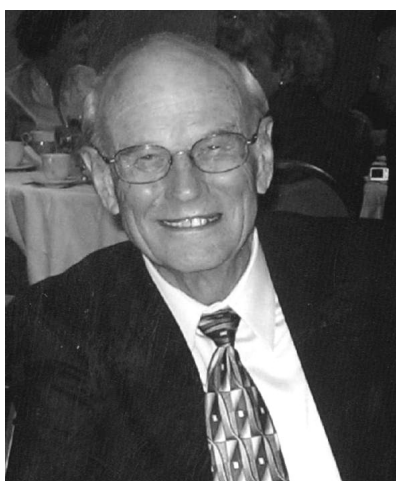


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A Life to Celebrate

Ronald A. Rodes, 86, lived (and we mean, truly lived) a life full of faith, adventure, and joy. He was forever grateful for the love of God demonstrated in Jesus Christ which dramatically changed his life at the age of 21.



Ron was born in Clovis, New Mexico, on June 23, 1924, to Grace and Arno Rodes. After high school he joined the Navy in 1942 and served as a radioman on the original crew of the *USS Orion* in the South Pacific. Following his honorable discharge at the end of WWII, he returned to Clovis and, during this time, came to know Christ. Hungry to deepen his Christian

walk, he attended Pasadena College, Pasadena, California, for one year and then returned and married Alberta Gunstream of Clovis on June 8, 1947. After completing a second year at Pasadena College, Ron and Alberta moved to Albuquerque where he learned the building trade.

The couple then returned to Clovis. After a short stint working in his father's clothing store, he became a farmer. In his early 30s, he responded to God's call on his life and soon afterward entered the pastoral ministry. He pastored churches in New Mexico, Colorado, California, Washington and Idaho. He directed Christian summer youth camps at Bonita Park, New Mexico, for over a decade and continued to invest his life and resources in the camp throughout his life.

Full of adventure, including the adventure of faith, he

had a heart of love for people in any circumstance of life. In recent years, he poured his life and love upon the men and women at Celebrate Recovery, the people at Light-house Rescue Mission and anyone who was in need of encouragement. Following a stroke on Memorial Day, May 30, Ron passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Alberta; three sons, David (wife, Lynette) Rodes, Randy (wife, Reeni) Rodes and Stan (wife, Cindy) Rodes; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren new to our family, by numerous nieces and nephews, and by his sister, Phyllis Pridgen. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lucille Mitchell, and his daughter-in-law, Mae Rodes.

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Dear *USS Orion* Friends,

Words cannot express my appreciation to you for the beautiful cards and notes, prayers and memorial gifts honoring Dusty. Thank you, thank you!

Ronald (Dusty) was honored to be your chaplain for the past 15-1/2 years. His deep desire was to minister to you in your times of need, both physical and spiritual. His message to you was always one of HOPE:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." [John 3:16 (NIV)] and

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." [1 John 1:9 (NIV)]

He really loved and cared about you . . . and so do I. I miss him terribly; but I know without a doubt, that he is with our Father in heaven. I plan to meet him there, by God's grace – will you go with me?

Much love to you all.

God bless . . . and "straight ahead!"

— Alberta (Mrs. Dusty) Rodes

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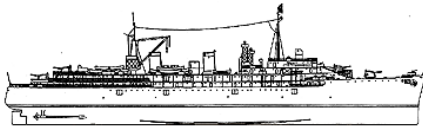
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See Who Is Signed Up

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Early Bird Winner is Truman Sieck





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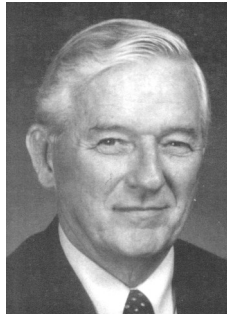
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“God Bless and Straight Ahead!”

By Tom Pieper

When the names of our deceased shipmates are read at this year’s memorial service, one name will automatically evoke many fond memories for every one in the organization.



Though there are not many left who served with Ron “Dusty” Rodes through his ministry as our Chaplain, he has touched many of us through the caring messages and calls that he made to those who he knew were going through difficult times. He took the time to speak to everyone, especially first-timers, at the reunions and made them feel welcome. His columns were entertaining, thoughtful and spiritual. He had that rare gift of communicating on any level as evidenced by the various groups he served, including his own congregations.

In his final column, he encouraged us to reach out to members of OVHO who are dealing with a crisis and, in this spirit, we sincerely extend to his beloved Alberta and the family our most heartfelt sympathy. He leaves a void that will be hard to fill but as he would expect, someone will step forward to take his place.

And so we bid a fond farewell to our Chaplain, friend and shipmate in his own words — “God Bless and Straight Ahead!”

Notes

I wanted to let you know that I created a group on Facebook for those of us that served on *Orion*. It is titled USS Orion AS-18. I am hoping that we can get a great discussion thread going and others will upload old photos of her.

— Erik Hutchinson, 1986-88, SK2

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Thank you to everyone who called or sent cards and notes of encouragement. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and your prayers.

— Mary Peckinpaugh

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From OVHO Storekeeper:

We won’t be bringing all the stores to the reunion . . . just one item each. Order forms will be available so people can place their orders.

— Larry Snyder

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Editor’s Note:

To those who have asked us about joining Facebook: We prefer to be contacted by e-mail because of past problems with personal information being compromised on social network sites.

— Dave Peckinpaugh

For Sale

Brass plates and other items rescued from *Orion* before being dismantled are available from:

Roger Gutheil
230 Jefferson Ridge Dr.
Pataskala, OH 43062

For more information
Phone: (740) 927-9989
E-mail: rrohoe@aol.com



Ready — Set — Let's Rock

Correct number for hotel
reservations is:

1-800-354-9793

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The deadline for hotel reservations is
August 12, 2011.



Tour Schedule

Monday, September 12

Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal exhibit *Cincinnati Goes To War*. After lunch we will enjoy a show at Omnimax then a guided tour of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

Tuesday, September 13

The first activity is a surprise but I know everyone will love it. After lunch we will proceed to the beautiful Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Ky., for a memorial service. The rest of the evening will be spent on a dinner cruise.

Wednesday, September 14

We will start the first half of the day at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

The second half of the day will be aboard the Showboat Majestic to see the show titled: *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

Thursday, September 15

The business meeting will take place on Thursday after breakfast.

BJ Hill plans to present information on the reunion to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, during the 2012 Balloon Festival.

After the business meeting you are on your own until the evening banquet which will be buffet style with choice of chicken or beef.

Bob Geraci with *'Rockin thru the Ages* will perform at the banquet. Shipmates will remember the group if you attended the Charleston, S.C., reunion.



Deadline for signing up for tours is August 10

If you need more info or have questions contact Amber:

Phone 859-620-2846

e-mail amber21882@yahoo.com

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Retired servicemen please bring Military ID with you. Some gift shops give discounts.

Get ready to rock! I look forward to a great reunion with all of you.

— Amber Peters

Split-the-Pot Drawing

In the past we have held a raffle as a means for making a profit at the annual reunion. Tickets were sold for items that had been donated by shipmates. Winning tickets were drawn at the banquet.

With airlines charging extra for baggage it has become a hassle to bring gifts to the reunion or to transport items home.

This year we are trying something new, a Split-the-Pot drawing to be held at the banquet. EVERYONE can participate. **Winners need not be present to win.**

Here's how it works: We are sending out ten tickets with *the Scuttlebutt*. Each ticket represents a \$1.00 donation. If you want to participate, fill out the ticket stubs and return them with a check made out to **2011 USS Orion Reunion**. Please note on the check memo that it is for the Split-the-Pot drawing.

Return [by September 1] to:

Amber Peters

32 Pine Hill Drive

Crestview, KY 41076

We will continue to sell tickets until the banquet.

At the banquet, two tickets will be drawn and the pot will be split 50% for OVHO and 25% each for the two winners.

If you did not receive tickets or if you want more tickets, call David Peckinpaugh at (765) 284-1746 or email: orionvets@comcast.net. Indicate how many tickets you want and we'll send them to you.

If you do not wish to participate in the Split-the-Pot drawing please return the tickets with your yellow info sheet to Dave Peckinpaugh, 4300 E. Maple Manor Pkwy., Muncie, IN 47302.

NOTE: We ask that EVERYONE return the yellow info sheet. If everything is correct mark it OK. If there are corrections note them.

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Fun Money is for beverages in the hospitality room.

The Following Shipmates Have Signed Up:

David and Mary Peckinpaugh
Robert (Bob) and Gloria Wolanin
Jack (Prendy) and Beverly Prendergast
Ernie Baynum and Amber Peters
Ted and Martha Swenson
Truman Sieck and Hilda Jacobsen
Gene and Virginia Plunkett
Glenn and Joyce Pierce
John and Joan Klana
Art and Carol Mager
John and Bernie Filipczak
Tom and Lorraine Pieper
Regis and Janet Donahue
Richard and Patsy Tisdale
Coletta Albright

Taps

Norman Boesch

1943-46, SK2, 10th Div.

Norman R. Boesch, 86, of Sandusky, Ohio, died April 4, 2011, in Stein Hospice Care Center.



He was born April 12, 1924, in Sandusky, and was a 1942 graduate of St. Mary's High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving on *USS Orion* during World War II.

Norman retired from Gilbert Heating and Cooling after several years of service.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sandusky, American Legion Post 83, Sandusky, AMVETS Post 17, and was an avid sports fan.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Audrey (Alton) Boesch and two sons.

Robert L. Moore. Sr.

1961-64, SF2, R Div.

Robert L. (Bob) Moore Sr., passed away April 5, 2011, at his residence in Muncie, Ind., following an extended illness.

Mr. Moore retired as a Chief Petty Officer from the United States Navy in 1976. In addition to tours of Vietnam and numerous meritorious ribbons, his 20-year career included a number of personal achievements. He became a member of the Domain of the Golden Dragon and a Dweller of the Far East when he crossed the 180th Meridian in 1957 aboard *USS Princeton* (CVS-37).

In 1958 he became a "Shellback" while aboard *Princeton* when he crossed the 0-degree latitude and was initiated into the Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order the Deep. He crossed the Arctic Circle in 1973 while serving on *USS Conyngham* (DDG-17) to become a "Blue Nose."

Bob also served on *USS Orion* (AS-18), *USS Proteus* (AS-19), *USS Duncan* (DD-874), and *USS Simon Lake* (AS-33). He was also stationed at Sub Base Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii, NATIC in Memphis, Tennessee, UnSta in Charleston, South Carolina, and FMAG in Norfolk, Virginia. After his retirement, Mr. Moore worked for Luick Quality Gage and Tool for over twenty-five years until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Mary Moore, Muncie; two sons, Bob Moore Jr. and James Moore, Muncie, and a daughter Mary Kostakos, Beaverton, Oregon.



Dwane Franklin Yoder

1950-52

Dwane Franklin Yoder, 82, retired U.S. Navy Captain, died peacefully at his home in Mechanicsburg, Pa., on Monday, May 16, 2011. Dwane cherished this life as a husband, father, grandfather, mentor, friend, and servant of Christ.



Born in Boswell, Pa., in 1928, Dwane attended the Indiana State Teacher's College (now IUP) where he met and married his sweetheart, then enlisted in the Navy immediately after graduation in 1950. After serving aboard *USS Orion* (1950-52), Dwane graduated from Officer Candidate

School in Newport, R.I., and received his commission in 1953. His 28-year naval career included service in Newfoundland (Argentia 1953-55), Pearl Harbor (CINCPACFLT HQ 1959-62), aboard *USNS Muller* (1964-66), Edzell Scotland (naval security station XO/CO 1969-72), NSA at Ft. Meade, Md. (1972-75), all interspersed with tours at Naval Security Group HQ, Washington D.C.

Surviving Dwane is his loving family: wife of 59 years, Mary Annette (Miller); daughter: Dr. Bonita Fisher of Bethlehem, PA; three sons: Kenneth of Myerstown and his wife, Janell, David of Easton and his wife, Mary, and Frank of Mechanicsburg.

George F. Gilstrap

1943-46, QM2, N Div.

George F. Gilstrap passed away peacefully at his home on April 6, 2011.

George was born in Burke, Idaho, on April 12, 1925, to George R. and Hester Gilstrap. He served in the U.S. Navy during WW II.

George was an employee of Washington Water Power Co. for 32 years, retiring as a line foreman in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Sonya, and his children: Elaine, Beth, Theresa, Greg, and Jane. — Sonya Gilstrap

Luke Sarsfield

1950-60, EMCM

It is with regret that I inform you that Luke Sarsfield passed away on January 17, 2011.

— wife, Phyllis Sarsfield

Allen R. Obergfell

1951-54, MR1, 12-M Div., Machine Shop

"Obie" passed away December 24, 2010.

— Dave Bailey