

# USS RANKIN NEWS

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1945-1947

1952-1968

## LKA-103

1969-1971

## GOLD E

1960-1961



## SHIPMATE DIRECTORIES

If you've requested a customized shipmate directory, please be patient. We're getting lots of new information from responses to the Annual Fund Drive, and we want to hold off printing until all that information is in. You should get your directory sometime in August. To get one, all you need to do is let us know you want it. The best way to do that is to put a note on your fund drive form.

## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

All the forms have been mailed, and response so far is good. All money collected goes toward our day-to-day operations. None of it goes to the reunion, which is 100% paid for by attendees. If you haven't returned your form, please do so today, even if you don't send money. But we **can** use the money—most people who contribute send \$25, but any amount is appreciated.

## REUNION 2006: REGISTER NOW!

Here's the long-awaited registration material for our reunion in Washington, D.C.! We've planned a truly wonderful reunion, with visits to some of our nation's most historic locations, including the White House and the Navy Memorial. Our intention is for this to be an event you will remember for the rest of your life. Washington is an expensive city, and we knew that when we chose it as this year's location. From what

we hear from other groups, the experience will be worth every penny. To help those on a limited budget, we've instituted the "Blue Plate Specials," which provide low-cost opportunities to join the group for dinner. We've also provided for people traveling alone to share a room, which can save quite a bit on hotel costs. If you're interested in sharing a room, just email [ussrankin@aol.com](mailto:ussrankin@aol.com) or call Skip Sander at (412) 367-1376.

## NEW MEMBERS



**Welcome!**

We've found these shipmates (or they've found us!) since our last newsletter in March:

**Jackson C. Elliott**  
**Donald P. Gagne**  
**Jay E. Hamlin**  
**Herbert W. Hemmerlein**  
**Michael A. Hill**  
**Charles A. Hupp**  
**Glenn E. McCullough**  
**Paul A. Modesto**  
**Phillip D. Mosier**  
**Walton H. Patrie**  
**Jack Rowland**  
**Mike Rybinski**  
**Frank Santos**  
**John Thomas Smith**  
**Donald A. Tarpey**  
**Frank Yacavase**

Tom Smith was the last missing officer, so now we've found them all. We're still missing 2,295 enlisted men, though—help us find them if you can!

## MEMORIALS



This year's memorial service will be held at the stately U. S. Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue. We will place a wreath in honor of all our departed shipmates. As has been our practice in the past, the names of those whose deaths have been learned of since last year will be read aloud and noted.

We've put a lot of work into the obituaries listed on our web site. Many of them now have "now and then" photos of the deceased, reprints of newspaper obituaries, funeral cards, etc. You can see all our 323 known deceased shipmates at <http://www.ussrankin.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=23>

## TURN THE PAGE!

The other side of this page has some **very** important information about your mail. Please read it carefully, and respond if it's appropriate.