

# ***FORE & AFT !***

## **USS MARKAB AD-21/AR-23**

### **NEWSLETTER**

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(Submitted by: Bill Hanzel, Pres.)



Reunion 2010 was a real fun event. On Thursday night we took a two hour trip on the Paddle Wheeler, *Dixie II* on Lake Tahoe. We enjoyed great food and refreshments and even danced to a 60's era band. I didn't know I remembered all those old songs! Friday's outing took us from Carson City to Virginia City on board a train on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. It was truly a memorable trip.

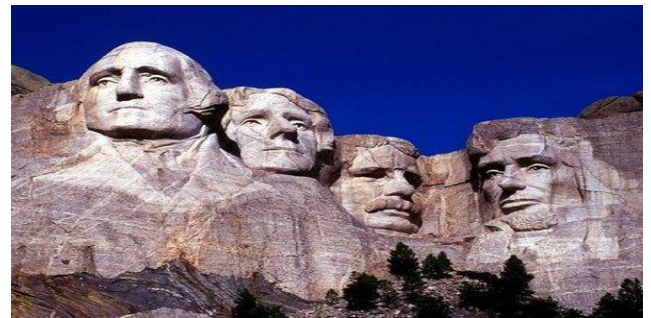


Saturday's banquet was a great chance to renew friendships with old shipmates and to welcome aboard new ones. We used the occasion to honor and remember our deceased shipmates with a special *two bell* ceremony. This is the first time we have used this ceremony at one of our reunions and we received many comments from individuals about how they appreciated the ceremony.

During our recent Staff meeting, it was brought to my attention that there was some concern widows of our deceased shipmates have been neglected and after some discussion it was decided to form a new committee to address that shortcoming. *Ida McCollum* graciously volunteered to be the Chairman of the committee since she has maintained personal contact with some of the widows. It was also decided that all widows will be invited to all future Markab reunions.

I am happy to acknowledge here that *Raliegh Saul*, a Plank Owner of the **USS Markab** when it was first commissioned as **AK-31** in **1941**, was in attendance this year. Raliegh told me he felt like he was being treated like "royalty". What did you expect Raliegh? We don't treat *plank owners* like deck seaman !

With reunion 2010 history we have turned our attention to the planning for reunion **2011**. *Paul Beyer* has stepped up and will be our host in *Rapid City South Dakota* within view of famous *Mount Rushmore*.



The date has been set for **September 7th** thru the **11th**. The **Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn**, located in Rapid City, South Dakota will be the reunion headquarters. Contracts with the hotel for rates and tours have been worked out and the specifics will be found elsewhere in this newsletter along with a reservation form for you to complete and return by **Saturday, July 30, 2011**.

I am pleased to announce that there have been some changes in our Associations staff that will become fully implemented at our South Dakota reunion. I am remaining as President. (I do keep Ida's phone number on "speed dial" just in case of emergencies though!) **Paul Beyer** has agreed to take over as *Treasurer*, and **Bruce Heil** will take over *Yeoman's* duties. **Ron Reason** will continue to produce the *Fore & Aft* newsletter. If you have a personal "sea story" related to your time aboard the Markab you would like to submit for publication in the *Fore & Aft* send them to Ron at his home address or e-mail (ron16lor@msn.com). **Joe & Arlene Fresquez** will remain as our *Storekeepers*. You may contact them through our website to order caps, shirts, jackets etc. I am still the *web-master* and will continue to maintain our website.

# **2011 REUNION SCHEDULE**



**RUSHMORE PLAZA HOLIDAY INN**  
**505 NORTH FIFTH STREET**  
**RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

## **Wednesday, Sept. 7th**

Begin arriving at the *Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn Hotel*. Hospitality room will be open for attendees registration, greeting and refreshments.

## **Thursday, Sept. 8th**

Charter bus pick up at hotel at 9:00 AM for tour of *Crazy Horse* ([www.travelsd.com/Crazy-Horse](http://www.travelsd.com/Crazy-Horse)) and *Mt. Rushmore* ([www.travelsd.com/Mount-Rushmore](http://www.travelsd.com/Mount-Rushmore)) tour with lunch included. Will return to hotel about 3:00 PM. Hospitality room will be open. The rest of the day and supper are on your own.

## **Friday, Sept. 9th**

Charter bus pick up at the hotel at 1:00 PM. to travel to *Deadwood* for exploring, shopping, gambling and sightseeing. ([www.travelsd.com/Deadwood](http://www.travelsd.com/Deadwood)) Re-board bus at designated time to travel to *Circle B Chuckwagon Supper & Show*. Will return to hotel about 9:00 PM. Hospitality room will be open.

## **Saturday, Sept. 10**

Staff meeting at 10:30 AM. (Area to be announced) Entire day is on your own. Banquet at 6:00 PM at the hotel. (Cash bar) Markab Business meeting to follow the dinner. Hospitality room will be *open all day* and immediately following Business Meeting.

## **Sunday, Sept. 11**

Check out of hotel & see you next year!

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The banquet menu will consist of your choice of three entrée's, Pecan Crusted Walleye, Prime Rib, & Pesto Chicken Roulade. All will include salad, rolls, & butter, chef's choice of dessert and coffee.

Please call the hotel direct at **1-877-859-5095** to make your reservations. Request **USS Markab room rate** which is **\$ 129.00** plus tax.

## **PAID YOUR DUES??**

Dues for **2011** were due this past January so if you have not yet sent in your **\$15.00**, please do it now to help us keep your Association on an even keel! Dues are our *only* source of income. Until we install our new Disburser and Yeoman into their respective offices in September, please send your dues to me, **Bill Hanzel** at **3428 S. Kittridge Street, Aurora, Co. 80013**.



## **THE "FORE & AFT" IS GOING DIGITAL !**

If you would like to receive the *Fore & Aft* by e-mail please notify **Bill Hanzel** at his e-mail address: [bhanzel@comcast.net](mailto:bhanzel@comcast.net) and simply write that you wish to be put on the e-mail list. Receiving the newsletter via e-mail has the advantage of saving our Association the cost of printing and mailing. **If you do not have a computer or simply wish to continue receiving the newsletter by regular mail then you don't have to do anything.**

As you can see by the schedule of events that are planned for this reunion, there will be plenty of interesting things to see and do and ample time has been allotted for just getting together with old and new shipmates to swap sea stories. It's shaping up to be a really great time. Get your reservation in early!

Please send in the **Reunion Registration and Reservation** form included in this newsletter by **July 30th** so we can get an accurate count of the number of shipmates and guests we will have in attendance this year. This is always an important factor when the hosts have to make a commitment to the hotel. The hotels room rate is **\$129.00** plus tax and you must call the hotel at **1-877-859-5095** and request **USS Markab Room Rate**. The hotel usually will honor that rate 3 days before and 3 days after the September 7th to 11th dates.

# USS MARKAB RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA REUNION SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

## \*\*\*\*\* REGISTRATION FORM \*\*\*\*\*

Please call the hotel direct and make your room reservations. Call 1-877-859-5095 and request the USS Markab room. Rate is \$ 129.00 plus tax. Please complete this form & return it with your check to:

*Bill Hanzel, 3428 S. Kittredge Street Aurora, Colorado 80013*

### Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Registration- Meet and Greet. Hospitality room will be open.

### Thursday, September 8, 2011

Chartered tour of Crazy Horse & Mt. Rushmore  
and Lunch with the Presidents. ....\$ 54.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday, September 9, 2011

Chartered bus to Deadwood sightseeing,  
gambling, lunch on your own, shopping,  
& Chuck Wagon Dinner Show. ....\$ 62.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday, September 10, 2011

Banquet Dinner at Rushmore Plaza

Prime Rib ..... \$ 37.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Pecan Crusted Walleye .....\$ 37.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Pesto Chicken Roulade .....\$ 37.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Now is a good time to renew your annual dues (\$ 15.00) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make check payable to: MARKAB MONIES ) Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Names for badges \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Rank/Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Year on Markab \_\_\_\_\_ Year off Markab \_\_\_\_\_

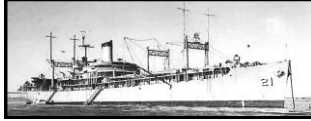
The first year you attended a USS Markab reunion? \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) plan to arrive at the hotel \_\_\_\_\_ and leave on \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, you can call: Bill Hanzel at (303)766-7035 or e-mail at: [bhanzel@comcast.net](mailto:bhanzel@comcast.net)

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