



# USS MULIPHEN REUNION ASSOC.

March 6, 1999

Hello Shipmates,

Are we all packed and ready for Valley Forge, Pennsylvania yet? It's almost time for the 4th Annual USS Muliphen Reunion. We would like to apologize for the tardiness of this newsletter but every-time we started to prepare it something was pending that we needed to tell you about.....so here's the information that we have thus far.

We will be staying at the Park Ridge Hotel in Valley Forge, PA from May 6 through May 9, 1999. Your reservations need to be made by the deadline date of April 5, 1999. You can call the Park Ridge Hotel at 1-800-337-1801 to make your reservations and be sure to tell them that you are with the USS Muliphen Reunion Group to be assured of the rates that were quoted to us. Those rates are \$85.00 + tax per night for single/double occupancy rooms.

We are also planning a bus tour of "America's Most Historic Square Mile" for Friday, May 7, and the price of the tour is \$23.00 per person. The tour money needs to be pre-paid by April 5, 1999 also. You can send a check payable to The USS MULiphen Reunion Association to David Means, 108 Valley View Dr., Scott Depot, WV 25560. During the tour we will stop at the Reading Terminal Market for lunch where everyone will buy their own lunch. The tour departs from the Hotel at 9:00 A.M. and returns to the Hotel at 5:00 P.M.

Saturday is a free day for you to plan anything you want. There are a lot of activities in the vicinity of the Park Ridge Hotel including golfing at the adjacent 18 hole golf course, swimming in the courtyard free style swimming pool, an Amish Village to visit, shopping at the largest enclosed shopping mall on the East Coast (King of Prussia Shopping Mall). Valley Forge National Park, Sesame Place Theme Park, and the majestic Longwood Gardens are all nearby also. Be sure to save some of your energy for our "Brandywine Buffet Dinner" for Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M. at the Park Ridge Hotel. The price of the dinner will be \$23.50 per person and needs to be pre-paid also by April 5, 1999. If you are interested in the tour and the dinner just total the cost and use one check payable to the USS Muliphen Reunion Association and again mail to David Means, 108 Valley View Dr., Scott Depot, WV 25560.

The pending information we wanted to pass on to you concerns the photographer. We found someone who will be able to prepare a Memories Photo Album in COLOR for a fee of \$20.00 each. We are very pleased to be able to have this feature again.

We are also going to be able to offer you a baseball style embroidered USS Muliphen navy regulation hat for \$10.00. If you've ever bought one before or priced them you will be able to tell why we are pleased with the price. If you should want one delivered to you just add \$3.00 for shipping and send your check payable to David Means to the above mentioned address and we'll get it right to you. We have 36 hats to offer and can re-order if enough of you want them. John Burpulis has some Mike Boat

Lapel Pins that he will be selling during the reunion for \$8.00 each that would look great on those new hats. So look for John at the reunion for those.

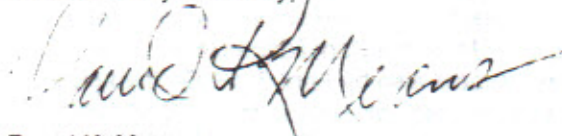
Many of you expressed an interest in obtaining a copy of the video of the USS Muliphen being prepared for sinking at Ft. Pierce, FL. We can have the videos copied for you for \$20.00 each. All we need to know is if you want it and if you want it delivered at the Reunion or mailed to your address.

We currently have 336 names on our mailing list and some of those names are of crewmen we haven't had the pleasure of meeting. We welcome you to attend the USS Muliphen Reunion and look forward to spending some memory making events with you. We had 85 crewmen together last year and with their guests we had 153 in attendance for our Banquet at the Sandcastle Hotel in Virginia Beach, Va in 1998.

We have a USS Muliphen Reunion Association to help in the planning of these events for newsletters, the cost of mailing them, food provided at the Hospitality Room events and to help cover all other types of expenses in the Planning of these Reunions. If you would like to join the Reunion Association to help keep this Reunion active you can do so by sending a check in the amount of \$20.00 made payable to John Burpulis. Send it to him at 801 Watkins Way, Newark DE 19702. Our dues are collected annually by John Burpulis, Treasurer, from May to the following May. He then sends you a Membership Card that is updated to show that you are a member in good standing. Many of you have never attended a Reunion and we'd love to meet you. We, however, never apply any pressure for you to join the Assoc. or obligate you beyond enjoying yourselves at any of these gatherings.

We want to be able to keep on growing by reaching new crewmen each year. If you know of someone who served on the USS Muliphen anytime from 1944 to 1969 please contact us to see if we have their name on our mailing list. If you need more details of the Bus Tour or the Brandywine Buffet please feel free to call David Means at (304) 757-6420. This will be the last newsletter before we meet in Valley Forge, PA. If you have any suggestions or any questions we will try our best to provide solutions for them.

Until we see you in May,



David K. Means