

USS HOLT (DE 706) NEWSLETTER

REUNION COMMITTEE

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LAST CALL!

Now is the time to get your reservations made for the June, 1994 reunion. Just in case you have mislaid the registration forms, we are enclosing hotel reservation and reunion reservation forms. Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel. Make your reunion reservations directly with Bob DeAngelis. As we noted in our February newsletter, Bob has planned some interesting activities for us and has also set aside plenty of time for the old shipmates to get re-acquainted. The hospitality room is the focal point for snacks and refreshments along with a lot of good conversation.

We have the dark blue baseball caps with "USS HOLT (DE 706)" emblazoned across the front over a silhouette of a Destroyer Escort. These will be available at the reunion. First time reunion attendees will get a copy of the HOLT'S War Diary which is interesting reading and will bring back a lot of memories. Each shipmate attending will get the latest crew lists.....containing about 115 names and addresses of those we have found, a list of our deceased shipmates, a list of those we have not been able to locate thus far and a list of spouses of some deceased shipmates with whom we have been in contact. They will also get a copy of the ship's muster which lists every person who served aboard the ship more than 500 in all.

Items of interest that you will want to look over include the ships log, photo albums containing photos, several documents relating to the ship's activities, a copy of a documentary that Jim & Frances Willis of Sandpoint, Idaho put together on the Naval Career of LT(jg) William Mack Holt for whom the ship is named, a video made from the old 16mm black & white film of the commissioning ceremonies of the HOLT and last, but surely not least, an album containing letters from shipmates surrounding the 1991 reunion. These were very graciously typed by Margaret Smith-Light and her husband, Glenn Light. They did the same thing with the letters that Margaret's father, LT Hugh Smith (HOLT's Engineering Officer) wrote during the war. So, there is much to see, do, and read, in addition to the renewing of friendships.

Please respond right away, so Bob DeAngelis can complete the arrangements for the buses and for the closing banquet. Bob must have your reservation in hand by May 15th and the hotel has requested that you make your reservations no later than May 2nd. That's less than a month away for the hotel and just a few days more for Bob's deadline.

We Look forward to seeing you in King of Prussia, PA., In June. If you have any questions or want more information, call Bob DeAngelis [REDACTED]