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17th Annual Reunion Newsletter



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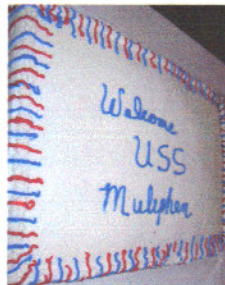
May 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE HELM:

What a wonderful surprise Chattanooga, TN provided for our 17th annual reunion. The Choo Choo, the Food, and the ease of getting around the city. Chattanooga may not have been a Navy town, as we know, but it certainly carried its weight during the Civil War through the use of the Tennessee River.



The Reception buffet was highlighted by the home-made "Welcome" cake provided by Brenda Baines (The Wotherspoon's guest). While at the same time two new first time reunion shipmates arrived. William Christofferson and wife Alice and George Senior and his guest Joseph Pinter, a fellow DD sailor. It was very nice to see the first timers and returning shipmates, John Spencer and David & Pat Means.



Our stay started a little wet, but the weather progressively got better. It was dry and sunny for our bus tour around the city, with a stop in the Artsy community at the edge of downtown. Onto the Southern Bell paddle boat with a lunch buffet and a fun talk narrated by "Hubert" our guide.



The Choo Choo hotel, the famous converted train depot, legend for the famous 40's song "the Chattanooga Choo Choo". I can't help but think of the revised version, "*Pardon me Roy, is that the cat that chewed your new shoes?*" Sorry, I had to say that. The hotel had sleeper train cars as hotel rooms. The famous engine on track 29, a vintage trolley that circumvented the complex, a model rail road display, several restaurants and gift shops, complete the complex. If you didn't feel entertained at the depot, you could simply walk across the drive way and hope onto a "free" clean-air electric bus, that took you around the city, with many on and off stops.



The evening banquet started with the photo shoot by our host "Dina", as she prepared for the reunion book. As the banquet started we were all pleasantly surprised by a trio of Choo Choo waitresses performing one of the best a cappella versions of our National Anthem, I've heard in a long time. It brought tears to my eyes and a swelling in my heart.

Herman Autry did the benediction and the Missing Shipmate services were provided by John Ellas and myself. The dinner was very good and the desert was an ample piece of cheese cake, unlike last years, dime size dollop of unknown cream.

Following dinner, National Park Service Ranger James (Jim) Ogden III gave a very informative narration of the civil war battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, Jim provided map handouts and showed samples of



civil war uniforms and soldiers paraphernalia. Jim's long history with the Park Service and lifetime interest in history allows him to teach and speak as an expert on T.V.'s PBS's "History Detectives" and the History Channel's "Civil War Combat". Afterwards, Jim was presented with a USS Muliphen cap and made an Honorary member of the ship's company.

THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting was uneventful, with the exception of New Business.

Because of the loss of our Membership Officer: Ron Wiant, I had asked his wife Joan if she would stay on as Membership Officer. She gave a tentative acceptance. We will revisit the position next year.

Next years 18th Annual Reunion, after some discussion with a few suggestions, I brought up the issues of a CRUISE Reunion. I had been contacted by numerous shipmates asking about a cruise reunion. I had asked George Hollins to do a little research. While considering cost, time of year and location, it was settled that Carnival Cruise Lines, meets all the above criteria. Dates and locations were voted on and all were in favor, except Jim Finley. He said, "someone had to say, No!", even though he was going on the cruise.

Tentatively, the Cruise will be out of Port Canaveral, FL on May 5th, 2013 for 4 days. We are going to try and keep the total cost below \$600 for two. Prices are subject to change, we will get the information to everyone ASAP.

HINT: Check or get your Passport in order. You can't cruise without one. * see page 5



2012 REUNION ATTENDEES



1. David & Pat Means
2. John Spencer
3. William & Alice Christoffersen
4. George Senior
5. Joseph Pinter (friend of George Senior)
6. John & Neva Ellas
7. Herman & Nancy Autry
8. Gerald & Liz Wotherspoon
9. David & Brinda Baines (Niece of Liz Wotherspoon)
10. James & Billie Jo Finley
11. Richard & Faith Markley
12. Robert Casey & Karen Robertson
13. Edward & Theresa McCaffrey
14. George & Rachel Hollins
15. Louis & Connie Gross
16. Edward & Louise Martin

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Herman Autry



- Carroll "Red" A. Crimmin - 3/28/12
- Jack P. Trees - 3/19/12
- Ronald "Doc" Wiant - 2/24/12
- Walter D. Schreck - 1/22/12
- Michael L. Sabie, Sr. - 12/15/11
- Richard H. Hemingson - 11/6/11
- Richard "Dick" P. Walker - 9/14/11
- Alfonse "Skee" M. Makosky - 9/2/11
- James N. Rosenthal, Sr. - 8/28/11
- Adolf J. Ciszewski - 6/21/11
- Richard J. Dubois - 1/16/11

ANNUAL AFTER-REUNION DONATIONS DRIVE

We have just begun our 2nd year of funding through donations. I appreciate those generous donors, without you there would be no website or



newsletters. Until recently we have not had to place deposits down at reunion sites. That was Military Locators responsibility, one of the benefits of having a professional reunion organizer. They placed the deposits, they provided event insurance and they took the heat for problems before or during the reunion events. Well...That's about to change. This coming 18th Reunion will be a cruise, totally funded by each attendee. In 2014, we will attempt to put-on our own reunion. That will call for deposits, and insurance. In preparation of those expenditures' and a strong desire to upgrade computer software and Audio/Visual equipment, I encouraging a healthy "TAX FREE" donation from each member (if possible). Remember we are a 501(c)19 Not-for-profit veterans organization. When you donate save this page of the newsletter for Tax Purpose.

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Keep this for Tax records when you send your Tax deductible Donation

Your Name: _____
 Check Number: _____
 Date of Check: _____
 Amount: _____

The USS Muliphen Reunion Association is an IRS 501(c)19 qualified Non-Profit Military Organization and all donations are qualified as Tax Deductable. Including "PayPal".

Enclosed you will find an addressed envelope to our Association Treasurer. Please feel generous and donate. Thank you.

COMPUTER UPDATES

Please E-mail me at President@ussmuliphen.com for updating your records:



Change of E-mail, your home address, phone number, marital status. Take time to share this information with an old shipmates.

Recently, I have had both E-mail and Telephone requests for information on former shipmates. I respond to the individuals that requested "reconnect" information, but I don't give out personal information for commercial use.

The good news is a "reconnect" has taken place and two very happy shipmates are having their own mini-reunion this year. Remember a reconnect always take place at our Annual Reunions.

Ship's Website: www.ussmuliphen.com

Ship's FaceBook: ussmuliphen.com

Ship's PayPal is available.

MULIPHEN MUSEUM

*(The St. Lucie County's
 Regional Historical
 Center in Fort Pierce, FL)*



Located at 414 Seaway Dr. Fort Pierce, FL 34949. Phone: 772-462-1795. Director: Ms. Nancy Bennett. E-Mail: slcrhc@stlucieco.org NOTE: The UDT Seal Museum is located just up the road.

If you have "USS Muliphen" memorabilia or artifacts, setting in your cellar or attic collecting dust, please make arraignments to have it shipped to and displayed or store at the museum. Call Ms. Bennett. Tell her who you are and what you have. If it's a Pappa Boat, they'd love to have it.

NEXT PROJECTS (FINDING FRIENDS)

One of the most difficult chores I have as President of the reunion association is locating and communicating with members or family members of our



shipmates. I need help identifying and finding former shipmates. It may seem easy. But when you think about how Military records are kept, you begin to understand the problem.

First, when you know the shipmates name and service number, you can get a DD-214, but that doesn't tell you where they are **now**.

Second, you can get the ship's history and personnel information on Microfiche, through the National Archives, but that doesn't tell you where they are **now**.

Presently, I'm compiling a of former shipmate list of names, from old reunion books. Many guys have moved and some had died, but I will send a list of names and last known addresses at a later date.

It requires good "old fashion" research and phone calls. I've done a lot of calls, some sad, some very glad to hear from a shipmate. Some funny, "I don't know where that ole S.O.B. is and I don't care!" I guess some history just doesn't need to be brought up.

If you are interested in helping please contact me: Jerry at 813-685-9477

Here are a few things you can do. Try and reconnect with an old shipmate, then have him contact a shipmate and so on. Report back to me what you find out. If it's sad news, I can add names to the Memorial. If it's good news I can add names to the Newsletter list. Please help out. It's something you can do from home.

U.S.M.C.

(Without them we were just a hole in the water.)



Let's not forget the our ship's mission. It was getting the Marines to the fight and home safely.

Marines were our shipmates. I hope they will enjoy a reunion.

If you have any U.S. Marine friends that had been stationed on the Muliphen. Please have them contact Jerry Wotherspoon at

president@ussmuliphen.com. We will add them to our address list for reunion details and our Newsletters.

SHIP'S STORE

George Hollins

Because next years reunion will take place on a Cruise Ship, I will not have merchandise with me. In anticipation of buying a new cap or shirts for the reunion, please contact me, George Hollins your Storekeeper at: 540-872-2870 and go to the ship's website at www.ussmuliphen.com and click on the Ship's Store to see the merchandise. You will also be responsible for postage.

Remember 100% of the profits goes to the USS Muliphen Reunion Association.



2013 REUNION

Group Booking is NOW available for the 2013 USS Muliphen Reunion on the Cruise Ship "Sensation" out of Port Canaveral, FL, departing 5/5/13 at 4:00 pm to Freeport The Bahamas and onto Nassau. The ship will return to Port Canaveral, FL on 5/9/13 at 7:00 am.

Because, this Reunion is for Shipmates, Family and Friends, share this information with your Family and Friends and make it a true reunion.

Call: 1-800-438-6744 Extension 70480 The Group booking # 27LDR1 for the "USS Muliphen Reunion". A deposit is needed when you call to book your cruise.

The current lowest rates are locked-in until June 13th 2012. I will call Carnival on that date and try to continue the same low rate. (This process needs to be done ever couple of weeks. Even as the rates change, I can lock them in at the lowest current rate.) That is why I want everyone to understand

the rates WILL change. Meaning if you book now and your friend books in 2 months, they may have a different booking rate.

I discussed Military Rates, and found even though we are all eligible for Military Rates, the Group Rate is cheaper. When calling Carnival, remember to advise them if you are a past cruiser on Carnival. Ask as many questions as you can. Please share with me your suggestions and opinions.

Before buying Travel Insurance with Carnival Cruise, I recommend checking with a local agency. In our area (Tampa, FL) I use AAA but, rates vary around the country. My reason for using an independent insurance carrier, they tend to be more inclusive, i.e. your flight, car rental, hotel and cruise and they are usually less expensive.

I'm not quoting the cruise prices, when you call, Carnival will do that based on your room selection. I have presently reserved 24 rooms on deck 4B inside and 16 rooms on deck 4B outside (porthole) rooms. However, you can book any level of room you want and our group gets credit for it.

I have included a "flyer" from Carnival.

*PASSPORT question. Do I need a passport for this cruise? Answer: No, but you do need an original birth certificate plus a valid state ID. Here's the kicker. If you get sick or stranded in the Bahamas and must fly home, you MUST have a valid "Passport" to fly. Bottom-line: get your passport in order.

Booking number 1-800-438-6744 Ex. 70480

USS MULIPHEN REUNION group
booking number 27LDR1

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The USS Rankin AKA-103 has invited us to  
their September 13-16 2012 reunion in  
New Orleans, LA  
Check out their website at [www.ussrankin.org](http://www.ussrankin.org)

*Below are names of Shipmates I have no other information on. Please check the list and provide me with updated information*

**California**

Joseph Macon  
Stanley Szydlowski  
Kenneth Quellette  
Richard Schmitz  
Allen Andrews  
District of Columbia  
Donald Lawson  
Kenneth Mangum

**Florida**

Joseph Page  
Leo Coar  
P Pieper

**Georgia**

Joe Wright

**Iowa**

Jerome Day Jr  
John Opheim

**Illinois**

Terry Brown  
Jerry Lawless

**Indiana**

Mike Keesling  
Phillip Mosier  
Eugene Kubiak

**Kentucky**

David Mudd

**Louisiana**

Benny Garlington

**Massachusetts**

James Bevens  
Joseph Ippolito  
Louis Canale

**Maryland**

Ronald Harper  
Chuck Rothlingshofer  
Samel Burnett IV  
Louis Carletti Jr.  
Carroll Shay  
George Dorsey Jr.  
Theodore Stippich  
Capt John Riley

**Maine**

Robert Hamilton

**Michigan**

Arthur Herman  
Donald Maltby

**Missouri**

Donald Wallace

**Mississippi**

Charles "Chuck" Ruth  
Larry Clark

**North Carolina**

David Davidson  
James Stanley  
George Brown Jr

**New Hampshire**

Geoffrey Burke

**New Jersey**

Kenneth Satucci  
Richard Kelley

**New York**

John Both  
Howard Murray  
Capt Marshall Andrews Jr  
Eric Anderson  
Charles Fischer

Robert Quinn  
LCDR Robert Stabe  
Nicholas Cianflone  
Rick Haas, Jr  
Phillip Truncali  
Ohio

Robert Barker  
Charles Anderson  
John Pearson  
Elwin Wolfe  
C. Wright

Larry Weaver  
People Ohio

**Oklahoma**

James Gibson

**Pennsylvania**

Charles King  
Robert Steele  
Henry "Hank" Muir  
Paul Besitka  
David Heller  
James "Jim" McAdams

**South Carolina**

Martin Cook

**South Dakota**

Oliver "Dutch" Hoff

**Tennessee**

Randall Cox  
Charles Jones

**Unknown State**

Joseph Bonner  
Gary Boxall  
James Brown  
John Burman  
Laurence (Larry) Reed  
Joseph Cerullo Jr.  
John Milatz  
H. Linden Wright  
Paul Hacker  
A Keement  
Norbert Shinsky  
Ernesto Villamil  
Roosevelt "Candyman" Whiteaker  
Dean Buri  
James Cummins  
Harrell Denson  
Michael Emma  
John Grubbs  
Lloyd Harwood  
Wayne Heber  
Lawrence Hine  
Cornell Houston



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JOIN GROUP BOOKING 27LDR1

## USS MULIPHEN REUNION

05/05/2013

INTERIOR

**\$289.00\***

OCEAN VIEW

**\$319.00\***

\*Carnival reserves the right to re-instate a fuel supplement for all guests at up to \$9pp per day if the NYMEX oil price exceeds \$70 a barrel.

\*Rates are in US dollars, per person, based on double occupancy and subject to availability. Government taxes and fees (\$17-\$299) are additional.

## THE BAHAMAS

Find your ultimate happy place on a Carnival cruise to The Bahamas. With glass-bottom boat rides, the Atlantis Aquaventure Water Park, duty-free shopping, and crystal-clear waters for miles, you're in for nonstop fun in the sun.



| DayOfWeek | PortName                     | ArrivalTime | DepartureTime |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| SUN       | PORT CANAVERAL (ORLANDO), FL |             | 4:00 PM       |
| MON       | FREEPORT, THE BAHAMAS        | 10:00 AM    | 5:00 PM       |
| TUE       | NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS          | 8:00 AM     | 5:00 PM       |
| WED       | FUN DAY AT SEA               |             |               |
| THU       | PORT CANAVERAL (ORLANDO), FL | 7:00 AM     |               |

ACT NOW!

THE GROUP RATES LISTED WILL BE VALID ONLY UNTIL 6/14/2012

CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES

1-800-438-6744 EXTENSION 70480