

**Let There Be No Moaning at The Bar...**

**OLD SAILORS SIT AND CHEW THE FAT  
ABOUT THINGS THAT USED TO BE,  
OF THE THINGS THEY'VE SEEN,  
THE PLACES THEY'VE BEEN,  
WHEN THEY VENTURED OUT TO SEA.**

**THEY REMEMBERED FRIENDS FROM LONG AGO,  
THE TIMES THEY HAD BACK THEN.  
THE MONEY THEY SPENT,  
THE BEER THEY DRANK,  
IN THEIR DAYS AS SAILING MEN.**

**THEIR LIVES ARE LIVED IN DAYS GONE BY,  
WITH THOUGHTS THAT FOREVER LAST.  
OF BELL BOTTOM BLUES,  
WINGED WHITE HATS,  
AND GOOD TIMES IN THEIR PAST.**

**THEY RECALL LONG NIGHTS WITH A MOON SO BRIGHT  
FAR OUT ON A LONELY SEA.  
THE THOUGHTS THEY HAD  
AS YOUTHFUL LADS,  
WHEN THEIR LIVES WERE WILD AND FREE.**

**THEY KNEW SO WELL HOW THEIR HEARTS WOULD SWELL  
WHEN OLD GLORY FLUTTERED PROUD AND FREE.  
THE UNDERWAY PENNANT  
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT  
AS THEY PLOWED THROUGH AN ANGRY SEA.**

**THEY TALKED OF THE CHOW OL' COOKIE WOULD MAKE  
AND THE SHRILL OF THE BOSUN'S PIPE.  
HOW SALT SPRAY WOULD FALL  
LIKE SPARKS FROM HELL  
WHEN A STORM STRUCK IN THE NIGHT.**

**THEY REMEMBER OLD SHIPMATES ALREADY GONE  
WHO FOREVER HOLD A SPOT IN THEIR HEART,  
WHEN SAILORS WERE BOLD,  
AND FRIENDSHIPS WOULD HOLD,  
UNTIL DEATH RIPPED THEM APART.**

# **USS FIREDRAKE AE-14**

**REUNION 2013**



## **BANQUET PROGRAM**

**March 27, 2013  
Sheraton Airport Hotel  
Charleston, SC**

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# USS FIREDRAKE AE-14 REUNION

## March 27, 2013

**PRESENTATION of COLORS**  
Joint Base Charleston Honor Guard

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
Retire the Colors

Please be Seated

Welcome Remarks

BELL CEREMONY for DEPARTED SHIPMATES

POW/MIA PLACE of HONOR

RECOGNITION of PLANK OWNERS

INVOCATION

**BANQUET SERVED**  
Your pre-selected choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Calhoun  
Dessert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM  
**CDR Charles M. Phillip USN**  
Commanding Officer  
Navy Munitions Command Unit Charleston

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

COMMENTS FROM SHIPMATES

BENEDICTION

CONCLUSION  
*May you have fair winds and following seas  
And a safe and pleasant trip home!*

**See you in 2015!**

## Shipmates and Family in Attendance

Casel Allen  
Mike & Karen Ambrosi  
Ken & Fay Barnaby  
Ron & Ann Blanton  
Wayne & Rose Burling  
Paul Darrah & Judith Porter  
Ross & Sylvia Glazner  
Michael Hawthorn  
Dan & Adele Hedges  
Art Herry & daughter Leanne Arntz  
Clyde Hightower  
Bob & Janeth Hitt  
Mike & Jo Ann Hixon  
John Kastl  
George & Kathy King  
Bob & Sally Laubach  
Willie McCain Sr & Brenda Davis  
Bob McCracken  
Jack & Dorothy Meyer  
Ricky & Judy Miller  
Phil & Joanne Nessler  
Bruce Ryden  
Bill & Mary Ann Schiller  
James W. Smith  
Karl Smith  
Keith Suiter  
Dick & Pat Tracy  
Tom & Kris Traugher  
Bill & Connie Turner  
Charles & Barbara VanDeman  
Ernie & Karen vonHeimburg  
Ken & Billie Voss