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USS RANKIN 2010 REUNION

September 23-26

BRANSON, MO

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NORFOLK REUNION SCENES



Little Creek landing simulator



Neptune at Virginia Beach



Our brand-new bus



USS Ramage mess decks



Skip gets a Navy haircut



Colonial Williamsburg



Nautical colonists



Williamsburg charm



The famous "Lone Sailor"



Friendship



Welcome Home!



Chiefs Club luncheon



Another one



Banquet guests from USS Ramage (DDG-61)



Banquet guests from USS Rankin (AKA-103)

2009 REUNION REPORT — NORFOLK!

The 2009 USS Rankin reunion was held at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA September 17-10. The four day-three night event was attended by 105 people: fifty-seven (57) shipmates and forty-eight (48) spouses and guests.



USS Wisconsin, just outside our hotel

The reunion kicked off Thursday morning when the Registration Desk and Rankin hospitality rooms opened. A number of local shipmates and USS Rankin friends were present at a day-long “open house” to tell sea stories and renew old acquaintances.

Friday morning dawned bright and clear, and after an early private breakfast buffet, 81 members and guests boarded a luxury double-decker motor coach for a tour of Little Creek Amphibious Base. Little Creek is the home of many commands including six LSD's, three PC's, and four SEAL Teams.

A riding tour of the base acquainted the group with its history and mission. A demonstration at the Amphibious Warfare Training Center was a fascinating display of combined air, sea, and ground forces landing on an enemy beach. Lunch was at the base's lavish CPO club.

Following lunch, a riding tour of Virginia Beach showed off its history from the early light houses to the recent development of Towne Center, which is home to,

believe it or not, the tallest building in the state of Virginia. Passengers disembarked at the boardwalk on the beach, exploring the souvenir and gift shops and marveling at the beachfront War Memorial and giant statue of King Neptune.

The happy group returned to the Sheraton around 1500, a.k.a. 3:00 PM. Between their arrival and dinner, folks spent time at the bar, at the hospitality room, or resting back at their rooms.

At 1800/6:00 PM, the evening activities kicked off with a social hour. Members and guests brought their hometown gifts to the banquet room where they were put on display, at 7:00, dinner was served. The Southern-style buffet was plentiful and delicious. After dinner, the Commodore Chorus, a large group of mostly former Sailors (one Air Force) entertained us with 45 minutes of old and new Barbershop harmonies.

Then it was time for the gift exchange. As each number was called the winner came forward to choose, unwrap and describe a gift. The next winner could “steal” that gift or choose a new one to unwrap. The game went on in this manner until all of the gifts were gone. Right or wrong, there were precious few “steals” this year.

Skip Sander, our Association's fearless leader, took this opportunity to relieve his conscience. This same game was played at the New London reunion in '07. Back then, Skip “stole” a beautiful rope knot board from former BM2 Frank Shaw, who silently fumed as former Ensign Sander, with a big grin on his face, walked off with his prize. After two years of remorse, Skip returned the knot board to Frank, and the evening ended on a happy

note for all concerned.

Saturday morning it was breakfast as usual—a hearty buffet in a private room. Two tours were on tap for the day: one to Williamsburg and one to the Navy Base, as guests of the Commanding Officer of the USS *Ramage* (DDG-61). The ship is named after former *Rankin* CO and Medal of Honor recipient Lawson P. Ramage.

The Ramage group was treated to a rare below-decks tour of an *Arleigh Burke* class guided missile destroyer. Guided by Command Master Chief Mike Knowles, they had a close look at everything—the engineering and berthing spaces, the wardroom, CIC, and especially the modern-day mess deck, where the cooks, now known as Culinary Specialists, had baked a cake in honor of the visit. While on the mess deck, Skip Sander, yielding once again to his conscience, returned an ice cream scoop that he had liberated from the Rankin's wardroom back in 1962. In return, he was treated to a much-overdue Navy haircut, started by 1952 Rankin barber Don Liff and finished by the Ramage's current barber. All agreed it was a very good haircut.

Those going to Williamsburg were treated to a walking tour of this historic village. While strolling through the restored area of this colonial capital, the historic interpreter guided the group through the past and events that helped shape America's history. Anyone who cared to do so was able to shop and browse in Merchants Square. It was an awakening to walk in the footprints of great Americans like Washington, Jefferson, and Patrick Henry. Here is where Patriotism flourished and is still alive today.

(See Reunion on page 7)



ANNUAL FUND DRIVE



The envelope that brought you this newsletter also brought a colorful paper about our Annual Fund Drive. We hope you will read that paper carefully and make whatever contribution you think is suitable. You can see a list of 2009's contributors inside on Pages 4 & 5. Never-ending thanks to all of you!

We have no annual dues or initiation fees, and our funding depends almost exclusively on voluntary contributions from shipmates. These contributions have been generous over the years, so we can run an operation that every Rankin sailor can be proud of.

Every year we are more and more convinced that we have one of the best, if not *the* best reunion and reconnection groups for a ship of the Rankin's size. Our web site is second to none, and our reunions have been nothing but spectacular. Any member can get a personalized directory of all his shipmates, including current contact information where we have it, not to mention a wide assortment of hats, shirts, ship's pictures, etc. And every year we mail newsletters like this one, with a copy to every shipmate, family member or friend in our database. We hope you like them.

Our policy is to provide full and honest disclosure of all financial information. Each month, Skip Sander sends a detailed financial report to the members of the Executive Board. Any other person can request a copy, as well. Once a year, we summarize this information in the newsletter. That summary appears on page 6.

We now have about \$10,000 in a "rainy day" CD, and about \$5,700 in a savings account for capital expenditures and special projects. In the coming year, we plan to spend some of the latter upgrading the software packages we use to maintain our web site and to keep track of our members. The web site software is over ten years old and no longer supported by its manufacturer. The membership software is a custom package that is over five years old now, and needs to be brought up to date.

What we need from members this year is continued strong contributions to operating expenses. Our operating budget for 2010 is \$10,800, or \$900 a month. That money brings you these newsletters, our web site, and all the other things that it takes to keep the organization running. No money goes for wages and salaries, though many people put in tremendous effort to keep our operation running.

To fund our budget, we need to avoid a decline in contributions this year. There is always a decline due to death or disability of members, but it is usually offset by increases from those who haven't contributed before. If you didn't contribute in 2009, please consider contributing now. If you sent us something last year, please consider sending a little more this time. Our lifeblood is the checks from our members—if you can afford it, we could use a larger check this year. Thanks in advance for your help.



ANNUAL FUND DRIVE CONTRIBUTORS

These 271 shipmates made financial contributions to the Association during calendar 2009. Their generosity is our lifeblood—without it, we couldn't have these newsletters, our extensive web site, our reunions, or any of the other things that make the group worthwhile. All 1,368 of our living members and friends give them a Bravo Zulu and a Thank

Akers, Jerry.....	SN.....	1958-1959	Gilbert, George.....	EM2.....	1957-1960
Allen, Leslie.....	SFP3.....	1963-1966	Ginn, Raymond.....	MM3.....	1956-1958
Allen, Paul M.....	ENS(SC).....	1946-1947	Golfman, David.....	SN.....	1961-1963
Anderson, Ruth.....	See Note 2		Golingan, Fernando.....	E-4.....	1952-1957
Angelo, John P.....	MMFA.....	1962	Gould, Elton.....	CSSN.....	1956-1960
Ashworth, James R. II.....	TESN.....	1954	Grant, Gerald M.....	EM2.....	1958-1960
Ayasse, Ralph.....	SMSN.....	1959-1962	Green, Carl S.....	RD2.....	1953-1954
Ayers, Judson.....	LTJG.....	1954-1956	Griffith, Samuel R.....	BM2.....	1968-1970
Baire, Ronald E.....	SK1.....	1968-1971	Grone, Stephen R.....	PN3.....	1961-1963
Baisden, Robert.....	YN3.....	1954-1955	Hack, John.....	SN.....	1961-1962
Ball, Montague.....	LTJG.....	1962-1965	Hadley, Nelson.....	EM2.....	1963-1966
Ballou, Joseph F.....	LTJG.....	1957-1958	Hand, William J.....	LTJG.....	1959-1961
Barth, William A., Jr.....	EN1.....	1954-1956	Hanson, Gunnar.....	SFM3.....	1952-1953
Beaty, M. Paul, Jr.....	PN2.....	1957-1959	Hardegree, Howard L.....	ENS.....	1960-1961
Beck, Charles W.....	LTJG.....	1954-1955	Haring, Jacob.....	BMSN.....	1953-1955
Beck, John W.....	LT.....	1963-1964	Harmon, Thomas.....	See Note 1	
Berninger, George.....	LTJG(SC).....	1962-1964	Harte, Leslie G.....	SK2.....	1952-1953
Berry, Harry.....	EM3.....	1946-1947	Hatten, Frederick.....	RM3.....	1964-1966
Biersteker, Bruce J.....	EN3.....	1953-1956	Head, Hillyer.....	S2C.....	1945
Biggin, Theodore.....	SKSN.....	1961	Healey, Dennis.....	MM2.....	1953-1956
Bivens, Rodger.....	ETR2.....	1967-1971	Heenan, R. Dennis.....	LTJG.....	1952-1953
Blankenship, Elmer H.....	COX.....	1945-1946	Heffelfinger, Karl.....	FT3.....	1960-1961
Brady, Robert E.....	LTJG.....	1952-1953	Hickey, William.....	LTJG.....	1969-1971
Brown, Rod.....	LTJG.....	1965-1968	Highsmith, Percy.....	BM3.....	1952-1954
Brumitt, Lawrence.....	BT2.....	1957-1961	Holbrook, Hilliard.....	LT.....	1960-1961
Buchanan, Carl.....	YN3.....	1954-1955	Hostetler, Glenn M.....	BT1.....	1966-1970
Buckner, Paul H.....	EN3.....	1957-1958	Houle, Michael J.....	FN.....	1961-1962
Buddle, Henry.....	SN.....	1964-1966	Houser, Dennis.....	BMSN.....	1963-1965
Burbey, Mark.....	EM2.....	1953-1955	Hoyt, Gerald L.....	BM2.....	1952-1954
Burke, John J.....	EN2.....	1966-1970	Hughes, Richard B.....	BT3.....	1959-1962
Calomino, Dominick.....	FN.....	1967-1969	Hungerford, James.....	LT.....	1952
Capley, Bobby W.....	SFP3.....	1961-1965	Hurwitz, Alfred.....	S2C.....	1946-1947
Cardarelli, Nicholas.....	FN.....	1952-1954	Icardi, Ed.....	EN2.....	1965-1967
Carrick, Marshall.....	QM3.....	1952	Izyk, James J.....	RM2.....	1960-1964
Casto, Mark.....	ENS.....	1957-1958	Jacobs, John H.....	LTJG.....	1963-1964
Cayo, Richard.....	BTC.....	1958-1962	Jannie, William.....	BM3.....	1956-1958
Christensen, W. V.....	LTJG.....	1945	Jenkins, Neil.....	DC1.....	1961-1967
Cline, Guy.....	EN1.....	1964-1966	Johnson, Donald V.....	CS2.....	1952-1954
Coccaro, Richard.....	CAPT USMC.....	1970	Johnson, Luther.....	LT.....	1960-1962
Couch, Ernest.....	EMCM.....	1968-1970	Johnson, Verne D.....	SK1.....	1952-1954
Cox, Marion D.....	FA.....	1955	Jones, Vincent T.....	BM2.....	1946-1947
Cramer, Charles.....	BM3.....	1966-1968	Joyce, Harry H.....	RM3.....	1945-1946
Crane, Roger H.....	MR3.....	1957-1959	Karper, Diane H.....	See Note 3	
Cregan, John D.....	LTJG.....	1954-1955	Kasid, Al.....	ENS.....	1957-1958
Cromack, Dan.....	LTJG.....	1963	Keith, Robert L.....	ENS.....	1953-1955
Damiano, V. Jay.....	LTJG.....	1968-1971	Kell, George C.....	YNC.....	1957-1959
Decker, John.....	SF2.....	1960-1962	Kersh, John M.....	ENS.....	1958-1959
Deegan, Robert F.....	LT.....	1963-1965	Kimble, Stearl I.....	FN.....	1956-1957
Deep, David.....	See Note 1		Kling, Arthur.....	COX.....	1945-1946
Desnoyer, David.....	EM2.....	1957-1961	Kortkamp, Gary.....	LTJG.....	1961-1964
Devault, Robert.....	SM2.....	1959-1962	Kraus, Joseph.....	LT(SC).....	1963-1964
Devroe, William P.....	SK3.....	1963-1965	Kristof, Gregory.....	EMFN.....	1965
Doherty, Hugh J.....	SN.....	1959-1961	Krygier, Joseph.....	CS3.....	1954-1957
Domowski, Edward.....	SK3.....	1969-1971	Labbe, Charles.....	MM3.....	1970
Domurat, Ben.....	LTJG.....	1969-1970	Laboda, Matthew.....	EN2.....	1955-1956
Dousman, James M.....	FTSN.....	1962	Labonte, Roger S.....	HM2.....	1963-1966
Drayton, Thomas.....	PN3.....	1961	Lafkas, James K.....	YN1.....	1956-1958
Dwyer, William.....	BM3.....	1961-1965	Lane, James Hartwell.....	SM3.....	1956-1957
Ellett, Frank.....	LTJG.....	1960-1961	Lane, Jerry L.....	CS3.....	1968-1969
Engel, David M.....	EN3.....	1963-1967	Laskorski, Lawrence R.....	F1C.....	1945-1946
Fields, Michael.....	IC3.....	1959-1961	Lathrop, Allen L.....	SN.....	1957-1959
Fleming, F. Donald.....	LTJG.....	1958-1960	Lavilla, Sergio C.....	TN.....	1968-1971
Flinn, Timothy J.....	SA.....	1970-1971	Lechaton, Michael.....	EM2.....	1953-1957
Forde, Hugh.....	MMFN.....	1961-1962	Lents, Thomas J.....	IC3.....	1958-1959
Frost, S. David.....	LT(SC).....	1958-1959	Len, William J.....	LTJG.....	1962-1964
Fulton, Mike.....	LT.....	1966-1968	Levine, Abraham.....	ENS.....	1946
Fusi, Ernie.....	COX.....	1945	Lewis, Raymond.....	GMG3.....	1960-1963
Gagne, Donald P.....	SKC.....	1955	Lewis, Vincent.....	S1C.....	1945
Gardner, George D.....	MR2.....	1968	Linner, John.....	LT(MC).....	1945
Garner, Austin.....	RM2.....	1967-1970	Lint, Paul.....	RD2.....	1964-1967

Lipp, Michael J. ETR2 1961-1964
 Lobello, Thomas RDM 2/c 1945-1946
 Lowery, Marvin SN 1966-1968
 Malik, Noble M. DK1 1952
 Maloney, William A. S1C 1946-1947
 Manders, Karl L. LT(MC) 1953-1954
 Mangen, Kenneth J. MM2 1959-1962
 Matthews, Marion RM1 1957-1959
 Mayes, Elmer S. HMC 1962-1965
 May, George S. LTJG 1968-1969
 Mazzarini, John RM2 1960-1962
 McAllister, Bennie BT3 1964-1966
 McCourt, James RD3 1963-1966
 McDade, Thomas C., Jr. SN 1961-1963
 McGavin, Joseph J. ENS 1957-1958
 McKoy, Gaylord BTC 1961-1964
 Meinig, George LTJG 1958-1960
 Melia, Raymond CSSN 1966
 Milan Melinn WT3 1945-1946
 Mildenhall, James IC2 1956-1957
 Miles, V. Harley M1/c 1945-1946
 Miller, James D. SN 1960-1961
 Modesto, Paul A. CPL, USMC 1957-1958
 Mohun, R. A. LTJG 1959-1961
 Montalbaine, Gary LT 1961-1963
 Montgomery, S.P. LTJG 1954-1957
 Moore, Johnnie E. QM3 1955-1958
 Moretz, Charles SKCS 1968-1969
 Moyer, Glen I. SK2 1957-1961
 Muehleib, Edward S1C 1945-1946
 Munch, Melvin S1C 1946
 Munger, Dwayne EN3 1957-1958
 Newell, Allen G. RM3 1959-1960
 Nixon, Carl SN 1952-1955
 Northern, Jack L. Unknown Unknown
 Oroz, Dan ENS 1966-1967
 Ortolon, James C. S1C 1952-1954
 Overbeck, Ken LCDR 1964-1967
 Peck, Ted MM2 1968-1970
 Pena, Manuel J. RM3 1963-1964
 Peveto, John LTJG 1970-1971
 Pillsbury, David FN 1960-1961
 Pisano, John SHBRE3 1969-1971
 Plumb, Edward BT3 1966-1968
 Pontious, Harold RM2C 1945
 Prentice, Colm N. BT2 1965-1969
 Quinlan, Frank EM2 1966-1968
 Ranes, Wayne RM2 1960-1963
 Rapp, Catherine A. See Note 4
 Raso, Jack LTJG 1963-1964
 Ratté, Arthur J. SH2 1960-1961
 Reding, Patrick G. RMSN 1952-1954
 Reed, Donald A. ENS 1952-1953
 Reichert, Paul L. EM3 1952-1954
 Reid, Allen S1C 1945-1946
 Reilly, Vincent RM3 1957-1959
 Reynolds, Marty M. ENFN 1960-1963
 Rhodes, Fred R. YN3 1945-1946
 Richard, Larry J. PN3 1965-1966
 Richard, Norman E. YN3 1954-1957
 Rider, Carson MM3 1958-1960
 Rider, Morris RD3 1956-1957
 Riley, Robert E. DK2 1962-1963
 Riley, Woody BM2 1952-1955
 Robsahm, Leon CS2 1952-1954
 Roe, George E. YN2 1957-1959
 Rohrbaugh, Neal L. EMC 1961-1963
 Romanosky, Albert HM1 1957-1959
 Rose, M. H. CDR 1967-1968
 Rotruck, Quinton H. MR2 1968-1971
 Rowland, (Orville) Jack S1C 1945-1946
 Roy, Alfred RM2 1962-1966
 Rupp, Jean K. See Note 5
 Sander, Louis "Skip" LTJG 1961-1963
 Sanders, Lee EM1 1957-1958
 Savio, Leo LTJG 1959-1961
 Savoca, Eugene T. RM3 1965-1969
 Schmieder, Raymond P. RM2 1953-1954
 Seifert, Donald J. ENS 1947

Shaw, Frank BM2 1959-1961
 Sherer, C.W. LTJG 1963-1965
 Siciliano, Carl CS3 1963-1964
 Sirois, Ronald SM2 1965-1966
 Smith, Charles T. PN3 1964-1965
 Smith, John Thomas ENS(SC) 1960-1961
 Smits, Jan W. EN2 1957-1959
 Spicer, Shirley BT3 1960-1963
 Spicer, Tex BT3 1960-1962
 Stanko, George E. CWO2 1968-1971
 Stika, John J. BM3 1952-1953
 Stith, Edward E. 1LT USMC 1959-1961
 Stockwell, Glenn A. OS1 1969-1970
 Stone, David L. LTJG 1960-1963
 Stuart, Albert J. EM1 1965-1967
 Stubbs, James BM3 1960-1961
 Suarez, Emilio SN 1967
 Sutton, James E. SM3 1966-1969
 Swing, John P. SK2 1958-1960
 Taylor, Don LTJG 1961-1963
 Thomas, Mark A. IC3 1967-1969
 Thomsen, Kenneth EN2 1956-1959
 Tommer, Albert FN 1956-1957
 Torgan, Al LTJG 1963-1964
 Toupin, Ernie LTJG 1955-1957
 Trigiano, Lucien ENS 1945-1946
 Urband, Howard LTJG 1955-1956
 Litten, Robert D. See Note 1
 Wiant, Ronald L. See Note 1
 Vander Well, Lester YN3 1954-1957
 Van Gorder, Albert HTC 1969-1971
 Veasey, William GM2 1956
 Vick, Jerrauld O. SH3 1957
 Vinson, John T. LTJG 1958-1960
 Waddington, Herbert SN 1953-1954
 Wade, Lewis LTJG 1955-1956
 Wakelee, David LTJG 1952-1954
 Wallis, Clyde MR2 1952-1953
 Weaver, Jack BT1 1957
 Weckwerth, B.M. MM3 1946-1947
 Weltner, Howard LCDR 1964-1967
 White, Lyle J. LTJG 1969-1971
 Whyno, Peter BM3 1952-1955
 Wilburn, Don LCDR 1965-1967
 Williamson, Rod QMQ3 1952-1954
 Wilson, James G. LTJG 1953-1955
 Wilson, Leslie LT 1952
 Wirt, Neal QM2 1960-1963
 Wisniewski, Paul LTJG 1961-1962
 Wood, Warren H. GM1 1955-1958
 Yergeau, Richard BM2 1965-1967
 Zimmer, Harry LTJG 1958-1960

NOTES:

- 1 - Distinguished friend of the USS Rankin (AKA-103)
- 2 - Wife of Elliott "George" Anderson, FC3, 1945
- 3 - Wife of Stephen J. Karper, ENS, 1966-1967
- 4 - Wife of William T. Rapp, CAPT, 1964-1965
- 5 - Wife of Harold P. Rupp, LT, 1952



We thank you for your support!

2009 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

Thanks to generous contributors and good financial management, the USS Rankin Association is in excellent financial condition.

Our financial story started in early 2003, when George Berninger, John Feeley, Jack Raso, Bob Reynolds, and Skip Sander chipped in \$25 each to buy stamps and whatever else the newly-formed organization might need. As other shipmates were found, they were invited to chip in their own \$25.

One thing led to another, and over the next seven years, our USS Rankin shipmates contributed more than \$80,000 to the Association.

A full year-by-year summary of these contributions, plus other revenues and all our expenditures, ap-

pears below.

Over the years, about 75% of our expenditures have gone to keeping in touch with our members: the web site, merchandise, postage, office supplies, telephone, printing, mailing services, etc. The rest is spread over a wide range of categories. We try to spend money frugally, and usually we succeed.

Here's what we had in the bank as of December 31, 2009 :

\$3,669.98 in checking accounts

\$5,717.26 in savings accounts

\$10,860.76 in a CD

\$200.00 in a memorial account

\$20,448.00 Total

The checking account has declined substantially since December 31—we spend about \$900 a month

just staying in business and doing things like producing these newsletters. We rely on prompt responses to this fund drive to keep us from dipping into savings in April.

The savings accounts and the CD have been built up by contributions from Shareholders—shipmates who have sent \$100 specifically for savings—and are large enough now to tide us over any hard times we're likely to encounter. The CD is our rainy day fund—we won't cash it in unless we are in major financial trouble. We don't anticipate any such trouble, but if it comes, we're ready for it.

We use the Memorial Account in ways that will memorialize the USS Rankin and our shipmates.

The USS Rankin Association – Seven Year Financial Summary

Account Description	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	7 Year Total	
Receipts									
40100 Member Contributions	\$2,025.00	\$15,257.50	\$11,858.77	\$11,679.00	\$14,837.50	\$14,718.00	\$11,070.00	\$81,445.77	81.1%
40110 Shareholder Contributions (new acct in 2009)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.4%
40120 Contributions for Reunion	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	1,500.00	1.5%
40200 Contributions to Memorial Fund	0.00	225.00	150.00	839.79	170.00	0.00	100.00	1,484.79	1.5%
Total Contributions	\$2,025.00	\$16,582.50	\$12,008.77	\$12,518.79	\$15,007.50	\$15,118.00	\$11,570.00	\$84,830.56	84.5%
40300 Merchandise Sales	0.00	4,198.00	1,970.37	524.55	479.98	250.00	279.99	7,702.89	7.7%
40400 Income from Reunion Activities	0.00	186.00	200.00	126.00	0.00	157.80	800.00	1,469.80	1.5%
40500 Income from Outside Activities	0.00	210.00	60.00	375.00	200.00	500.00	3,434.64	4,779.64	4.8%
40600 Interest and Dividend Income	0.70	4.69	48.44	154.84	564.54	572.91	286.07	1,632.19	1.6%
Total Receipts	\$2,025.70	\$21,181.19	\$14,287.58	\$13,699.18	\$16,252.02	\$16,598.71	\$16,370.70	\$100,415.08	100.0%
Expenditures									
40900 Accounting Adjustments	\$0.00	\$228.00	\$3.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$731.14	\$962.31	1.3%
50300 Cost of Sales - Merchandise	\$0.00	\$2,543.53	\$2,056.34	\$172.16	\$323.70	\$8.06	\$906.20	\$6,009.99	7.9%
50320 Cost of Sales - Packing & Shipping	0.00	234.91	140.11	24.75	80.90	53.39	50.64	584.70	0.8%
Total Cost of Merchandise Sales	\$0.00	\$2,778.44	\$2,196.45	\$196.91	\$404.60	\$61.45	\$1,687.98	\$7,325.83	8.6%
60110 Web Site & Computer	264.83	2,566.75	3,656.56	3,090.66	3,309.34	3,498.69	1,291.21	17,678.04	23.2%
60120 Searching for Shipmates	10.00	1,581.19	92.50	498.85	238.30	60.00	27.95	2,508.79	3.3%
60130 Memorabilia	0.00	0.00	0.00	282.25	231.98	675.35	250.55	1,440.13	1.9%
60210 Postage	423.45	4,270.48	2,347.23	2,285.27	1,615.93	1,319.60	740.93	13,002.89	17.0%
60220 Telephone	0.00	971.68	118.51	234.12	513.83	734.65	734.24	3,307.03	4.3%
60230 Copying & Printing	190.98	527.98	131.40	478.86	272.17	139.05	66.44	1,806.88	2.4%
60310 Office Supplies	153.61	1,470.87	2,438.23	1,420.44	2,303.94	3,370.09	1,467.54	12,624.72	16.5%
60320 Office Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.00	1,270.59	1,002.17	1,028.00	3,385.76	4.4%
60400 Reunion Expenses	0.00	1,397.40	200.00	650.91	284.93	2,744.27	3,144.60	8,422.11	11.0%
60500 Outside Activities Expense	0.00	155.05	0.00	0.00	300.00	575.00	2,696.16	3,726.21	4.9%
60600 Bank Fees	2.00	10.74	1.00	12.00	1.00	11.00	2.07	39.81	0.1%
60900 Miscellaneous	34.94	384.60	324.35	411.86	235.37	850.12	2,229.05	4,470.29	5.9%
Total Expenditures	\$1,079.81	\$16,343.18	\$11,509.40	\$9,647.13	\$11,386.58	\$10,981.98	\$15,366.72	\$76,314.80	100.0%
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$945.89	\$4,838.01	\$2,778.18	\$4,052.05	\$4,865.44	\$5,616.73	\$1,003.98	\$24,100.28	24.0%

2009 REUNION ATTENDEES

Brainard Belmore & daughter Suzanne – Fredericksburg, Virginia
 George & Rita Berninger – Camarillo, CA
 Paul Buckner & Sylvia Tomlinson – Peachtree City, GA
 John & Lorraine Burke – Pompton Plains, NJ
 Casimiro & Janice Cabacungan – Portsmouth, VA
 Roger & Dolly Crane – Bluffton, SC
 Dan & Terri Declet – Mint Hill, NC
 Bob Devault – Fredericksburg, VA
 Bill & Bette Devroe – Wayne, NJ
 Hugh & Margaret Doherty – Smithtown, NY
 Frank & Rose Marie Draper – Forest, OH
 Ray & Jackie Falker – Ellicott City, MD
 Mike & Susan Fields – Richmond, MI
 Mike & Mary Fulton – Wooster, OH
 Ed Gaskell – Saint James, NY
 Frank & Lola Gersbacher – Anaheim, CA
 Elton & Margaret Gould – Fall River, MA
 Gerald Grant – Norfolk, VA
 Stew & Ellie Gully – Raleigh, NC
 Jacob & Pat Haring, Beatrice St. Clair, and Yvonne Roehm – Kalamazoo, MI
 Hillyer Head & Gary Smith – Oxford, GA
 Richard Hughes & Marie Waldman – Mansfield, OH
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 Dave Wakelee & son Jeff – Southbury, CT
 Rev John S. West – Mass City, MI
 Irving & Michelle Wetmore – Taftville, CT
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Lunch was on your own at one of the Colonial Taverns in Merchants Square. The group returned to the hotel around 3:00 PM.

At the 3:30 business meeting, Branson, Missouri was reaffirmed as the 2010 reunion site, with Charleston penciled in for 2011. The current board members remained in place for the coming year.

The final evening's activities began with a photo session and social hour. The banquet was called to order with the playing of the Marine Hymn and Anchors Aweigh. Immediately following was the National Anthem and Invocation. Dinner, consisting of a petite filet and crab caked was served. The meal was absolutely delicious. Following dinner Skip made a few remarks, but the bulk of the evening was spent enjoying the company of good friends.

Sunday morning came way too soon. After breakfast Rev John West conducted the memorial service paying tribute to deceased shipmates. The service concluded with the playing of Taps and a moment of silence. Suddenly, it was time to go; although no one wanted to be the first, the hugs and handshakes began and more than one tear was seen.

This will be the year that is remembered as the year the Rankin became a reunion family instead of a group of former sailors. The entire atmosphere was different from the very beginning. There was much more laughter and everyone seemed more congenial. It is hard to put a finger on the reason or when the transition took place, but it did. Congratulations to all concerned for molding into a reunion family. The family is ready to add a *lot* of new members now. It will gather again in September, in exciting Branson, Missouri!



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