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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL REUNION

Submitted by Sara & Joe Jacobs

USS TURNER REUNION 2016

Celebrating Our Silver Anniversary

What a wonderful time shared by all at our 25th anniversary! On our drive to Charleston the anticipation was rising knowing this year was to be a milestone. What will be different or how could we make it better? Needless to say we were put at ease once we arrived at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and entered the hospitality room. There was "Ms. Faithful" herself, Madge Ackerman, at the door to greet us with her smiling face along with Carl. Due to our low numbers the Armed Forces Reunion Association does not provide a representative to handle our check-ins. No worries for anyone, there was our newly appointed volunteer (secretary) handing out our packages along with gifts for everyone. Our thanks go out to him, Hank Turner and also Ernie Loos for putting this reunion together. Hank worked with the hotel staff coordinating room rates, meals, setting up the bar and social events with the hotel. Ernie worked at setting up our tour and arranging transportation. Great Job! Over and above the call of duty! That's what we call "outstanding performance." "Four-O" Sailors!

With all the enjoyment of our gathering, we cannot overlook the disappointments of some missing faces

we've all come to love and expect to see. Grant and Liz Wilcox, we missed you. Henry and Doris Seevers, we missed you. These shipmates canceled at the last minute due to health reasons. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

We joined together at our Welcome Dinner Buffet to officially celebrate our Silver Anniversary. All shipmates, spouses, and friends were welcomed and our designated Chaplain, Carl Ackerman, presented the blessing on the food and attendees. Following dinner our First Lady, Sara Jacobs, honored us by cutting our USS Turner Reunion Association Silver Anniversary cake.

Our first full day was packed full with the tour to Patriots Point. This tour includes the USS Laffey (DD-724), USS Clamagore (SS-343), USS Yorktown (CV-10) and the Vietnam Experience Exhibit. This tour was adventurous, exciting, and emotional. Watching some of the videos of the actual battles gives one a feeling of the horror and fear these brave young men went through. On board the Yorktown, WOW! What an awesome display of airpower. There was also a great display of the Vietnam experience that has gone down in history.

Our Social Director, Barbara Sciar-

pelletti, (oh, by the way Barbara you have a new title) suggested we have seafood for dinner. She suggested Hymann's which is probably the number one restaurant in Charleston. We all decided since it was quite a distance downtown, we made reservations at Coosaw Creek Crab Shack. There were about 20 of us who settled in for a wonderful time together with great food. Joe and I made another trip there one evening for dinner to see Holly who we had met several years back and she was working. We were so surprised that she remembered us and even where we were from without us saying a word. She sat with us for awhile and we played catch-up with our lives. Wonderful visit for sure.

Wednesday was a free day to explore on our own. There were reports of all kind of exciting activities. There were buggy rides around Charleston, plantations and mansions visited, Fort Sumter, shopping at Tanger Outlet Mall and of course the famous downtown market. Wednesday night was a special night with a birthday dinner for our shipmate John Byron who will turn 90 years old in November. Happy Birthday again, John. Hope you enjoyed your party as much as we did.

Thursday was our final day full of things to discuss in our general meet-

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▶ USS TURNER BRASS BELT BUCKLE

Solid brass belt buckle, 3 ½" X 2 ½". Fits belt widths up to 1 3/8". Inscribed with "U.S. NAVY", the TURNER name, hull number and the ship's years in service. Can also be used as a PAPER WEIGHT. See photo. Cost is \$20.(while supplies last).



- ▶ Ship's patches: Both the Tiger and Double Eagle, 4" round with color embroidery. Also official Navy patch just like on the ball caps. Blue/gold lettering of "USS Turner DD/DDR 834" around gray destroyer profile. 3"H x 5"W. Cost is \$5 per patch.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PREZ....

Celebrating 25 Years Silver Anniversary of the USS Turner Reunion Association

We have celebrated another get together. Even though our numbers dwindle each year, we had 27 shipmates attending and the comradery had not changed. I am sure there are those who wonder...."why do we continue our reunions?" My reply would be that we gather in celebration of our service together to our country. Most of us came aboard as young men-some right out of high school with it being our first time away from home. We came from all walks of life. There were city folks, country folks, upper and middle class and lower class. There were religious and denominational differences, political differences, hillbillies, rednecks to the sophisticated do righter's. At our reunions there are very few of us who served together. However, as much as we differ from one another, we all have something in common. We all served "OUR USA" aboard one ship. USS Turner DD/DDR834. By the time you read this it will have been 53 years ago I departed this ship – some of you more and some of you less. To us it's as if it was yesterday in our memories. Over these years of service and since we've built a brotherhood and comradery that will not be broken.

WE ARE THE TURNER TIGERS

With this all in mind, I'm told we have a roster of around 1500-1600 shipmates. I realize we're not getting any younger. Some have failing health and no longer able to travel and others have their own reasons. Whatever it might be I wish you God's speed. From one sailor to another "Fair Winds and Following

Seas."

One of the best reunions we've ever experienced was 2000 in Providence, RI. We've voted to gather next year in Warwick, RI. hoping maybe to repeat 2000. Put together your plans to join us in Warwick in 2017- Until, see you there!

Joe Jacobs
2015-2017

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ing. Location was discussed and voted on for it to be held in Warwick, Rhode Island. There are several great tours that can be taken in the areas. Due to illness, Joe Stepanek and Helen departed early and Dave Bodendorf gave the treasure's report and collected dues. Dues are \$20 a year and not mandatory, however, if you wish to contribute to help offset the cost of mailing the Turner Times you can do so by sending check for \$20 to Joseph R. Stepanek at 9372 Duff Ct. Ellicott City, MD. 21042. Joe, we hope that you had a speedy recovery and back to enjoying all life has to offer.

Festivities for the evening and closing out another year began with shipmate pictures and their guest. Bar was finally opened on a pay as you go---or should I say "pay as you drink". Opening ceremonies began with a welcome from the president, Joe Jacobs, then our Chaplain, Carl Ackerman for the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and blessing of the food then back for a toast from the president to each other and America. After dinner there were tickets drawn for wonderful prizes and presentations to be made. Henry Turner worked in advance having plaques made for some outstanding performances. Carl and Madge Ackerman for their dedicated service to the reunion association for all the years

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

USS TURNER REUNION 2017

We have booked The Crowne Plaza Warwick for 9/25/2017 -9/28/2017 The rate \$119 per night that includes breakfast in our hospitality room each morning and a 20 % discount in their Restaurant. Free air port shuttle.

Rooms can be booked at 401-732-6000 or www.CrowneHotelWarwick.com Our code is UST or USSTURNER DDR 834 Registration for dinners and tours again this year will be with AFR.

Forms will be in the spring Turner Times. Cut off date will be August 1, 2017.

Ernie will be working with the Providence Visitor Bureau on setting up the tours for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hank Turner & Ernie Loos

Mel Edwards Obituary, Washington, MO

Lt. Melvin Jay Edwards, U.S. Navy retired, 90, Washington, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016.

Melvin, son of the late Clem and wife Mildred, nee Rice, Edwards, was born on Aug. 28, 1926, in University City. He was united in marriage to Betty Shaw in Wellston, Nov. 13, 1947, and they spent 68 years together, raised two children, and lived in almost 30 different homes. His military career spanned 23 years, and he served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. After he retired from the U.S. Navy, he worked at Dyncorp International for another 20 years, before retiring to Washington. In Washington, Melvin enjoyed taking an active role at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, serving on several committees, boards, and as a teacher for the adult Bible study for 15 years. He also enjoyed golfing and wood-

working.

Melvin is survived by his wife Betty Edwards, Washington; two children, Rebecca Edwards, Washington, and Mark and wife Sandy Edwards, Camarillo, Calif.; one sister, Norma Sutter, Marthasville; one brother-in-law, Jim and wife Betty Ann Shaw, St. Charles; three grandchildren, Bryan and wife Candice Edwards, Reno, Nev., Melanie and husband Damien Iniquez, Vista, Calif., and Samantha Edwards, Los Angeles, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Carson and Penelope Beth Iniquez, Oceanside, Calif.; nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends

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Leonard Greenstein Obituary, Atlanta, GA

Leonard Greenstein died peacefully at home on July 8, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. He adored telling stories. This one is his.

...He served two years as Supply Officer on the destroyer U.S.S. Turner, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade, his sojourn culminating with the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. The *Turner* was one of the lead ships in the naval blockade during that tense confrontation, and Lenny himself was responsible for emptying out the U.S. bank at Guantanamo, toting \$7.5 million in cash back to the ship in a red Radio Flyer wagon he found in the cargo hold. Then, when the Turner docked in Florida, Lenny dutifully delivered the cash to the Federal Reserve in the trunk of his four-door Plymouth...Lenny will be remembered as the epitome of selflessness...

Final Roll Call

Since our last issue we have learned that these shipmates have answered the call of the Supreme Commander:

Darrell L. Barry	60-62	RDSN
Herbert L. Bingmer	51-55	BMSN
John K. Blackburn	52-54	ET3
Ronald G. Burkholder	57	FN
Stephen E. Carson	60-63	RD3
Wilfred Deanne	45-46	S1
Melvin J. Edwards	57-59	LTJG
F. Peter Fee	48	RMSN
Jerry Fogler	57-59	PN3
James J. Garriga	46-47	F1
Walter E. Knight	49-51	RD1
Leonard Greenstein	60-62	ENS
Earl D. Massey	58-59	ETRSN
Norman W. Richards	64-67	SN
Samuel F. Rizzico	51-53	SKG1
James D. Stark	67-69	EN2
Thomas J. Tierney	58-61	LTJG

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they have spent operating the ships store and other contributions. Carl and Madge, we thank you for your commitment and hard work. The other presentation would have been made to Grant and Liz Wilcox for the loyalty, commitment and hard work organizing the past wonderful reunions. Due to illness, their plaque was mailed to them with a great big thank you, we missed you and praying all is well with the two of you.

The night continued with a message from the president and a talk from Captain Don Pauly. The DJ played great music and we all left with aching bones and tired feet knowing this reunion was wonderful and will hold us till we meet again in 2017 in Warwick, RI.

OUR TURNER TIMES

WHAT WE REMEMBER ABOUT OUR TIME ON BOARD

A note from Dave Buck, Captain, USN Retired to Niles Rueckert on September 3, 2016

Nils,..... thank you so much for your thoughtful information sharing re Mel. You are wonderful, and I have long since forgiven you for showing up on board your first ship so late. (kidding)

In regards to the marvelous man, I wonder, I really do, if I would have had a long career in the Navy if it were not for this superb human named Mel Edwards. As a shaking Ensign, age 22 and going on 16, I was blessed to have served with him. I was assigned duties as the ASW officer and even after being schooled in Key West, I was never sure that the returning echo was a submarine or something else. With his prior experience in sonar, he actually come down into the sonar room in the bowels of the ship often to help. When I would hear an echo, I would say THAT'S IT..... but he would say that sounded more like a bottom echo. When the next return came in, I would say the same..... but he would say it sounded more like something biological. Finally he told me to "just listen to the ocean sounds." I did. I learned and we killed em in Gitmo in our refresher training. I felt like he was right over my shoulder all the time.

When I started standing bridge watches, I was lucky to have Mel as my OOD. As we reoriented screens, dodged crossing contacts or had three radios calling at the same time, I was, to say it mildly, "on edge" But Mel was always calm, cool and collected and I learned once again. He also did something that most others didn't in that when he called the Captain in his

cabin to report a "situation", he ALWAYS recommended HIS own solution! Ingenious. In my later career, when they blessed me with my own command, I always asked the caller for his recommendation. Thanks, Mel!

When my time comes and I am in no hurry, I hope I end up where Mel is so that when the new arrivals are confused and want to know how to behave or what to do, I can simply tell them....."ASK MEL"

I will hold his life, talents and kindness in my heart for as long as I have

Dave Buck

A Mustang retired after 35 years and realized a lifelong dream of buying a bird-hunting estate in Alaska. He invited an old Admiral friend to visit for a week of pheasant shooting. The friend was in awe of the Mustang's new gun dog, "Chief". The dog could point, flush and retrieve with the very best. The Admiral offered to buy the dog at any price. The Mustang declined, saying that Chief was the very best bird dog he had ever owned and that he couldn't part with him.

Six months later the same Admiral returned for another week of hunting and was surprised to find the Mustang breaking in a new dog.

"What happened to Chief?" he asked.

"Had to shoot him," the Mustang replied. "Another old shipmate came to hunt with me and couldn't remember the dog's name. He kept calling him 'Master Chief' ...after that, all the dog would do was sit on his butt and bark."

Sent in By Mel Edwards, 4/2/98
"If we had prices like this, we could go out to eat once in awhile."

1941 Menu from Black Café, Honolulu, Hawaii

24-Hour Specials

Breaded Veal Cutlet.....	.35
Roast Turkey with dressing....	.50
½ Fried Chicken with bacon....	.60
Roast Pork & applesauce.....	.40
Swiss Steak & brown gravy.....	.25
Corned Beef & cabbage.....	.30
Spaghetti & meatballs.....	.25
Hot Pork or beef sandwich.....	.25

Steaks, Chops and other meats

Porterhouse & mushrooms:.....	1.00
T-Bone.....	.60
Rib steak.....	.40
Hamburger .30.with onions.....	.35
Liver & onions .30.with bacon.....	.35

A soldier stationed abroad received a 'Dear John' letter from his girlfriend back home. It read: 'Dear Dave, I can no longer continue our relationship. The distance between us is just too great. I must admit that I have cheated on you twice, since you've been gone, and it's not fair to either of us. I'm sorry. Please return the picture of me that I sent to you. Love, Kim.' The soldier, with hurt feelings, asked his fellow buddies for any snapshots they could spare of their girlfriends, sisters, ex-girlfriends, aunts, cousins, etc. In addition to the picture of Kim, Ricky included all the other pictures of the pretty girls he had collected from his buddies. There were 57 photos in that envelope, along with this note: 'Dear Kim, I'm so sorry but I can't quite remember who you are. Please take your picture from the pile, and send the rest back to me. Take care,

•DOCTOR-DISCHARGE•

Old Navy slang for a fake discharge purporting to show that some "greenhorn" was a fully qualified seaman.



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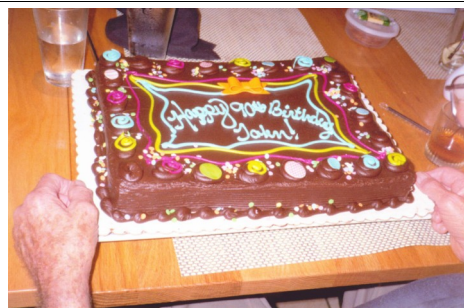
From Mrs. James Stark, Jr. 3/28/16

Just wanted to drop you a line to let you and the members that were on board the Turner with my husband, James David Stark, Jr, that he passed away on 3/6/16. During his last months, he spoke often of his time on board. A lot of time in the Atlantic as well as the "Med". He never could have visited all those places! Thanks again,

Cruise). I'll send them to you if you keep an archive.

Do you by any chance remember the Palma de Mallorca liberty (3 days) and Captain Callaway's announcement when we got back to sea? (That the previous three days did not happen.)

You guys do a great job with the Turner Times; it brings back many memories. "Well done" sailor. Thanks.
Best wishes.
Fred Bright (63-67)



Birthday Cake for John Byron's 90 Birthday celebration at the Reunion in Charleston, SC.

Letter from Fred Bright to Pete Varley on August 29, 2005

Hello Pete, you probably don't remember me. I started out on the Turner as an FT/A, got busted to the deck force and ended up with Chief Eugene Owen as a QM on the bridge (I wound the chronometers ship-wide).

I was also a driver for Captain Callaway, when we were overseas. I pulled duty as a mess cook for the CPO's with George McCullough.

A notable event was while at GQ with Zebra set, I stepped out of mount 51 handling room and cooked bacon and egg sandwiches and cleaned up the grill; it was better than the cold coffee and horsecock sandwiches. However, the bacon and egg smell filtered up to the bridge and your guys (the DC team) searched the ship for the source. Another captain's mast for me. I deserved it. Remember Jim Nix. One of the nicest people I ever knew. How about Ensign Gould?

I have a few photos of Steve M. White and myself and the Turner when we were in Aden (the Red Sea



The Chief wasn't convinced his message was getting through.

Christmas Menu
25 December 1956
U. S. S. Turner DDR-834

Cream of Asparagus Soup		Saltines	
Roast Tom Turkey	Whipped Potatoes	Giblet Gravy	Sage Dressing
Cranberry Sauce			
Virginia Baked Ham	Candied Sweet Potatoes		
French Peas	Tossed Green Salad with Tomatoes		Spiced Beets
French Dressing			
Assorted Olives	Sweet Pickles		
Hot Pan Rolls	Butter	Jam	Bread
Pumpkin Pie	Coffee	Mince Meat Pie	Milk
Candy	Fresh Fruit	Mixed Nuts	Cigars Cigarettes

C. W. TURNER III , Commander, USN Commanding Officer		
B. V. AJEMIAN , Lieutenant Commander, USN Executive Officer		
A. G. ELLIOTT , Lieutenant (jg), USNR Supply Officer		
J. B. MANEY , Lieutenant (jg), USN Supply Officer		
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BESHORE	CSSA	USN
FARMER	CSSA	USN
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Christmas Dinner Menu
December 1956
Submitted by
Jerry Maney

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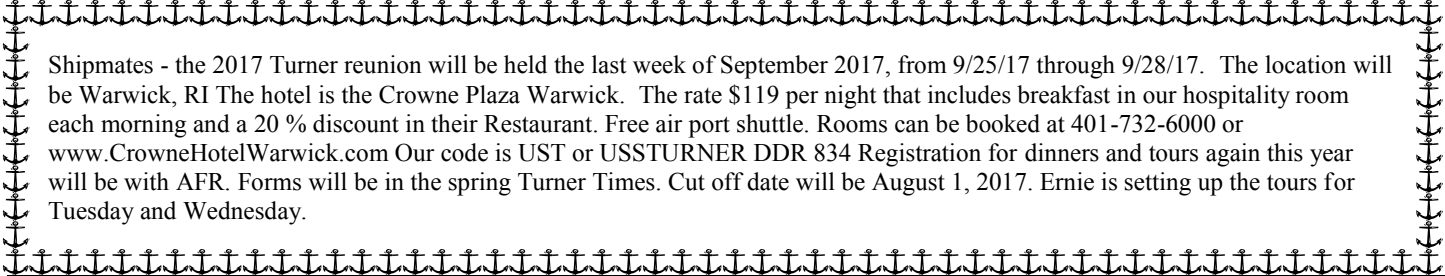
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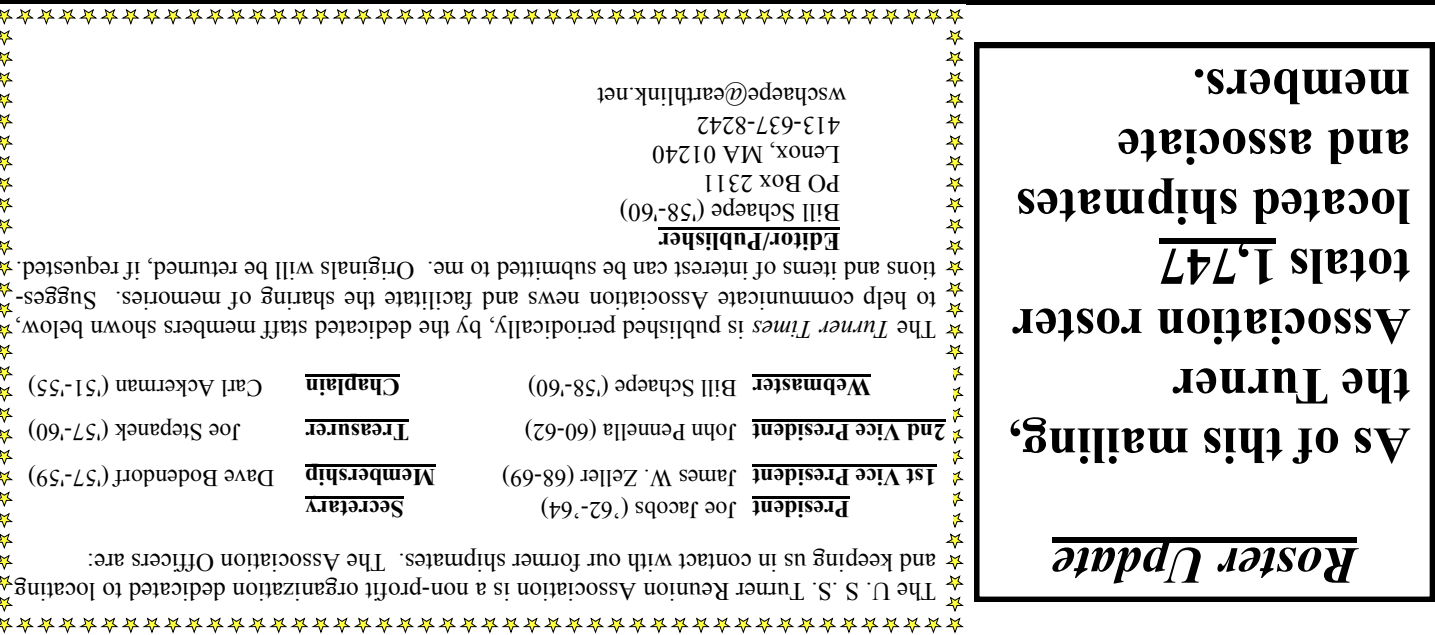
MOVED ???? — If you have moved, plan to do so, changed your telephone number, e-mail address or have any change of status, please contact Dave Bodendorf at 49 Birch Hill Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-6139, Phone: (845) 452-2428, or email: bode10@aol.com Stay in touch!!

ASSOCIATION DUES — Although dues are voluntary, we could use your help. Look at your mailing label. If "Dues Paid" appears by your name, your dues are paid. If not, and you want to pay them, send a \$20 check, payable to the USS Turner Reunion Association to our Treasurer, Joe Stepanek, 9372 Duff Ct, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Please remember that annual dues cover the "year" between reunions and NOT a calendar year. (Dues paid after October 12, 2016 are not reflected on the label)



Shipmates - the 2017 Turner reunion will be held the last week of September 2017, from 9/25/17 through 9/28/17. The location will be Warwick, RI The hotel is the Crowne Plaza Warwick. The rate \$119 per night that includes breakfast in our hospitality room each morning and a 20 % discount in their Restaurant. Free air port shuttle. Rooms can be booked at 401-732-6000 or www.CrowneHotelWarwick.com Our code is UST or USSTURNER DDR 834 Registration for dinners and tours again this year will be with AFR. Forms will be in the spring Turner Times. Cut off date will be August 1, 2017. Ernie is setting up the tours for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Each mailing we have several pieces returned because shipmates do not let us know they have moved. For our last mailing, a number of shipmates did not inform us of their new addresses. This creates unnecessary expenses for our organization during a period of time when our active membership is gradually declining as well as the percentage of dues paying shipmates. If you are moving or have recently moved, PLEASE drop us a line, call or email us with your new information so we don't lose you again!!



Roster Update
As of this mailing, the Turner Association roster totals 1,747 located shipmates and associate members.

President Joe Jacobs ('62-'64)
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Secretary	Dave Bodendorf ('57-'59)
Membership	Joe Stepanek ('57-'60)
Treasurer	Carl Ackerman ('51-'55)
Chaplain	

The U. S. S. Turner Reunion Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to locating and keeping us in contact with our former shipmates. The Association Officers are: