



# USS Muliphen AKA-61 Reunion Association



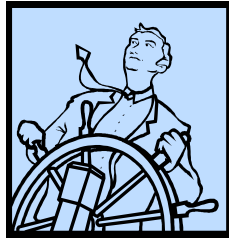
## Newsletter

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### From the Helm:

**S**hip's Log 10.13.2013, the crew has been dismissed from the reunion activities. Everyone is headed home for "Shore Leave". San Antonio was a very busy place and we met all our goals.



On Thursday we had a wonderful evening cruise down the "San Antonio river at the river walk with an authentic, TexMex dinner.

Friday, a busy day touring around the Missions in San Antonio. There was an I-Max show near the Alamo and a tour of the Alamo. Later that night we went to an authentic Texas ranch. After a short hay ride to see some long horn steers, we had a Texas style dinner in the Chow-hall. Our entertainment was by a cowboy fiddler and a real cowboy ropers (our cowboy was just like Will Rogers with his home style humor.) Cobbler desert around a blazing campfire topped off Friday.

Saturday, we bused up to Fredericksburg, TX. We toured Nimitz/WWII museum and the old German town of Fredericksburg. We came back to the Nimitz memorial gardens and unveiled the new Muliphen plaque that will be permanently displayed in the beautiful park. When you are in Fredericksburg, visit the memorial next to the WWII museum, it is beautiful and free. Also, the Museum is free to all WWII veterans

At 5:30 pm we were back at the hotel for photo's and the banquet. The entertainment was provided by a reenactment husband and wife team, representing homesteader living and fighting near the Alamo. A very interesting perspective of life before and during the battle of the Alamo.

### USS Rankin AKA-103

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the USS Rankin AKA-103 and their members. Thanks to their numbers it allowed us to have full tours, and they were a lot of fun to be around.

### 2013 Muliphen Reunion Attendees:

1. David & Brenda Baines - Johnson City, TN (guest of Jerry Wotherspoon)
2. Alan & Laura Bieler - Medford, NY
3. Bob Casey & Karen Robertson - St. Louis, MO
4. George & Rachel Hollins - Bumpass, VA
5. Richard & Faith Markley - Millington, TN
6. Ed & Theresa McCaffrey - Vero Beach, FL
7. *1st timer*: Choice & Chaquita Watson (guest Choices sister) - Kansas City, MO
8. Joan Wiant - Newark, DE
9. Jerry & Liz Wotherspoon - Seffner, FL

### Memorial USS Muliphen Plaque

A USS Muliphen Memorial Plaque was revealed and dedicated to the World War II shipmates.



### Memorial Services

The Memorial Services were held in Fredericksburg, TX at the Nimitz Memorial site. The service included the Bell ceremony and name reading with Taps:.



**January 2012**

SN, David J. **Hutcheon**  
SN, Walter D. **Schreck**, Morgan Park, MN  
PO2, Norbert H. **Shinsky**, Amherst, OH

**February**

HM3, Ronald Lee **Wiant**, Newark, DE  
DK1, Eugene E. **Brandenburg**

**March**

EN2, Jack Pine **Trees**, Riverside, CA  
BM3, Carroll **Crimmin**, Westbrook, ME

**May**

SN. Edward **Stanlake**, Milford, MI

**June**

CWO. LaVern C. **Zilla**, Atlantic Beach, FL  
ETC. William P. **Chesnes**, Steubenville, OH

**July**

SN. Robert G. **Johnston**, Waterford, MI

**August**

SN. William H. **Moore**, Lutherville Timonium, MD

**September**

CPO. Warren Paul **Cantrell**, Hanahan, SC

**October**

YN2. William R. **Mann**, Boynton Beach, FL  
HM2. Thomas Griffith **Keesee**, New Albany, OH  
RMSN. Roger L. **McClellan**, Zanesville, OH

**November**

SMCM. Waring Lewis **Worsham**, Sr., Canton, NC

**February 2013**

YNSN. James **Poffinbarger**, Jr., Bristol, VA  
QM3. Thomas Glenn **Shay**, Moses Lake, WA

**March**

SN. James F. **Dominesey**, Chesapeake, VA

**April**

SN. Hubert H. **Benjamin**, East Hampton, CT

**May**

SN. Harvey E. **Housel**, Altoona, PA

**June**

EM3. Charles Edgar **Howell**, Washington, GA

**September**

SN. Edwin **Calhoun**, Warminster, PA

**Here is what you can do for the Reunion!**

Place a reunion Ad. for the USS Muliphen's 2014 reunion in your local newspapers/flyers

Please cut the enclosed message out and send it to your local newspaper. I feel if enough shipmates send out advertisements for our 2014 reunion, we might be able to round up a few more attendees. Make copies for local "newspaper flyers", "Big newspapers" often advertisement military reunions for free. Also, give to

local VFW's, American Legion, etc. We need our shipmates to know about the reunions.

*(Advertisement message)*

USS Muliphen AKA-61 will hold it's 18th annual reunion in Fort Pierce, Florida, on April 30th thru May 4th 2014. Please contact Gerald Wotherspoon at 813-685-9477, email: [president@ussmuliphen.com](mailto:president@ussmuliphen.com) website: [ussmuliphen.com](http://ussmuliphen.com), or facebook: [ussmuliphen](https://www.facebook.com/ussmuliphen). Looking for shipmates.



**Ships Store News**



The ship's store is moving to **on-line only**. Effective April 2014 our Storekeeper (George Hollins), will bring a few samples of Ship's Store items to our 2014 reunion. This limited supply of **on-site** items will mean you must buy **on-line**. If you would like to wear or bring items to the reunion, please visit the USS Muliphen website at: ([www.ussmuliphen.com](http://www.ussmuliphen.com)) and visit the ship's store. Please order your items no later than one month prior to the reunion in April 2014. Sales have always been very good at each reunion and George hates to see that stop. At the 2013 reunion in San Antonio, with just the few shipmates attending and the small amount of items available for purchase, we did \$214 in sales. George hates giving it up but his health tells him it is best that he does. George is **looking for a new Storekeeper** that can bring the inventory to each reunion. Otherwise, it must be on-line sales only. If interested please contact George Hollins at: 540-872-2870 for details.



**Name Tags for our reunions**

Everyone loves the blue hard plastic name tags with the hinged "city, state, year" tag attached. The practice of these tags came from the Military Locators and Reunion Service, now known as "**Premier Reunions**". I now have a source that can replicate these ID tags and hanging city tags for the same price as the original supplier. Plus, they can actually go back to your first attendance at our reunions and make a tag (for a small fee) for each year and city you attended the reunions. The cost is:

- \$3.50 for Shipmate tag with Name, rank on the ship, years on the ship and "USS Muliphen AKA-61".
- \$3.00 for the Spouse tag that has name only.

- \$2.00 for hanging city tag, will have City, State and reunion year.
- \$2.00 "plank owner" tag for both commissioning and de-commissioning shipmates.

It will be **your** responsibility to provide the correct information on each tag when ordering. Remember, if you already have a blue plastic name tag with hanging city, state, year tags, you won't need to order a new one. You may not have all the hanging tags from the years you attended and want to order **ONLY** the hanging tag for those years. To order ID tags or additional hanging tags, provide the correct information in a letter along with your return address, phone number and a check for the cost of your order to:

**LaserOneFL 4045 Moores Lake Rd  
Dover, Florida 33527-4006 or call: John Minton  
(813)766-4210 or e-mail: jdmlaser@aol.com**



## Treasures Report

Starting balance 2013:	\$6347.56
Received:	+1115.56
Spent	-1199.85

Ending balance October 2013: \$6263.27

The expenses include:

- Postage (Newsletter & Misc. communications)
- Envelopes & Paper
- Printing for Newsletter
- Plaque for TX reunion
- Website

The received include:

- Shipmate donations

Note: The Ship's Store is a separate account and all it's profits, are used for Gifts and replenishing the Store supplies.

*Note: No salaries are paid to any person involved with the association.*

### Donations to our 501c19 Not-for-Profit Group

Enclosed is a self addressed donation envelope for the 2014 donations. **Paypal** online donations can be made. (we are a **no dues** association). Donations are only requested and all donation go towards the running of the association. No salaries are paid to our volunteer staff. Only reimbursement for out of pocket expenses for the association.

## History of the 2013 reunion **ALERT !!!**



So...what the heck happened to our 2013 cruise? In 2012 we discussed a Cruise or trip to Fort Pierce or back to Norfolk. A cruise was decided and we proceeded to prepare and book the Reunion Cruise for May 2013.

Well as everyone knows, Carnival Cruise Lines was having a very bad year. The Concordia ran aground, and the Triumph had a fire and several others had problems. The news media blew it out of proportion and our, already booked Reunion Cruisers started canceling their bookings.

When our booking numbers dropped so low, I had no choice but to advise the remaining people that the reunion would be cancelled and they could get a full refund as promised.

Not wanting to cancel a 2013 reunion, I quickly regrouped and joined with the USS Rankin for their 2013 reunion in San Antonio during October. It turned out to be a very nice reunion, but not what the Muliphen shipmates wanted.

So, here we are, back in the Spring time, on the east coast of Florida and near the Muliphen, reef and Museum. At the 2014 reunion we'll discuss a "cruise" reunion for the future. ***That's my story and I'm sticking to it!***

## The 18th Annual USS Muliphen AKA-61 Reunion for 2014

When: April 30th thru May 4th, 2014.

Where: Fort Pierce, Florida (area) Hotel: TBA

This years reunion will be organized by "**Premier Reunions**" formerly, "Military Locators and Reunion Service". We've had an opportunity to compare services with other reunion planners. Each have their strong points, but I've found "**Premier Reunions**" to be more user friendly and cooperative. Prices come out to be

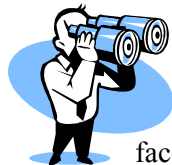
about the same. Just so everyone knows, the commission paid to reunion organizers is the same as received by a "travel agent". However; the organizers do the "dirty work", they negotiate not only the room rates, but the benefits like stocked hospitality room, breakfast, tours and buses, and site access for tours, insurance for all the events. This list is very long. But well worth using a professional reunion planner.

### Preview of the 2104 reunion

Here are just a few of the exciting events planned for the 2014 reunion.



- A visit to the Navy Seal's Museum. (prepare for this even by going to see the Tom Hanks movie "Captain Phillips" now playing in theatres near you. The genuine Life Boat from Capt. Phillips' ship is at the Seal's Museum.)
- A visit to the St. Lucie Historical Museum aka, Muliphen Museum. It is located only a couple of miles from the Seal Museum and has both Muliphen artifacts and a Higgins Boat. The court yard next to the museum or the beach near the museum will be the location of our memorial program.
- A bus tour to the Cape Kennedy Space Center (NASA) in Titusville.
- Start collecting nautical artifacts to bring and share for our "Silent" auction. Always fun to have a good chance at taking home the item you bid on.
- The 50/50 drawing is back in full form. Your chance to get half the pot during our casual "Florida" banquet, (at the San Antonio reunion is was nearly \$200 take home!)
- Plenty of "on your own" time to visit in the hospitality room or go on your own tours of the Florida East Coast.



### Keep watching the Website

([www.ussmuliphen.com](http://www.ussmuliphen.com)). Our online facebook at [ussmuliphen](https://www.facebook.com/ussmuliphen). Your email for my letter (if you've never received an email from me, I don't have your email.) Please email me at: [grwotherspoon@msn.com](mailto:grwotherspoon@msn.com). Please watch your mail box for the next update and registration form for the reunion.

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- President: Gerald Wotherspoon
- Vice President: Richard Markley
- Secretary: Louise Martin
- Treasure: Linda Sharp
- Storekeeper: George Hollins
- Galley Officer: John Ellas
- Chaplain: Herman Autry
- Historian: Fred Rodriguez
- Members Officer: Joan Wiant
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### 2013 Reunion Group

