

2014 Reunion

PICTURES....PICTURES.....WE'VE GOT LOADS AND LOADS OF REUNION PICTURES!!

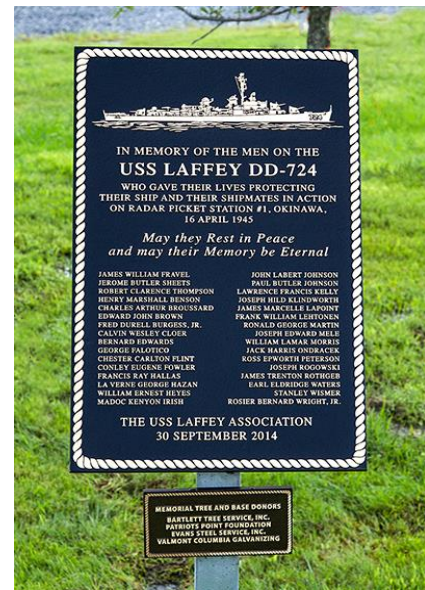
(A special thank you goes out to our member Michael Coleman who provided the following pictures for inclusion in this newsletter. NOTE: These pictures detail the Memorial Tree and its WWII Plaque dedication as well as the Memorial Service aboard Laffey. The next edition will contain many, many photos from the farewell dinner and other reunion experiences)



Sonny Walker comments about the new plaque



Crowd begins to assemble for plaque unveiling adjacent to the memorial tree



Plaque listing deceased from the 1945 Okinawa Battle - Positioned near the memorial tree.



Don Watson prepares to unveil the memorial plaque dedicated to Okinawa Battle deceased



President Sonny Walker addresses the Memorial Ceremony Attendees aboard Laffey



The 2014 Okinawa Battle Memorial Ceremony



The Laffey sailors gather together on the fantail



SM1 Bill Blackstock's Son, Bill Blackstock, Jr. provides TAPS during the memorial ceremony



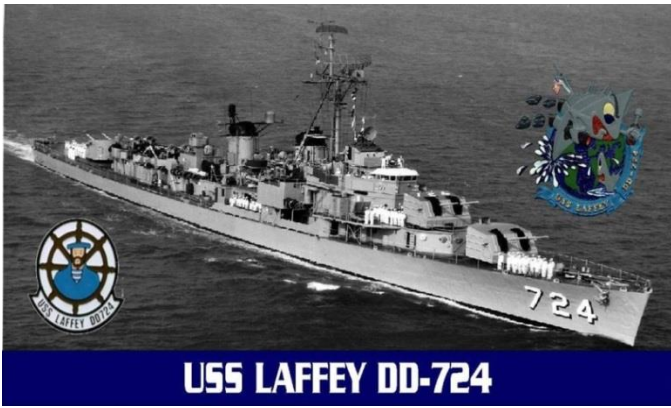
The sixties generation has a group photo



Barbara Kessler and Lariene Kurtz accompany Sonny Walker in song (Thankfully!!!)



The fifties were well represented for a photo-op



So Fran – Did you catch “heck” over this?



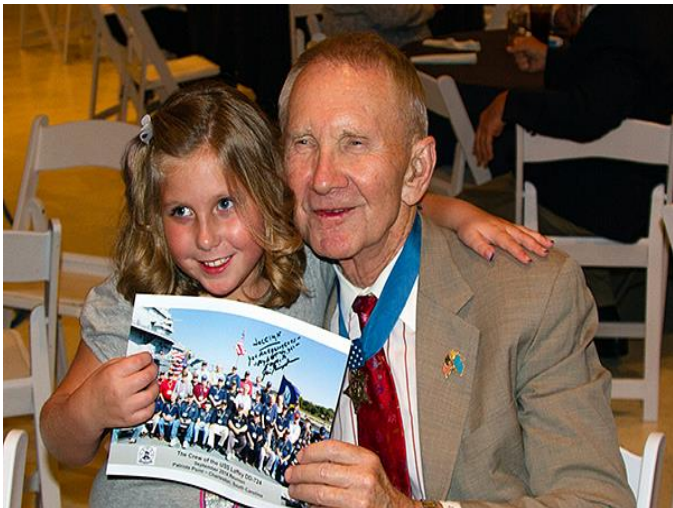
Does a President outrank a General?



Pat Striplin “volunteers” to be part of the show



Member Don Nicholson and Great Granddaughter Jocelynn



Now Jocelynn - No cuddling with the General!



The winner of the knot tying contest is... Don Nicholson's Great Granddaughter, Jocelynn.



The Andrew Sisters: "Letters from home"



Sorry George... You didn't have a chance!!



Major General James Livingston, USMC speaks