



The 2012 reunion will be dual purpose. A few days in New Orleans will be followed by a cruise from New Orleans to Mexico is planned on the Carnival Elation.

Reservations & Rates:



Land Based

Country Inn and Suites

1501 Veterans Memorial Blvd.

Kenner, La. 70062. Call 1-504-305-1501 say you're with the "VANCE NAVY REUNION." Rooms are \$92.46 a day this includes tax. Deadline for booking; Sept. 26, 2012



SEA Cruise

There was a cutoff date of Jan 25 to make reservations. Phone calls and over 400 e-mails were sent to the crew to inform them. You can call **1 225-261-8885 or toll free 1-877-261-8885** Bergeron Travel Consultants Ask for Glennis Bergeron. However, there is no guarantee of availability. For more information you can contact George Blust, 365 S. Huron St., Tiffin, OH 44883. e-mail: History@ussvance.com cell 567-207-7364.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 17, Wednesday	Start LAND Reunion	Arrive Kenner, La.
October 18, Thursday	Open	Kenner, La.
October 19, Friday	Open	Kenner, La.
October 20, Saturday	CREW MEETING	9:00 AM Kenner, La.
October 20, Saturday	Start SEA Cruise	Leave New Orleans
October 21, Sunday	Underway	Fun day at sea
October 22, Monday	Arrive at port	Progreso, Yucatan, Mexico
October 23, Tuesday	Arrive at port	Cozumel, Mexico
October 24, Wednesday	Underway	Fun day at sea
October 25, Thursday	Arrival at port	New Orleans

A very late Healthy New Year to all.

Country Inn's amenities and rules.

Continental breakfast is included, a welcome reception of wine and cheese, a free shuttle from Airport to hotel. There is breakfast and dinner served off a menu. Prices look very reasonable. They provide a 100% non-smoking facility *There is a \$200 fine for smoking inside the hotel. *Maximum four (4) guests per room (including children). *No pets allowed

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Hi, I am a Kiwi ex HMNZS Rotoiti and Otago both having been south of 60. On the Rotoiti we had aboard on loan from USS Vance (as I recall) a weatherman name I can't recall after all these years. I say a very deep and meaningful thank you.

At 60 south, in foul weather we lost the use of a outer yardarm UHF aerial. Being the poor guy in charge of aials the Skipper suggested I go up and fix it. I could use the tanhoy (PA) and ask for anyone willing to come along and assist me. The only one was your guy on loan to us. Can you put me in touch? Would be from around 1961 I think!

Thank in anticipation, Dave Synnott NZ 15844 RO1(G), davesyn@gmail.com, SKYPE originallostso



Minutes of Vance Association business meeting Galveston Texas 21 09 2011

Wardroom members in attendance: Ernest Travers, CO, Robert "Jim" Ensey, XO, Joe Betters, Webmaster/Communications, George Blust, Historian, Robert "Bob" Howey, Disburser

Called to order at 0907 CDT. CO Travers. Welcome to all new attendees, their wives and friends. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Bob Howey. & moment of silence in memory of recently departed shipmate Cecil Gillis.

New Business from the floor: suggestion by Gayland Wise as to checking into possibility of a 4 day cruise for the next reunion. Recommendation accepted. Wise to look into dates, costs and so on. Gwen Van Norman will also research and advise.

Nominations for next year's reunion Maryland (includes Baltimore/Annapolis, a four day cruise from one of various ports, Branson MO, Anywhere in Florida, Pigeon Forge TN, and Hyannis MA. Maryland and cruise were selected as the two possible reunion destinations for 2012.

Motion from the floor to take up a collection for George Blust for gas/expense reimbursement. He transports memorabilia from his home at our reunion sites. Motion seconded and passed by acclamation.

Election of new slate of officers was conducted. All nominates were unanimously elected. They are Frank Van Norman, CO, Jerome "Jerry" Blum, XO, Robert "Bob" Howey will assume Yeoman duties in

addition to Disbursing, Merel Rowe, Chaplain, and Gary Guinn, Master At Arms. These officers will serve for two years. CO and XO must be replaced after two years in accordance with association bylaws. Webmaster/Communications, Historian and Disbursing are perpetual terms unless necessary to replace on a case basis.

Gavel was passed to Frank Van Norman who thanked all for attending this reunion and to look forward to a fine banquet meal that night.

Bob Howey lauded Ernie Travers and Jim Ensey for their leadership for the past four years. They each served a term as CO and XO of the Association. Jim Ensey was thanked for being the "Voice of the VANCE" because he makes many telephone calls to shipmates during the year asking them to attend our reunions. Gayland Wise applauded George Blust for his work in uploading information to the VANCE Website.

First time reunion attendees Lowell Braselton, Richard MacSaveny, Donald Walls and Birthnes Rougeau rose and introduced themselves to the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 0954 CDT to convene in the fall of 2012. Wording was shortened for the page. Content unchanged.

Minutes recorded by Robert Howey.

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The past few years have seen a large increase of shipmates joining the reunions. We also have a growing number of women who have joined.

Beckman Peggy, Betters Constance, Blum Joanne, Burkholder Margaret, Chiniewicz Shelly, Ensey Tsui, French Aniseta, Garrett Edna, Gillis Eduarda, Howey Diana, Linaez Ninfa, MacSaveny Rose, Meisner Mary, Pressey Deanna, Prideaux Tina, Shaffer Alma, Smith Gladys, Spikes Martha, Spooner Gay, Swanson Beth, Travers Carolyn, Van Norman Gwen, Wise Diana, Wyzykowski Dorothy have and continue to help the Association grow.

The reunion had a number of visitors in 2011. Placement of the Bulldog and welcome sign got their attention.



Back row, George Blust, Gerald Farstvedt, Lowell Braselton, Richard MacSaveny, David Vallely, Frank Van Norman, Ernest Travers, Birthness Rougeau, Jim Ensey
2nd row, Claudell Garrett, Bob Howey, Russell Beckman, John Blake, Gary Guinn, Donald Walls, Mike Streeter
Front row, Charles Bonnell, Jerome Blum, Joseph Betters, Gayland Wise, Merel Rowe, James Pressy



Back row, Enda Garrett, Darlene Walls, Linda Rowe, Peggy Beckman, Carolyn Travers, Teresa Farstvedt, Tsui Ensey, Betty Braselton, Martha Spikes
Front row, Rose MacSaveny, Joanne Blum, Diana Howey, Gwen Van Norman, Betty Wamble, Deanna Pressey, Diana Wise

Robert, Alma Shaffer and Monty Mansfield missed the group photo

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We visited the USS Stewart and enjoyed seeing how she is being refurbished. Compared to how she looked in 2003 the 238 is shipshape.

After the reunion Blust and Betters drove to San Antonio to meet DE shipmate Arthur Van Overborg. Art was a "snipe" in the 40's. His daughter Carolyn, contacted me to say how her dad enjoyed the newsletters. When I found out Art was in Assisted Living I talked George into the trip. It's funny how the time but not the stories change. We had wonderful visit and lunch before we hit the

road to Ohio. If anyone would like to contact Art let me know.

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There was this stowaway.

He was part of the silent auction along with many other items. The auction and raffle combined netted over \$700. I won't mention who won the raffle, but she has won the last 3. OK! Her initial is Mott Spikes.

At this writing the unofficial Association bank account is \$3494.42. Unofficial because Vance's Disbursing Officer maintains the official version. Mine is a backup and is always checked against Bob's version.

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Some views of Galveston.



Webmaster notes

Shipmates if you have changed your email address or other contact information please get the change to me. If you have contact information on a shipmate please get it to me.

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As always I am looking for information to use with the newsletter. There are many stories out there and shipmates would like to read them.

It seems Vance's long history is being lost. Vance's website is the way to have her history preserved. Everyone has a story to tell of the ship. It might sound silly to you, but it always brings other experiences to light, and hopefully to paper.

While sitting around jot, type or dictate to someone something you remember. E-mail or postal mail the story to me. If you have a program to dictate to use It that makes it real easy. My contact information is at the bottom of every page of the newsletter.

Many requests for shipmate information are sent to me. If you are a member you have access to over 400 of Vance's crew contact information. You can become a member by joining the association.

Send \$20 to Vance Association
C/O Robert Howey, Disburser
1037 Willow Cove Ct. E.
Jacksonville, FL 32233-2768,

Check made out to VANCE ASSOCIATION

You can donate at the same time.

Shipmates to be remembered TAPS.

Adam, Martin M.; Akonom, Stephen J.; Allbright, Ireland; Ambrosino, Raffaello; Anderson, Eric A.; Applegate, Gerald T.; Atkinson, Richard E.; Arnheiter M. A.; Ballard, Tom; Barron, John L.; Bebee, Ken; Bertrand, Alex Sr.; Beyer, Clarence; Blizard, Edward B.; Borrowes, Anthony; Branin, Alvin M.; Breitweiser, George F.; Brodhead, Edward; Brouner, Albert M.; Bulla, John A.; Bumpas, Dexter; Burkholder, Jan; Carpenter, Edward G.; Carpenter, Morris M.; Casaletta, Joseph C.; Chesnic, Silver J.; Collignon, Charles R.; Cook Francis J. Jr.; Cookson, Henry K.; Cooper, George W.; Cordova, Duane L.; Cornejo, Hector Sr. ; Couch, Cliff; Deflin, Ralph; Dillard, Earl S.; Diricco, Baldo J.; Donnelly, William J. ; Drew, George; Duepner, Charles J. ; Estes, Floyd T. ; Faller, Carl Sr. ; Fenstermaker, James B. ; Finan, William; Forbes, Richard; Foust, Dennis; Freeto, Clyde E. ; Fulp, William M. Sr. ; Garafollo, Dominic; Gescy, Frank; Gillis, Cecil J. ; Gissiner, Jack A. ; Grissom, Everett R. ; Haberkern, Joseph W. Jr. ; Hamitton, Francis; Hamitton, Max E. ; Hansen, Ludolf; Hart, Fred C. Jr. ; Hart, William A. ; Harvit, Harold E. ; Helmer, Frank V. ; Herens, James; Hinckley, Ricardo; Holzman, Richard; Horne, Hainyard L. Jr. ; Jenkins, William; Johnston, Charles R. Jr. ; Johnston, Robert; Jokinen, Reino; Jones, George E. ; Jones, Robert F. ; Juzaitis, Frank D. ; Kelly, James R. ; Koenker, Robert H. ; Krusell, Kenneth K. ; LaGassey, Harvey W. Jr. ; Laipply, Charles T. ; Levand, Irvin, Linhart; Walter, Lucas; William Harry; Mack, Bruno; Manseau, Raymond; Markland, Clayton B. ; Marvonek, Paul; Mathews, Leslie J.; Matters, Leslie; McCarthy, John B.; McClelland, Joseph J.; McCreary, William; McFadden, William; McMahan, Billy Ray; Megargee, Irwin F.; Meisner, Julian; Miller, Larry; Mohr, Armin; Mooney, Ronie; Munick, Henry; Neugebauer, George R. ; Nolan, Clifford D. ; Nordness, Jack J. ; Nunn, Wallace H.

Sr.; Ott, Charles; Ott, William; Ottariano, Albert J. ; Parks Alvin H. ; Pasquale, Louis J. ; Penny, Clinton H. ; Penny, Harmon C. ; Prael, William; Provencal, Albert G.; Pugh, Melvin; Randy, Quintoni; James, Radau; Eugene L., Rancich; Joseph, Randle; Vance K., Rardin; Bernard L., Reid; William Roland; Edwin J., Rothwel; Kenneth L. ; Royer, Maynard D. Sanders; Clarida, Saul; Clyde R., Scarbro; Don Q., Schickling; Charles G. Sr. ; Schneider, Jacob (Jake) ; Schooler, Russel; Scruggs, Charlie B. ; Silk, Charles W. ; Simms, David E. ; Sklar, Aaron; Albert, Sondergaard; Don, Sparlin, Arthur Jr. ; Spurny, Joseph Sr. ; Stanley, Ralph W. ; Swain, Robert M. ; Swan, Robert S. ; Swanson, James A. ; Theriot, Leonsen P.; Trent, Burgess D.; Trifiletti, John; Wakefield, Mandel; Waters, James C.; Watkins, Augustus A. ; Watson, Arthur; Webber, Clayton E. Sr.; Weber, Otto; Weinfurt, Louis W.; White, William; Whitmore, James F.; Williams, Larry A.; Woollen, William; Wright Ross W.; Yasinsac, Joseph; Yates, Ernie O.; Young, William; Ziclewicz, Francis S.

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