

USS Laffey Association

Announcements

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Upcoming Association Events

2025 Winter WorkParty Friday 17 January 2025 - Saturday 25 January 2025.

2025 Spring WorkParty – Friday, 4 April through Monday, 14 April 2025.

2025 Reunion in Mt Pleasant, SC – Monday Evening 14 April – Thursday Morning 17 April 2025.

16 April 2025 80TH Anniversary Kamikaze Attack in WWII.
Memorial Service aboard USS Laffey.

2025 Fall WorkParty - Dates to be announced.



2025 Winter WorkParty Fri 17 Jan 2025 - Sat 25 Jan 2025
Message from Mike Honsinger President USS Laffey Association

In January we will have our Winter Workparty from 17-25 Jan. If you want to arrive on Thursday the 16th of Jan, you can probably stay aboard that night also, but

please be sure to ask me about that when you confirm your participation via email.

We now have the ability for women to stay aboard the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier, a 5 minute walk from our Laffey Chiefs Quarters. Having women stay on the Yorktown will require some specific planning and commitment- call me if you think you might be interested.

We have a specific list of projects that we will be working on in January, which are primarily in the aft fire room: cleaning, painting, light metal work (grinding filing), and welding/fabricating (John, Harry & Ernie will be there). We are continuing to work towards getting the aft fire room open to the public in the foreseeable future. We are getting close! As always, we also have less vigorous work for those who would like to contribute in these ways: meal prep/cleanup, supply-run errands and administrative paperwork. So, regardless of your skill set or strength, we do have many meaningful ways for everyone to contribute. Males over 18 may stay on board the Laffey. Meals for all workers are paid for by the Association. Call or email Mike (President@Laffey.org) with any questions or suggestions that you have.

When you email me (President@Laffey.org) to confirm that you plan to join us in January, I will add you to the "Frequent Worker" email distribution list. If you plan to attend in the future and would like to be added to the "Frequent Worker" email distribution list now (you will receive multiple emails

during the weeks leading up to a Workparty, rather than just a single email), please let me know. The "Frequent Workers" emails will include our current attendance count for the upcoming Workparty, indicating your ability to attend. This attendance count is very helpful for meal and bunk space planning as it lists what dates you will be onboard to work and shows whether you will be staying on the Laffey, the Yorktown, in a RV at Patriots Point, or in a hotel.

Folks... the future of our Association and our work contributions to the Laffey are in your hands! We really need for each of you to take an active role in recruiting new workparty participants. We are down to a pretty small and finite group of our original crewmembers that are still able to attend workparties. If every member of our Association could recruit just one son, daughter, or grandchild of a crewmember to come join us, we could continue our work into the future. If relatives are not available, think about Veterans you know or patriotic friends who would like to give back and ask them to contact me via phone or email.

Please send these links to friends:

<https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3843713.jsp>

<https://laffey.org/wordpress/index.php/work-party/>

Our Spring WorkParty will run Friday, 4 April through Monday, 14 April. Our reunion will run Monday Evening, 14 April – Thursday Morning, 17 April. More details to follow.

Regards,

Mike Honsinger

President, USS Laffey Association

<https://www.laffey.org>

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MikeHonsinger@SBCGlobal.net

281-923-4969

USS Laffey Association Reunion 2025 Free



From Reunion Coordinator Jill Michel: We will be holding our 2025 Reunion, April 14th through morning 17th, 2025. Monday, April 14, Registration will be in the Patriots Room at Comfort Inn & Suites, Mount Pleasant, SC from 2pm to 7pm. Food will be provided. We are not planning tours around Charleston, most of our reunion will be held between the Comfort Inn or Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum.

We plan to have a 50-50 Raffle and a Chinese Auction. Bring an auction item with you. There will be a hospitality suite, a luncheon, and a final reunion dinner. There will be the annual USS Laffey Association meeting. There will be a Memorial Service aboard the ship in remembrance of the day that earned the USS Laffey DD724 the nickname "The Ship that Would Not Die", 80 years ago on April 16, 1945 off Okinawa. Patriots Point Maritime Museum is unveiling some new exhibitions.



Comfort Inn & Suites, Patriots Point, 196 Patriots Point Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

Please make your room reservation online through this booking link,

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/OS89Y3> .

The cost of the rooms range from \$129-\$159, depending on the type of room you request. They are also giving us great rates before and after the specific dates of the reunion.

Registration Fee is FREE. If you are planning on attending, you MUST make sure to contact us so we have an accurate count for the caterers, with a Cut-Off date of March 25th, 2025.

Please only sign up if you will be there or make sure to notify us if you need to cancel. Please provide the name(s) of the people that will be attending along with the years that you/they served. You may register on the USS Laffey website

www.laffey.org. **Tap on Our Association – Tap on Reunion –**

Tap on 2025 Reunion.

<https://laffey.org/wordpress/index.php/2024/11/23/2025-reunion/>

You may send the reunion information in registration form below to Jill Michel by email, text or phone call.

Jill.michel@comcast.net or (609) 870-0600.

2025 USS LAFFEY ASSOCIATION REUNION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Cost: Free

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Number and name of persons attending _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

What years did you serve on the USS Laffey? _____

What was your rank/rate? _____

What day do you expect to arrive? _____

Will you have a car at the hotel during your stay _____

Emergency contact name and number (not traveling with you)

Special Needs / Food Allergies? _____

For Reunion information or questions contact Jill Michel
Jill.michel@comcast.net (609) 870-0600 telephone.

Laffey Challenge Collectable Coins

Laffey Challenge Collectable Coins are available in gold for \$20 shipping included.



These are beautiful keepsakes to remember our historic ship USS Laffey DD-724. These coins commemorate the April 1945 anniversary, so “get one while you can!”

You may send the \$20 by Venmo, search my name Jill Vorgity. Or you may send the \$20 by Zelle or CashApp, search my husband’s name Bruce Lampe. Include your mailing address.

For additional information, contact Jill Vorgity
jlvbdl@comcast.net



Charlie Meyer Passing on December 26, 2024. Charlie was a Navy Captain, Medical Corps USNR. He served as the last Medical officer on the ship 1973-1975 when she was decommissioned. He was a fixture at the work parties for many years. We enjoyed many dinners with him and his wife Barbara at reunions. He was a really

nice guy. See

<https://www.thomaspoteet.com/obituaries/charles-meyer-jr-md-sfo> and

www.laffey.org/Shipmates/TapsToHonorFallenShipmates.pdf

Living History Crews Program Volunteers on USS Laffey for Veterans Day

On Saturday 9 November 2024 Living History Crew volunteers from the were aboard USS Laffey in their US Navy blue denim working uniforms and “dixie cup” hats. They were in the USS Laffey engineering spaces to welcome visitors, explain equipment, and show how actual crew members operated equipment. Many thanks to Trey Perry, Richard Perry, and David Cain from the Battleship North Carolina Living History Crew in Wilmington NC. Drew Barrett and other Living History Crew volunteers were aboard the USS Yorktown in World War II aviator uniforms. All the Living History Crew volunteers added to an authentic atmosphere of World War II ships.



Trey Perry and David Cain Living History Crew Volunteers in Working Uniform with Dixie Cap Hats Richard Perry Missing from photo

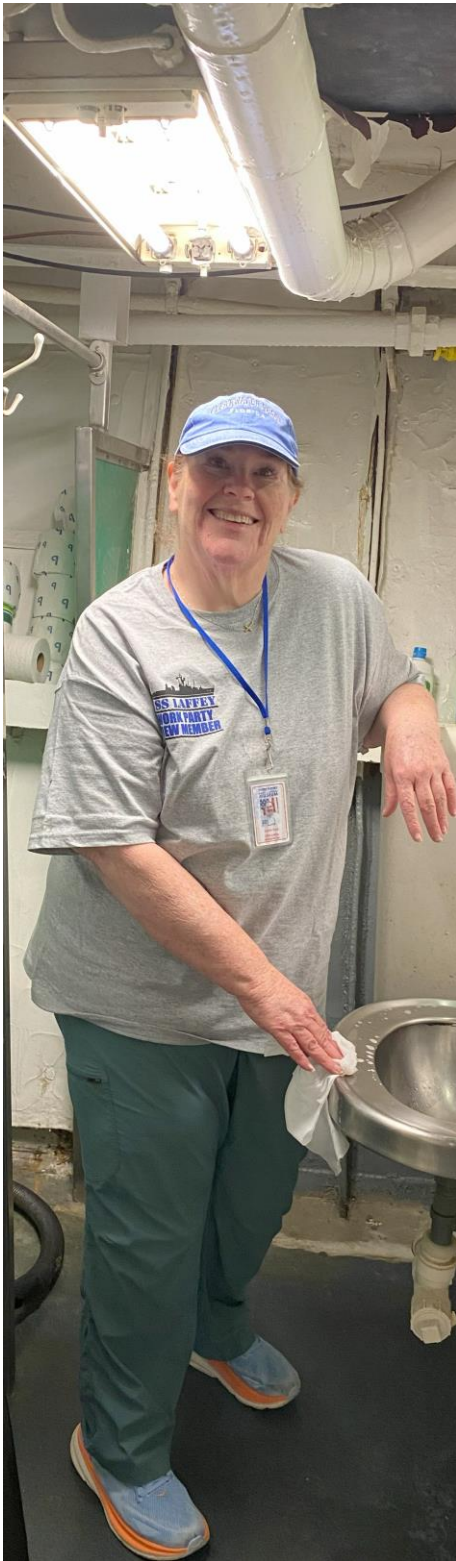
2024 Fall WorkParty – Many thanks to all participants for a highly productive WorkParty preserving our ship. For photos goto www.laffey.org. Tap on WorkParty.



Kevin Jones and Steve Bade on Fantail



Carol Felsinger Rogers (Richard Felsinger Sister) and Valerie Honsinger in Galley Serving Line



Lorrie Tuck Below Decks - Marc Jacobs Repairing Gangway Quarterdeck



Mike Pereira, Richard Felsinger, Steve Bade, Jim Bossard
in Chiefs Quarters

Memorial Service Held Monday 23 September 2024 Aboard USS Laffey The Memorial Service for USS Laffey Association members who have passed away in the last year was by held on Monday 23 September 2024 aboard USS Laffey. USS Laffey Association President Mike Honsinger conducted the service. Lunch was served on Mess Decks for all reunion attendees.



Memorial Ceremony on USS Laffey Fantail



USS Laffey Crew Members at Memorial Ceremony

See photos from Jim Vickers, Patriots Point

<https://www.laffey.org/Events/2024MemorialService.pdf>

2024 USS Laffey Association Reunion Enjoyed by All September 22-25

The Fall 2024 Reunion was enjoyed by all. Reunion activities included Sunday Meet and Greet. Monday Memorial Service and James Smith Patriots Point Development Authority Board of Directors D Day talk, Tuesday Spirit of Charleston dinner

cruise, Wednesday Association General Membership meeting and Dinner aboard the USS Yorktown. The Board of Directors meeting was held on Wednesday. Photos from Mike Coleman below. See

<https://www.laffey.org/Events/2024ReunionPhotos.pdf> and

<https://www.laffey.org/Events/2024ReunionPortraits.pdf>







Spirit of Charleston Dinner Cruise



Hospitality Room John Hudak Standing



Mike Honsinger Presiding Over General Membership Meeting



Farewell Dinner aboard USS Yorktown



Many thanks to Jill Michel Reunions Coordinator for her wonderful planning and management of the reunion. Many thanks to Mike Coleman for photos and portraits.

James Smith, USS Laffey Association Board Member and Patriots Point Development Authority Board of Directors gave a very informative talk on the USS Laffey Participation in 30 June 1944 D-Day Invasion. James' grandfather Paul B. Smith was the Laffey Gunnery Officer at D-Day and on 16Apr45. James' promotion ceremony to Lieutenant

Colonel US Army National Guard was on 28 September 2024.



Lieutenant Colonel James Smith and Family

80th Anniversary of D-Day June 6, 2024



Patriots Point commemorates the 80th anniversary of the USS Laffey's participation in Operation Neptune, the Naval phase of the D-Day invasion.

History Comes Alive on the Laffey at Patriots Point

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum welcomed visitors aboard the USS Laffey DD-724 to learn about the role our destroyer played in this historic event. Living history re-enactors were present throughout the USS Laffey sharing the part the ship played at Normandy. US Navy destroyer veterans were also be present throughout the ship to discuss the role of destroyers in naval defense.

At 2pm on 6 June in the USS Laffey theater, guest speaker and PPDA Board Member, James Smith, shared about his grandfather, Lt. Paul Smith who served on board the Laffey at Normandy and Okinawa. He

was followed by guest speaker, and Patriots Point Volunteer of the Year, Bill Cassasa at approximately 2:20pm to discuss the role of a destroyer in naval warfare and share information about weapons operations.



History of the Laffey at Normandy

The USS Laffey DD-724 was part of Operation Neptune, the naval phase of the D-Day invasion. Under command of Admiral Sir Bertram

Ramsey of the UK's Royal Navy, the fleet was responsible for the sweeping of mines and marking channels. They also provided transportation of troops and equipment to the beaches, landing the troops and supporting them with gunfire and reinforcement, and resupply by sea. In transit, the force was screened by the destroyers USS Jeffers, Obrien, Glennon, Barton, Laffey, Meredith, the French corvettes Aconit and Renoncule, plus 3 trawlers, 7 Patrol Crafts, 7 Submarine Chasers and 7 Motor Launch vessels.

The USS Laffey provided support to the Utah Beach landing site. Twenty-four hours after the first wave had landed, 66,000 US troops had crossed the beaches and within 7 days the number had grown to 250,000.

Historic USS Laffey Artifacts Sent to France for D-Day 80th Anniversary Events Patriot's Point, the USS Yorktown Foundation, and the Commemorative Air Force joined forces Sunday 12 May sent parts from the historic USS Laffey to France for the 80th anniversary of D-Day.



They sent a piece of the ship's hull, a valve control wheel, and a damage control plug to Normandy.



“As we commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy, we pay tribute to the unwavering bravery of those who served during World War II,” said USS Yorktown Foundation Chairman Chauncey Clark. “The USS Yorktown Foundation is immensely proud to join hands with Patriots Point and the Commemorative Air Force in events like these, which serve as important reminders of the sacrifices made and the valor displayed by our heroes. Through our collective efforts, we ensure that the legacy of those who served lives on, inspiring and educating future generations about the importance of courage, honor, and service to our country.”

Contact **Meredith Kablick**, Director of Collections and Curatorial Affairs if you have any artifact donations e.g. physical items, cruise books, photos, etc

meredith.kablick@patriotspoint.org 843-881-5985

For the USS Laffey Chronological Narrative Report of D-Day Operations Utah Beach June 3 - June 17, 1944 see

<https://www.laffey.org/Laffey%20Action%20Reports/invasion-of-france-utah-beach-1944.html>

LAFHEY April 2024 Memorial Service and Spring WorkParty (Fri 12 Apr - Sat 20 Apr) Photos

At this year's Memorial Service on 16 April 2024, Patriots Point Executive Director Allison Hunt and Laffey Association President Mike Honsinger spoke. We honored the 31 men who died on 16 April 1945. Multiple

TV crews recorded the service for the Charleston evening news.



Mike Honsinger and Ken McCullough on Fantail Memorial Service 16 April 2024

At the WorkParty many maintenance tasks were completed to keep USS Laffey safe and in excellent condition for all visitors. Many water leaks were repaired. Progress was made in the After Fireroom.

At the beginning of each work day at 8AM, as we were finishing up breakfast, we had a short briefing to lay out the plan for the day. At the end of the day, at 5PM-ish, we had "hotwash" debrief- reviewing what was done that day and letting Mike and Jim know what we need to do the following day.



Bruce Lampe, Mike Honsinger, Bugler Cindy Brewer VFW State Honor Guard, Jim Bossard, Jill Vorgity, Mark Jacob in Chiefs Quarters

Please see the memorial service and WorkParty and photos www.laffey.org/Events/2024SpringWorkParty.pdf .

John Hudak Video in the After Fire Room



See <https://youtu.be/0qhY59Cr1ws> John Hudak BT Boiler Technician in USS Laffey DD 724 Boiler Room/Fire Room at the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum 16 April 2024.

John served aboard USS Laffey 1959-1962 homeported in Norfolk, VA. John describes the operation of the USS Laffey 600 psi boilers: cold iron watch, lighting off a boiler, going to full steam power, blowing tubes, etc. John is the principle advocate and technician to open the USS Laffey After Boiler Room to the public at the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum. John describes himself as just a "snipe" doing his job.

John is on the USS Laffey Association Board of Directors. See <https://www.laffey.org/Shipmates/Hudak.pdf>



USS Laffey Ship Store Display From Chip

Honsinger: Patriots Point and we are attempting to further outfit the ship's store with vintage (1950-60) items that would have been for sale when Laffey was at sea. Incidentally, the store was in a different, smaller location at that time, on the inboard passageway in the vicinity of

opposite sick bay. Now visitors can see these items through the window in the door. We have plenty of cigarette cartons, for example, and we would particularly like to obtain a cigar box, some paper match books, stationery or writing tablet (for letters), empty box of envelopes (not "modern" peel and seal), a vintage shaving mug or whatever we used at the time (we have a brush), soap wrappers, hair tonic bottles, sunglasses, etc. Items might look older than they would have in the 50s, but if they are reasonably clean that is good enough for 2023.

Bottles and boxes may be empty. Please bring them to the ship when you come.

If you can provide any of these things or can suggest a source for obtaining them, please contact Chip Honsinger at honsinger57@comcast.net or 540-463-3145. If you will be in the upcoming WorkParty please bring any objects with you.

The Laffey Ship Store was small, manned by a storekeeper with not much more than standing room. The customer stands outside the windowed door and talks over the counter in the door after seeing items displayed on two or three shelves behind the storekeeper, each shelf 3-4 feet long. The Ship Store and the Post Office were very popular and important for everyone aboard ship. When open crew members were usually waiting in a line for their turn.

Thanks Meredith Kablick Director of Collections and Curatorial Affairs Museum Services, Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum for the current Ship Store photos below:





2024 Winter WorkParty Jan 30 – Feb 3



The 2024 Winter WorkParty was highly successful with projects completed in many areas of the ship. Many thanks to all who participated: Art Whigham, Bob Sideika, Frank Day, Frank Shorter, James Garner, Kevin Jones, Ken McCullough, Marc Jacob, Mary Herbst, Richard Felsinger, Steve Bade, Mike Honsinger. Photos below in <https://www.laffey.org/Events/2024WinterWorkParty.pdf> .

Attending USS Laffey WorkParty

From Association President Mike Honsinger:

Typically, we have three WorkParties aboard ship each year: Fall, Winter, and Spring. All WorkParty crewmembers must be USS Laffey Association members and be at least 18 years of age. Bunks, hearty meals, parking, and access to Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum are all provided free of charge. There are 28 male-only bunks on the Laffey. We spend a good

deal of time repairing corroded areas with new metal and paint. In addition, we fix electrical and plumbing issues, as well as improve and maintain the museum displays aboard the ship. WorkParties provide a meaningful experience preserving history, are a great opportunity to see the many ship compartments which are typically closed to the public and provide an opportunity to meet visitors to the ship. Often multiple Association family members attend together to create a working vacation.

If you have an interest in helping us out during the upcoming Fall WorkParty (19-28 Oct), please email Mike by late September at President@Laffey.org . Jim and I have collected an extensive list of projects that we would all like to see addressed in the coming years. For each project, it is my goal to do our best to anticipate the manpower, tools, supplies, permits and financing required so that when our crews show up, we can put everyone to work and keep you busy while you give of your time, energy, and finances to join us. If you can attend a WorkParty, please do your best to commit to specific dates when you will be aboard to eat, sleep and work, then email those commitments to me at least a week prior to the WorkParty. Thank you for all the work so many of you have put in over the years to preserve the USS Laffey for America's citizens.

Contact Mike Honsinger President@Laffey.org 281-923-4969 for information.

New Quarterdeck Awning

Thanks, Chief Leonard Singleton for photos.



USS Laffey Information Links from Mike Honsinger



www.navsource.org/archives/05/interior.htm

Shipyard plans www.dd-692.com/shipyard.htm

<https://russpickett.com/history/laffey.htm>

<https://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/I/laffey-ii.html>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/8199404/bartlett-laffey>

<https://destroyerhistory.org/sumner-gearingclass/usslaffey/>

General Dynamics Bath Iron Works

<https://gdbiw.com/who-we-are/ship-list/>

<https://gdbiw.com/contact-us/frequently-asked-questions/>

WWII Battle Illustrations USS Laffey DD459 and USS Laffey DD724 from True Comics - Name to Remember Winter 1945,

Vol. 5, No. 46, 48 pages. These illustrations show the battle history of two destroyers named Laffey, e.g. USS Laffey DD459 and USS Laffey DD 724. See

<https://www.laffey.org/Articles/WWIIBattleIllustrations.pdf>



The Indestructible USS Laffey by Slavomir Vodehnal

This is a 97 page 17 X 11" book of USS Laffey DD724 newspaper articles, photos, and illustrations. It one of the most extensive collection of newspaper articles on the USS Laffey 16 April 1945 battle that is available. The book was written by Radarman 1st Class Slavomir Vodehnal. He performed a vital function during the Japanese attack on 16 April 1945 communicating with fighter planes. See

<https://www.laffey.org/Articles/TheIndestructibleUSSLaffey.pdf>



Dogfights: Japanese Kamikaze Attacks in WWII (S2, E1) | Full Episode | History

Taps to Honor Our Fallen Shipmates



Fred Raleigh Passing Dec 1, 2024. Fred served aboard the Laffey as a radioman from 1960 to 1961. He attended many work parties and reunions. He was a really nice guy.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/frederick-raleigh-obituary?id=56916263>



Philip Winston Passing October 2, 2024. Philip Winston passed away Oct. 2, 2024. He was the nephew of Admiral Becton. He served in the US Navy aboard the USS Ranger

during the Vietnam War.

<https://www.porterloring.com/obituaries/Philip-B-Winston-Jr?obId=33296738>



Margret K Casaday Passing April 14, 2024

Margaret was the wife of Boatswain's Mate Second Calvin Cloer who died from burns and other injuries in Mount 53 on 16 April 1945. Post and Courier Newspaper

article "The Love That Would Not Die" – WWII Widow Margaret Casaday visited USS Laffey about 2010.

www.laffey.org/Shipmates/CalvinCloer.pdf



Rod Morgan Passing. Rod passed away on February 15, 2024. Rod served aboard USS Laffey DD724 as a Fire Control Technician FT2 from 12/55 to 7/58. Rod proudly served in the United States Navy and the Navy Reserves from 1954-1986 achieving the rank of Fire

Control Technician Senior Chief Petty Officer. Rod frequently attended USS Laffey Association WorkParties maintaining the USS Laffey DD724 at the Naval Maritime Museum in Mt Pleasant, SC.

See YouTube Korean War Era USS Laffey Assoc Members

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNv7HMOv2iA>

See Korean War Era Laffey Assoc Members at April 2019 Work Party

<https://www.laffey.org/Shipmates/KoreanWarEraMembers.pdf>



Bill & Ginny Sarver

Bill Sarver passed away at 92 two years of age February 25th 2024. Photo from 2006 Reunion. Bill was a Torpedoman's Mate 3rd Class aboard USS Laffey 12/51-5/55. Bill and Ginny lived in Zephyrhills FL. From Ginny Sarver to Sonny Walker "Dear friend, I just wanted to let you know that

Bill and I were married 72 years! How is that for a record. We haven't been able to make the reunions lately but have never forgotten the great times we all shared. God bless all of you for keeping the ship up for all to enjoy!"



Thomas J Moskie passed away on 2/7/2024 age 84. He was a DK3 Disbursing Clerk Third Class aboard Laffey 59-60.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/staten-island-ny/thomas-moskie-11659520>



Patrick Striplin Gunners Mate GM3 passed away 1/26/24, in Florida, due to complications from Dementia which has been plaguing him for several years. He was born 11/10/48. He was a Gun Captain

on 5"32 Gun Mount in 1960s. He served aboard USS Laffey in the 1960s. Pat attended many Laffey Association work parties and reunions. He described his work as a Gunners Mate on the 5"38 Gun Mount in the YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tImW7y5i0Y8> .



Harry Wagner Konkel passed away on January 6, 2024. Captain, USN Commanding Officer USS Laffey 1971 – 1973

<https://www.pressherald.com/2024/01/14/obituaryharry-wagner-konkel-2/>

Goto www.laffey.org . Tap on Taps – Salute to the Fallen open www.laffey.org/Taps.pdf

Key Anniversaries

Laffey's keel was laid down on **28 June 1943** by Bath Iron Works Corp., Bath, Maine

Launched on **21 November 1943**; sponsored by Ms. Beatrice F. Laffey, daughter of Seaman Bartlett Laffey

Commissioned on **8 February 1944**, with Commander Frederick Becton in command.

6 June 1944 D Day Battle of Normandy France

16 April 1945 Kamikaze Attack in WWII. Decommissioned **9 March 1975**

For WWII Information goto www.laffey.org. Tap on History Also goto www.laffey.org/HomePage/DD724WWII.html

Reminder for Annual dues

Dues need to be paid on the 1st of each year to keep the USS Laffey Association functioning. Mail your check to Joyce Hanau 1956 Lincoln Ave, East Meadow, NY 11554. Telephone 347-439-2452 email membership@laffey.org. Annual members (renews every January 1st regardless of when you join): \$25/year. Life membership (one-time payment): 55 years old and younger \$375; 56 to 60 \$250; 61 to 64 \$225; 65 and older \$125. You may also pay using PayPal. Click on the PayPal icon on the USS Laffey home page www.laffey.org. Be sure to include your name and the words "Annual Dues." **Membership includes free admission to Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum.** Contact Joyce Hanau Membership Chairperson for instructions to get free guest passes. Joyce may be contacted at membership@laffey.org 347-439-2452.

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum News



Photo from local Navy Vet Joe Palisi

Free Complementary Admission to Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum for Former Laffey Crew Members and USS Laffey Association Members. Former crew members of the USS Yorktown and Laffey and USS Laffey Association members and their immediate family members are entitled to **free complementary admission to the museum.** Immediate family refers to a person's parents, siblings, spouse, child by blood, adoption or marriage, grandparents, and grandchildren. At the Ticket Window, present your USS Laffey Association membership card and ask for the appropriate number of complementary tickets for your immediate family members. See www.laffey.org/Free.pdf

<https://www.patriotspoint.org/>

<https://patriotspt.org/YouTube>

<https://Facebook.com/PatriotsPoint.org>

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum TV

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Patriots+point+tv

Living History Crew Events at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum from Drew Barrett

Living history crews are an opportunity for volunteers to support US Navy museum ships, the Vietnam Experience, and historic facilities. Living history crew volunteers typically wear uniforms to present life when the museum ship or other facility was active. For example the Battleship North Carolina Living History Crew dress in the uniform of the 1940s, explain to visitors their naval expertise aboard the ship. Volunteer with engineering experience explain the engineering systems and show how actual crew members operated equipment. Volunteers with electronics experience explain radar, sonar, fire control and other electronics. Volunteers answer visitor questions and greatly enhance visitors experience on the ship or other facility. Sometimes volunteers bring small items such as hats, helmets, tools, clothing, etc. to display.

7 December 2024 aboard USS Laffey. The Laffey represents all destroyers at the Pearl Harbor Attack.

28, 29, 30 March 2025 at Vietnam Memorial for National Vietnam War Veterans Day 29 March 2025.

11, 12, 13 April aboard USS Laffey honoring USS Laffey at the Battle of Midway 16 April 1945

6, 7, 8 June 2025 aboard USS Yorktown and USS Laffey honoring All on D Day Battle of Normandy, France

10 - 11- 12 October at Vietnam Memorial

7, 8, 9 November 2024 aboard USS Yorktown, USS Laffey, and Vietnam Memorial for Veterans Day 11 November 2025

Current Living History Crews Links

Battleship North Carolina Living History Crew

<https://ussnclivinghistory.com/>

USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park Living History Crew

<https://www.ussalabama.com/get-involved/living-history-crew/>

Cruiser OLYMPIA Living History Crew

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OlympiaLivingHistory/>

For information on the Living History Crews program contact Drew Barrett 843-693-1614 andrew.barrett@patriotspoint.org

Links of Interest

New Laffey Website goto www.laffey.org. Tap on Our Association – Tap on Reunion – Tap on Work Party.

[Laffey Movie Update](#)

[Featured Association Members](#) www.laffey.org. Tap on Shipmates.

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For inputs to the USS Laffey Website www.laffey.org, email photos and text to webmaster@laffey.org .

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