



# USS Springfield- April 2023 Newsletter



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## A UNIQUE DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Phillip Berry's story of being on board as the CL66 was moved from San Francisco to Boston in 1957 for its conversion to the CLG7 is one that is truly worthy of sharing. If it wasn't for Phillip and the others in the skeleton crew aboard in March or April of '57, the conversion from CL-66 to CLG-7 may not have taken place.

**Phillip Berry DC3, Eng Div, 57-57** was "volunteered" to be part of the crew that was to be aboard during this move, and what an adventure it was. With no power except for one generator, meals, sleeping quarters, showers and toilets were all makeshift. Phillip says the toilet was mounted over a hole on the fantail, along with a bucket with a line attached to get some water for the flush and the fantail became the poop deck. He and another Shipmate raised an Irish Flag in honor of St Patrick's Day.

It was slow going, as it got towed from San Francisco through the Panama Canal and on up to Boston. Certainly not the best duty station, but we do owe Phillip and those who were on board with him our thanks for getting the ship to the right place so the CL66 could become the CLG7.

Phillip says it was his last assignment as his term of enlistment was up and it was time to move on to other things. At 89 years of age, he now lives in Newtown, CT.



## USS SPRINGFIELD MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to shipmate **Larry Shorts RM2 OR Div 65-67** who is our latest addition to the on-line roster. If you know of other shipmates not on our roster, please ask them to fill out a member form from our web page or mail us their information.

During the last month we salute new **Life Members Bill Crowe, LT, R Div. 63-64** and **Thomas Kirejczk, FTM2 F Div 60-63** and our newest **Annual Paid** members: **Walter Anderson ETN3 OE Div 65-67, Donald Banks SN FT Div 63-65, Thomas Lindley CTSN G Div 63-65, Ken Paradis RMSN OR Div 60-62, Larry Rosenberg SN 1st Div 63-65, Richard West MM2 M Div 60-62** and **Richard D.Miles LT(JG) Supply 65-66**

**Thank you all for supporting our organization - the USS SPRINGFIELD BLUEJACKETS.**

**While we are a not-for-profit-all-volunteer organization, we still have expenses to meet in keeping our organization viable. Your support is appreciated to the max. Annual dues are \$20 or become a Life Member for \$100.**

Please make your checks payable to: USS Springfield Bluejackets Inc. and mail to: Keith Rivard-Treasurer, 160 Tommotley Dr, Loudon, TN 37774-2120.

You can also pay via our web page: [www.ussspringfield.org](http://www.ussspringfield.org) and click on the Ship Store Menu (<https://store16038547.ecwid.com/>)

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## SHOULD WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE?

Should we have a facebook page? It could be useful to share photos and stories of your time aboard the Springfield. Anyone in a position to manage one? If so give Keith or Dave a call. Thanks

# MY UNCONVENTIONAL SUCCESSFUL PATH TO ADMIRAL

by Jimmy Pappas Vice Admiral, USN (Retired)

A few weeks ago, I received a nice surprise. Shipmate **Jimmy Pappas LT OPS 62-64** sent a copy of his book-

## *“MY UNCONVENTIONAL SUCCESSFUL PATH TO ADMIRAL”*

Vice Admiral Jimmy Pappas began his Navy Career as a Seaman Recruit in 1956 and retired as a Vice Admiral in 1991. During his time on active duty, his duty stations included sea, shore and staff duty assignments ranging from Division Officer to Commanding Officer to the Flag Officer in Command of all Atlantic Fleet Replenishment and Repair ships and as the Director of Logistics during Desert Storm for General Colin Powell.

On board the USS Springfield from 62-64 he was both an Operations Officer and Deck Division Officer.

In reading this book, I found myself reliving moments spent on the Springfield as our ship carried out its normal at sea refueling and replenishing maneuvers. I also truly enjoyed reading about Vice Admiral Pappas' assignments as he advanced in rank. Jimmy generously donated a few copies of the book, which are available in the Ship Store. Thank you, Jimmy, for sharing your story.”

## *IN REMEMBRANCE of CLG-7 SHIPMATES*

As a result of family members informing of their passing and by doing some internet searches, last month, we have learned of an additional 20 CLG-7 shipmates who are no longer with us. This month we offer our prayers and honor shipmates **George Marlin CSCM 70-72, William Rayle BT1 64-66, Clyde Holbrooke QM3 61-63, Ted Saffer MT2 60-63, B.A. Tony MT2 67-70, Fate Spears LCPL 60-62, William Wood SK2 60-62, CDR Robert Malaney LT 62-64, Rineo Pancho DK1 68-70, Dave Myers RM3 62-64, CDR Richesrd Collier LT 62-64, CAPT Russell Crenshaw CAPT 62-64, CAPT Norman Bohan CDR 64-66, RADM John Kane, Jr. CAPT 64-66, CAPT Richard Faubion CDR 60-62, CAPT Dwight Wadsworth CDR 63-65, Edwin Seal CSC 60-62, Clarence West Sr. RM3 66-68, Fenton Seaton RD2 64-66 and Howard Bylund LT 59-61**

*“I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: ‘I served in the*

**United States**

**NAVY**

” John F. Kennedy

## *USS SPRINGFIELD CL66 UPDATE*

USS Springfield (CL-66) was one of 27 Cleveland-class light cruisers built for the United States Navy during World War II. She was the third US Navy ship to be named after Springfield, Illinois. Commissioned in 1944, she served briefly in the Atlantic before transferring to the Pacific. There she served with fast carrier task forces, primarily in an anti-aircraft role, but also in a shore bombardment role in the last stages of the Pacific War. She earned two battle stars for wartime service. Like all but one of her sister ships, she was decommissioned and laid up soon after the end of World War II. In 1957, she was towed from San Francisco to Boston to be converted to a Providence-class guided missile cruiser and modified to become a flagship. In 1960 she was recommissioned as the CLG-7 Flagship.



As mentioned in earlier newsletters, we have been diligently working on getting our data base and the on-line roster updated. In doing so we have made several mailings to CL66 shipmates and except for a few, who were great to hear from, most of the feedback was from newsletters being returned as un-deliverable. In follow-up, we have done extensive internet searching and have learned of the passing many CL66 Shipmates. We have looked for recent information on all of the 336 Shipmates that we have on our roster and it is now as up to date as we can make it. Thanks to all who have helped on this project. Please take a look at the roster and if you have information on any shipmates that we may have missed, please let us know.

<https://ussspringfield.org/index.php?action=All>

## *2023 REUNION UPDATE*

We now have 49 Shipmates, Spouses and Guests coming on the Reunion Cruise for what promises to be a great time. We'll be together each evening for Dinner, we have two coffee hours scheduled to discuss Bluejackets business items and expect to have daily happy hour sessions each after noon to allow some time for mingling and catch up. If you were on the fence about joining us but wish to, please call the Carnival Cruise Planning Department, at 866 721-3225, let them know that you wish to be part of the USS SPRINGFIELD BLUEJACKETS Group L2D9D7 and make sure that they give you the 6PM Dining time. The time for getting the special pricing we were able to arrange is past, but there seems to be always room aboard to accommodate those wishing to cruise.

# SHIP STORE

Recent additions to the Ship Store include a US Navy/Sixth Fleet t-shirt, a USS SPRINGFIELD logoed Polo Shirt and a book “MY UNCONVENTIONAL SUCCESSFUL PATH TO ADMIRAL” by Shipmate VADM Jimmy Pappas. (Jimmy was on the USS Springfield 62-64 as an OPERATIONS Officer and a 1<sup>st</sup> Division Officer.)

Visit our Ship Store on-line at <https://store16038547.company.site> or if you don't have access to the internet call Keith Rivard (865-388-2478).

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