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LAST CALL FOR THE 1997 "MULE" REUNION

Feb 24, 1997

This is the last call for the 1997 Reunion of the USS Muliphen AKA-61. The Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Atlantic Beach North Carolina on May 2, 3, and 4.

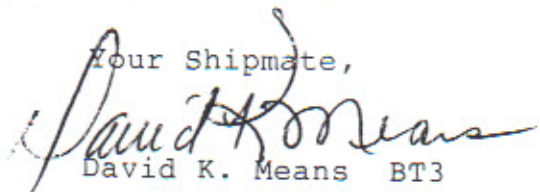
Everything appears to be progressing very well. Several have already made their reservations and we hope you will be making yours soon as the deadline is April 11. The phone number for the Holiday Inn is 1-800-733-7888 and be sure to mention that you are with the Muliphen Reunion. If you are planning to attend our Banquet you will also need to send a check for \$12.00 per person attending. You can make your check payable to the USS Muliphen Reunion and mail it to me by April 11 also.

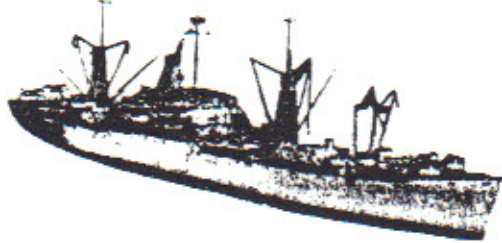
Atlantic Photo will be available to take a group photo of us at 5:30 P.M. These photos will be mailed to your home if you choose to order one. Dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. Captain Campbell, Skipper of the "Mule" from Sept. 1956 to Oct. 1957 will be in attendance and will be our "Guest Speaker."

We will gather in the Hospitality Room on Friday after checking in so be sure to bring photos, slides, cruise books or anything that may be of interest. The Hotel Staff says that we should have great weather so hopefully a good time will be had by all.

This is just a reminder to go ahead and get those plans to join us sealed with a kiss and a reservation. My wife Pat and I are looking forward to meeting all of you. If you need to clarify any uncertainties please call us at: (304) 757-6420. If you've made plans to be there then get busy!! Start packing as we'll be there before you know it!!!

Your Shipmate,


David K. Means BT3
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USS MULIPHEN REUNION ASSOC.

August 4, 1997

Now hear this...Now hear this,

The 1997 Reunion was held in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. We had in attendance 46 crewmen and 86 for the banquet. Several new faces surfaced and 4 men were reunited that had not seen each other in 50 years. Many others from all across the States met again. It was very apparent that everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to the next reunion.

John Burpluis, Bob Cook, and Fred Rodriguez have volunteered their time and assistance for future reunion plans. It was agreed upon by overall opinion that an association be formed and annual dues of \$12.00 should be paid to aid in the funding of postage and etc. All funds should be accounted for and a membership card will be sent out to all paid members by the next mailing. Dues can be paid by sending a check payable to: John Burpluis, 801 Watkins Way, Newark, DE 19702 Also, please make note of Membership Dues on the Memo portion of your check.

For those who were present at the "97" Reunion you will recall a questionnaire that was circulated by Fred Rodriguez regarding where you would like the next reunion to be held. The results were tabulated and it seems that the overall opinion was to go back to Virginia Beach, Virginia, however we still don't have the final tabulation as to exactly what "S. O. S." really is.

The Virginia Beach Dept. of Tourism was contacted and all the Hotels sent their brochures and offers and after weighing all the information on hand we are pleased to announce that the SAND CASTLE HOTEL will be hosting our "98 Reunion." They have offered us a much larger Hospitality Room and a Buffet Menu as well. The Reunion will be held on May 1, 2, & 3, 1998. We are still negotiating a tour for our group and more details will be included in the next mailing. Please make notations on your calendars and please, all of you who have attended either or both the 96 & 97 reunions, make plans to return for the 98 Reunion as we want this to be our biggest and best Reunion ever. To all who have never been able to attend, you are most welcome and you are missing out on a great time.

Several of you have called to thank us for the complete list of names you received and I want to clarify the fact that we have a shipmate by the name of Michael Sabie to thank as he typed, published, and mailed everyone on the list a copy at his own expense. Michael is from Phoenix, AZ and served aboard the Muliphen from 63 - 65 as a SN. Thank you for a job well done Michael!! Hopefully we will be able to thank you personally at the 98 Reunion.

If anyone would be interested, we will have available this year a limited quantity of Golf Shirts with the Ship's Patch silk screened on the left breast. It will be 50% polyester and 50% cotton and will be available in Small thru XLarge for \$13.00 and XLarge thru XXXLarge for \$15.00 each. If we have enough interested in shirts we can place an extra order at a later time. I also failed to mention that they will only be available in blue.

Those attending the 97 Reunion were:

John Burpluis	56-59	Charles Cammack	52-54	Robert Gibson	61-62
John Spencer	59-62	Tom Brown	52-54	Jim O'Rourke	56-59
Fred Rodriguez	58-59	Herscel Wright	53-54	Donald Beane	61-62
Dan Kelly	1944	John Fox	59-61	Harold Smith	55-59
John Suits	56-61	Joseph Michalski	51-54	John Riley	44-46
Alfonse Makosky	51-55	Homer Ratliff	52-56	John Blouse	65-69
Bill Jenkins	59-62	Tim Soster	61-62	James Anderson	56-58
Bob Cook	58-60	Leonard Cartrite	56-58	Richard Walker	
Larry Weaver	61-62	Lewis Worsham	1960	William Jackson	
John Bundschuh		Stewart Lindsay	56-59	John Roger	1944
Stanton Price		Edward Martin	61-64	Allen Eckland	1946
Michael Pavlovich	1944	Richard Schroeder	51-52	John Bastein	
David Olcefski	61-63	Herman Autry	61-65	Ernest Bradford	44-45
Al Whitcomb	47-53	Joe Richard	61-63	Robert Woodward	
Vernon Miller	60-63	Richard Gore	61-62	David Means	57-58
		Fred Thomas	61-63		

Taps: Jim McCarthy (June 4, 1997)

(65 Rooms will be available to accommodate our stay this year and information to contact the Hotel will be included in the next mailing)

If anyone has any thoughts or ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me, David Means, at (304) 757-6420 or write me at 108 Valley View Drive, Scott Depot, WV 25560. I can't emphasize enough that this is your reunion as well as mine!!! Without your input I don't know what we need.

Thanks again,

David Means BTZ
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