

# USS TOPEKA CLG-8

## Reunion Association Newsletter

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

The twenty-second CLG-8 reunion held in Washington DC is now history. Other than the distractions of an earthquake and hurricane the reunion was again a successful event. What a great area for even non history buffs.

A special thanks to Ruth Cass, Ruth Judge, Kathy & Ray Spatz for all their hard work.

At the end of this past year there were several changes to your Board of Directors. Our good friend, Jack Timmons passed away and Jack Connery elected to resign. John Reynolds and Dudley Cass elected to step down from President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively but remain on the Board.

We would like to thank John & Mary and Dudley & Ruth for their many wonderful years of dedicated service to the reunion association.

Mark your schedule for the 2012 reunion in Madison, WI, Wednesday August 22 through Sunday August 26. Paul Stein is the on site host.

I encourage everyone to check the Association web site occasionally.

<http://www.usstopekaclg8.org/>

There is a wealth of information there.

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season and Veterans Day on November 11.

Dan

### NEW MEMBERS (since June 2011)

Robert Wilson JO3 67- 68  
David William SK3 68 - 69  
Dana Holt EM3 59 - 61  
Robert Dempsey LTJG 59 - 62  
Gary James SN 61 - 62  
William Simpson RM2 59 - 62  
Jerry Thoennes PF3 67 - 69

### TAPS

Lawrence "Butch" Fields LCPL 65 - 67  
Richard Malone AG2 64 - 67 Garden Grove, CA



## USS TOPEKA 2013 REUNION

**Wednesday, August 22, 2012 to Sunday, August 26, 2012.**

Hotel: Radisson Hotel - Madison, 517 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison, WI 53719.  
[radisson.com/madison](http://radisson.com/madison)

Paul Stein, our Reunion Host, is hard at work preparing for the 23rd Annual USS Topeka reunion. He may be contacted at [USSTopeka2012@gmail.com](mailto:USSTopeka2012@gmail.com) for any questions or information.

The contract for the room rates and room block has been signed. Room rates are \$79.00 per night, double occupancy, breakfast included. Rooms are subject to a tax of 14.5%. For reservations call 1-800-395-7046 or (608) 833-0100. To ensure you receive the group rate please make reservations by July 27th, 2012, and mention that they are for the USS Topeka Reunion. It is very important that reservations are made under the USS Topeka Reunion banner so we can meet our room count commitment.



Our Radisson hotel's guests in Madison, WI enjoy:

- 24-hour Business Center
- Complimentary full hot breakfast buffet
- Complimentary high-speed Internet access
- Complimentary parking
- Complimentary shuttle service from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. (call the hotel for availability)
- Complimentary weekday USA Today newspaper
- Indoor heated pool and whirlpool
- Over 8,100 square feet of flexible meeting space

- Recently updated fitness center open 24 hours daily
- Room service available from 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.



### Madison's Capitol Building

Wisconsin State Capitol  
2 E Main St, Madison

STATE CAPITOL. Actually the state's third Capitol building, this stately structure is a city landmark, resting on an isthmus between Lakes Mendota and Monona. It was completed in 1917. Crowned by a dome and a bronze statue, the Capitol also features an elaborate rotunda, ornate detailing, and furnishings of French walnut and Wisconsin oak. The exterior is built of white granite, and observation decks ring the outer dome, affording great views of the city during the summer. Fourteen acres of landscaped grounds accentuate the structure's beauty and offer opportunity for strolls and photographs.

### ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues, for the calendar year, are \$20 or \$80 for five years. Although dues are requested, they are not mandatory. The dues, however, are used to cover expenses such as the preparation and mailing of letters, newsletter and directories, "upfront" reunion expenses, and the cost of maintaining the TOPEKA website on the internet. Dues should be sent to: Gary Baker, 1240 Lonesome Pine Lane, Billings, MT 59105.



Joseph Rutter and Diane  
 Austin Schroder and Julia  
 Donna Seaton  
 Ronald Smart and Clare  
 Ray Spatz and Kathy  
 Jimmy Starr and Rita  
 Paul Stein and Joyce  
 Tom Stumpf  
 Jean Timmons  
 Felix Vasallo and Lilibeth  
 John Walkins and Judy  
 Douglas Weeks and Lora  
 John Woolston

## **WHO CAME TO WASHINGTON, DC**

Ray Adams and Robin  
 Joan Anderson  
 Nelson Anderson and Arlene  
 Gary Baker and Pat  
 James Bennet and Sharon  
 John Blaeser  
 Robert Bond  
 Dudley Cass and Ruth  
 Pat Clymer and Jackie  
 Jerry Craig  
 Walter Crane  
 William Crum  
 Matt Fitzpatrick and Martha  
 Frank Gray and Edna  
 Albert Gustafson and Catherine  
 James Henslee and Peggy  
 Michael Hight and Carol  
 Arnold Hoel and Marion  
 Peter Houseknecht and Yvonne  
 Harold Jackson and Diane  
 Daniel Johansen and Cyndi  
 Terry Jones and Pat  
 Ruth Judge  
 Ernest Kershaw  
 Wesley King  
 Roger Lauer  
 Benjamin Luistro and Consuelo  
 Don McFarland and Sue  
 Clarence Milsetad and Donna  
 Daniel Moore and Sharon  
 Donald Nelson and Eileen  
 Robert Ohm  
 Jerome Pennington and Leanne  
 John Reynolds and Mary  
 Linda Roberts  
 Patrick Roth and Arline  
 Courtney Rudin and Mimi



## **Washington, DC Reunion**

I want to thank everyone who attending the 2011 USS Topeka Reunion in our country's capital.

Ruth Judge did an awesome job with the tours. My favorite is always the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, no offense to you Navy men but those The Sentinels of the Third United States Infantry Regiment ("Old Guard") are a wonderful sight!

Dudley and Ruth Cass again were successful in negotiations with the reunion hotel. I thought the hospitality suite was perfect and of course it is great to have the breakfast included. Some of us were fortunate to experience an earthquake while in the hospitality suite on the 29<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel!

Thanks goes to Joan Anderson and Bob Ohm for their help with stocking the hospitality suite. That task is always tedious. Last but not least thanks to Ray, my husband, for his emotional and physical support.

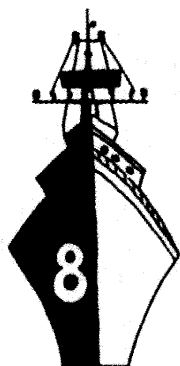
Really looking forward to 2012 in Madison, part of the country I have not traveled. Hope to see a lot of you at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual USS Topeka Reunion.

Kathy Spatz, Newsletter Editor  
**USS TOPEKA REUNION ASSOCIATION**

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## SHIPS STORE

Most of the merchandise will be available at the 2012 Reunion. All orders should be sent to Linda Roberts at 7315 Valley Lane, Hixson, TN 37343-2207. Linda's phone number is 423-842-5147. Include \$5.00 shipping with each order and make checks or money order payable to the Reunion Association and send to Linda with your order. (Items subject to change)

**Ladies Shirts** **CALL**

**New! Men's Shirts** **CALL**

Navy - Med

Orange - Med L

Older Shirts

White - Med XL \$15.00

Navy - Med 15.00

Ping It Blue - Med CALL

### Jackets

DriDuck - MED CALL

Navy - MED CALL

### Assorted items available

Ball Caps \$12.00

Cold Drink Holders 3.00

Coffee mugs w/Topeka emblem 4.00

Topeka Note pads (5 pack) 4.00

License Plate Holder 2.00

New items available every year!