

2019 USS Kitty Hawk CVA/CV 63

Veterans Association Reunion

Charleston, SC



September 16th to September 19th 2019



Lunch in the dining room



Obie and Kay arriving



Breakfast in the main dining room



You're just a young whipper snapper



Jerry getting his daily instructions.



Hotel Lobby



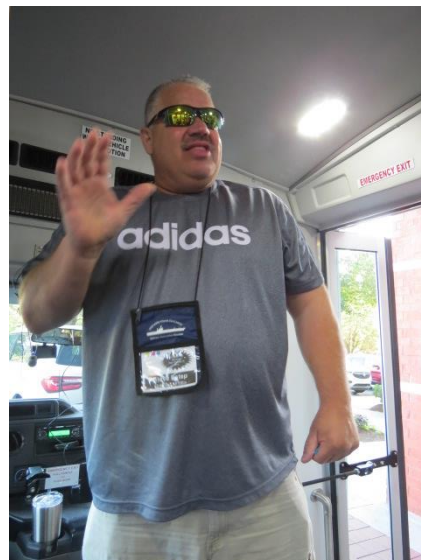
Earl getting everyone ready to go on tour.



Bill's ready.



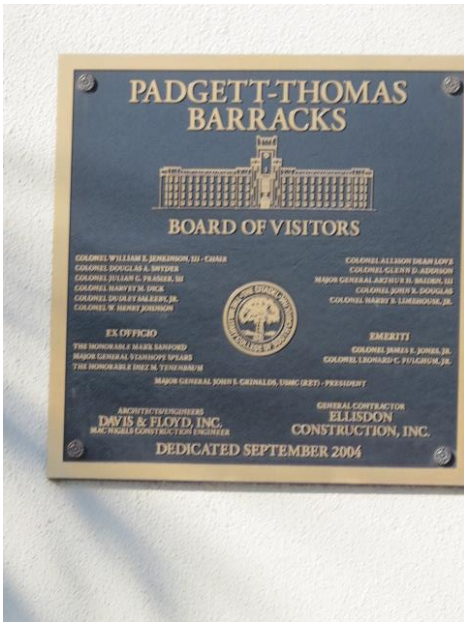
On the bus and off on a tour.

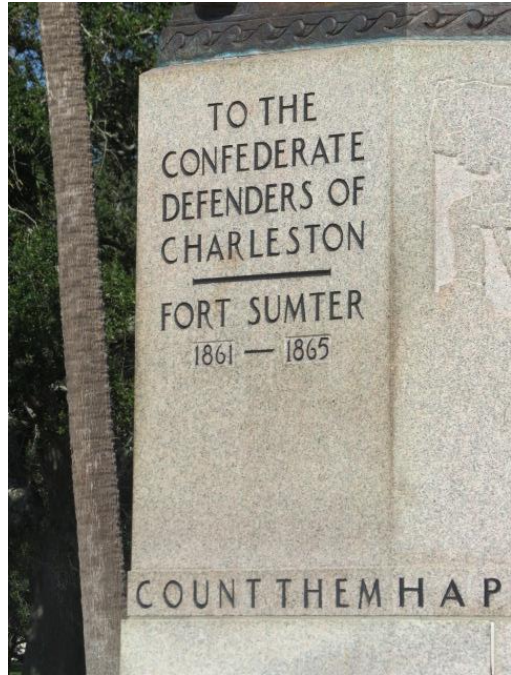
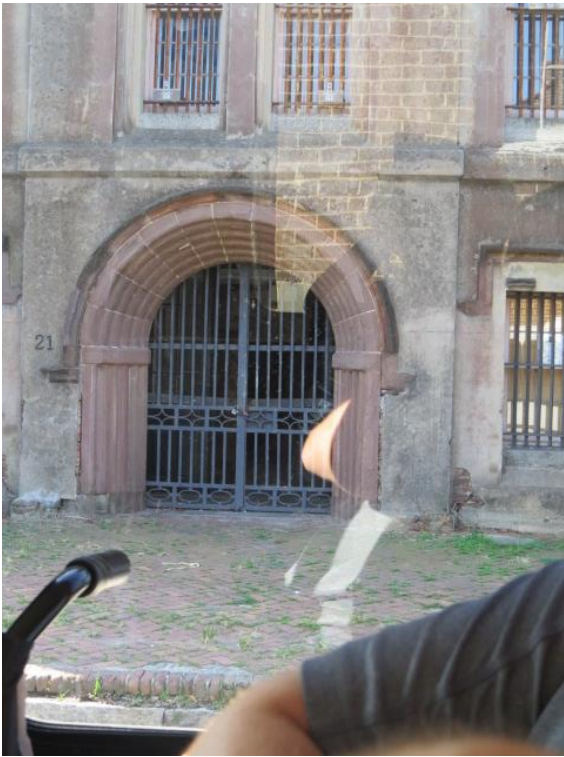


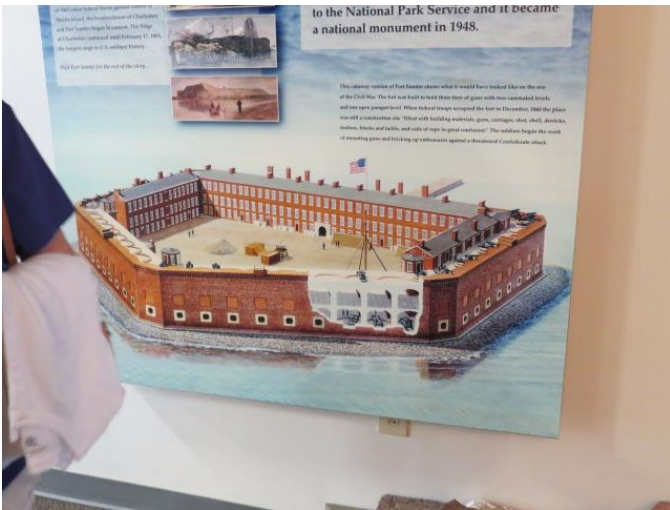
Good morning I'm Steve and here to keep track of you all. So don't get lost.



Citadel







Structurally, Fort Sumter is no longer the looming presence that it was in 1860. The fort's walls no longer stand fifty five feet above the water, but range from nine to twenty-five feet high. A stabilized ruin, the fort is a powerful symbol of the Civil War in terms of meaning and sense of place. Its very walls tell the story of destruction.

The task of clearing the rubble and ruin of war from Fort Sumter began in the 1870's. A lack of funds halted the rebuilding effort and the fort served mainly as a lighthouse station for the next twenty years. In 1899 it was modernized by the addition of a concrete Endicott battery in the middle of the parade ground. The fort was used through World War II and was finally decommissioned in 1947. The War Department turned Fort Sumter over to the National Park Service and it became a national monument in 1948.



Fort Sumter National Monument

Port of Charleston

Since 1670 this well-protected harbor has persisted as a center for shipping and trade. By 1770 Charleston was America's third busiest port; Gadsden's Wharf, located here, became its largest pier. Along this waterfront ships loaded cargo and departed for Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, and other American ports. Exports included timber, indigo, furs, leather, and rice bound for England, and meat and lumber bound for the Caribbean. Ships returned with imports that included rum, sugar, slaves, and luxury items. By the 1850s cotton replaced rice as Charleston's dominant export.

In the mid-1800s, as manufacturing grew in the Northeast and railroads expanded westward, Charleston did not keep pace with the nation's growth. Then came the Civil War. Its aftermath would dominate Charleston's economic recovery for years.





Our fairy to and from the Fort.





Bill taking in the Sun.



Bridge to Patriots Point



This young lady came by and asked; does anyone need a ride and Anthony started jumping up and down “me, me, me”

Boarding the busses to go to Patriots Point



USS Yorktown CV 10





So much to see on the hanger bay



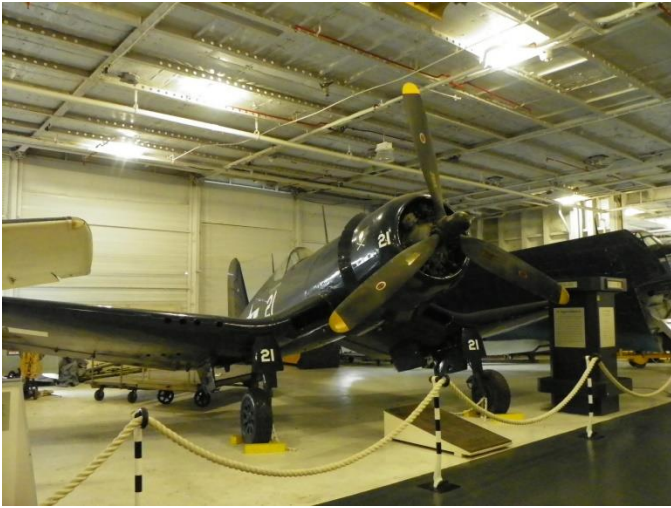
USS Laffey DD724





Anthony & Mary Jane



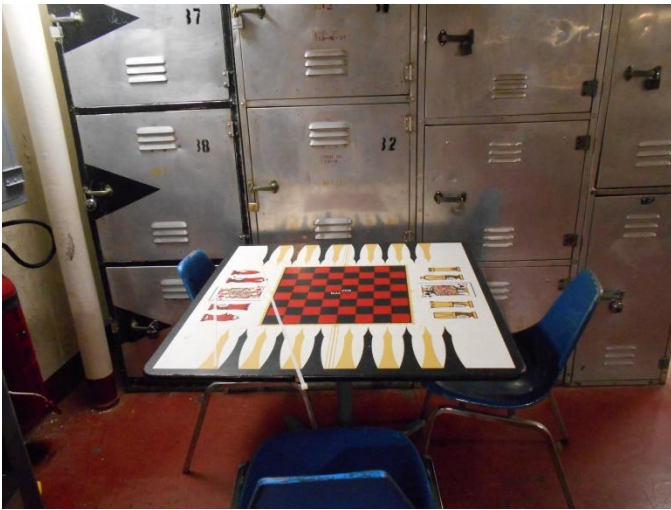


Lunch is at 11:00 hours





Kathy looked at this place and said; is this where you worked? Too hot for me.



Our cooks for lunch in the Chiefs mess.



Our busses ready to take us back to the hotel.



It's been a long day



This is no bull; the sun fish was this big.



Sonny, as you know, I was not born yesterday.





Our Officers

President: James Melka

Vice President: Jerry Warren

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Historian: Jim Woodside

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Richard & Berlina Trapp OE-Div 61-63



George & Virginia Parks V-6 61-63



Raymond & Darlene Carter E-Div 65-69



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Glenn & Carol Bournstein V3-Div 69-70



Ralph & Judy Greene A-Div 61-64



Peggy (Larry) Cline



Joseph & Wilma Foster A-Div 60-63



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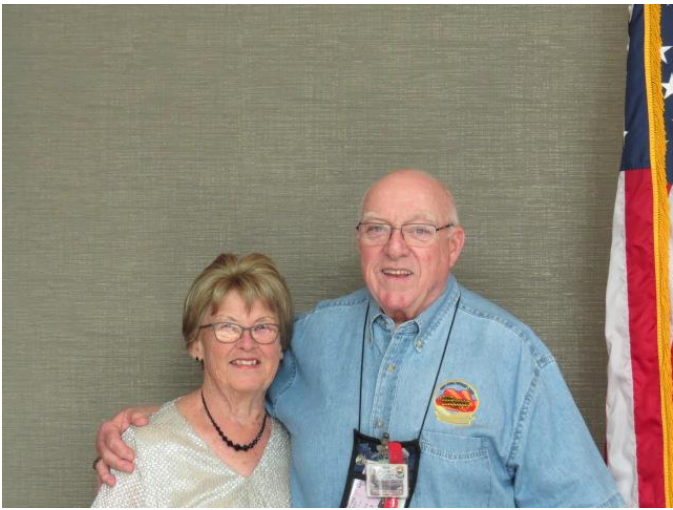
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Lance, Ruth & Rachel Weeda V2-Div 60-63



James & Shirley Woodside E-Div 65-68



Chad & Amy Ralston V2-Div 93-96



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Richard & Renee' Orth M-Div 61-63



Robert Hortie & Nena Koch 2nd-Div 84-87



Thomas Townsend & Eric Jones 2nd-Div 86-88



Marty & Marilyn Kopriva A-Div 63-66



Vincent & Joan Zabicki V6/AIMD 65-69



Vernon & Claudia Guest B-Div 60-62



Gary, Liz, Xander, Dominic & Isabella Barnes E-Div 66-69



Theodore & Jean Pierce V2-Div 60-65



Raymond & Donna Moreno X-Div 61-62



Kathy (John) Kienow



Bill & Gloria Stracener Jr. NAV 68-70



Ray & Arletah Hochstetler M-Div 60-63



Eric Toft & Bonnie Fulle P4-Div 77-80 & 82-84



William (Obie) & Kay Oberempt S6-Div 60-62



Robert & Sarah Fields OPS 67-69



Arthur & Amanda Sanders R-Div 62-63



Jim Clausen P3-Div 72-75



Howard & Jodie Hodge B-Div 61-64



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Larry & Mary Lynn Fray S1-Div 64-66



John & Gale Sweeny S1-Div 63-65



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Daniel & Kathy Fagan S1-Div 64-66



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Nels Christensen VA192-Div 72



Jason Chudy
PAO 2006-2009



Sonny Rash & Family

Front Row, William Dickey, Kiara Rash, Taylor Rash, Kelly Hite, Rocco Galasso, Charleigh Felder, Shauna Budd, Tyler Dobbs, **Back Row**, Emily Budd Brittney Budd, Nick Budd, Jeffery Budd, Sonny Rash, Maryellen Rash Budd, Tim Budd

Our dinner banquet was held at the Hotel on September 19th.



Robert & Sarah



Dave and Alese



Bob and Sandy



Ken & Betsey



I don't have the ships store anymore.



John and Kay with grandson Eli



Vinnie, Joan, Rex & Priscilla

Some of the raffle items.



These items were all donated by our members.



S-1 group 63-66, Dan & Kathy Fagan, Laura & Bill Rusher, Gale & John Sweeny, Mary Lynn & Larry Fray



After 20 years as ship store manager



Bob Scott



Earl selling the last of the tickets for the drawings with his little helpers.

And here are our winners.



Berlina Trapp



George Parks



Jewell Smith



Mike Haley



Jean Shafer



Joyce Elter



Chad Ralston



George Valdes



Eli Boyd Wood



Frederick Franciosa



Vicki Labell



John Sweeny



Lois Spencer



David Kummer



Our Two Bell Ceremony

Richard W Barns

Louis P Kunz

Howard S Brunwasser

Lois Fay Lee

Dewayne D Dejno

Harman "Lou" Lewis

Walter DePuy Jr

Jerry Lynn Myers

Fredrick Fox

Buster Ray Perry

Ronald J Garofolo

Doris Rash

Harold Gross

Lt. Donald D Schenewerk

Anthony Henderson

James E Thompson

Albert "Vern" Heyer

Anthony "Tony" Volcek Jr

Marvin L Hill

Beverly Hill

Leonard A Kamradt

Joseph "Joe" Weaver

Robert J Wood

Marvin T Brown

James Richard Allen Stroup