



# USS Markab Quarterly Report AK 31-AD 21-AR 23



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## **Presidents report:**

If you were not able to attend the Rapid City the convention, you missed a great time and some interesting trips. Did you know that you could fit four Mt. Rushmore's into the Crazy Horse monument? I didn't know that. It is still hard to believe. But that's the truth.

Deadwood held many challenges for some of us. Being a gambling town every place you went had a slot machine, t-shirts, slot machines, trinkets, t-shirts, slot machines, souvenirs, and did I mention t-shirts. One of our shipmates hit it big on the first slot. After only a couple of pulls John pulled down \$1000. I think he collected everything the rest of us lost.

We had some special guests with at the banquet. The family of our shipmate Ron Reames shared dinner with us. Ron's son, Ron, brought his wife Monica and sons Bryce and Isaiah. Ron's daughter, Kim, brought her husband Don Briggs, son Kaden and daughter Addi. The Markab family gave them a warm welcome.

The two bell ceremony had 11 shipmates in memorial. Ron Reames, being very special to his family and close friends was one. Because it was September 10<sup>th</sup>, we also remembered the victims of 9/11.

During the business meeting we introduced the new Secretary/Treasurer Paul Beyer (yup same guy that brought you Rapid City). Not much to do, as treasurer seeing as how Iowa doesn't have a Chase bank (go figure.) That's ok though, I am looking for a new bank that won't charge us a fee for the privilege of keeping OUR money in their bank. It seems like a rip-off for a bank to charge a fee and not give interest. Whatever happened to free checking?

## **2012 Reunion:**

Plans are moving forward with the next reunion in Branson, Missouri. We have a an agency that is working with us in the planning stages that has helped us get better deals in hotels, banquets, shows, etc. We have finalized all the plans and moving forward with the notification to our shipmates. We know how important it is to get these events on your calendar and we look forward to a big turnout this year. New contacts are popping up and we look forward to a great turn out and great time together.

## **2011 Reunion pictures:**

Bill Campbell so graciously volunteered to take pictures of activities, banquet, couples/singles/group. Again we wish to thank him for this great job. The pictures are posted on the USS Markab web page, if per chance you don't have a computer, contact us and we will send the pictures that apply to you.

**Respectfully submitted**

**Bill Hanzel**



# 2012 USS Markab Reunion



The Clay Cooper Show

Hits of the 60's Show

Hughes Brothers  
Show



The Clarion Branson Hotel



Hospitality Room, Tours, Banquet



Military Museum



Branson Bell Showboat  
Cruise/Dinner/Show