



USS Muliphen AKA-61 Association

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From all reports everyone enjoyed our 10th Reunion at Virginia Beach, VA during April 28 - May 1, 2005. The accommodations at the Holiday Inn Executive Center worked out well and reflected the hard work of the entire reunion committee to whom we are grateful. Norfolk has changed a great deal from when we were on the Muliphen and presented a good setting to get together and renew old friendships and start new ones. John Fahey was very entertaining in his remarks at Saturdays Banquet and many of us are enjoying his books on his achievement during and after World War Two. We also can't forget the honorable Jim O'Rourke who introduced Cmdr. Fahey and told a few stories of his own. Thanks goes out to them again for attending and supporting the Muliphen.

During the reunion, Stew Lindsay proposed that we get together and sponsor a U.S.S. Muliphen Plaque to be placed on the Wall of the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Those of us who visited the Memorial during our 2002 Reunion in Arlington, VA were very impressed with the quality of the facility, the positive attitude of the staff and the ease of the public access to it. Stew explained that the memorial is dedicated to those who have served, are serving and will serve in the future. He mentioned the life long significance of our service in the Navy, an appreciation of the values learned, and the experiences that had impacted our future growth and successes. The Muliphen plaque will acknowledge our support of the memorial and show our gratitude to all Sea Service members in uniform. Our goal of raising \$2500.00 needed to see our ship join others already honored at the Memorial has been attained. Thanks to all who contributed. The plaque dedication is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 1300 hours at the Memorial Foundation. Our thanks go to Stew for spearheading such a worthy cause.

Attendees and their years on the Muliphen follow:

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| Autry 61-66 | Gross 61-63 | Nixon 63-66 |
| Blind 44-45 | Lacroix 55-56 | Olcefski 60-64 |
| Burpulis 56-59 | LaSante 56-60 | O'Rourke 50-54 |
| Boyd 56-60 | Lathan 60-64 | Robards 60-61 |
| Bieler 63-66 | Lindsay 59-62 | Rodriguez 57-59 |
| Byrd 61-63 | Lindsay 56-58 | Schroeder 49-52 |
| Cook 58-60 | Loughlin 52-55 | Schartz 62-52 |
| Dominesey 64-66 | Lundrigan 68-70 | Sharp 63-66 |
| Ebert 61-65 | Lunn 49-51 | Shingleton 60-62 |
| Elder 62-66 | Lyles 60-62 | Smith 55-56 |
| Ellas 59-62 | Markley 63-65 | St.James 60-62 |
| Fahey 55-57 | Martin 61-64 | Tittle 62-66 |
| Kangas 54-56 | Means 57-58 | Trejchel 53-55 |
| Glasco 59-64 | Michalski 51-54 | Woodward 59-61 |
| | Wyker 50-54 | Wiant 64-66 |

It was great to see everyone and hope we can meet again in 2006. One crew member mentioned "wouldn't it be wonderful if we can all get together next year and have each 2005 attendee encourage at least one additional crew member (and guest) to join us" Not a bad idea!

REUNION 2006

Our 2006 Reunion will be held at:

The St. Anthony Hotel
300 E. Travis Street
San Antonio, Texas 78025

Dates: April 27-30, 2006

Last Day of Room Block March 27, 2006

Room Rate: \$116.00 per night, including all taxes (30 rooms blocked)

Parking: Available at \$16.00 per day

Telephone Number: (210) 227-4392

Please make reservations directly with the hotel and mention Muliphen Reunion to ensure our negotiated rates. **The above rate is for 2 people occupancy.**

The St. Anthony is a Wyndham Historic San Antonio hotel where you'll experience a world of luxury and grace once available only to a lucky few. Built in 1909, this beautiful downtown hotel was frequently awarded AAA's Four Diamond award for excellence. For nearly a century, the St. Anthony Hotel has greeted guests to San Antonio with timeless elegance and first-class service. Beautifully restored, its lavish carpets, bronzes and works of art from around the world recall a bygone age. It is just a stroll away from world-famous attractions like the River walk, the Alamo and the Tower of the Americas at Hemis Fair Park.

We have arranged a Friday 0930 - 1530 San Antonia Cultures Tour. San Antonia is defined by its diversity. Spain, Mexico, Germany and more than 20 other cultures and ethnic groups have played a significant part in its development. We will tour the Alamo, missions and homesteads and see how they defined the character of Texas. In addition, we will visit the Institute of Texas Cultures which is a great site in its own right, and is a perfect tie-in to the tour theme. Displays, artifacts and histories for about 29 different countries present a connection to almost every visitor. There usually are three or four docents who give demonstrations and short talks on various aspects of early Texan history. The cost of the tour is \$43.20 per person based on a minimum of 45 attendees. This high cost is necessitated by the recent extremely high increases in the cost of gas. Please Mail your checks made out to the USS Muliphen Assoc. and indicate if you are taking the tour and how many people.

Our traditional Saturday evening banquet will be at 6:30 29 April 2005.

Room: To Be announced at reunion

Cost: \$47.00/person

Buffet: Texas Barbeque

BBQ Chicken and Brisket, salad, vegetables, desserts, beverage.

Please make check payable to the U.S.S. Muliphen Assoc. and designate the number of dinners in the memo section. **Also If you are going to attend the banquet and tour make out the check for both events and note it in the memo section on your check.**

FROM THE HELM

San Antonio was picked for the 2006 reunion by a very decisive vote. It is an expensive town and full of history that should be enjoyed by all. We have tried to keep the cost down on most items, but can't fight the high tax the city imposes on the Hotels nor the 21% gratuity added to our catered meal. Enclosed you will find a brochure to join the "Wyndham Byrequest" if you do you will find some benefits to this club while you are there so please join. San Antonio can be a wonderful vacation area so come and enjoy the reunion then take a couple extra days to enjoy the History of Texas and our Country.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTICE

A discount agreement with American Airlines has been completed; valid April 1 thru May 15, 2006 travel to San Antonio. Please call me at 302-737-1751 for the details.

MEMORABILIA

As always, George Hollins will make available the hats, shirts and other Mule items for sale. The new hats and shirts were a big hit in Virginia Beach and we're sure George will have many items you'll enjoy. All profits from the sale of this merchandise go to the Muliphen Association.

Everyone will have pictures taken at the reunion regardless of your intention to purchase a year book. This helps serve as a record of attendance.

SHIPBOARD MEMORIES

Crew members are asked to send stories of your best, worst or funniest memories of life on the Muliphen to:

Frederick Rodriquez
4217 Linden Avenue
Western Springs, IL 60558-1256

We also ask crew members who attend to bring pictures, logos, cruise books or anything you have regarding your stay on board to the reunion. They bring back memories of our days on the "Mule" and help us to get to know one another better.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Muliphen Association needs more members to submit their dues. Of the 154 current members only 76 have paid for this last year. This is a poor performance, and we can't survive without better participation. Dues are \$20.00 per year. Please make checks payable to U.S.S. Muliphen Association and mail to:

105 SONANT DRIVE
NEWARK, DE 19713

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Expenses to support our reunions continue to increase. The pre-cost each year is approximately \$1100.00 which covers deposits, mailings and memorabilia for sale. We are thankful to Mike Sabie who donates our letterhead and other paper items and to Linda Sharp and her church who copies, address's, stuffs and stamps envelopes each year.

This is the only notice scheduled before our April 28-30,2006 reunion in San Antonio. It promises to be an excellent time and we sincerely hope you and yours will be able to attend. In the event you have any questions or concerns not covered, please contact Ron Wiant, 105 Sonant Drive, Newark, DE 19713, Tel.No.:(302)737-1751, E-MAIL:rwiant@comcast.

WARM WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!