her berth there The ship is beautiful that day as it was in 1988 It's almost a shame that this ship will probably never sail again no justice to her being a tourist attraction I am sure she would serve this country as she built for. Thanks for you time Take good care of her as she took care of her sailors Tom

Comments from Dom: Tom, We have your Dad listed on our In Memoriam page. Thanks for sharing your experience and memories that you have of your Dad and the ship. Yes, we will take good care of her.



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Name:

Francis J Curran EM 3/C

Email:

[curranfc@earthlink.net](mailto:curranfc@earthlink.net)

Date:

30 Mar 2004

## Comments

I served aboard from 1955 to 1957. I just recently got a computer and decided to find out if there was an association of former shipmates. I was also wondering if any from my era belonged. Until now I was unable to get any info regarding any organization or anything else relating to the ship other than that she is in Philadelphia. I would appreciate any info. Thank You.

Comments from Dom: Francis, How about getting posted to our Crewmembers list? You can either email me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net) or click on the button at the top of this page "Crewmembers" there is a link to getting posted. I guess by now you know that the ship is in Norfolk, VA. Our next reunion will be in Nashville, TN from Sept. 7-12, 2004. More information will be posted on the website shortly.

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Name:

sn Denny Craig, 1st Div, deck Dept.

Email:

[Blackwolf4ever@yahoo.com](mailto:Blackwolf4ever@yahoo.com)

Date:

29 Mar 2004

## Comments

Awesome site, keep up the good work Dom and Lil. ohhhh, P.S. Dom, can you help me find a ship's ballcap of the whiskey, with the green under the bill, i've lost mine over the yrs, and would greatly love to have one. i'm having the worst of luck trying to get one thru conventional ways. Yours truly Denny

Comments from Dom: Check out the ship's store. I bought the Former Crewmember hat, and that has the green under the bill.

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Name:

john reed

Email:

[www.navy@atm1\(sw\).com](mailto:www.navy@atm1(sw).com)

Date:

28 Mar 2004

## Comments

when is the us navy going to get up the old battle ship? ET2(AW/SW) ddg-63 2002 to 2005

Comments from Dom: John, Everyone asks that question, but no one seems to have an answer.



Name:

James Tucker

Email:

[jobman@yahoo.com](mailto:jobman@yahoo.com)

Date:

26 Mar 2004

## Comments

I WAS IN 4 DIV DECK DIVISON BM3 JUST LEFT NORFOLK NOW IN MEMPHIS NICE PAGE

Comments from Dom:James, I don't see you listed on our crewmembers list. How about signing on. We will be in Nashville for our reunion Sept. 7-12. Would be great if you could join us.



Name:

Ashley Raper

Email:

[ashdor@earthlink.net](mailto:ashdor@earthlink.net)

Date:

23 Mar 2004

## Comments

Dom and Lil, Since we live only about 130 miles from the Wisky, Doris and I ride up there once in a while take a picnic lunch and sit at the table in the handicapped parking lot and i tell her all about the things that happened while i was onboard during the early 50's while having lunch. Thanx for all of the good work that you do with the site. We enjoy it very much. Doris is cancer free now, but, of course, she has to take tamoxifen for 5 yrs. Good chatting. Best regards, Ashley

Comments from Dom: Hi Ashley and Doris, Glad to hear the good news about Doris. We think of her often. What better way is there than to have a picnic lunch with the BB64 in the background. Hope to see you at the reunion.



Name:

SM1 ( SW ) Roy A. Keeney USN RET

Email:

[rachelsdad@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelsdad@hotmail.com)

Date:

22 Mar 2004

## Comments

Just a brief hello to let you know that I left Norfolk and now live in Hardy VA. ( south of Roanoke ) and am going back home to Wisconsin in July. Any old salts in / from Green Bay at that time please E - mail me. Fair winds and following seas!!!

**Comments from Dom: Roy, did you serve aboard the Wisconsin? If yes, how about us adding you to our crewmembers list.**

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Name:

GM3 Whitley

Email:

[whitleyd@shoup.navy.mil](mailto:whitleyd@shoup.navy.mil)

Date:

16 Mar 2004

## Comments

I just found about about this Web Site by browsing around and I just want to say as a Gunnersmate the pictures of the guns and missiles are Great!!!!!! Keep it up V/R GM3 Whitley,

**Comments from Dom: Glad we made a Gunners Mate happy. Those 16's are really awesome, aren't they?**

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Name:

Bert Cromer

Email:

[bcromer38@netzero.com](mailto:bcromer38@netzero.com)

Date:

16 Mar 2004

## Comments

I was never a member of the U.S. Navy. I instead made the mistake of going Army. Especially after growing up a Navy Brat. I really wanted to become a member of the Navy, but now I'm too old. I appreciate the website you have made. Loved the pictures. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to enjoy it. Bert Cromer

**Comments from Dom: Bert, please come back and visit. Glad you liked the site.**

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Name:

Brian T. Varroney

Email:

[brianvarroney@hotmail.com](mailto:brianvarroney@hotmail.com)

Date:

13 Mar 2004

## Comments

The U.S.S. Wisconsin reflects the honor and pride that is our country. She embodies all that is the United States of America, Duty, Honor, and Freedom.

Comments from Dom: You said it ALL. THANK YOU!!

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Name:

dean mapes

Email:

dean [mapes@aol.com](mailto:mapes@aol.com)

Date:

13 Mar 2004

## Comments

in loving memory of my father donald b mapes y-2 who loved serving his country and the navy aboard this great ship. he told me that everyone that had served on that lady had his life changed for the better god speed and thank you for this site

Comments from Dom: Donald, when did your Dad serve aboard our ship? He was right, once you served aboard her, your life does change for the good.

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Name:

DON MOORE

Email:

[DM32230@WMCONNECT.COM](mailto:DM32230@WMCONNECT.COM)

Date:

12 Mar 2004

## Comments

WOW, THIS SITE KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER THANKS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU GUYS PUT IN IT.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment, Don.

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Name:

Michael Bowers

Email:

[bubbasbrew@earthlink.net](mailto:bubbasbrew@earthlink.net)

Date:

12 Mar 2004

## Comments

Hey Dom, Greetings from south FLA!!! I was out the other day shopping with the wife when I was approached by a gentleman asking me about my hat. I was wearing my Wisconsin Ballcap (what else!). He asked if I had served onboard her or not. With my chest puffed out I told him that not only did I serve onboard her but I was a plankowner! After that we talked for about

20min about the Great Whisky! He was a marine and had served onboard her during Korea. He, like I, had enjoyed his time with her. Well, I then gave him the web address and told him that there are more of US out there and please join us and share your stories. When we parted he said that he thought that I was just wearing the ballcap and was not going to say anything about it but something told him to speak up about it. I told him that was the "spirit" of the Wisconsin!!! Nobody just "wears" her ballcap!! We shook hands and went on our way. All this happen because I was wearing my ballcap. I wear it alot and sometimes I can see a spark in thier eyes when they see it and they give me a nod. I would hope that my marine friend at least went to the site and hopefully joined up. If not, at least I helped bring back some good memories for him. If you got it-flaunt it! Show them colors! On Wisconsin!!!

**Comments from Dom: So far Mike, we haven't heard from him. Glad you informed him of the website and how proud you were to serve. Keep it going Mike.**

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Name:  
Lou Sinagra  
Email:  
LSinagra  
Date:  
12 Mar 2004

### Comments

AS Wallace Beery you to say about Tug Boat Annie, This heer website is the bestus thang det aver wus givin tu mankind orr at leasatus to Wiscawnsin fetterans! Lou Sinagra

**Comments from Dom: Thanks for your compliment, I think???? Very funny Lou.**

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Name:  
chuck Bellissino  
Email:  
[chasbell@pacbell.net](mailto:chasbell@pacbell.net)  
Date:  
12 Mar 2004

### Comments

Hi Don, I'd like to find some of the ship's cooks from the early fifties. But, I don't know the naval ID for that category. Can you fill me in?

**Comments from Dom: Chuck, the category for cooks is S-1 division. Check out the crewmembers list.**

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Name:  
Charles "Chuck" Kern  
Email:  
[kernel@iline.com](mailto:kernel@iline.com)  
Date:

12 Mar 2004

## Comments

Hi Dom and Crewmembers, Just a short note from the Sunshine State to thank all those that prayed for me when I had a my third knee replacement in March of 2003. After the first two, same knee, I saw a different doctor and now I'm riding my bike and getting around pretty good for being 77 years old. The surgery was scheduled to take about an hour and a half. Over four hours later the doctor told my wife "I did the best I could but it was a terrible mess." I keep busy tending to problems at our condo complex as I have been a board member most of the 17 years since we moved to Florida. We also love to play cards with friends and neighbors. Our son met us in Norfolk shortly after the "Wiskey" was moved to where it is now so he could see the "Big Ship." The next year for "Fathers Day" I received a Wisconsin jacket with my name on the front. The jacket sure makes for conversation when ever I wear it. Even though I was a short timer on the ship in 1945 I have good memories. Dom and Lil you do such a great job along with all the other officers. "Thanks" Chuck Kern

**Comments from Dom:** Chuck, glad to hear that the surgery was successful. Whenever I wear my Wisconsin jacket, someone comes up to me to talk about the ship. I wear my hat all the time, but the Jacket really gets the attention. Thanks for the compliment.

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Name:

Marg Redmond

Email:

[johnmmr123@aol.com](mailto:johnmmr123@aol.com)

Date:

10 Mar 2004

## Comments

Is the USS Wisconsin in the Phila Naval Yard?

**Comments from Dom:** No, she is berthed in Norfolk, VA at the Nauticus Maritime Center.

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Name:

Veronica Gallina

Email:

[veronicagal2003@yahoo.com](mailto:veronicagal2003@yahoo.com)

Date:

08 Mar 2004

## Comments

I have been searching for a long time for someone who was stationed onboard the USS Wisconsin in the war 10 yrs ago. I only have his name James Colligan and tentative date of birth 4/1/63. Is it possible for there to be a record of him or place that you can direct me to to help locate him. Thank you for your time.

**Comments from Dom:** Sorry, he is not listed on our Association list.

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Name:

CARLOS ZAMORA BT1

Email:

[BTE5@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:BTE5@HOTMAIL.COM)

Date:

07 Mar 2004

### Comments

HELLO SHIP MATES I AM LOOKING FOR ANY BT"S THAT WAS ON THE USS JOHN KING DDG3 LIKE BTSC WHORIDE K BTCM RODENBERRY BTC ADDIS BTCM HOOK AND ANY BT S ALSO LOOKING FOR GMC LOPEZ ED PLEASE ANY ONE FROM THERE USS JKING LOVE ALL MY SHIP MATES

Comments from Dom: [Hope some of your buddies check out this site.](#)

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Name:

Mark (Robbie) Robinson

Email:

[fcc.mark.robinson@ftsc.naples.navy.mil](mailto:fcc.mark.robinson@ftsc.naples.navy.mil)

Date:

05 Mar 2004

### Comments

1990-1991

Comments from Dom: [Hi Mark, will add you to our email list ASAP.](#)

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Name:

Craig Plymesser

Email:

[cplymesser@aol.com](mailto:cplymesser@aol.com)

Date:

04 Mar 2004

### Comments

I'm the son of Max Plymesser (1946). Max is still with us and living in Greenfield, IA. My son, Cliff was surfing the net, searching for the name Plymesser, and this site popped up! Great site. I printed the photo of Max and will send to him! Thanks! Craig Plymesser

Comments from Dom: [If any of you remembers Max, please email Craig.](#)

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Name:

Paul Head

Email:

[cpoh@btinternet.com](mailto:cpoh@btinternet.com)

Date:

04 Mar 2004

## Comments

Hi,I have enjoyed viewing the pictures of this awesome ship on the web site. I was a CPO in the Royal Navy and during the 91 gulf war was part of the helo crew of HMS Exeter. We were at various times designated as anti aircraft and missile screen for the Wisconsin and Missouri, and spent many hours watching your awesome demonstration of firepower, the shells often passing directly over us. I just wondered if anyone out there remembers us , or even has photos of us. We did deliver your mail on or around the last day of the war. I hope to hear from someone soon. all the best to you all PH

**Comments from Dom:** Paul, nice of you to write in our Deck Log. Hopefully someone remembers you flying over and took some pictures. Speaking of pictures, did you take any of the Wisconsin while you where up there? We would love to have copies.

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Name:

OS2 Tillman

Email:

[jandctill@comcast.net](mailto:jandctill@comcast.net)

Date:

03 Mar 2004

## Comments

Oh how we miss this great Lady of the sea.

**Comments from Dom:** I believe we all miss this Grand Lady. Don't see you listed on our email list, how about signing up.

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Name:

Vaughn D. Goodwin PM1-USN Ret.

Email:

none

Date:

02 Mar 2004

## Comments

A very nice site, I'll have to visit the ship one day.

**Comments from Dom:** Glad you enjoyed the site, you'll love seeing the ship.

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Name:

Gene Corsale



Email:

[ecorsal1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ecorsal1@nycap.rr.com)

Date:

01 Mar 2004

## Comments

Dom and Lil do an excellent job, really appreciate looking at the photos of the Whisky, you guys- 1950era -remember Capt Burrows Quite a few years back BB64 Capt. Flaherty walked into my office in city hall -his son a naval officer was in training at our nuclear installation and he would come and visit every time he was in the city. What a gentleman, when we were at Mississippi I heard he was sick--he gave me a framed photo of 64 to hang in my office. Best of Good Health to all--Gene

**Comments from Dom: Gene, Thanks for the compliment. You do realize that we love doing this! My time aboard the Wisconsin was after Burrows. I was aboard with the Irish Brigade, Foley, Flaherty and Patrick.**

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Name:

Martin Welsh

Email:

[martyandpam@sugardog.com](mailto:martyandpam@sugardog.com)

Date:

28 Feb 2004

## Comments

Hi , I've enjoyed browsing through your pictures . I was looking for pictures of my father, Bernard Welsh, He worked in damage control in the early 50's.Could anyone tell me when he served on the Wisconsin and anything else you can think of? My father passed away 13 years ago and he didn't talk about his service . Thank you , Martin Welsh

**Comments from Dom: Martin, we found his name in the 1951-1952 Cruise Book. He is listed in "R" division. If anyone from "R" division remembers Bernard, please contact Martin. Martin, I have added your Dad's name to our In Memoriam page.**

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Name:

Deacon Robert C. Simpson

Email:

[rsimps1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rsimps1@tampabay.rr.com)

Date:

26 Feb 2004

## Comments

I was just surfing the deck log when I came across a e-mail from Joe Portuese regarding the train and tunnel that we blew up in Korea and also about a guy named Strammel. I was also a member of the Signal Gang at the time. Joe was right in his comments about the train and the tunnel but he left on every important thing out. We cruised up the coast of Korea early in the morning, we caught a train between tunnels. They liked to hold up in the tunnels during

daylight. We managed to blow up the tunnel ahead of and astern of the train. It was trapped with not place to go. Captain Bruton decided that we had carried the 40's long enough and so he gave them the job of destroying the train. You need to understand that the 40's were mainly for air defense. As part of the signal gang that was off watch we were laying around inside the superstructure when the 40's opened fire, everyone came bailing out onto the the signal bridge sure that we were under air attack. It was only the 40's firing at the train. We eventually destroyed the train but the "Old Man" almost gave us all a heart attack. As for Strammel, He was probably one of the Best Signalmen aboard the Wiskey at the time. He could read Light better then anyone including the Chief. He was the best all around Signalmen but he had one problem, he could not stay out of trouble once we returned to port. I remember him making Third Class one day and then losing it the next day at a Captain's Mass. So much for the adventure's of the Signal gang. I am so very thankful for having served with all of them. Robert C. Simpson QM3 '51-'52

**Comments from Dom:** Thanks for the bit of history. I'm sure you brought back memories to a lot of our guys.

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Name:

Delbert Simmons

Email:

[delbert\\_e\\_simmons@hotmail.com](mailto:delbert_e_simmons@hotmail.com)

Date:

26 Feb 2004

## Comments

Been a while since I looked at log. anyone from the "B" gang years 53 to 55 drop me a line

**Comments from Dom:** Hope by now some of the "B" gang has contacted you.

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Name:

Gere Mullican

Email:

[steelman37086@wmconnect.com](mailto:steelman37086@wmconnect.com)

Date:

26 Feb 2004

## Comments

OK you guys, September is going to be here before long and the reunion. If anyone needs for me to check out anything for you just let me know. I am sure you all have your hotel and motel stuff figured out but if there are any other little things you would like me to check out give me an email. I am in LaVergne just outside the city limits of Nashville. I sure hope to get to see you at the reunion. Thanks. Gere

**Comments from Dom:** Gere, yes the rooms at the hotel have already been block for our Association. Once the April Badger is mailed, everyone will receive their registration forms and tours sign up sheet. Thanks for your offer to help. I'm sure Betty and Jack will contact you.  
See you soon.

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Name:

Al Dunning

Email:

[ajdunning@hotmail.com](mailto:ajdunning@hotmail.com)

Date:

26 Feb 2004

## Comments

This is still a GREAT site. Been here before and will return again and again. You all do a fantastic job for the association. Whenever you email notices of new pictures Dom, I invariably end up spending more time surfing the site (and going off to other links) than I should. Thanks for the "continuing education"!

Comments from Dom: Hi Al, At least you can stay out of Karen's hair surfing the sites. Thanks for the compliments on the site and our love to our Rosie.

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Name:

joachim kähler

Email:

[kroki01@web.de](mailto:kroki01@web.de)

Date:

23 Feb 2004

## Comments

god bless america!

Comments from Dom: I'll second that!

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Name:

Paul J. "PJ" Smith

Email:

[pjsmith119@comcast.net](mailto:pjsmith119@comcast.net)

Date:

22 Feb 2004

## Comments

An ol cruiser sailor here. Served aboard USS Juneau (CLAA-119) the first ship to fight in Korea and was a plank owner on the USS Boston (CAG-1)the Worlds first Guided Missile Cruiser. Juneau is having their annual Reunion in Norfolk the 2d week in Sep 04. Look forward to visiting the USS Wisconsin at that time. Welcome any and all emails.

Comments from Dom: Hope you have a great time at your reunion and an even better time walking the decks of the Wisconsin.

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Name: Sgt Richard A. McGiffi USA (RET)  
Email: [richa@chibardun.net](mailto:richa@chibardun.net)  
Date: 22 Feb 2004

## Comments

Great site to check out by anyone.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment.



Name: KEITH BENJAMIN  
Email: [keith\\_benjamin@webtv.net](mailto:keith_benjamin@webtv.net)  
Date: 22 Feb 2004

## Comments

I WAS IN THE "A" DIVISION LATE IN 1945 UNTIL JULY 1946. "STEAM HEAT GANG", "AFTER STEERING", AND SMALL BOAT ENGINEER ON CAPT. GREEN'S GIG. WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANY OF THE OLD GANG

Comments from Dom: Hope you have made contact with some of your old shipmates.



Name: James H. (Sonny) Adams  
Email: [jad9sn@aol.com](mailto:jad9sn@aol.com)  
Date: 21 Feb 2004

## Comments

Enjoyed history of USS Wisconsin BB-64 A grand Lady

Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed it.



Name:  
Email: [jruddy@kelley-ferraro.com](mailto:jruddy@kelley-ferraro.com)  
Date: 20 Feb 2004

## Comments

My name is Jack Ruddy. I work for a law firm in Cleveland, Ohio that specializes in asbestos litigation. We have a former shipmate from the USS Wisconsin by the name of Donald Dunlap, BM3 as a client. Mr Dunlap is suffering from an asbestos related lung cancer. He served aboard the Wisconsin from 1950 through 1955. If anyone has any information regarding asbestos products that were used aboard ship during this period please contact me at [jruddy@kelley-ferraro.com](mailto:jruddy@kelley-ferraro.com) or call, toll free 1-888-839-8479

Comments from Dom: This is self-explanatory.

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Name:  
Ronald Truman DCC(SW) Ret  
Email:  
[JLLLR@comcast.net](mailto:JLLLR@comcast.net)  
Date:  
19 Feb 2004

### Comments

My DAD commissioned the ship and I Retired onboard her in 1997 at the Portsmouth Naval Yard, The ship yard workers gave my Dad a piece of the Plank and a flag flown from the ship that morning.

Comments from Dom: We don't see your Dad's name listed on our roster. Email me and give me some particulars about your Dad. [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:  
Marshall Sitrin  
Email:  
[msitrin@earthlink.net](mailto:msitrin@earthlink.net)  
Date:  
17 Feb 2004

### Comments

Damn fine job on pictures, Dom. I may have a few to send you.

Comments from Dom: Marshall, nice to hear from you. If you come across those pictures, send them along. I'll scan them and return them to you. Remember our trip to London?

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Name:  
Kevin Tillett ATC(AW)  
Email:  
[tillettkp@vfa106.navy.mil](mailto:tillettkp@vfa106.navy.mil)  
Date:  
17 Feb 2004

### Comments

Dom, Your website is an excellent resource for anyone interested in the history of this great ship. What an awesome ship! I took my family aboard about 2 months ago and decided to have my retirement ceremony aboard her. Lord willing, I will have an original Plankowner of the Wisconsin, Rev. Gordon Gustafson (MM1 during WWII) serve as my guest speaker. He is also a Pearl Harbor survivor, having endured the attack aboard the USS Tennessee. God has graciously blessed him with strong faith, vitality, and long life. He invited another shipmate named Cecil Hawkins to the ceremony, which is scheduled for 14 May 04 at 1300. I'm sure any old friends (shipmates) are welcome to attend and visit with Gus and Cecil.

Comments from Dom: Kevin, Thanks for your compliments on our site. Good Luck on your retirement. I will email you later.

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Name:

Jack Crivello

Email:

[jcrivello@yahoo.com](mailto:jcrivello@yahoo.com)

Date:

15 Feb 2004

## Comments

thanks for all the effort you put into this website. my family and friends would be PROUD of it. from a young american, who DIDN'T have to live it. Jack

Comments from Dom: Thanks for your compliments and I'm glad you enjoyed the site.

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Name:

Jim Ehleiter

Email:

[jehleiter@wi.rr.com](mailto:jehleiter@wi.rr.com)

Date:

13 Feb 2004

## Comments

Great website...very well done!

Comments from Dom: Thank you very much for the compliment.

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Name:

DONALD R MORAN

Email:

[M557A03@YAHOO.COM](mailto:M557A03@YAHOO.COM)

Date:

12 Feb 2004

## Comments

SHE IS A GREAT SHIP! I WOULD OF LIKE TO SEE HER IN PERSON NOT ON THE NET. SHE IS ALL MOST AS GREAT AS BB-63. I HAD THE HONOR OF SEEING HER IN BREMENTON WASHINGTON .WHEN I WAS GROWING UP AND AFTER I CAME HOME FROM THE ARMY. TAKE CARE OF HER KEEP HER SAFE SO ALL AMERICANS CAN SEE HER IN ALL OF HER GLORY. THANK-YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN PUTTING TOGETHER SO MANY GREAT PHOTOS. DONALD R MORAN HOMER ALASKA.

**Comments from Dom:** Donald, We are doing our best to keep the public informed of the great Iowa Class battleships. Thanks for stopping by.

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Name: Erik Leaseburg  
Email: [erik.leaseburg@alumni.utexas.net](mailto:erik.leaseburg@alumni.utexas.net)  
Date: 12 Feb 2004

### Comments

I'm trying to track down my good friend David Gaston who served on the USS Wisconsin during the Gulf War. If anyone knows more information about how I can find him, please send me email: [erik.leaseburg@alumni.utexas.net](mailto:erik.leaseburg@alumni.utexas.net) Thanks, Erik Leaseburg Fort Worth, Texas

**Comments from Dom:** Sorry Erik, David is not listed on our roster. Hope someone contacts you with the information you requested.

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Name: william cook  
Email: [pgsswhc@omh.state.ny.us](mailto:pgsswhc@omh.state.ny.us)  
Date: 10 Feb 2004

### Comments

My dad was on the ship in 44/45, nickname was cookie or cotton, was a gunnersmate does anybody recall my dad, he passed away in 75 from war related injuries,I have pictures of the ship, he always spoke so proudly of being a Battlegon sailor and being a former tincan sailor i know how he felt, hope to see her this summer! Respectfully William H Cook

**Comments from Dom:** William, Hope someone contacts you.

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Name: Denise Sells  
Email: [sdsells@cybersol](mailto:sdsells@cybersol)  
Date: 08 Feb 2004

## Comments

My father, Guy Matthews, Jr. was a sailor on the Wisconsin known as "Bonz" from Hartford, MI or Beverly, Chicago as a boy. Does anyone remember him or have any stories? Sadly he is deceased in 1996 but I know would have treasured hearing from any of his shipmates. Denise Matthews Sells

Comments from Dom: Denise, I hope someone contacts you with information. If you know when he served, please email me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net) and I will add the information to your comment.



Name:

Mark Penrod FCC(SW) active

Email:

[huskersailor@mchsi.com](mailto:huskersailor@mchsi.com)

Date:

08 Feb 2004

## Comments

I was a crew member on Wisconsin during the gulf war. I was a part of FA Division, secondary battery, waist director 3 (sky 3). I can remember the first night of the war vividly. We were on watch at 0245 when we first heard the Tomahawk alarms sounding and the ABL started to raise. It was within the next few moments that we launched our first salvo. Not much more than 20 minutes later we were listening to BBC broadcast incoming missiles on Kuwait and the surrounding area. We fired many a support mission over the next 100 days and came away feeling as though we had done our job and completed our mission! What a wonderful time to have served MY country and been part of such a mission. God Bless USA and the awesome power of a true warship, USS Wisconsin. She will forever be fond to me. R, Mark Penrod

Comments from Dom: Mark, Yes, you Third Generation guys certainly did a great job and you did it WELL!!. We salute you and thank you for serving our Country.



Name:

JOHN MALASCHAK

Email:

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Date:

07 Feb 2004

## Comments

ENJOYED SEEING ALL THE PICTURES AND WHAT A GREAT SIGHT. THANK YOU, JOHN MALASCHAK 661 COUNTRY LAKE DR. ST. PETERS, MO 63376

Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed the pictures and thanks for the compliment.



Name:



Gordon Haggerty

Email:

[gbhaggerty@aol.com](mailto:gbhaggerty@aol.com)

Date:

07 Feb 2004

## Comments

Sad to see two old friends of mine, Louis Flora and Bob Graf have passed away. I have wonderful thoughts of them serving in the EX Division 1951-1953. I have some great pictures of all of during that stage of our life.

Comments from Dom: Gordon, It's always sad when we lose former crewmembers. I also served in EX division form 1953-1956. Would love to see some of your pictures. How about joining our Wisconsin Family?

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Name:

John Rand

Email:

[wesley024@aol.com](mailto:wesley024@aol.com)

Date:

05 Feb 2004

## Comments

I am a HTCS, USN retired. Retired from USS Albany CG-10 a missile cruiser and ex heavy cruiser. Great site for a great ship. Many years ago, on destroyers, I spent a good deal of time chasing the BB 64 around trying to keep up. As I recall, when under full power, she could make 38 knots. My destroyer could make 35 knots so we gradually fell behind. Every once in a while she would slow so that the destroyers could catch up. Great days and great ships. I wouldn't trade the experience for a million dollars. I would do it all over again if I could but I am afraid age precludes that. Besides my wife wouldn't let me go.

Comments from Dom: John, Yes, the Wisky was the greyhound of the sea. If she wanted to move, she could really move. I know what you mean about doing it all over again. I don't know about my wife not letting me do it again, I think maybe she would.

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Name:

Joseph portuese

Email:

[jporttay@aol.com](mailto:jporttay@aol.com)

Date:

05 Feb 2004

## Comments

I cant find any mention of the train we blew up. The two tunnels we blocked and the train was an ammo train. How about the officer we buried at sea, a north korean. Just thought I mentioned a few things no one talks about. I also remember a fellow by the name of stramel.

He was smarter than all the midshipmen we carried aboard. He had a photographic mind. My hat is off to you Stramel where ever you are.

Comments from Dom: Joe, If you check out our History of the ship for March 15, 1952 you can read the following:

March 15 WISCONSIN concentrated on railway targets off Songjin, Korea, and in the early morning destroyed an enemy troop train that was trapped outside a destroyed tunnel. That afternoon, WISCONSIN received the first direct hit in her two-war history when one of four 155mm shells fired by enemy shore batteries hit her deck on the 02 level, just outside the gun shield of the starboard 40mm gun mount which caused little damage but injured three men. Almost as if the victim of a personal affront, WISCONSIN subsequently blasted that battery to oblivion with a 16-inch salvo before continuing her mission.

As for the burial at sea, check 1950's Pictures, Page 2, Photo #182-183.

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Name:

max

Email:

[maxforrester@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maxforrester@yahoo.co.uk)

Date:

02 Feb 2004

## Comments

Just the big guns i was looking for!

Comments from Dom: Glad we could be of service.

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Name:

FC3 Larry "Hoss" Gainey

Email:

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Date:

31 Jan 2004

## Comments

It's hard to believe that it's been 13 yrs. since we came back from the Gulf. I was in FA DIV. with a number of great guys. I am looking for information on the whereabouts of FCC(SW)Wayne B. Johnson that was 1 of our division chiefs. Any info would greatly be appreciated. Also, I am looking for a copy of the VIDEO CRUISEBOOK that was made from our Gulf tour (the one with the music videos that was made). Dom, you've done a great job with this site! It's fantastic to know that we can still visit the "Ship Store". Keep up the good work and God speed!

Comments from Dom: Hi Hoss, Wayne Johnson is on our email list. How about you signing up for the email list, and/or joining our Wisconsin Family. Our membership dues are only \$15.00 for the year. Thanks for the compliment on the site.

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Name:  
Jonathan W. Warford  
Email:  
[warrior-x@comcast.net](mailto:warrior-x@comcast.net)  
Date:  
27 Jan 2004

## Comments

Found this web-site and it has brought back fond memories of my tour on the Wisconsin. I started out as an E-1 and made it to BM3 by the time my tour was over. I'm just sorry that it took so long to find this site! Thanks for making a great Wisconsin tribute page and I'll be visiting more!

Comments from Dom: Jonathan, when you come back and visit us again why not sign up on our email list, better yet, how about joining our Wisconsin Family. Glad you found the site.



Name:  
BM1 SW CHARLES BROWN USN RET. BB 61 BB 62  
Email:  
JUST CANT REMEMBER IT  
Date:  
26 Jan 2004

## Comments

DOM AS YOU MAY KNOW. BUT I AM JUST PASSING THE WORD [SMILE]. MASTER CHIEF TOM HELVIG USN RET. IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING. ALL US NAVY BATTLESHIP STORIES WANTED... THE MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS. IF AT ONE TIME YOU PROUDLY SERVED ABOARD ANY U S BATTLESHIP, THE JERSEYMAN WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. IN 2004 WE WILL TRY TO COLLECT, PUBLISH, AND PRESERVE THE STORIES OF US BB CREWMEN. HIS E MAIL IS AS FOLLOWS [THELVIG@aol.com](mailto:THELVIG@aol.com) or MAIL TO THE JERSEYMAN 62 BATTLESHIP PLACE CAMDEN NEW JERSEY 08103

Comments from Dom: Thank Charles, we have been in contact with Tom.



Name:  
Jerry Rudge  
Email:  
[jomrudge@aol.com](mailto:jomrudge@aol.com)  
Date:  
25 Jan 2004

## Comments

I was aboard the USS Eaton from August 55 to March 59. Was aboard during the collision in the engine room. Was Roy Moore's military escort home when he was killed by the Weapon Able misfire.

Comments from Dom: That was quite a day when we collided. Sorry to hear about Ray Moore.

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Name:

Bernard Braithwaite

Email:

[bbbraithwaite@hotmail.com](mailto:bbbraithwaite@hotmail.com)

Date:

24 Jan 2004

## Comments

I was trying to get some information on the next reunion or info on visiting the ship. My father served some time on the Wisconsin and I'm trying to get some info for him.

Comments from Dom: Bernard, our next reunion will be September 7-12th, 2004 in Nashville, TN. All information will be in our April Badger and on our website in April. Hope to see you there. As for visiting the ship, go to our homepage, scroll down to USS Wisconsin is now berthed at..... All information about hours, and directions are there.

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Name:

ERICH UTECHT

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Date:

24 Jan 2004

## Comments

I AM SO IMPRESSED BY YOUR SITE. WHEN I JOINED THE NAVY I SO MUCH WANTED TO BE STATIONED ON THE USS WISCONSIN, BUT AT THE TIME SHE WAS IN MOTH BALLS. I HAILED FROM WISCONSIN , A TRUE BLOODED CHEESEHEAD. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THE INVITATION FOR ALL OF YOU TO VISITED MY NEW WEB SITE.

[WWW.USSTOLOVANAFUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.USSTOLOVANAFUNDATION.ORG) . ALSO IF ANY OF THE OLD TIMERS FROM 1950 TO 1954 HAVE ANY PICTURES OF MY SHIP REFUELING THE USS WISCONSIN , I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A COPY OF IT TO POST ON MY WEB SITE. FAIR SAIL AND BLUE SKY TO YOU ALL. SINCERELY: ERICH UTECHT

Comments from Dom: Too bad you didn't have the opportunity to serve aboard the Wisconsin. I'm sure you would have loved it. Hope someone has a picture that you are looking for. Browsed your site, looks good. I will go in to check it our further.

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Name:

MS3 Michael D Brown

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Date:

24 Jan 2004

## Comments

hey dom just got your letter in the mail. I got broadband and I'm trying to get my email set up when i do i'll get back to u.To all my wiskey shipmates 87-90 see u in tennessee.

Comments from Dom. Thanks Michael, Let me know when you are ready to receive emails again. Glad to know you will be in Tennessee with us. Looking forward to meeting you.



Name:

Louis Dorny, CDR, USN (ret.)

Email:

[NPO12@msn.com](mailto:NPO12@msn.com)

Date:

23 Jan 2004

## Comments

You swabbies have put together a very impressive place to learn about a great ship. I was aboard WISCONSIN very briefly while she lay in mothballs at Philadelphia years ago... had to be in 1967-8. My brother said your site was worth a visit and I have to agree. Can old communicators get into the radio club? My specialty was flashing light and flag hoist as a signalman petty officer, then fleet radio and later Naval Security Group wearing gold braid. Any of your members familiar with the floatplane units operating from the ship in the 1940? I have several contacts seeking any and all data / photos/ etc., on USN shipboard floatplane ops. Cheers and best wishes, "Flags" at [NPO12@msn.com](mailto:NPO12@msn.com).

Comments from Dom: Radio Club is USS Wisconsin Radio Club based in Norfolk, VA. Try contacting Jack Main at [w4ycz@att.net](mailto:w4ycz@att.net) Can any of you 40's crewmembers help Louis with information on the Floatplanes.



Name:

Haley Elizabeth Easterwood

Email:

[glamtrash\\_superstar@hotmail.com](mailto:glamtrash_superstar@hotmail.com)

Date:

22 Jan 2004

## Comments

I am the great-niece of one of the Wisconsin's crewmembers, Troy Shedrick Thrasher. I am hoping to be able to find some of the men who served with him. He served during the '50s, I believe. He passed away in the late eighties and I never got the chance to get to know him. I would love to be able to find some of his mates. If anyone has any information, I would appreciate the help. Thank you and God Bless. Haley

Comments from Dom: Haley, hope your wish comes true that some of your great-uncles shipmates will contact you.



Name:  
Walter B. Dorny II Major USAR  
Email:  
[AZBUNCH@aol.com](mailto:AZBUNCH@aol.com)  
Date:  
22 Jan 2004

## Comments

Your friend and mine, Harvey Green, steered me to your web site. I have enjoyed the visit and sent info to my brother Louis B Dorny USN Ret in Seattle. Thanks for sharing so much from so many people. History of this Ship and the sailors that made her what she is is wonderful. With my respect and admiration for the service and sacrifice of those that sailed her and helped bring peace and happiness to many who will never understand the meaning of military service and the honor a country places on her military. w. brough dorny major usar

Comments from Dom: Walter, Glad you enjoyed your visit and shared it with your brother. Harvey is a great guy and very loyal to our Association. and very considerate of our crewmembers. Thanks Harvey!

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Name:  
YN3 Curtis  
Email:  
[melody.adamczak@navy.mil](mailto:melody.adamczak@navy.mil)  
Date:  
21 Jan 2004

## Comments

I found your site while searching for the Boot Camp deck log for my NON-Prior recruits. I spent about an hour reading all this and all I have to say is wow the navys changed. It seems the fact that I was born late into the navy was a major fault to me

Comments from Dom: Glad you found our site. Yes, the Navy has changed even from my time.

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Name:  
SELINA RODRIGUEZ  
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[BABYCAKES23\\_99@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:BABYCAKES23_99@HOTMAIL.COM)  
Date:  
20 Jan 2004

## Comments

I AM NOT SURE IF I'LL EVER GET A ANSWER BUT I AM LOOKING FOR LUIS MARTINEZ LAST I KNEW STATIONED IN INGELSIDE,TX I LOST CONTACT AND MISS HIM VERY MUCH IF ANYONE MIGHT KNOW WHERE OR HOW I CAN FIND HIM PLEASE EMAIL ME.

Comments from Dom: You never know, you may get an answer.

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Name:

Thomas and Emily Flom

Email:

[embrylac@yahoo.com](mailto:embrylac@yahoo.com)

Date:

18 Jan 2004

## Comments

We would love to see or hear from old friends of ours. Take care.

Comments from Dom: Tom, Emily, sure hope some of your shipmates contact you.

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Name:

JIM ADAMS

Email:

[jimbo66@relymail.com](mailto:jimbo66@relymail.com)

Date:

17 Jan 2004

## Comments

as a former carrier sailor, I love to see pics of them and the battlewagons. I plan on visiting the Wisconsin this summer. fair winds and following seas

Comments from Dom: Yes, those two types of ships do look good together. Enjoy your visit to the Wisconsin.

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Name:

Tom Bacon

Email:

[iamsearching2@yahoo.com](mailto:iamsearching2@yahoo.com)

Date:

17 Jan 2004

## Comments

Looking for a San Diego Recruit Training Command zippo lighter. If you have one please contact me and let me know what you want for it. Thank you Tom

Comments from Dom: Good luck in your search for the zippo lighter.

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Name:

Hans Moeller

Email:

[hhmoeller@ofir.dk](mailto:hhmoeller@ofir.dk)

Date:  
15 Jan 2004

## Comments

Hi all First of all I wish you all a happy new year. I wrote in this log on the 6 Mar 2002 that I was building a scale model of the BB64. Dom asked me to send a picture of her when the work was completed. Now I have finished the work but in stead of pictures I send you the link to my website: <http://www.hh-moeller.dk> On this site there are pictures of the model as well as text explaining the process and the project in general. I hope that you will visit this site and maybe list the link on your great site. This would make me very proud. Many thanks. HM

Comments from Dom: A Job Well Done!! Hans. I enjoyed looking at the pictures of the various stages of the ship being built. Thanks for sharing it with us and I will link to your site.

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Name:  
Jim Hering  
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[jimhering6@aol.com](mailto:jimhering6@aol.com)  
Date:  
10 Jan 2004

## Comments

The best web site I have ever seen. WELL DONE. I was at the re-commissioning in 1988. Also aboard BB-62, BB-63, while in commission, as a guest. Love the IOWAS! Hope to visit again someday. They belong in the active fleet! Keep up the good work.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment on the site. We try harder!!

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Name:  
Bob Lane  
Email:  
[Rlane63772@Aol.Com](mailto:Rlane63772@Aol.Com)  
Date:  
10 Jan 2004

## Comments

Great Website. I hope that in the near future, the Navy turns the ship over to the city of Norfolk. I would love to go below decks.

Comments from Dom: So do we!!!!

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Name:  
Jay Barnes  
Email:  
[medicjay@bellsouth.net](mailto:medicjay@bellsouth.net)



Date:  
10 Jan 2004

## Comments

I was in 5th Division onboard Wisconsin from 1988-1991. I am trying to locate some friends who were onboard during the same time frame: FC3 David Fry and FC3 Tracy Stone. If anyone knows how to get in touch with either of them I would appreciate an e-mail. Thanks, Jay Barnes

Comments from Dom: Jay, hope you are successful in locating your former shipmates.

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Name:  
John Minard  
Email:  
[jminardff@yahoo.com](mailto:jminardff@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
09 Jan 2004

## Comments

Great site!

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment.

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Name:  
Joseph Jauernig  
Email:  
[jjauernig@aol.com](mailto:jjauernig@aol.com)  
Date:  
08 Jan 2004

## Comments

Möchte hier mal Grüßen, bin im Jahre 1970 mit dem Deutschen Zerstörer D 184 Hessen in Norfolk gewesen. War eine schöne Zeit. My Home Page: <http://bleifussjoe.beep.de>

**Translation: I'd just like to say "hello". In 1970 we visited Norfolk on board of the German destroyer "D 184". It was a great time there.**

Comments from Dom: Thanks for visiting our site. Your site also looks interesting. I will explore it further.

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Name:  
John Sanson  
Email:  
[patlambert107@hotmail.com](mailto:patlambert107@hotmail.com)  
Date:

06 Jan 2004

## Comments

While visiting my daughter in Texas, we came across the Wisconsin's website. I served aboard the Wisconsin from April 1944-December 1945. I don't have a computer but can be reached at my daughters email address above , by phone at 315-245-2554 or written to: John Sanson, 2774 State Road, Camden, New York 13316. Would love to hear from any of my old shipmates.

**Comments from Dom:** Glad your daughter found this site. Did you get a chance to look at the 1940's roster for anyone you might remember. Will be sending you some info.

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Name:

Robert G Pierpont

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Date:

02 Jan 2004

## Comments

GOOD JOB A WELL DONE

**Comments from Dom:** Thanks for the compliment.

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Name:

Jamie Scheel

Email:

[Jambolias@charter.net](mailto:Jambolias@charter.net)

Date:

01 Jan 2004

## Comments

I was in Norfolk, VA to see this AWESOME site in person last year! And I tell you what, my first Battleship in person will be a life long memory. The Battleship Wisconsin is an amazing site to see. A must for anyone!! Makes me proud to be a American!!!

I wanted to stop in and say hi. I am a big fan of war ships. I got to see the Battleship Wisconsin in person last year. And was in awe!! She is beautiful to see in person!! I am from Wisconsin and was proud to get to see this awesome ship!!

**Comments from Dom:** For people who have not seen a battleship, she does present an awesome and everlasting sight. She is a real beauty.

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The following comments were made from February 2, 2005 to December 29, 2005.

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Name:  
HMC (SW/AW) Kimbrough Johnson  
Email:  
[kimbroj1@earthlink.net](mailto:kimbroj1@earthlink.net)  
Date:  
Thursday, 29. December 2005

## Comments

There is only one word to described my experience and time onboard the "whiskey"... "awesome"... Looking for medical shipmates onboard during Dec 89 until September 91. I have been in contact with Jerry Schieble, Ron Rutherford, Reginald Dean, Bill Lienhop, Ted D'Amico, Melvin Fifer... as well as few others onboard during this timeframe. Look forward to hearing from some others.

Comments from Dom: Kimbrough, I checked our 1980's /90's Crewmembers list, and found eight Johnson's listed and you are not one of them. We would like to see you listed as the ninth, how about it? You can do this by just asking to be listed on this list or for \$15.00 you can become a paid member of our Wisconsin family.

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Name:  
Jeff  
Email:  
[miamihoff@netzero.com](mailto:miamihoff@netzero.com)  
Date:  
Monday, 26. December 2005

## Comments

My father served in the Navy during the Korean War onboard the USS Kearsarge and am proud of him and all military personnel that serve our Country. As a resident of Wisconsin and very much into any kind of history regarding ships have a question regarding the Wisconsin hoping that can be answered. Many of us would love to have the Wisconsin berthed in our State but the debate is whether it could make it through the Locks or not. I have thought it was to wide to make it through. Is that true? Thank You.

Comments from Dom: The ship is 108 feet wide and has a draft of 38 feet. you will have to do the math.

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Name:  
Dick E. Blessing HMC USN RET  
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[Creekbank@direcway.com](mailto:Creekbank@direcway.com)  
Date:  
Friday, 23. December 2005

## Comments

Great web site. I applied for duty aboard the USS New Jersey in '68 when they recommissioned her for Viet Nam, but they said that my rating was critical (Lab Tech) and that they wanted me to stay aboard the Iwo Jima. Went to see the Missouri in Astoria, OR when she stopped on the way to Pearl, but they only allowed us on the main deck. Sorry to read that she isn't being shown and cared for properly. Hope you folks do a better job with the Wisconsin.

**Comments from Dom:** Hi Dick, thanks for the compliment and for stopping by. Too bad you did not get duty aboard the New Jersey, I'm sure you would have loved serving aboard a battleship. As for the Missouri, I went aboard her this past October and I thought she was in pretty good shape. They have several different tours of the ship at various prices. One of the tours takes you down to Broadway. As for the USS Wisconsin, I know she will be in good shape. Read my comments in the below entry.



Name:  
Roy Strausbaugh  
Email:  
[sailors@earthlink.net](mailto:sailors@earthlink.net)  
Date:  
Tuesday, 13. December 2005

## Comments

Season's greetings to all. Was a crewmember on Wisconsin 1955 - 1956. Recently visited Pearl and visited the Missouri. I do hope, when ship is turned over and opened up that we do a better job at display, presentation and maintenance (!) than the folks in Hawaii are doing. They are struggling to maintain. However, the visit was wonderful many memories evoked for me. I do hope they can get resources.... We must do better when the ship is opened.

**Comments from Dom:** Don't worry Roy, Our ship has the best group of people taking care of her now and I'm sure they will do their best when the time comes to present her to the public.



Name:  
steven brookshire  
Email:  
[steven.brookshire@us.army.mil](mailto:steven.brookshire@us.army.mil)  
Date:  
Sunday, 11. December 2005

## Comments

finally had a chance to check out the deck log. seen a few names i recognized from b-div. glad to hear that you and your wife are alright after the little storm. hope to see tom bradshaw and other b-div. in sc. you have a wonderful site keep up the good work.

**Comments from Dom:** Hi Steve, glad you had the chance to check us out. Looking forward to seeing you at our 2006 reunion. Thanks for the site compliment and stay safe.

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Name:

Mike Darling

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Date:

Sunday, 04. December 2005

## Comments

My family and I just got back to Ashburn, VA. After a week at VA Beach, my daughter and I saw our first Battleship together, the USS Wisconsin. She's 17 yrs old. Such a magnificent ship and in such great condition. A true symbol of our great country. We'll never forget the experience.

Comments from Dom: Hi Mike, I'm glad you and your daughter had a chance to visit our ship. Yes she is magnificent and you and your daughter will never forget her. For those of us who served in her, she is a part of our lives and we will never forget her.

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Name:

BM1 SW CHARLES BROWN USN RET. USS IOWA BB 61

Email:

HOOKING BACK UP

Date:

Saturday, 03. December 2005

## Comments

DOM AND TO ALL MY FELLOW BATTLEWAGON SAILORS OF BB 64 ALL ERAS. HAPPY HOLIDAYS. WE OF BB 61 STILL IN THE FIGHT TO FIND HER A HOME. BOATS.

Comments from Dom: Hi Boats, glad you stopped by. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you also.

I'm sure where ever our sister, USS Iowa, calls home, she will draw a large number of people.

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Name:

Doug Webb

Email:

[smartbutt99@hotmail.com](mailto:smartbutt99@hotmail.com)

Date:

Sunday, 20. November 2005

## Comments

I enjoyed your site. No, I'm not even a veteran, but I remain very glad we had these ships whenever we needed them. To me, the Iowa class battleships represent the highest level of achievement in battleship design/construction. Pound for pound, they were and remain the best in the world.

Comments from Dom: Yes Doug, these battleships are something else. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to serve on one. Glad you enjoyed the site, come again.



Name:

pablo

Email:

[pablobreath@yahoo.com](mailto:pablobreath@yahoo.com)

Date:

Saturday, 19. November 2005

## Comments

I love this site

Comments from Dom: Glad you like this site.



Name:

mark farrier

Email:

[markj96@yahoo.com](mailto:markj96@yahoo.com)

Date:

Thursday, 17. November 2005

## Comments

I heard another nickname other than the whiskey punch was "devils bomb hurler"

Comments from Dom: Mark, she received the name "Devil Bomb Hurler" while she was in Korea, 1951-1952.



Name:

Freddie Akens

Email:

[fakensinv@houston.rr.com](mailto:fakensinv@houston.rr.com)

Date:

Wednesday, 16. November 2005

## Comments

"I was the Honors Boatswains Mate when the Wisconsin was commissioned in Pascagoula, Miss., in 1988. I just wanted to say 'HELLO' to all of the Crew of the BIG STICK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Comments from Dom: Hi Freddie, you just said "HELLO" to the crew of the USS Iowa. The Iowa was called "The Big Stick", not the Wisconsin.

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Name:

Dan Perry

Email:

[sayabgboy@aol.com](mailto:sayabgboy@aol.com)

Date:

Monday, 14. November 2005

## Comments

Hello to all my name is Dan Perry my father served in the WWII, he was in the 10th division his name is WILLIAM H. PERRY. He went over the Alexander ship and came back in Brazil. Can you tell me where the ship is? He was a good soldier, he passed away last July 2005. He was a good father. Thank you! Dan

Comments from Dom: Hi Dan, Sorry to hear about your Dad. I tried to research these two ships for you and found the following on the "Brazil". [http://moore-mccormack.com/SSBrazil\\_War1.htm](http://moore-mccormack.com/SSBrazil_War1.htm) As for the "Alexander", there are a number of ships with this name and I did not have the time to check them out, sorry. You can search for this Troop Ship using a search engine. I used Google, <http://www.google.com/>

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Name:

Mark Nehring

Email:

[mark.nehring@navy.mil](mailto:mark.nehring@navy.mil)

Date:

Sunday, 13. November 2005

## Comments

I arrived in Norfolk in 1997 for duty onboard the USS Estocin, FFG-15, prior to her going to Nauticus. We were berthed behind this fine lady of the sea's. Every day I walked down the pier, and couldn't help but wish I could have served on her. My being from Wisconsin and being able to see her so close, made me feel a sense of pride that I was still serving our Country, even though one of the greatest ships in the fleet was inactive. I plan to go back and see her again in the near future.

Comments from Dom: Too bad you didn't get the opportunity to serve aboard Wisconsin, you would have loved it.

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Name:

Stephen Clifton

Email:

[jake6971@comcast.net](mailto:jake6971@comcast.net)

Date:

Wednesday, 09. November 2005

## Comments

Hello to all, I was just searching for information on the Wiskey Punch and came across your site. Thank you for helping me to relive some great times. I remember how good it felt to hear that I was going to an Iowa Class out of the "Green House" in Great Lakes. My dad was a 5" gunner on the Missouri and I ended up walking in his footsteps. I remember seeing BB 64 for the first time and the pride I felt, yeah scrubbing the teak was a pain but if the 5 inches didn't leak then they were broke. How many once 18 year olds remember the awesome power of a full broadside salvo or the way it felt to see the breeches fly back for the first time with the smell of hydraulic fluid filling your nostrils. Oh to be 18 again. I can't thank you enough....  
Stephen Clifton GMG3 G-2 division Mount 56

**Comments from Dom:** Stephen, Isn't it great to reminisce your time aboard our Great Lady. I do it quite often. Have you given any thought to joining our Wisconsin Family. Fill out an application and come on aboard.

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Name:

Stewart Rapache

Email:

[Sturap@msn.com](mailto:Sturap@msn.com)

Date:

Monday, 07. November 2005

## Comments

Dom, great job with the web-site, it's far and away the best of the BB'S. I remember seeing you aboard ship. Best regards, Stew Rapache

**Comments from Dom:** Thanks for the compliment on our site. I probably know you also. Bob Walls from your division use to come into the photo lab to play pinochle. Looking forward to your joining our Wisconsin Family.

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Name:

Ron Reeves

Email:

[pnsy17shop@comcast.net](mailto:pnsy17shop@comcast.net)

Date:

Wednesday, 02. November 2005

## Comments

Say Dom: Do you have any info as to when in '98 ship was towed from NNSY to Pax River for some sort of tests, and then in '99 towed back to NAVSTA Norfolk in preparation of berthing at Nauticus ?? Also in your CO list you ought to list the two OiC's after the decommissioning and tow to Philly CDR Frank B. Miller, on Decomm date, and then Lcdr Ronald F. Freeman on 10 Jan 92 until the end 31 March 92. I got to know the last CMC, as he used to sit in the wardroom, selling off what was left of ships store items, and he had the ships postmark with him and I got a lot of 'hits' of it for 31 March 92. I was there till the very last day, in the little trailer they set up in the parking lot next to the ship, and the CMC ordered some hoagies for the crew for lunch from somewhere in Philly, but they got the order on last day to secure at 0900, and CMC gave me about 20 hoagies which I took back to my shop, and gave them out. He also gave me all the books WISCONSININST, and other items which I donated to the Museum in Madison-you probably know about this. Damn I forget his name !! But I'm looking to find out where Joe Mayes PCC is-dunno if he's active in the Association though. Anybody know ???? As you probably know I did up cachet stamps and postmarks for him for Commissioning, and also did the stamp at the end too (still got it) anyone wanting 'hits' I may have some envelopes left if not I can make them up. Contact me by email...Take it easy Dom, and keep the faith.....

**Comments from Dom: Sorry Ron, I'm not aware of the ship being towed to the Pax River in 1998.**

**We will keep our "Commanding Officers" list for those officers that had command while the ship was in commission. As for the items you donated to the Museum in Madison Wisconsin, we do not have access to those items. We are not connected with that Museum.**



Name:

KRITSIDIMOS , GEORGE

Email:

[DATOMSPLITTER@JUNO.COM](mailto:DATOMSPLITTER@JUNO.COM)

Date:

Tuesday, 01. November 2005

## Comments

Hello ! I am SGT John Demas , my Father is George Kritsidimos ! He was on the Wisconsin during WW2 , sometime after the war the name was shortened to Demas . I believe he was a radioman 1st class . He turned 85 a few days ago and is in very good health ! You can email him at the above address ! Thanks !

**Comments from Dom:** Hi George, thanks for the info on your Dad. The information I could find on him is he was an RM1. I hope some of his shipmates contact him.



Name:  
McDonald,H.T. 3rd Div 53 to 56  
Email:  
[bigmac1532@insightbb.com](mailto:bigmac1532@insightbb.com)  
Date:  
Thursday, 27. October 2005

### Comments

Hey Dom,, Can you tell me where the expression Whisky Punch came from ? I have never heard that expression before. I have heard her called Wisky before but never Whisky Punch. Does it come form Desert Storm maybe ? MAC

**Comments from Dom:** Mac, you answered your own question.



Name:  
James T Judge  
Email:  
[greenhirtocto@yahoo.com](mailto:greenhirtocto@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
Saturday, 22. October 2005

### Comments

Hello Dom and members of USS Wisconsin Association and former crewmembers. Served aboard her (Wiskey Punch) during late 80's and early 90's. As far as stories go, we all have them....we lived them aboard her. Just like to finish with "Hello Signal Crew". Maybe we could hook up in the future along with former crewmembers of BB-64..BTW Mr. Menta...I will sign crewmembers log and possibly become member of Association (if my wife lets me...ha ha...)..at a later time. Have suggested this site to friends and family also...

**Comments from Dom:** Hi James, as requested, we have added you to our email list. If you can make it to our reunion next year in Charleston, SC., you can relate your stories to the guys.



Name:  
ralph ridenour  
Email:

[karr1knight@yahoo.com](mailto:karr1knight@yahoo.com)

Date:

Friday, 23. September 2005

## Comments

love this site !!!!! one of the navy's finest ships a credit to her name

Comments from Dom: Right On! Ralph.

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Name:

Jenna Connor

Email:

[jconnor4411@hotmail.com](mailto:jconnor4411@hotmail.com)

Date:

Friday, 23. September 2005

## Comments

Hello everyone, Awhile ago I wrote a comment about my grandfather James B. Howard who was on the ship around 1951. I got a response back from a Mr. Gene Corsale; he told me some information about my grandfather and went into some stories but then all of a sudden I never got a response back. I was wondering if he was okay or if anyone else knew information on my grandfather. Thanks!

Comments from Dom: Hi Jenna, Gene is OK as far as we know. Perhaps if he sees this he will contact you again.

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Name:

LORRAINE HODGENS

Email:

[SCRABBLER2@VERIZON.COM](mailto:SCRABBLER2@VERIZON.COM)

Date:

Friday, 23. September 2005

## Comments

Thanks for a great website. My husband served on the Wisconsin from Dec.1950 till Feb.1953.Was on the ship in Korea when it was hit. Have pictures of it going through the Panama Canal. He was so proud of his Navy service, especially on the Wisconsin. Sadly he passed away in 1996 from ALS. Please enter his name in the Memorial Page. He'd be so proud. He was in A Division. Howard Hodgens everyone called him Buddy. Thank you so much! I'll be looking forward to seeing his name.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment on the site. Sorry to hear about the passing of our shipmate, Howard. I have entered his name on our In Memoriam Page.

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Name:

Lillian Alasevich

Email:

[Ladybelle@verizon.net](mailto:Ladybelle@verizon.net)

Date:

Saturday, 17. September 2005

## Comments

First time I visited this site and I think it is great. I worked on the Wisconsin when she was being built at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia. Met my husband who was a marine on board the ship when it was commissioned. We have been married now for 58 years. He was in the Marine Corps for 26 years but the Wisconsin is always close to our hearts. He is a member of the Wisconsin Assn. His name is Robert.

Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed your visit. Thanks for the working on the Wisconsin. You are the second woman to tell us that they worked on the ship and met their future husband while doing so. Thanks for your compliment on the site and please come back and visit us again. Hope to see you and Robert in Charleston for our next reunion in September 2006.

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Name:

Glen R. Ramsdell

Email:

[ramrod432@hotmail.com](mailto:ramrod432@hotmail.com)

Date:

Saturday, 17. September 2005

## Comments

Just a visit from Hayward Wisconsin.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for stopping by, Glen.

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Name:

Terry King

Email:

[devildog9@bellsouth.net](mailto:devildog9@bellsouth.net)

Date:

Tuesday, 13. September 2005

## Comments

Great site!

Comments from Dom: Thanks Terry

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Name:

Joe Thompson

Email:

[mary.thompson6@comcast.net](mailto:mary.thompson6@comcast.net)

Date:

Tuesday, 13. September 2005

## Comments

My father's name is Marvin Louis Thompson. He was a gunner's mate and served in both WW2 (1941-1945) and Korea (1950-52). I am reluctant to give out his SS #. In WW2 he served on the Wisconsin during the past few years and I believe his entire duty during Korea was aboard the WI. He boxed (I think most of you guys did) and knew how to have fun. He loved his family and his country--a very proud man. Thank you so much. This is an incredible Web-site. My brothers and I will surely enjoy it. I would love to hear from any of the veterans that knew Marv--(some, including my Mom, called him Tom). Thank you again for your help and thank you for such a quick response.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for your Dad's name, I hope you hear from some of his shipmates.

Thank you for the web site compliments



Name:

Charlotte Price

Email:

[charleybop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:charleybop@sbcglobal.net)

Date:

Monday, 12. September 2005

## Comments

My dad was on the USS Wisconsin when I was little. That's where I took my first steps. His name is Kerry Lee Price. I was just on the Wisconsin in July. Here's my dad's e-mail.  
[kerryprice@osco.varian.com](mailto:kerryprice@osco.varian.com)

Comments from Dom: Hi Charlotte, you may have the distinction of being the only one to have ever taking their first steps aboard the Wisconsin.

I hope you enjoyed your visit to the ship.



Name:

Ashley Raper

Email:

[ashdor@cox.net](mailto:ashdor@cox.net)

Date:

Monday, 12. September 2005

## Comments

I served aboard the Wisky from Jan 1951 to Mar 1954.. Two cruise books were issued during this period. I had them once, but they were maliciously destroyed. Anyone out there who has them and are no longer wanted, I would love to have them. Thank you.....Ashley Raper, formerly SK1, S-2 Division

**Comments from Dom: Ashley, sorry to hear about your cruise books. I hope someone who has duplicates will get in touch with you.**



Name:

Eldon Jackson

Email:

[merlajackson@bellsouth.com](mailto:merlajackson@bellsouth.com)

Date:

Sunday, 11. September 2005

### Comments

Just viewed your web site and was well pleased with it. Great site. I was on the USS Wisconsin from 1944 - April 1946. Can't say that I enjoyed every minute of it. I found my picture in 3 of the photographs. I was in the CR division. The web site brought back lots of memories. Eldon R Jackson - 2638866 Seaman First Class V6 USNR discharged April 16, 1946

**Comments from Dom: Glad you like the site. How about signing on to our email list. Better still, how about joining our Wisconsin Family. Fill out an [application](#) and send it in.**



Name:

BOBBY WILLIAMS

Email:

[PETEBETTY01@WMCONNECT.COM](mailto:PETEBETTY01@WMCONNECT.COM)

Date:

Sunday, 11. September 2005

### Comments

I SERVED ON THE WISCONSIN 1955-1957. I WAS ASSIGNED TO NO.2 FIRE ROOM. MOST OF MY SHIPMATES WILL REMEMBER ME BY A NICKNAME [SMOKEY] WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME ON MY FIRST CRUISE. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO SERVED, IN B DIVISION, DURING THIS TIME.

**Comments from Dom: Ok you guys in B division. How about sending Smokey and email or two.**



Name:

Val Black

Email:

[valblack@launchnet.com](mailto:valblack@launchnet.com)

Date:

Saturday, 10. September 2005

## Comments

To All Crew Members Who Were Aboard Sept.2,1945 Can any of you confirm that we were anchored next to the Missouri when the Japanese surrender was signed? I know that I stood on deck and saw the ceremony. I can't understand why historians say we entered the bay three days later. I would like to set the records corrected, can any of you help? I would appreciate hearing from any of you. Val Black

Comments from Dom: Val, History states that the Wisconsin dropped anchor on Sept. 5th in Tokyo Bay, three days after the signing. Let me know what feed back you get on this.



Name:

Joe Thompson

Email:

[mary.thompson6@comcast.net](mailto:mary.thompson6@comcast.net)

Date:

Saturday, 10. September 2005

## Comments

My father served on the Wisconsin in both WW2 and Korea. I am one of his six sons. We have all been in the service and are extremely proud of our Dad. Our country owes a debt of gratitude that can never be full repaid to the entire generation that literally saved the world. Thank you so very much. Unfortunately my Dad passed away in 1971 at the very young age of 45. He was such a strong individual it still is difficult to believe that he is gone. I was hoping that you could include his name on your roster. My brothers and I constantly look for old pictures of the Wisconsin in the hopes that Dad might be in a photo. Thank you for your consideration in this matter and once again thank you to the entire crew of the Wisconsin for a superb job! Number 4 Son, Joe Thompson

Comments from Dom: Joe, I need a little more info on your Dad. What is his name? Any ideas of the years he served aboard the ship and the division? Thank you and your brothers for serving our great country.



Name:

J.P. SULLIVAN

Email:

[joenshorty@valornet.com](mailto:joenshorty@valornet.com)

Date:

Thursday, 08. September 2005

## Comments

Am trying to find anyone who served on USS Estes AGC 12, from1964-1968.'especially in radar

Comments from Dom: J.P., I hope some of your shipmates check out this Deck Log and contact you.



Name:

Doug Birky

Email:

[dgbirky@voyager.net](mailto:dgbirky@voyager.net)

Date:

Thursday, 08. September 2005

## Comments

This is a beautiful ship! I'm glad I got to make radio contact this past December! I love the QSL card that was sent to me. Thanks, Doug Birky KC8YEC

Comments from Dom: Yes Doug, she is a beautiful ship.



Name:

Bm2 Williams, Pete

Email:

[PW38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:PW38@sbcglobal.net)

Date:

Thursday, 08. September 2005

## Comments

Hello shipmates. Being a plank owner from way back in Pascagoula, Ms days, I really do miss the friends that I made and really would like to see a reunion from our time onboard Wisconsin. The pictures that I see on site are great to look back on and reminisce.. I'll be sending you more photo's from shipmates and the Wisconsin for you to put on site. I wish all our past and present shipmates the best and hopefully we will stay in touch. God Bless..Bm2Williams, P..2nd/6th division..

Comments from Dom: Hi Pete, looking forward to receiving the photos. You said you would like to see a reunion from your time aboard, why don't you and your shipmates come to our reunion next year. It will be in Charleston, SC, September 5th to the 10th. Additional information will be on our website and in the April Badger.



Name:

john t.dfoughty jr. pfc usmc ret.

Email:

[jdoughty@houston.rr.com](mailto:jdoughty@houston.rr.com)

Date:

Friday, 02. September 2005

## Comments

Served on the Wisconsin in 1946 thank you



Comments from Dom: Hi John, welcome to our Deck Log.

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Name:

BM1 Battles

Email:

[battles1968@yahoo.com](mailto:battles1968@yahoo.com)

Date:

Friday, 02. September 2005

## Comments

I would like to say that looking at those pictures brings back a lot of memories of my younger days. It's a joy to know we haven't been forgotten. The time we spent in the Persian Gulf is in the history books now. We are part of the history books now so I would like to say continue to keep us living in the minds and lives of others.

Comments from Dom: Happy to hear that this site helped you to relive your younger days.

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Name:

Ken Weber

Email:

[kjweber2658@yahoo.com](mailto:kjweber2658@yahoo.com)

Date:

Thursday, 01. September 2005

## Comments

Hi Dom, Has anyone heard from our shipmates that are living along the gulf shores? I know that there are a few down there. Our hearts and prayers go out to them.

Comments from Dom: Ken check our Home Page

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Name:

Glenn Wolfe

Email:

[wolfeglenn@hotmail.com](mailto:wolfeglenn@hotmail.com)

Date:

Wednesday, 31. August 2005

## Comments

Recently my father in law Sam Kasparian has moved in with me and my wife. We have been going over your site and found it to be wonderful for Sam. He served on the Wisconsin from 1951-1954 with the first division. If anyone recognizes his name please feel free to contact us, Sam would love to hear from some of his old buddies. Sam is also a member. Keep up the good work!

Comments from Dom: OK you 1st Division guys that served with Sam, how about sending him an email.

Glenn, if you click on the "Crewmembers" button at the top of this page and click on the "Click here to Add or change your email address", you can fill out the form for Sam, using your email address.



Name:

Tony Fransetta

Email:

[Fransetta1@aol.com](mailto:Fransetta1@aol.com)

Date:

Sunday, 28. August 2005

## Comments

Radarman, K Div. 53 to 55, Member of Assoc. A very good site.

Comments from Dom: Thanks Tony.



Name:

MM1 Cecil E Woods 1988-1991

Email:

[ltlpigee@hotmail.com](mailto:ltlpigee@hotmail.com)

Date:

Friday, 26. August 2005

## Comments

Really like the store. Grandkids like collecting USS WISCONSIN

Comments from Dom: Glad you like our store. Thanks to Jack & Betty Culp (they run our store) for picking out some great items.



Name:

Joseph De Maria Jr.

Email:

[jdemaria@comcast.net](mailto:jdemaria@comcast.net)

Date:

Wednesday, 24. August 2005

## Comments

I served from 1956 to 1958 in R Division, putting her out of commission in Bayonne, NJ. Just came across the site and was sad to see Wilmer Moss had passed away. My condolence go out to his family. I often look through the 1956 cruise book and wonder where the guys are now. I hope that God has blessed them with good health and prosperity. By the way, great website. Thanks for the memories.

Comments from Dom: Hi Joseph, I'm glad you found us and joined our Wisconsin family. Thanks for the website compliments.

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Name: Gary Wayne Shelley  
Email: [GSHELLEY@twcny.rr.com](mailto:GSHELLEY@twcny.rr.com)  
Date: Monday, 22. August 2005

### Comments

I just looked at the crew list and my dads name was not there Hoke Cyril Shelley My dad was on your ship from the start... Hoke Cyril Shelley from Metcalf Ga. born Dec 23, 1917

Comments from Dom: Gary, the crewmembers list we have is not a ship's roster list. These are former crewmembers that have either joined our Association, or just requested to have their email address listed. I sent you an email on Aug. 24th with additional information, but you have not answered me.

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Name: Jerry Wendrick  
Email: [thegooseswife1@charter.net](mailto:thegooseswife1@charter.net)  
Date: Friday, 19. August 2005

### Comments

Dom for got to ask in my last email if you could help me locate CW04 Gary Ferguson he was our personnel officer from 1988 to 1990 and a great friend. One officer you could look up to. Great for helping with problems. Would like to thank him for his help and guidance during our service time together. He was a definite one of a kind leader, none compare. Thanks to anyone for their possible help.

Comments from Dom: Sorry Jerry, CW04 Garry Ferguson, died June 13, 2001. We have him listed on our ["In Memoriam"](#) page.

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Name: Ed Sodl  
Email: [sodlnd@aol.com](mailto:sodlnd@aol.com)  
Date: Friday, 19. August 2005

### Comments

Shipmates from B-DIV send me a E-mail (1987-1990)

Comments from Dom: I hope your hear from your shipmates.

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Name:

Jerry Wendrick

Email:

[thegooseswife1@charter.net](mailto:thegooseswife1@charter.net)

Date:

Friday, 19. August 2005

## Comments

Dom sorry about the email goof up, I kind of misspelled the email address. This is the correct one. [thegooseswife1@charter.net](mailto:thegooseswife1@charter.net) , and to Ray, damn glad to hear from you. Thanks again  
Dom

Comments from Dom: Hi Jerry, thanks for correction on your email address. We will change our records.

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Name:

Ray Sandberg

Email:

[bugster999@yahoo.com](mailto:bugster999@yahoo.com)

Date:

Thursday, 18. August 2005

## Comments

I see Jerry Wendrick has come to the log but when I try to send him an email I get mailer daemon. So whit here is my email address. We used to party at my house. Bug man

Comments from Dom: Jerry is having problems with his email address. As soon as he sends me the corrected address, I will add it to his Deck Log entry of August 6th.

Aug. 20, 2005 here is Jerry's corrected email address: [thegooseswife1@charter.net](mailto:thegooseswife1@charter.net)

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Name:

Jeriann Medenblik

Email:

[jlmedenblik@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmedenblik@yahoo.com)

Date:

Thursday, 18. August 2005

## Comments

My grandfather was Roy E. Rice and served on the USS Wisconsin from 1943-1946. I would like to hear from anyone who remembers serving with my grandfather.

Comments from Dom: Jeriann, I hope you hear from some former crewmembers that served with your grandfather.



Name: Michael Alexander  
Email: [mikea1@earthlink.net](mailto:mikea1@earthlink.net)  
Date: Tuesday, 16. August 2005

### Comments

Hi. This is a nice website for such a great ship. Does anyone know of a Allen A. Tobias that served on the USS Wisconsin in the 1950s. He also served on the USS Ingersol. He was an electrician and a MP. He had a wife named Barbara Jean Alexander in San Diego, CA. She passed away on Aug. 11, 1993. If anyone can help me, it would be appreciated.

Comments from Dom: A. A. Tobias is listed in the March 3rd, 1951 - March 3rd, 1952 cruise book. He was in the 5th Division. I believe his time aboard was from 1951 to 1952 or early 1953.



Name: Karyn Ellis  
Email: [iloveanimals@citlink.net](mailto:iloveanimals@citlink.net)  
Date: Tuesday, 16. August 2005

### Comments

I am trying to get in touch with Tom Moran who was born around 1928 and was from Rhode Island (??). He served with my father Jim Woodyard on the USS Wisconsin in 1956 and was in division B. If anyone knows how my father can get in touch with him to talk over the "good 'ol days" please contact me by e mail at [iloveanimals@citlink.net](mailto:iloveanimals@citlink.net) Any information would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much. Karyn Ellis

Comments from Dom: Can any of you who served in the late 1950's help Karyn and Jim?



Name: George Matthai  
Email: [Matthai@fuse.net](mailto:Matthai@fuse.net)  
Date: Tuesday, 16. August 2005

### Comments

You either loved it or you hated it! I'm talking about that great breakfast treat, S-you know what on a shingle. Personally I liked the one with chipped beef and white gravy but some of my buddies said they longed for the hamburger style. I have the recipe for it. if you would like it, drop me a line on my email address and I will send it to you. This is one way to experience the past. George

Comments from Dom: Question George, should you take Mylanta before or after you eat this stuff? I was in the Navy 45 months and I never ate either of those great? breakfast treats.



Name:

Mark Penrod

Email:

[huskersailors@yahoo.com](mailto:huskersailors@yahoo.com)

Date:

Tuesday, 16. August 2005

## Comments

Stopping by to see what's new. Have a great navy day.

Comments from Dom: Hi Mark, glad you had the time to visit. I know you are on active duty and hope you are in a safe place.



Name:

PETE CAVANNA BTFN

Email:

[BROOKLYN15@VERIZON.NET](mailto:BROOKLYN15@VERIZON.NET)

Date:

Sunday, 14. August 2005

## Comments

I SERVED ABOARD THE WISKEY FROM 1955 THRU 1958 IN B DIV.#2FIREROOM, THEN LIVED ABOARD THE APL DURING DECOMMISSIONING. THE WEB CITE BRINGS BACK ALLOT OF GREAT MEMORIES. THANKS I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE THAT WAS IN #2FIREROOM DURING THAT TIME. DURING DECOMMISSIONING I STAMPED MY NAME ON THE LOWER LEVEL WORK BENCH. IF ANYONE REMEMBERS SEEING IT WHEN THE WISKEY WAS RECOMMISSIONED PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THANKS THE NAME STAMPED IS PETE CAVANNA

Comments from Dom: Hi Pete, thanks for writing in our Deck Log, I hope some of the guys get back to you.



Name:

Jesus Ortiz

Email:

[JesusO43@aol.com](mailto:JesusO43@aol.com)

Date:

Thursday, 11. August 2005

## Comments

I Too served on board the USS Wisconsin from May 1988 too May 1991. I was in fifth div. BM2 Ortiz Plank owner. I was very proud on serving on board. One of the best Naval ships I have ever served. Glad she's in Norfolk Va. so my wife can see this magnificent ship.

Comments from Dom: Hi Ortiz, thanks for visiting this site. I don't see your name in our association crewmembers list. How about joining our Wisconsin family? I count about 15 members that were in the 5th division when you were.

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Name:

John Schroppe

Email:

[ifschrop@msn.com](mailto:ifschrop@msn.com)

Date:

Thursday, 11. August 2005

## Comments

I am the Grandson of Clayton Kolbe who served 1944-1945. I was just checking out the site. If anyone who knew him you contact me. I would love to hear some stories.

Comments from Dom: Hi John, thanks for visiting. I hope you receive some e-mails from the guys that served with your grandfather.

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Name:

Jerry Wendrick

Email:

[thegooseswife1@charter.net](mailto:thegooseswife1@charter.net)

Date:

Saturday, 06. August 2005

## Comments

Served aboard from 1988 to 1992. one of the last aboard for decom in Philly. in all I am a plank owner. from recomb in 1988 to decomm in 1992. Today is the first time since 1992 that I have looked for anything of this nature for memories. I served in the personnel office, I was a PN3. I do have many pictures of the ship and places that we visited thru its last commison. I have lost some of them due to a house fire but saved most I will try to get my wife to send some of them to you for the web. Lots to say but don't know what to say. thanks for providing some memories.

Comments from Dom: Hi Jerry, glad you found us and happy that this site was instrumental in bringing you back to your time aboard the ship.  
Looking forward to receiving your photos.

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Name:  
Sam Angelico  
Email:  
[sjangelico@hotmail.com](mailto:sjangelico@hotmail.com)  
Date:  
Thursday, 04. August 2005

## Comments

I was a Midshipman and made a Middie Cruise to Scotland, Denmark, and Gtmo in 1955 on the Battleship Wisconsin. It was a great cruise on one of the greatest ships ever. After commissioning, I served aboard the USS Hornet CVA-12 and made a couple Far East cruises. Thereafter, I transferred to the Navy Civil Engineer Corps. Anyway, I wonder if anyone has an accurate log of the dates we arrived and left ports on that 1955 Middie Cruise. I'm fairly certain we left Norfolk on 11 July 1955, but after that I'm at a loss for dates. Unfortunately, in those days, I took few notes and no photos. Great website! Sam

Comments from Dom: Hi Sam, I checked my notes from 1955 and these are the dates you are looking for. We left Norfolk on July 11th and arrived in Edinburgh, Scotland on July 26th. At sea from Aug. 1st and arrived in Copenhagen, Denmark Aug. 4th. We left on Aug. 9th and were at sea until Aug. 25th. Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Aug. 25th to Aug. 29th. At sea Aug. 29th to Sept. 2nd. Back in Norfolk on Sept. 2nd.  
Hope this helps.



Name:  
Stephen Vermillion  
Email:  
[tucsonbluto@aol.com](mailto:tucsonbluto@aol.com)  
Date:  
Thursday, 04. August 2005

## Comments

I was recently in Norfolk and saw an Iowa class BB in the distance. I was told it was the USS Wisconsin, can anyone confirm that? I last saw her in the upper bay near Martinez CA.

Comments from Dom: Yes Stephen, what you saw, was and is, the USS Wisconsin.



Name:  
BM 1 SW CHARLES BROWN USN RET BB 61 83 85  
Email:  
HOOKING BACK UP  
Date:  
Tuesday, 02. August 2005

## Comments

DOM WISH I KNEW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH BB 61. WAS SF CA NOW STOCKTON HUH. HAVE NOT GOT A BB61 NEWSLETTER IN AWHILE. SOON AS I KNOW SOMETHING ILL LET YOU KNOW. WELL SHIPMATES OF BB 64 ITS FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS. BOATS.



Comments from Dom: Boats, I was not aware of this change. Keep us posted.

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Name:

Dena Strouse Dalton

Email:

[daltond@gwm.sc.edu](mailto:daltond@gwm.sc.edu)

Date:

Tuesday, 02. August 2005

## Comments

My dad William B. Strouse served on the Wisconsin in Division #1 during Korea sometime during 1953 to 1955 maybe longer. If anyone knew my dad or has any information or affiliation with him during that time, I would love to hear from you. Dad was killed in a work accident in January of 1966, but I know that if he was here today, he would have loved this website and the association.

Comments from Dom: Dena, I hope some of your Dad's former buddies contact you. I'm sure your Dad would have loved being a member of this association.

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Name:

LARRY WAYNE DIGGS

Email:

[HOMESTED21@AOL.COM](mailto:HOMESTED21@AOL.COM)

Date:

Thursday, 28. July 2005

## Comments

NEPHEW OF LARRY O'BRIEN DIGGS WHOM SERVED ON THE WISCONSIN.

Comments from Dom: Larry, do you have any additional information on your uncle? Do you know what years he served aboard the Wisconsin and what Division he was in. You can contact me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:

Jim Biggs

Email:

[james.biggs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:james.biggs@sbcglobal.net)

Date:

Friday, 22. July 2005

## Comments

Just toured the USS WISCONSIN BB64 thru your picture gallery. A most impressive ship. The pictures showed that the men were proud to serve aboard her. A job well done to all.... Having served aboard the aircraft carrier (USS ORISKANY CVA-34) during the Korean War, I was

amazed at how compact each compartment was on the Wisconsin. Best of luck and happy sailing preserving the memories of a Great Lady, the USS WISCONSIN BB-64.

Comments from Dom: Hi Jim, thanks for stopping by. Glad you enjoyed your visit. Yes we were and still are proud to have served on the Wisconsin. I'm sure you carrier guys had more room, but we did OK compared to some other ships.

I was on the Wisconsin for her second tour to Korea and recall the involvement of the Oriskany in the filming of the movie, "THE BRIDGES OF TOKO RI" Some of the Wisconsin crew got into the filming of this picture, I just missed out.

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Name:

James M. Couch

Email:

[JMCSPUD@wmconnect.com](mailto:JMCSPUD@wmconnect.com)

Date:

Thursday, 21. July 2005

### Comments

Please forgive my senior moments last night. I was requesting information about my shipmate and spelled his name wrong. I am looking for Robert D. Schultz. Also I got the Dakota wrong. He was from South Dakota. Sorry about the mistakes.

Comments from Dom: James, I deleted your incorrect request. Sorry I don't have any information on Robert. I hope one of our members can help you on this.

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Name:

John Schillinger ET1(SW) Med. Ret.

Email:

[j\\_p\\_schill@hotmail.com](mailto:j_p_schill@hotmail.com)

Date:

Thursday, 21. July 2005

### Comments

Damn fine ship, got a chance to see her in Norfolk, wish we could have her back in action.

Comments from Dom: Right on, John

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Name:

Edward Barnes

Email:

[deathloc666@yahoo.com](mailto:deathloc666@yahoo.com)

Date:

Thursday, 21. July 2005

### Comments

Too bad you don't just have just a listing for crew members I'd add my name. Was on Board 1988 to 1989, as ET2

Comments from Dom: Received your request to be added to our e-mail list. You are now listed on our "Crewmembers" list. Our "Crewmembers" list is only for former crewmembers that join our association or just request to have their e-mail listed.

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Name:

Richard Fitzgerald

Email:

[cowboydck@yahoo.com](mailto:cowboydck@yahoo.com)

Date:

Wednesday, 20. July 2005

## Comments

Having myself served in the Navy (64-68),having two brothers retired, and three sons, two currently serving. I found this site VERY interesting and moving. This ship and all the people that served aboard her are a history lesson in themselves, they show just what this country is made of. I think the people who put this site together should be commended. I will be in Norfolk in Aug. ,for one of my sons "winging" and I plan to bring my wife to see the monument to American Fighting men and woman then and now. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK and SMOOTH SAILING.....see ya in AUGUST.

Comments from Dom: Thank you Richard and all in your family for giving up some of your precious time to serve our GREAT COUNTRY! Enjoy your sons winging and your visit to the Wisconsin.

Glad you liked this web site and thank you for your compliments.

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Name:

McDonald, H. T.3RD DIV 53TO 56

Email:

[bigmac1532@insightbb.com](mailto:bigmac1532@insightbb.com)

Date:

Wednesday, 20. July 2005

## Comments

Hi Dom , Mac here,, Was just wondering how a guy could locate some info on a friend of mine that was aboard the Wisconsin in the late 40s or early 50s . His name was Drennen Roberts was from Russellville, Al. any of you late 40s or early 50s guys check your ships annual and let me know .MAC THANKS

Comments from Dom: Mac, our 1951-1952 cruise book, lists Roberts, D. in the roster list. I found him in the 4th Division photo. He was a BM3. This is all I can find on him.

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Name:

Marilyn W. Cloer

Email:

[mwcloer@yahoo.com](mailto:mwcloer@yahoo.com)

Date:

Monday, 18. July 2005

## Comments

My Father Virgil G. Welch served on the USS Wisconsin from around 1943 to 1945 or somewhere in that time frame. I am trying to find out more about him and what he did while on board. If anyone can help me please email me at [mwcloer@yahoo.com](mailto:mwcloer@yahoo.com) or my phone number is 828-736-2323 Cell 828-631-3359 Home or 828-226-3780. I would appreciate any help anyone can give me. He passed away Oct. 1984. Marilyn W. Cloer [mwcloer@yahoo.com](mailto:mwcloer@yahoo.com)

**Comments from Dom:** How about our 40's guys, anyone remember Virgil G. Welch? Please contact Marilyn.



Name:

Richard M. Allen

Email:

[richardallen@tds.net](mailto:richardallen@tds.net)

Date:

Sunday, 17. July 2005

## Comments

Can you help me find Charles E. Richardson USS Wisconsin bb-64 4th div. 1951 to 1954

**Comments from Dom:** He is not listed on our crewmembers roster. Perhaps someone who remembers him will contact you.



Name:

Jonathan W. Boyd

Email:

[jwboyd71@adelphia.net](mailto:jwboyd71@adelphia.net)

Date:

Wednesday, 13. July 2005

## Comments

My father served on the U.S.S. Wisconsin. I was able to locate him in several of your photos. He was very ill with cancer at the time of the march. He did manage to finish the trip and I know he was very proud to have been part of it. He was very proud to have been in the Navy and serve aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin.

**Comments from Dom:** Jonathan, was your Dad, Douglas? Glad he was able to march with us in the parade. You can contact me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)



Name:  
Daniel D. Rause  
Email:  
[danielddb64@verizon.net](mailto:danielddb64@verizon.net)  
Date:  
Wednesday, 13. July 2005

## Comments

I just wanted my friends out there to know that I have gone to the inactive reserve after 15 years drilling with the Military Sealift Command in Pittsburgh. Of course, my best memories were serving onboard Wisconsin('88-90') in Second division. In particular, those Pascagoula days! Does ANYONE out there remember "Masters" or the "Chew, Cue, and Brew"?! Ha-Ha-Ha!

Comments from Dom: Hi Daniel, Hope some of the guys contact you to reminisce about the good old days.



Name:  
Mike Isner  
Email:  
[mhisner@charter.net](mailto:mhisner@charter.net)  
Date:  
Monday, 11. July 2005

## Comments

I have always loved battleships and tanks, it must be something about guns and armor! I love the Wisconsin, I walked on her decks in 2003 and it was awesome. We have a great navy now, but no ugly flat-top can compare to a battleship! Great Site.

Comments from Dom: Mike, glad you visited our ship and felt her awesome power.



Name:  
Chris  
Email:  
[cjack001@hotmail.com](mailto:cjack001@hotmail.com)  
Date:  
Monday, 11. July 2005

## Comments

Great Homepage, great Ship. Thanks to US for activity against the Terror and other "mad Countries". God bless you all.

Comments from Dom: Thank you for your comments and visiting our site.



Name:

B.J Kramer

Email:

[kramer7998@bellsouth.net](mailto:kramer7998@bellsouth.net)

Date:

Sunday, 10. July 2005

## Comments

I enjoyed the Wisconsin website very much. I wish I knew about it earlier when my father was alive. I am in hopes that someone will remember my father. His name is Rockford "Dwight" Young. He was a BT2 on the Wisconsin from 51 to 55. There are two pictures of him on the site: page 2, #185, 4rth from the right in the back row, and page 10, #1001, the middle sailor. Do you know who has this picture? I am in hopes of going to Norfolk soon and visiting the Wisconsin myself. Thanks for honoring all the sailors! B.J Kramer

Comments from Dom: Brenda, Your Dad was in 1st Div. and then in B Div. I located him in the division photos in our Cruise Books. Hopefully someone will remember him and contact you.

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Name:

Ross Carlin

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[rlcarlin@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rlcarlin@ihug.co.nz)

Date:

Sunday, 10. July 2005

## Comments

I have just been surfing through google and found on this site a photo of my Auntie Agnes Carlin (#888). This is amazing, we don't have many photos of my dads family so it is quite cool to see this. After I showed my dad this, he told me he remembered Ken Anderson (pictured with her) very clearly as he came to their house in Greenock. He told me Ken was from Long Beach California. If Ken would like to contact me, I am sure my dad would love to catch up.

Comments from Dom: Sorry for the delay in answering your comment. Hopefully Ken has contacted you by now.

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Name:

HOWARD BESH

Email:

[H.BESH@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:H.BESH@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

Date:

Saturday, 09. July 2005

## Comments

HI I AM ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE NEW BELL FOR THE SHIP. THE BELL WAS MADE AT MILWAUKEE VALVE COMPANY, MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN. WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT BEAUTIFUL BELL WHEN THE SHIP WAS SCRAPED? HOWARD BESH

Comments from Dom: Hi Howard, the ship was not scrapped, she is inactive, in reserve, out of commission and still belongs to the US Navy. She is berthed adjacent to The Nauticus, The National Maritime Center, in Norfolk, VA. The ship's bell is on display at Nauticus.

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Name:

Ron Ivey

Email:

[rivey@usa2net.net](mailto:rivey@usa2net.net)

Date:

05 July, 2005

### comments

You have wealth of information here. My father (Mack Ivey) was a StM1c on the Wisconsin from 1944 when it was first commissioned until late 1945 when he was discharged. He died in 1982 when the Internet was in it's infancy. I'm sure if he were still alive he would enjoy your web site. I was also in the Navy but when I enlisted in 1955 it was no longer segregated so I had a lot more options then he did. As a result I was an air traffic controller. Even though I was an "airedale" I heard my share of "wooden ships and iron men" stories. I just wanted to say I think what you are doing here is great, and although I'm retired and living in Florida now, a trip to Norfolk to see BB64 is definitely on my list.

Comments from Dom: Ron, I have already added your Dad to our In Memoriam page. I received your membership application this A.M. Just wanted to say THANK YOU for your service to our country. Glad you enjoyed the site.

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Name:

Michael Fiore

Email:

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Date:

01 July, 2005

### comments

The Wisconsin and her sister ships are just an awesome sight to see. They have a Majesty and presence that none of the newer ships can match. I visited the Wisconsin twice at Nauticus and each time I boarded her, I felt closer to a time in America's history when Honor, Pride and Patriotism for this Great country were foremost. For me, these Battleships are a link to that era. Fantastic site.

Comments from Dom: Michael, That was quite a tribute to our ship. I'm sure all of your shipmates will agree with you. I visit the ship at least 3-4 times a year and feel the same way when I walk her decks.

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Name:

Dan Ferguson

Email:

[dferguson@misd.net](mailto:dferguson@misd.net)

Date:

01 July, 2005

### comments

Great site!! I really enjoyed the history on the Wisconsin and the photographs are awesome! My father a gunners mate in WWII served on the Tennessee and the Missouri. I served in the U.S. Navy Amphibious Forces during Vietnam and my brother served on the USS Forrestal during the mid seventies. Thank you for a great site - I hope to get to Norfolk and visit someday.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for your time serving our country and Thank you for the kind words about our site. If you ever get to visit her in Norfolk, she is an awesome sight.



Name:

Burt Goldsmith

Email:

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Date:

30 June, 2005

### comments

aboard Sept.1953 to march 1954 my best birthday gift was driving to Norfolk June 17 and going aboard once again. It was great to see Tom Dandes and Joe Judge; they made me feel right at home Was a construction electrician after leaving the navy. 41 years of hard work and retired now for 9 years. As always the Wisconsin is beautiful to see.

Comments from Dom: Burt, don't see your name listed on our crewmembers list. Why not join up now. If interested, go to the top of this page, click on Crewmembers button to either join our Wisconsin Family or just our email list. Tom and Joe are great guys and do a great job in welcoming former crewmembers. Thanks Tom and Joe.



Name:

Mike Marshall

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Date:

30 June, 2005

### comments

It's so wonderful to see another of America's historic treasures preserved for present and future generations. Thank you to all who served aboard ship and fought for democracy, to everyone who brought the USS Wisconsin to Nauticus and to all of the folks who work today to share her history and mission. You deserve the thanks of every freedom-loving citizen.

Comments from Dom: Mike, Many people were involved in getting the Wisconsin to Nauticus and how she looks today. On behalf of everyone involved, we thank you for your very kind words.



Name:



Mitchell Austin

Email:

[gsfsds@lycos.com](mailto:gsfsds@lycos.com)

Date:

29 June, 2005

### comments

gulf war 90-91

Comments from Dom: Glad you stopped by.



Name:

Andy

Email:

[webmaster@militaryimages.net](mailto:webmaster@militaryimages.net)

Date:

29 June, 2005

### comments

An excellent site with great info and fantastic images. Great work thanks

Comments from Dom: I have not fully checked out your site, but I like what I have seen so far. I will contact you further on this.



Name:

Robert Salisbury

Email:

[am3salisbury@yahoo.com](mailto:am3salisbury@yahoo.com)

Date:

29 June, 2005

### comments

It's great to see a web-page that pays homage to the greatest Navy in the world. The same Navy that I proudly serve in today. I enjoyed very much the history of the USS Wisconsin and the excellent pictures.

Comments from Dom: Thank you for serving your country. Thank you for your kind words.



Name:

William Carpenter

Email:

[tex1257@yahoo.com](mailto:tex1257@yahoo.com)

Date:

28 June, 2005

### comments

Just thank you for all those who have served our country to give us freedom you will never know how you are appreciated. Yours truly, Tex

**Comments from Dom: Tex, Thanks for your kind words.**

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**Name:**

**Carl F Russell**

**Email:**

**[piedpiper38@adelphia.net](mailto:piedpiper38@adelphia.net)**

**Date:**

**28 June, 2005**

**comments**

**Hi! I think your ship and all the pictures are great, I learned a lot I didn't know, Thank you' for all the memories.**

**Comments from Dom: Glad the site helped you. Come back and visit us again.**

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**Name:**

**William H Cook**

**Email:**

**[bills52ford@yahoo.com](mailto:bills52ford@yahoo.com)**

**Date:**

**27 June, 2005**

**comments**

**great tribute to our sailors and marines**

**Comments from Dom: They deserve to be remembered.**

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**Name:**

**bertin orellana**

**Email:**

**[richardbertin@hotmail.com](mailto:richardbertin@hotmail.com)**

**Date:**

**22 June, 2005**

**comments**

**My first command USS Wisconsin I set foot on Dec. 15 1990 in Bahrain. The ship looked so huge that I was a little bit scared, but I had some wonderful times while serving in it. Would like to know any crew members that served from 1990 to decommissioning right before it went to Philly.**

**Comments from Dom: Hi Bertin, I don't see your name as a member of our association. We would like to have you as a member of our Wisconsin family. If you would like to join just click on the membership button at the top of this page. While you are up there you can click on the crewmembers button and check out the 80's-90's section to look for crewmembers that were**

on at your time.

I know how you felt the first time you saw the ship. It happened to me also, I was 18 and the ship was in dry doc. It was 10PM and as I walked along the gangway, my eyes scanned the ship from top to bottom, I remember saying, what did I get myself into?

But after that I learned to love my new home.



Name:

Lt Jack Locy

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Date:

22 June, 2005

### Comments

I was just browsing the 50's pictures and lo and behold, there was a never-seen photo of yours truly sent in by John Donalson trying to impress the T Div. Officer. Try browsing for yourself, you never know who snapped you. J.J Locy

Comments from Dom: John, I think that's a good picture of you, at least that's the way I remember you. (1950's-Page 9 photo #964)



Name:

Walter E Scruggs Jr

Email:

[calico@atmc.net](mailto:calico@atmc.net)

Date:

18 June, 2005

### comments

1951 till 1952 served proudly.Would like to hear from others aboard during this time

Comments from Dom: I hope you hear from some of the guys.



Name:

John a slusher

Email:

[mjslusher@myshorelink.com](mailto:mjslusher@myshorelink.com)

Date:

18 June, 2005

### comments

I served aboard the USS Missouri BB-63 from 1952-54. unable to visit my old ship, I wanted to see the Wisconsin which was just like her. Me and some of my friends plan to see her this July 9 2005, I'd like to know , if your allowed below decks as well when visiting. I've enjoyed your web site for it's full of good material and pictures John a Slusher

Comments from Dom: Hi John, welcome to our site, glad you stopped by. Sorry to hear you can't visit your ship, but you are welcome to visit the Wisconsin at Nauticus. The Navy still owns the ship, therefore the public is not allowed inside. You can only walk her main deck and three decks above. There is no charge to board the ship, but there is a charge for the exhibits.

Thanks for the kind words about our web site, come again.

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Name:

Walter Culberson

Email:

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Date:

14 June, 2005

### comments

Great photos; wonderful tribute to a beautiful and honored lady! May her crews be proud and may her bell ring clearly.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the kind words Walter.

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Name:

Lisa Saracione

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Date:

14 June, 2005

### comments

My father-in-law was Frank Saracione. He will be gone a year this week already. He so loved and was so proud of the time he spent in the Navy. This web site helps Mike and I show our children the side of Papa they didn't know. It's so nice to be able to look through the pictures and see him as a young, healthy man. Thank you for all you do! God Bless America!

Comments from Dom: Hi Lisa, it was good to see you and Mom at our last reunion. We also miss Frank very much. We are thankful for the photos he shared with us, it gives us a chance to reminisce about our time aboard the ship, thanks Frank!

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Name:

Pam Richardson

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Date:

11 June, 2005

## comments

My father, Thomas J. Mattox, was a member of the original crew of the Wisconsin. He died in 1987 but I'm very glad to find this site. I would love to see the ship sometime.

**Comments from Dom: I have added your Dad's name to our "In Memoriam" page. I hope some of our 1940's FM division crewmembers, remember your Dad and contact you.**

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Name:

Frederick Horne

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Date:

10 June, 2005

## comments

Hi, my dad, Frederick G. Horne served on the Wisconsin in the Korean conflict, from '53-'55. Looking for people who served with him, and remember him, and maybe have some pictures of him to share. He was a BT3, div. B. He is alive, and well, living in Port Orange Fl. Would like to surprise him with pics for Fathers Day. He does not have p.c., so any correspondence, please send to my e mail site. Thank you to all you veterans.

**Comments from Dom: Frederick G. Horne, is listed in our April 1952-April 1954 cruise book. How about you "B" Division guys that have this book, check page 70, bottom division picture and see if you remember Fred. If you do, please contact his son at the above e-mail address.**

Thanks guys.

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Name:

Jenna Connor

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Date:

09 June, 2005

## comments

Hello, my grandfather, James Howard served on this ship during the Korea war. I was wondering if anyone knew him or if there are any pictures of him. I know he was a watch guard but also did something else on the ship. He is now deceased and I wish that I got to know more about his experiences. James B. Howard died June 1, 2001. If anyone could help me; please contact me at the above email. Thank You.

**Comments from Dom: James B. Howard, is listed in our 3 March 1951 to 3 March 1952 cruise book as a seaman apprentice, (SA) If any of our crewmembers of that time period remembers James, please contact Jenna and me.**

Jenna, I have added your Grandfathers name to our "In Memoriam" page.

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Name:

Earl Burrows

Email:

[Earlwburrows@hotmail.com](mailto:Earlwburrows@hotmail.com)

Date:

06 June, 2005

### comments

PLANK OWNER 1986-1990 G-2 DIVISION/SH3

I really miss being on the old whisky best ship ever most of all I miss the friends I met during my tour of duty true friends

Comments from Dom: Earl, you will never get over your feelings for the ship or the friends you made while aboard. That feeling will stay with you for life.

Have you thought about joining our Wisconsin family? Why not click on the above "Crewmembers" button and fill out an application.

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Name:

Robert Pier

Email:

[rp2usmc@yahoo.com](mailto:rp2usmc@yahoo.com)

Date:

06 June, 2005

### comments

My Father served on the USS Wisconsin during WW2.

He passed away in 1982 and I'm trying to find out if anyone remembers him or might have pictures with him in them that they could share?

His name: Edward (Ed) Pier

Thank you very much.

Robert Pier

Comments from Dom: If any of our 1940's crewmembers remembers Edward, ( he was a coxswain, division unknown) please contact his son, Robert. Thanks shipmates.

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Name:

Ronald Lupold

Email:

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Date:

05 June, 2005

### comments

Thanks for the web page enjoy looking at the pictures and shopping at the ships store. Thanks for all your time spent on it. I served on the Wisconsin from 1955 till she was decommissioned in 1958. ron

Comments from Dom: Hi Ron, glad you stopped by. Ron I don't see your name on our membership list or our e-mail list. Since you are a former crewmember, we would like you to join our Wisconsin family. If you decide to join us, just click on the "Crewmembers" button at the top of this page and follow the instructions.



Name:

Richard S Kucken

Email:

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Date:

04 June, 2005

### comments

I am truly amazed at the fire power and age of this vessel. To see this ship last so long, and remain such a awesome deadly force. Thanks for having this site!

Comments from Dom: As the saying goes, "they don't build them like this anymore"



Name:

N.Nagel

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Date:

03 June, 2005

### comments

Now that I moved to Ingles, Fl. It was time for me to get back online. Like the photo's of the Whiskey. After the double bypass, my joining the merchants and going back to sea. went down the tubes.. now the only sea time is going fishing in the gulf. And it isn't deep enough, blue enough and isn't haze grey and stays underway. miss the excitement!!!

Comments from Dom: I'm sure all of us former crewmembers miss the excitement of serving aboard the Wisconsin. Those days are hard to forget.



Name:

Wazobia Naig

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Date:

03 June, 2005

### comments

Thanks, your site is great, will visit some other time.

Comments from Dom: Glad you liked our site, please visit again.

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Name:

C.A. Bibbee

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Date:

02 June, 2005

### comments

Thank you for the photos on your site. I'm just starting the Trumpeter 1/700 BB-64 kit, and the detail shots of the Tomahawk system, CIWS, and overall color scheme are just what I was looking for to get it right. The Wisconsin and her sisters are a living part of the history of our country and our Navy, and represent all the best things both stand for. God Bless.

Comments from Dom: I'm glad this sight will help you in building your model of the USS Wisconsin. Thank you for the kind words pertaining to the "IOWA Class Battleships"

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Name:

Dan Jutson

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Date:

30 May, 2005

### comments

My uncle, Roland Waldeck, was an electrician's mate, on the Wisconsin from 1944-45. He worked for GM after the war as a Plant Electrician-thanks to his Navy training. I don't know what division he was assigned to. He never told me a lot about the ship, but was proud to have served on her. He passed away 12 Sep 1990. I was hoping to find a picture of him on your fine website but not knowing his division kind of hurts my purpose. If anyone has any info on my uncle I'd appreciate it! BZ

Comments from Dom: Dan, I added your uncles name to our "In Memoriam" page. I hope you hear from some of his former shipmates. If you find out what division he was in, please let me know.

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Name:

Tom Bradshaw

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Date:

29 May, 2005

### comments

I want to thank so many of my former shipmates for all the kudos. I also want to thank those that have joined the association and ask that if they know of any others that are not a part of



this great association, to check us out and send in their applications from this web site. If they want to contact me; call, write, email or just plain stop by my place in Meridian, MS. To Mike Hopland: Yep I still ride and yes we will be in Charleston in 2006. write me and give me a number to call and I will contact you with more info and lie about old times. To all shipmates out there...Have a Great Navy Day...and of course a Marine one too.

**Comments from Dom: Tom, thanks for you input.**

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Name:

McDonald,H.T. 3RD DIV 53TO56

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Date:

29 May, 2005

### comments

Hey Dom, Mac here just wanted to let you and all my friends know that 53 years after discharge from the Navy, I finally received my medals and ribbons that were awarded to me while I was in service . I not only got the ribbons but the medals as well . So if anyone out there didn't get theirs just hang in there they are probably on the way. I got all but the National Defense and it is out of stock. MAC

**Comments from Dom: After I sent for mine, I had to wait a long time, but I did receive them all.**

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Name:

Michael Heron

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Date:

28 May, 2005

### comments

my grandfather Arthur L. Cross served on the Wisconsin from Jan.1946-Jan.1948. I enjoyed your website it was awesome. Keep up the good work.

**Comments from Dom: Thanks Michael for your compliment on our site, I'm glad you enjoyed it. I'm also glad that your grandfather is a member of this great association.**

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Name:

Mike Hopland

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Date:

27 May, 2005

## comments

It was a great surprise for me a couple of weeks ago, when I heard a voice from the past that took me back almost 15 yrs now. I heard the voice of S Chief Randy Hyde and turned around and was very happy to chat with him and chief Gretch for a while . They told me that Tom Bradshaw was some big wig in the association and I thought I would check it out. If I had known there was a BB-64 assoc. then I would have been in touch a long time ago and asking for info on how to join. Tom Bradshaw and me and a couple other BT's from BB-64 went to the Yellowstone . I went to the BR shop where I finished out my enlistment and am now enjoying civilian Life. But it never fails , when swapping ole stories with crony's that a lot of mine arise out of the old Whiskey-Punch. Any info would be great on how to join and I was also told that 2006 was going to be in Charleston, SC If I can assist in any way please feel free to get in touch with me. P.S. if anyone knows if Tom still rides a scooter , let him know he's got a place to put his head for the Myrtle Beach Rally.

**Comments from Dom: Hi Mike, I'm glad you found us and looking forward to you joining our Wisconsin family. I informed Tom of your comments in our Deck Log and I'm sure Tom has already contacted you.**

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Name:

Ron

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Date:

27 May, 2005

## comments

I have fond memories of Wisconsin while she was in the mothball fleet at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. I would say she had to be there 34+ years. I took rides as a kid and then worked on my uncle's tugboat from the late 1960's through the 1980's. I looked forward to shifting & towing operations that mostly involved mothballed destroyers at the Navy Yard, because we had to go up the Schuylkill past the BB's. I remember Iowa & Wisconsin being tied up abreast from the 60's to 1983. At low tide Wisconsin had a list as she lay on the mud. They were deteriorating badly, being infested with pigeons. Iowa was reactivated, leaving Wisconsin alone until 1987-88 when she was put into dry-dock for her pre-recommissioning survey. I was thrilled and sad at the same time when she was towed out of Philly to be re-commissioned. Being in the Navy Reserve, I was also on Wisconsin while in dry dock for final Inactivation work at Philadelphia and was there the day she was turned over from the remaining Navy skeleton crew to the Inactive Ships detachment at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in 1992. I've got plenty of pictures to send in once I get things organized!

**Comments from Dom: Thanks Ron for sharing your interesting memories of our ship. It's nice to know that someone like you, was keeping an eye on her while she was in the mothball fleet. Your feelings for her (I was thrilled and sad at the same time when she was towed out of Philly) are the feelings we, who have served on her, still have today.**

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Name:

John Zimmerman

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Date:

26 May, 2005

## comments

I would like to add my Father who was Vincent S, Zimmerman Gunnery mate second class served from 1944-1945 on battleship Wisconsin. Anti-aircraft. USNR.

Comments from Dom: John, I have added your fathers name to our "In Memoriam" page.



Name:

douglas McNeely

Email:

[delirium2@charter.net](mailto:delirium2@charter.net)

Date:

26 May, 2005

## comments

Coast Guard Vet, Update and recommission all BBs. Incredible ships. Fantastic web site. Keep up your needed work. Lest people forget. GOD BLESS the UNITED STATES Doug

Comments from Dom: Thanks Doug for the kind words about our web site. There is always talk about bringing back the Battleships, but that's all it is, just talk.



Name:

Carol A. Morris

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Date:

21 May 2005

## Comments

I hadn't checked this site out for quite awhile and am just thrilled and so pleased with how well you all have developed it. I sent you in my Dad's name a couple of years ago, he was on the Wisconsin when she was commissioned and for her first shakedown cruise up thru the end of WWII. I looked at all the pictures of the reunion and activities in 2000 and so wish he could have been there. He would have enjoyed it I think. Someday soon, I'll visit it for him. Thank you so much for what you do with this site and for all the information. Be well. Carol

Comments from Dom: Carol, Thank you for your very kind comments. Please come back and visit often. I'm sure you will be thrilled visiting the ship. Even though you cannot go inside, just walking her decks is overwhelming.



Name:  
w c miller  
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Date:  
21 May 2005

## Comments

My brother-in-law Jack Talley served during the war as chief boatswain mate on the Wisconsin in the 40's he should be on the roster.

Comments from Dom: WC, I sent you an email on May 21st asking for your brother-in-laws name.

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Name:  
CJ  
Email:  
[AdamTwoFive@aol.com](mailto:AdamTwoFive@aol.com)  
Date:  
21 May 2005

## Comments

Fantastic site! Keep up the good work!

Comments from Dom: Thanks CJ, I will try.

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Name:  
Lt. John Aikenhead  
Email:  
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Date:  
17 May 2005

## Comments

Staff, Com7thFleet, 1953-54 Received the 05/06 calendar from my brother-in-law today....great job! That led me here, what a wonderful few hours of remembering. John

Comments from Dom: John, found your picture in our April 1952-1954 cruise book. Glad you enjoyed the calendar and the site.

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jason thomson  
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Date:

16 May 2005

## Comments

Excellent site. I am currently in the navy and I just love old Battleships.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for serving our Country. Thanks for the compliment. Please come back and visit us again.



Name:

Gregg L. Corey

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Date:

16 May 2005

## Comments

My late father is a "plank owner", (Erwin N. Corey, SK-1, 1944) and I have the Award hanging proudly in my den. I couldn't find his name on your crew log however. I would like to come out to Norfolk, and visit the ship, and actually see where my late Father worked while on board. Can you help me?

Comments from Dom: Gregg, I will add you Dad's name to our In Memoriam page. Please remember that when you visit the ship the public is not allowed inside the ship. You may only walk her main deck and three decks about. The Navy still owns the Wisconsin and will not allow access to the inside of the ship. Also the ship and Nauticus is closed on Mondays until after Memorial Day.



Name:

Alonzo 'Lon' Tipton Crisp

Email:

[LeslieMartinSC@aol.com](mailto:LeslieMartinSC@aol.com)

Date:

14 May 2005

## Comments

My Dad, 'Lon' Crisp from Mamaroneck, New York, was aboard the Wisconsin during WWII. He is alive and well in northern Vermont, but doesn't use a computer. I would be happy to pass on his address to anyone who might like to contact him. Leslie Crisp Martin

Comments from Dom: Anyone from the 40's who remembers Lon, please email the above.



Name:

Gregory M. Chin

Email:

[gregorychin@prodigy.net](mailto:gregorychin@prodigy.net)

Date:

13 May 2005

## Comments

This is a great website. It will take a while to look at all the photos. I am currently working on a CGI digital model of the USS Wisconsin BB-64, so I am doing a lot of research about the ship's designs, plan views, and it's original config. and reactivation history. I would like to email you some rendered image of my CGI digital version of the ship. In the future, I plan to visit the USS Wisconsin at Nauticus, Norfolk, VA. But: Why are the ship's 4 props blue-colored, and not brass colored, as seen in the Avondale Drydock photos? Is the blue stuff some sort of temporary sheathing? Greg Chin - [gregorychin@prodigy.net](mailto:gregorychin@prodigy.net)

Comments from Dom: Greg, Yes, the props are back to there brass color. Please do email me your images of the ship. [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Name:

McDonald,H,T, 3RD DIV 53 TO 56

Email:

[bigmac1532@insightbb.com](mailto:bigmac1532@insightbb.com)

## Comments

Hi Dom ,,Just received an email from Vicki Rice ,,daughter of Paul Rice . Paul had to have his left leg amputated ,,,,no other details right now. Paul needs our prayers and maybe a card or letter would cheer him up ,,so any of you that know Paul send him a card , his email address is listed in his daughters name . So let him hear from you . Thanks MAC

Comments from Dom: Mac, I will get this to our guys ASAP. Thanks for the info.

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Name:

carllongjr

Email:

[carllongjr@cox.net](mailto:carllongjr@cox.net)

Date:

07 May 2005

## Comments

Hi do you have pictures of me I was a crew member

Comments from Dom: Hi Carl, when did you serve and in what division?. Have you checked the 3600+ pictures that are on this site, to see if there is a picture of you?.

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Name:

chris wallace

Email:

[ddemon340@aol.com](mailto:ddemon340@aol.com)

Date:

04 May 2005

## Comments

Great site I just was at my brother in laws pinning on the Wisconsin. Wow that may be the coolest thing I think I have ever seen in water. Also what powers the ship and what kind of fuel. My brother in law is ensign Stansick he served on the USS Brisco prior to being an officer. Thanks great site and great ship.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment on our site. Glad you enjoyed the pinning ceremony and the ship. Our ship is powered by eight boilers, four turbine engines and carries 2.2 million gallons of fuel oil.

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Name:

John A. Ely

Email:

[aussiediver55@yahoo.com.au](mailto:aussiediver55@yahoo.com.au)

Date:

04 May 2005

## Comments

Great site and many thanks for the trouble you have taken to set it up. As a boy it was always my dream to be in the Australian navy, as I had polio at 3 guess it will always be a dream so I try to collect photos and visit us ships when they come to aussieland. Again many thanks for the trouble of setting up a great site . John

Comments from Dom: Hi John, thanks for visiting our site and for the compliments . Please visit us often.

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Name:

John Kendall

Email:

[ntmare@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ntmare@sbcglobal.net)

Date:

04 May 2005

## Comments

Hi ya Dom, After several tumultuous years getting my life re-stabilized after a divorce, move, and career change, I have rediscovered this site. I just finished watching my copy of the video cruise book for the Gulf War and was wondering if there would be any demand for it to be transferred to DVD? My copy still plays like it did when it was new, which is to say it wasn't

that good, but it hasn't deteriorated either. I'm going to do it for myself but once a DVD is burned, it should be easy to proliferate for little more than the cost of a disc, time, and postage.

**Comments from Dom: My copy of "Video Cruise Book" is not to good either. I am sure the guys who do not have this video, would like a DVD of it. The reason we did not transfer this to a DVD when we transferred our other Video's is because of the copyright songs/music on it.**



Name:  
Daniel Ingle  
Email:  
[dcingle@charter.net](mailto:dcingle@charter.net)  
Date:  
02 May 2005

### Comments

good site

**Comments from Dom: Glad you liked our site.**



Name:  
Michael E. Worley  
Email:  
[worley.michael@sbcglobal.net](mailto:worley.michael@sbcglobal.net)  
Date:  
01 May 2005

### Comments

BT2 Worley pit#4 1989 Pre-com crew. Left prior to re-commission

**Comments from Dom: Thanks Michael for helping to bring our ship back to life.**



Name:  
Ed Budworth BM1 Ret  
Email:  
[ezbudboats@hotmail.com](mailto:ezbudboats@hotmail.com)  
Date:  
01 May 2005

### Comments

Awesome

**Comments from Dom: Thanks Boats**



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Name:

david delin

Email:

[ddelin1@yahoo.com](mailto:ddelin1@yahoo.com)

Date:

29 Apr 2005

## Comments

I would like to say your site is very cool. I like to look at the pictures and there's so many. its very well put together.

Comments from Dom: Thank you David, for the kind words.

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Name:

Jose L. Pena GM1 USN

Email:

[jose.l.pena@navy.mil](mailto:jose.l.pena@navy.mil)

Date:

28 Apr 2005

## Comments

Great Pics

Comments from Dom: Thanks, glad you enjoyed the photos.

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Name:

JJ Flanagan

Email:

[jifcpo@frontiernet.net](mailto:jifcpo@frontiernet.net)

Date:

25 Apr 2005

## Comments

I would say this site is the best I've seem. JJ

Comments from Dom: Thanks JJ for the compliment

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Name:

Alison Burns Grove

Email:

[aaliandzack@aol.com](mailto:aaliandzack@aol.com)

Date:

24 Apr 2005

## Comments

My father Charles H. Burns served on the USS Wisconsin during the Korean War. This site is really wonderful. The pictures are great. I'm hoping to find one with my dad. Thanks to all who served. God Bless!

Comments from Dom: Hope you can find what you are looking for.



Name:  
GSM2(SW) Christopher C. Settle  
Email:  
[blue\\_ox\\_79@yahoo.com](mailto:blue_ox_79@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
23 Apr 2005

## Comments

Nice website.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment.



Name:  
Mugu Abia  
Email:  
[mugu@yahoo.com](mailto:mugu@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
22 Apr 2005

## Comments

Nice Site.

Comments from Dom: Thank You.



Name:  
Van Gates  
Email:  
[vghillbillycat@aol.com](mailto:vghillbillycat@aol.com)  
Date:  
22 Apr 2005

## Comments

Really nice webpages. My dad is a former crewman. He died in 1980 and would have been proud of the "Whiskies" website. van Gates

**Comments from Dom: Waiting for the information on your Dad.**

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**Name:**  
McDonald, H.T 3RD DIV 53TO 56.  
**Email:**  
[bigmac1532@insightbb.com](mailto:bigmac1532@insightbb.com)  
**Date:**  
21 Apr 2005

### **Comments**

Hey Dom , Just accessed the site again only to find 16 ads from Richard and Paolo. Isn't there anything we can do about that? MAC

**Comments from Dom: We are working on it.**

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**Name:**  
Christopher L. Lovvorn Sr.  
**Email:**  
[CLovvorn1@Hotmail.com](mailto:CLovvorn1@Hotmail.com)  
**Date:**  
19 Apr 2005

### **Comments**

Thank you for your wonderful website. It is an incredible tribute to not only the Wisconsin, but all battleships as well. I am from Douglasville, GA...I am 38 yrs of age, and have a son 3 and a half yrs. I have always been patriotic, and a big fan of the battleship. But now that I am a father, I see many things through different eyes. I not only admire the ships, but feel the awesome responsibility they carried in protecting us all. I therefore wish to thank all those who took those ships into harms way to make sure their sons and daughters....and mine...would grow up happy and free! I will make sure my son learns and never forgets their sacrifices. Thanks!

**Comments from Dom: Christopher, Very nicely put. We need more people to feel the way you do. Come back and visit us again.**

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**Name:**  
Jack C. Cleveland  
**Email:**  
[belladv34@aol.com](mailto:belladv34@aol.com)  
**Date:**  
19 Apr 2005

### **Comments**

Coming this weekend to see her again. I was aboard her from 56-58 when I helped to put her in mothballs I am looking forward to showing her to my wife, son and niece and her husband

who is in the army stationed at Ft. Lee

Comments from Dom: Jack, hope you and your family enjoyed your visit to the ship.



Name:

Robert C. Lotz

Email:

[boblots@zoomtown.com](mailto:boblots@zoomtown.com)

Date:

18 Apr 2005

## Comments

Please let me know if there is some way that I can get a piece of the teak deck (WW II-period), as my father was a member of the commissioning crew and has a plank owners certificate in his papers and annual of the Wisconsin, Thank you Dad expired 20 years ago after spending the day revisiting the Naval yards at San Deigo.

Comments from Dom: Robert, if you know what division your Dad was in and his years aboard the ship, please email them to me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net) I would like to add his name to our In Memoriam page.



Name:

Cyrus Z. Best

Email:

[cyrus.best@navy.mil](mailto:cyrus.best@navy.mil)

Date:

17 Apr 2005

## Comments

Terry Frost, This is Cyrus Best. I saw that you were trying to contact me. I am in Norfolk, VA now. I am still in the Navy and I picked up "Chief" in 2001 with Chamberlin. I just had a daughter (Savannah) in June 2003. YN1 Falkenburg is still in the Navy trying to pick up "Chief". We still keep in touch after all these years. Thanks for asking about me. God Bless!

Comments from Dom: Hope you guys finally got in touch with each other. Paul Miller and Scott Mitchell made Chief this month. I don't see your name on our Crewmembers List, how about signing up?



Name:

John Levantis

Email:

[john@levantis.ca](mailto:john@levantis.ca)

Date:

17 Apr 2005

## Comments

Great site, it is a tribute to all who serve.

Comments from Dom: Thank you!

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Name:

FRANK CURRAN

Email:

[CURRANFC@MSN.COM](mailto:CURRANFC@MSN.COM)

Date:

17 Apr 2005

## Comments

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT IT WAS ONE OF MY GREATEST PLEASURES TO HAVE SERVED ON WHAT I CONSIDER THE FINEST SHIP THAT SAILED THE OCEANS. I HAVE SOME GREAT MEMORIES OF MY TIME SERVED ABOARD THE U.S.S. WISCONSIN. IT TOOK ME 45 YEARS TO FIND A HAT WITH HER NAME ON IT AND I WEAR IT PROUDLY.

Comments from Dom: Hi Frank, My feelings about the ship are the same as yours. I wear my hat and jackets proudly.

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Name:

Martin P. Sippel

Email:

[martin@mcpresgraphics.com](mailto:martin@mcpresgraphics.com)

Date:

12 Apr 2005

## Comments

We have browsed the website once again. Have downloaded some of the information to keep, especially the info on the Tour of the ship to give out to friends interested in seeing her in Norfolk. You are doing a superior job on our USS Wisconsin Association Website. It is very thorough and so interesting. Keep up the good work!

Comments from Dom: Carol and Marty, thanks for the kind words, and thank you both for all you do for this Association.

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Name:

Diane Saunders

Email:

[dianedoll99@hotmail.com](mailto:dianedoll99@hotmail.com)

Date:

10 Apr 2005

## Comments

I very much like your site and the site of [www.battleshipwisconsin.org](http://www.battleshipwisconsin.org) . Having lived in Wisconsin from 1987 to 2000, and a frequent visitor to the state since then, and having a deep respect and admiration for those who served on the Wisconsin, as well as all those, including myself, who now or have served in this nation's armed forces, being able to see her on her own web site is truly wonderful. If the people of Norfolk ever decide they cannot support her, I am quite sure the people of Wisconsin would love to her berthed on the shores of Lake Michigan. Take good care of her, as she is a beauty!

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the kind words and thank you for serving this GREAT country of ours.

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Name:

MARTIN SCHAMA

Email:

[BB64@comcast.net](mailto:BB64@comcast.net)

Date:

09 Apr 2005

## Comments

HI SHIPMATES: IF ANYONE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF A SHIPMATE NAMED WALTER B. or P. GUNTRE or GUNTRE THAT SERVED ON THE SHIP FOR JUST A SHORT TIME, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD CONTACT ME. THANKS, MARTY GM3 TURRETS 1 & 2

Comments from Dom: Can any of our 1950's crewmembers help Martin?

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Name:

Albert Meade

Email:

[alcroydon@aol.com](mailto:alcroydon@aol.com)

Date:

08 Apr 2005

## Comments

Thanks for a great sight I saw my father on HIS ship for the first time in my life and it was AWESOME THANKS AGAIN YOU PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE.

Comments from Dom: Hi Albert, thanks for the website compliments. Glad you found a picture of your father. Can you E-mail me, [Dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:Dombb64@ptd.net) with the year and picture number?, thanks.

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Name:

Bob McConnell

Email:  
[bmaccg10@aol.com](mailto:bmaccg10@aol.com)

Date:  
07 Apr 2005

## Comments

Had the privilege of going aboard a few years ago and enjoyed it immensely. You have a great website.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the website compliments. Glad you enjoyed your visit to our ship.



Name:  
Van Gates

Email:  
[vghillbillycat@aol.com](mailto:vghillbillycat@aol.com)

Date:  
06 Apr 2005

## Comments

My dad servered aboard the "Whiskey" during WWII. He died in 1980. I am very proud of him. His name was John H. Gates. I have never seen the ship in person, but I plan to see it in the near future. thanks, van gates [vghillbillycat@aol.com](mailto:vghillbillycat@aol.com)

Comments from Dom: Any of our 1940's shipmates remember John? Please contact Van if you do.



Name:  
John D. La Beff

Email:  
[sonicfs@alltel.net](mailto:sonicfs@alltel.net)

Date:  
05 Apr 2005

## Comments

I was stationed onboard Wisconsin from 2-88 till 10-91. I precommmed and decocommed her. i was a signalman

Comments from Dom: John, I don't see your name on our crewmembers list. How about joining our Wisconsin Family?



Name:  
Larry King L&K Div 1953-56

Email:  
[www.bestoldgolfer59@yahoo.com](http://www.bestoldgolfer59@yahoo.com)

Date:

04 Apr 2005

## Comments

50 years ago the last BATCRULANT golf tournament was held at the NOB golf course in July 1955, A72 hole event with golfers from BBs & CAs in the Norfolk area, the number of entries are unknown but I do remember that there was between 7-10 from the USS Wisconsin, and we won the team trophy and I won the medalist trophy and I am going to send it to the association to put in the display section, myself being in poor health and having it for 50 yrs ,I know it will be in a safe place, before I sign off I'd like to tell a story about the tournament, I was a SN in K div 19 yrs old and only played golf on sand greens before entered the USN, I was leading the tournament going in the last day and was playing fairly good when all of a sudden my nose started to bleed and after 5 or 6 holes, nose still bleeding I was told to quit and go to sick bay I refused, because I wanted to win for my ship, weak and determined to win I finish tied for first place and won the tourney on the first extra hole.....

**Comments from Dom: Larry, I see you were a determined golfer. Congratulations on winning the trophy and looking forward to receiving it.**

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Name:

BM3 Bruce McNeil 2nd div.

Email:

[CATFISH310@comcast.net](mailto:CATFISH310@comcast.net)

Date:

03 Apr 2005

## Comments

I feel very blessed to be a member of the BATTLESHIP FAMILY! However I'm not on the swift boat to bring her back! When I was a young SN onboard the WISCONSIN the hair on the back of my neck would stand up when shot the BIG GUNS. Starting out a SN in the powder flats I worked my way to the powder hoist operator. We as a crew in the powder deck never felt 100% sure of the equipment that we had to use. We were using powder bags that were 40 to 50 years old!! not knowing how or where it had been stowed away for that many years. After the Iowa explosion NOBODY WANTED TO GO BACK TO THE GUN TURRETS. We were scared to death, that it would happen to us on the WISCONSIN knowing about all the old equipment we had to use. You wouldn't send a F 14 TOMCAT with a 1945 bomb attached to it!! Please don't put your heart before common sense! We do not another "GLIMPSE OF HELL." If we are going to put the BATTLESHIP back in service lets equipped her with appropriate ammunition of 2005 not..... 1945!!!! As we did in 1989. BM3 Bruce McNeil T-2 center gun powder hoist operator

**Comments from Dom: Bruce, from what I understand, the explosion on the Iowa, was not due to the age of the powder bags.**

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Name:

Richard Spitzer

Email:

[richardspitzer@msn.com](mailto:richardspitzer@msn.com)

Date:



02 Apr 2005

## Comments

Thanks for the pictures i've had them for some time and its fun to look at them now and then. I was aboard the wiskey from 51 to about 54.

Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed the pictures. I'll be putting more on soon.

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Name:

Reed Jarvis

Email:

[reedjarvis@aol.com](mailto:reedjarvis@aol.com)

Date:

01 Apr 2005

## Comments

Just checking the ship's store for items.

Comments from Dom: Hope you found what you were looking for.

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Name:

L. Roger Summers

Email:

[cjmaxx@hotmail.com](mailto:cjmaxx@hotmail.com)

Date:

01 Apr 2005

## Comments

My father, Lyle R. Summers is a plank owner of the USS Wisconsin. He was so very proud to have had the opportunity to serve aboard the USS Wisconsin. He served from 1944-1946. He often talked about the ship and her crew members. He did attend several reunions. Dad died in Oct of 1994. I now have the memories my father shared with me. Thank you for the great website, L. Roger Summers (ADJ3 USN 1961-1965)

Comments from Dom: Hope this site has given you visual to the memories your father instilled in you. Thanks for your time in the service.

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Name:

paul sant

Email:

[paulsant@planet.com](mailto:paulsant@planet.com)

Date:

31 Mar 2005

## Comments

where is my dad? Martin F.Sant

**Comments from Dom:** Not sure what you mean. Our crewmembers list is NOT a roster of the ships compliment.



Name:  
Frank Saracione's granddaughter  
Email:  
[DnZ4life10@aol.com](mailto:DnZ4life10@aol.com)  
Date:  
31 Mar 2005

## Comments

R.I.P. pop we love you!

**Comments from Dom:** We miss Frank also.



Name:  
David S.Doe  
Email:  
[davidsdoe@hotmail.com](mailto:davidsdoe@hotmail.com)  
Date:  
31 Mar 2005

## Comments

Very Good site!!! Good to know Wisconsin will live on in our history.

**Comments from Dom:** Glad you enjoyed the site, come back and visit again. We are trying our best to preserve the history of our Great Ship.



Name:  
Jennifer  
Email:  
[tilhaven@tpg.com.au](mailto:tilhaven@tpg.com.au)  
Date:  
30 Mar 2005

## Comments

I was searching for the surname "Duso" for my family history and was happily led to your wonderful site. I felt moved when I read the way your reunions go for the lost comrades. I noted Oscar Duso, FA but no years so I don't know what that meant, nor if he has anything to do with my family name, but I did enjoy my surfing and wish you all the very best from

"Downunder" - NSW, Australia.

Comments from Dom: Welcome to our Website and glad you enjoyed it. Sorry I can't help you on Oscar Duso.

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Name:

Glynn Davies

Email:

[rytona2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rytona2000@yahoo.co.uk)

Date:

28 Mar 2005

## Comments

Well I decided to look at a few of your pictures. Now its 5 hours later I have seen them all and it was worth every minute. What a fantastic set you have, some are breathtaking especially the 16 " gun shots. May I congratulate you its been great and it is the best war site I have been on.

Comments from Dom: Thank you so much for your compliments. What makes this site so great, is the dedication of the former crewmembers who have shared their personal photographs for all to see and enjoy. I thank them, because without their input this site would be a very dull web site. Thanks guys, you really are the "BEST" and I am glad to have served with you!

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Name:

glynn davies

Email:

[rytona2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rytona2000@yahoo.co.uk)

Date:

27 Mar 2005

## Comments

What a great ship and what a waste It should be where it was built for sailing the seas with the carriers. All the best great site

Comments from Dom: A lot of people feel as you do.

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Name:

Rosemary Meade

Email:

[pagirl1950@msn.com](mailto:pagirl1950@msn.com)

Date:

27 Mar 2005

## Comments

I found a Photo of my Dad in your archives. It is wonderful to see him so young and vibrant. He was the finest man I have ever personally known. He raised his 6 children lovingly and in return was loved by all of us. He told us many stories and expressed the camaraderie he felt for his fellow sailors. We all root for the Navy in our family. Thanks for the memories.

Comments from Dom: Rosemary, that was a very nice compliment to your Dad. Can you e-mail the photo number of your Dad to me. [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)



Name:

Albert Meade

Email:

[alcroydon@aol.com](mailto:alcroydon@aol.com)

Date:

26 Mar 2005

## Comments

THANKS FOR A GREAT SIGHT I SAW MY FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME ABOARD HIS SHIP  
WHAT A FEELING HIS NAME IS OGELEVEE C MEADE ONCE AGAIN THANKS  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO FEEL RIGHT NOW BUT HAPPINESS

Comments from Dom: Glad you found your Dad. Do you know what Division he was in and what years he served aboard.



Name:

Robert W. Fellingham, Jr.

Email:

[robertwfjr5@hotmail.com](mailto:robertwfjr5@hotmail.com)

Date:

26 Mar 2005

## Comments

My time on board was only two weeks, but she is still my favorite command. We repacked the propeller shafts at pier side in Norfolk. Work was also done on #4 Thrust bearing. Have pictures.

Comments from Dom: Robert, only two weeks aboard and mother Wisconsin got into your system. She does this all the time.



Name:

Terry Frost YN2(SW/AW)

Email:

N/A

Date:

21 Mar 2005

## Comments

Just read through the 2004 deck log and found the comments of Falkenburg and Battista. I remember the scuttlebutt of the Saudi wanting to pay us for the services and our dedication etc... Supposedly this is no scuttlebutt; MM1 (Now MMC(SW) Groves in the Engineering Log room where I worked at the time actually had a copy of a check that the Saudi's made out to the United States. Seems like it was for something like 1, 10 or 100 billion dollars. I know there were at least 12 to 15 zeros on it. I am unsure if this was real or a joke; but it sure looked real to me. I am unsure how to locate MMC Charles Groves now but I am sure he is retired somewhere. I never understood why civilians could go to Saudi and work for 6 months or a year and make hundred of thousands and we were making barely enough to by groceries and rent. I left my phone number on my previous comments of today. I will be checking back to see if any more information is available. Scuttlebutt was that Charlie got the copy of the check from the Chief Engineer, but I don't know where he would be either. The older I get, the more awesome my friends and shipmates become. You guys were my family and I will always have a special place in my heart for all of you. God's Speed. Terry

**Comments from Dom: Anyone have additional information on this subject?**

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Name:

Terry Frost, YN2(SW/AW)

Email:

N/A

Date:

21 Mar 2005

## Comments

Just trying to contact some of the admin guys. Haven't heard from anyone since James Chamberlin and Cyrus Best called a year or two ago from overseas. (479)229-9946 or my cell @ 479-453-1116. Where's Falkenburg, CAPT Underwood, Chamberlin, Best, and the rest?

**Comments from Dom: Terry, three of the four names you listed, are members of this association and have e-mail address. Click on the "Crewmembers" button at the top of the page to search them out. If you were a member of this association we could give you their snail mail addresses.**

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Name:

brian e connor

Email:

[bc\\_redshark68@juno.com](mailto:bc_redshark68@juno.com)

Date:

18 Mar 2005

## Comments

outstanding!!!! bravo zulu!!!!

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment.

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Name:

George P. Diorio, MSG, USA

Email:

[george.diorio@us.army.mil](mailto:george.diorio@us.army.mil)

Date:

17 Mar 2005

### Comments

GREAT pic's loved them all. Keep up the excellent work.

Comments from Dom: Thanks to our guys for sending in these great pictures.

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Name:

Ngbada

Email:

[nwafongbada@hotmail.com](mailto:nwafongbada@hotmail.com)

Date:

16 Mar 2005

### Comments

what a nice site.....

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment

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Name:

Ed Vallee

Email:

[edanddotvallee@earthlink.net](mailto:edanddotvallee@earthlink.net)

Date:

15 Mar 2005

### Comments

DOM JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME -----HAD A SMALL FIRE IN AN APARTMENT IN 1959 --LOST MOST OF MY WISCONSIN PHOTOS AND OTHER STUFF----- THROUGH THIS WONDERFUL WEB SITE AND GREAT SHIPMATES PAST AND PRESENT--I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE MEMORIES ALIVE TO ALL WHO HAVE SENT PICTURES IN -- -THANKS !!!!!!!!! YOUR SHIPMATE ED VALLEE "B" DIV 1952-56

Comments from Dom: I'm glad that this web site was a substitute for what you lost in 1959. Keep coming back.

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Name:  
DOMENIC A BAGLIVO  
Email:  
[DOMMAR2714@aol.com](mailto:DOMMAR2714@aol.com)  
Date:  
13 Mar 2005

### Comments

I WAS ON THE WISKY FROM 1952 TO 1956 IN THE 6TH DIV.

Comments from Dom: Hi Dom, it was nice talking to you on the phone yesterday (Mar.20). The last time we saw or spoke to each other was the day we were discharged, June 21, 1956 Just a short 49 years ago.

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Name:  
Don Falkenberg  
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[DonFalkey71@aol.com](mailto:DonFalkey71@aol.com)  
Date:  
12 Mar 2005

### Comments

I have been in the Navy close to 16 years now and I have never seen a site as OUTSTANDING as ours. I have not been able to make to the reunions because of operational commitments, but my thoughts and soul have been with you all. I have a little over 3 years left (unless I make Chief) and I will be joining a FANTASTIC organization as ours to make sure our legacy continues for our future Sailors and Marines to preserve.. God Bless and God speed to all of our Sailors and Marines still abroad fighting for democracy in Middle East Nations.

Comments from Dom: Hi Don, thanks for the site compliments. We understand why you can't attend our reunions, at the present time you have more important work to do, and we thank you for that. We all wish you good luck in making CHIEF. Looking forward to meeting you in the future.

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Michael E. Peak  
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[firefox54646@yahoo.com](mailto:firefox54646@yahoo.com)  
Date:  
12 Mar 2005

### Comments

Hello My name is Michael and I am 46 years old and I live in Necedah, Wisconsin. I just wanted to let you, know that my dad was Sailor on the Battleship USS IOWA 61, back in 1950. Would like to hear from you if at all possible.

Comments from Dom: Michael have you listed this request in the Iowa's Deck Log on their site? I think you would get a better response from them. [www.uss Iowa.org](http://www.uss Iowa.org)

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Date:

08 Mar 2005

### Comments

U.S. NAVY all the best.

Comments from Dom: Thank you Heather

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JACK STILES

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Date:

08 Mar 2005

### Comments

FANTASTIC SHIP!!!!

Comments from Dom: That she is!

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Email:

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Date:

06 Mar 2005

### Comments

It was a honor to view this site. My father, Alexander (Sandy) Murray, MM2C, served during her first cruise from 16 April, 1944 to 15 October, 1945. Sorry to say but he passed away in 1976 long before anyone thought something like this site would one day be available. It is great to see the old photos, who knows, I may even find him there someday. Coming from a old Navy



family, I went on to serve in the Seabees with two tours in Viet Nam, my son served 6 years in a sub. Once again, I can not tell you how moved I was to find this site. God Bless!

**Comments from Dom:** Art, Thanks for the compliment on the site. Please check out our In Memoriam page. I have added your Dad's name. I hope someone from our 40's era remembers your Dad and contacts you.

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Date:

06 Mar 2005

## Comments

I am planning to come to Norfolk,VA. the end of this month, and want to bring my family to the WISCONSIN. I have not seen her yet my self, my wife and I have been on The North Carolina, and I have been on the Alabama. What are the hours the ship is open and cost to come onboard? We are coming from Almena, WI. to Ft.Bragg to see our daughter, son-in-law, and grandkids.

**Comments from Dom:** The first thing is that neither the ship nor Nauticus is open on Mondays. Since the ship still belongs to the Navy, the public is not allowed inside her. You can walk her main deck and three decks above, free of charge. If you want to visit the Nauticus Museum, there is a charge for that. You can get more info by clicking on [Nauticus Maritime Museum](#). Enjoy your visit.

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Tim Golden

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Date:

06 Mar 2005

## Comments

I'm an Air Force guy who works on F-15's so i've seen some very interesting things, but what I would give to see those 16 inch guns fire, AWESOME!

**Comments from Dom:** We have it on our video "Veterans Farewell Cruise1991" You will see and hear the 16" guns fired for the last time. Go to our home page, scroll down and click on DVD Gallery. It is quite an experience.

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Date:  
05 Mar 2005

## Comments

A big hello to all my former shipmates. Quite by accident, I met former shipmate Jerry Goldstein and he told me about this site and I am happy he did. If any one is interested and doesn't have it, I have the Decommissioning booklet and would be happy to send a scanned copy. I also have pictures of the bow of the Wisconsin and the Eaton after our minor traffic accident. I was a Radioman but I don't remember what division I was in so if anyone can help me out with that I would appreciate your sending it.

Comments from Dom: Jack, I think you might have been in OR Division. As for the collision, have you checked our page on this incident? Click on the Pictures Page and scroll down to Collision. Looking forward to your joining our Wisconsin Family.



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Ronny  
Email:  
[Ronny@hotmail.com](mailto:Ronny@hotmail.com)  
Date:  
03 Mar 2005

## Comments

Your site is very nice.

Comments from Dom: Thanks Ronny.



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Date:  
28 Feb 2005

## Comments

I am looking for anyone that may have known my Dad - Howard J. Hodgens - EN3 - He served on the USS Wisconsin - He was on it in Korea when it was hit. Any stories/info would be appreciated.

Comments from Dom: Anyone from the 1950's who may remember Howard, please contact Nancy. He was in A Division.



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Date:

26 Feb 2005

## Comments

THE CADILLAC OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, THE RED SEA AND ANY OTHER BODY OF WATER, THIS WAS AND STILL IS THE MIGHT ONE THE WHISKEY OF ALL SHIPS, MAN I WAS SUCH A PLEASURE TO HAVE BEEN A SHIPMATE ON THIS SHIP. FIRING 16'S FOR TWENTY FOUR MILES WAS AWESOME. I WAS IN SUPPLY, FIRST IN S-1, THEN S-2. A FORMER MILITARY POSTAL CLERK. NOW I AM DISABLED, BUT I LOVED BEING IN S-2. IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE I WILL NEVER FORGET. PRIOR TO HER DECOMMISSIONING, I WOULD GO TO THE PIER AND SEE IT JUST SITTING THERE, THEN I WAS OFF TO PATUXENT RIVER MARYLAND, WHAT A NICE PLACE ,BUT NOTHING LIKE THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, THAT WAS A LIVING HEAVEN. THANKS DOM FOR THIS SITE

Comments from Dom: Hi David, sure hope you are feeling better at this time. Thanks for your history aboard the ship. This site is here for all former crewmembers to come back and reminisce about their time aboard this great Lady.

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Michael Morton

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Date:

26 Feb 2005

## Comments

You folks have a great site here. The pictures and information contained herein are remarkable and fun to read. To hear the music and sound effects certainly makes a true American proud. One can feel the devotion, love & fidelity the crew members felt for their ship and shipmates. The debt owed by my generation to those who served and fought in all branches of the serves is tremendous and they are to be hailed as hero's. Many thanks to all the men/women who served on board the USS Wisconsin (BB-64)

Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed the site and thank you for your comments. We really appreciate hearing all the nice things about our site and our ship.

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Name:

Samantha Sepulveda

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Date:

25 Feb 2005

## Comments

My name is sam. im 16 and im in the njrotc unit at my high school in cleveland ohio. my unit is going to be visiting the U.S.S. Wisconsin in March and i was given the privilege to write a

report on it to give to my commander. I just want to say your website really helped me out.Thankx! ~Samantha

Comments from Dom: Samantha, Glad we were able to help in your report. Enjoy your visit to the Wisconsin. Please write again after your visit and give your comments on your trip.



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Date:  
25 Feb 2005

### Comments

god bless Amerika. with all my respect

Comments from Dom: Thanks for your comment.



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Date:  
24 Feb 2005

### Comments

JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT ONBOARD THE SHIP THIS PAST TUESDAY. BEEN 4 YEARS SINCE LAST VISIT. SHE IS STILL AS GREAT LOOKING AS ALWAYS. GREAT JOB BEING DONE BY THE CURRENT CREW KEEPING HER SHIP SHAPE. DOES MAKE ME FEEL GOOD TO BE ABLE TO VISIT HER FROM TIME TO TIME

Comments from Dom: Perry, I was just aboard her on Sunday, Feb. 20th. You're right! She still looks great and ready for sea duty. Thanks to Capt. Mary Mosier, Operation Manager and her crew for taking care of our Lady.



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22 Feb 2005

### Comments

myself thomas trudo AO usn na,james riley DC usn na,charels cunningham usn na, and kennith tucker EN usn na.we've all survived in the navy at one time or another, we are making

a scale mock up of a battleship. we had made a few cannons that fired firework artillery shells, and some one said why not make a ship? the problem is we are all sailors but none served on bb's. we are searching with no success to find technical drawings of both sides and top view of the uss wisconsin bb-64 .pictures,and paintings don't have enough detail to make the mighty 16's,and other details. we would appreciate any help you may have to offer. thank you for your time. tt,jr,cc,&kt ps for more info on our project contact thomas at icrff2968@yahoo.com again thank you.

**Comments from Dom: Good luck on your project. At the moment I don't have the drawing you are looking for. If I ever come across anything like that I will contact you.**



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22 Feb 2005

### Comments

As a Naval reservist in 1958, I went on a one week cruise aboard the USS. Wisconsin out of Norfolk, Va. A short cruise, but interesting. We got caught in a Typhoon while at sea. A few life boats were lost overboard.

**Comments from Dom: Any of you that were aboard prior to the decommissioning remember this cruise? I left in June 1956 and in my time aboard went through a few storms.**



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Date:  
21 Feb 2005

### Comments

Refer to 1950's Page 8 photographs 896-901. I was in Lowry at Norfolk when we picked up your liberty party that couldn't return because of foul weather. They stayed on board our tin can overnight before the weather allowed us to transfer about 200 sick hotel sailors back to you by highline. No matter what we did to make their stay comfortable, they were extremely happy to get back on board Wisconsin.

**Comments from Dom: I was aboard the Wisconsin at that time. One of the guys that came back aboard kissed the deck, he was so happy to be back on a steady ship. One of them said, if he ever got transferred to a destroyer, he would go AWOL.**



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20 Feb 2005

## Comments

This web site ROCKS!!! I gotta send some pictures in sometime. This is one of biggest ships in the known universe man! I served on this baby from 1987-1989. I had the chance to actually go through almost every compartment of this ship when it was being overhauled at Pascagoula, and man is it HUGE. It would take about 24 hours to go through it if it were all accessible. I really had some good times on this ship, and met a lot of great people. It was my job to run the automated remote-controlled Gun-director/radar transmitters via the spa-25. The radar transmitters all had an upgraded tracking system installed in them which I also worked on. The gun-director I worked in, sky-4, actually shot down a drone target, which wasn't to bad considering the computer we used to track it. I remember the ship shootin' off those guns all at once off one side and feeling that ship roll, thinkin' it would take a tidal wave to make that ship roll like that!!! Truly a remarkable ship which will probably never be created again. When manned she had enough people to fill a small city. Latez...

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the compliment on the site. You're right, she is a huge and powerful ship! How about signing on our email list?



Name:  
sn christian howard 3rd div  
Email:  
gfutu  
Date:  
20 Feb 2005

## Comments

where are my boys from 3rd div

Comments from Dom: Christian, how can they contact you. You didn't leave an email address. What era did you serve?



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Samantha (Stewart) Smith  
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Date:  
19 Feb 2005

## Comments

This is a great tribute to everyone that served on this great ship. My grandfather (Donald Stewart) was on the ship 4 years (1950-54) "B" Division. He was in the Korean War. Looking

for anyone who might know him or remember him. I posted a picture on the website. Would love to hear some stories about the "B" division. Great Website!

Comments from Dom: Samantha, we just returned from SC. Will get your grandfather's picture on the site as soon as possible. Anyone who remembers Donald Stewart, please contact Samantha at the above email address.

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Name:

Eric Stoner

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Date:

18 Feb 2005

## Comments

I'm not a serviceman, just a naval enthusiast. I'm glad to see that a warship bearing the name of my home state has had such a distinguished career and is so loved and respected by her crew past and present. Keep up the good work, the site is great. Hope I get to see her up close some day. Eric

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the site complement. We were proud and honored to serve aboard this great ship.

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Date:

17 Feb 2005

## Comments

My father was on the Wisconsin in WW2. William Anderson Stewart. I enjoyed seeing your WEB Site. He had many stories.

Comments from Dom: Thanks for stopping by and enjoying our site. Do you know what division your father was in and what years he was aboard? If you do, please email me at [dombb64@ptd.net](mailto:dombb64@ptd.net)

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Mike Holland

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Date:

17 Feb 2005

## Comments

God Bless America!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Comments from Dom: I second that!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Date:

17 Feb 2005

## Comments

In 1943 I was aboard the USS Memphis an old four pipe cruiser in the south Atlantic when the USS Iowa visited Bahia Brazil little did I know that in less than year I would be assigned to the USS Wisconsin, became a plank owner and served till the end of ww2

Comments from Dom: Hi Joe thanks for your Navy history and glad you were assigned to the Wisconsin

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Mike

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Date:

17 Feb 2005

## Comments

Just surfed by. Very interesting site, good work. I like this ship, we don't have such big ships in our "navy". Actually we don't really have a navy... ;) Greetings and respect to everyone from Switzerland. Mike

Comments from Dom: Hi Mike, thanks for stopping by and thanks for the complement. Please come again.

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Name:

Robert Much

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Date:

15 Feb 2005

## Comments



I served on the Wisconsin during the Korean War as a shipfitter 1/class. Congratulations on a great website and it's good to see the Whiskey remembered. Would you have any information on Kennedy a first class carpenters mate?

Comments from Dom: Thanks for the site compliment. Sorry I do not have any information on Kennedy. Perhaps someone that does will contact you. Hey Robert, how about joining the Wisconsin family. Just click the following <http://www.usswisconsin.org/Membership/membersh.htm>

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Date: 13 Feb 2005

### Comments

Hey just wanted to say hi. I visited the USS Wisconsin 3 month after decom. I was a student of the MK86 school. I served on the DDG-186 Moelders, a German warship (CHARLES F. ADAMS class). take care

Comments from Dom: Thanks for stopping by Christian, come again.

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Name: ryan  
Email: fghsdfg  
Date: 13 Feb 2005

### Comments

ur site is great

Comments from Dom: Thanks Ryan

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Name: Jay Wilson  
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Date: 11 Feb 2005

### Comments

Thanks for having a web site so complete for the Wisconsin. I enjoyed it!!! My father served on

the Wisconsin but I can't remember what years. He was a gunners mate I think or possibly an officer by then. If anyone remembers him please feel free to email me at [JWilson992@aol.com](mailto:JWilson992@aol.com). He was the USS Salem's gunnery officer until 1959 and retired in 1960. Thanks again, Jay Wilson

**Comments from Dom: Jay's Dads name was Vernon Wilson, and he was an officer in the Fourth Division, 5" Battery. Jay found his Dad in the ships 1943-1947 Yearbook.**

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chris

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10 Feb 2005

## Comments

Sweet pics

**Comments from Dom: Glad you enjoyed the pics.**

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Date:

07 Feb 2005

## Comments

**SH3 1988-1991 USS WISCONSIN CURRENTLY IN NORTH CAROLINA WOULD LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH CREW MEMBERS**

**Comments from Dom: Jon, I hope you hear from some of your shipmates.**

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van loo Patrick

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Date:

06 Feb 2005

## Comments

God bless America

Comments from Dom: I second that statement.

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John Carter

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Date:

04 Feb 2005

## Comments

The first time I saw the USS Wisconsin when it was tied up to a dock off the Westside Highway in New York during 1957. But, that wasn't the first time I came into contact with her, that was in Korea in 1953. Couldn't see her, but she was shelling the Chicims opposite us. Her shells came in sounding like the 3rd Avenue El. She was shooting right over our heads, I'm glad I wasn't a Chicom on the receiving end. John Carter

Comments from Dom: John, I'm glad I was behind those guns when they fired and not on the receiving end.

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Soe Tun

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Date:

04 Feb 2005

## Comments

Great!

Comments from Dom: Thanks and come back and visit us again.

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Date:

03 Feb 2005

## Comments

Wonderful site, Dom. If anyone has info on William Hamilton (Pete) Hale, I would appreciate it.

He was my grandfather and very little is known about him. I'm looking for anything no matter how small. Stories would be great, too. Thanks!

Comments from Dom: I hope someone remembers Pete contacts you.

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Date:

02 Feb 2005

## Comments

Great pics, that mighty battleship must have been awesome to be around when those big guns let go. All those great ships showed Americas might for sure. Thanks for all the info.

Comments from Dom: To answer your question, "must have been awesome to be around when those big guns let go.", check D.C. Copelands remarks below.  
Glad you liked the site, come back soon.

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D.C. Copeland

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Date:

02 Feb 2005

## Comments

Great ship. Great site. Your unexpected cannon blasts scared the living \*\*\*\* out of me! Keep up the great work.

Comments from Dom: Hi D. C., where were you when the guns went off? Yes she is a great ship.  
Thanks for the compliments on our site.

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