

USS HOLT (DE 706)

NEWSLETTER

REUNION COMMITTEE

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It has been a month since the HOLT reunion in King of Prussia, PA, where we had 32 of the old crew gathered for four days of fun. Bob DeAngelis, who chaired this event did an outstanding job. Well Done, Bob. The first day there were no plans as it was the day of arrival, and as our shipmates arrived the hospitality room came alive. On Thursday morning, we toured nearby Valley Forge, the site of General Washington's winter camp during the Revolutionary War. In the afternoon, some departed for Atlantic City to try their luck at the Casinos, while others gathered in the hospitality room to catch up on old times. There were some good sea stories!

Friday, we toured the Philadelphia Navy Yard, part of which is scheduled to be closed down in the near future. We did get a drive-by look at the aircraft carrier, JOHN F. KENNEDY, which is undergoing an extensive overhaul. In the reserve fleet, we saw numerous vessels including the battleships IOWA and WISCONSIN. We had lunch at the combined club on the navy base, then went to downtown Philadelphia for a short memorial service aboard the OLYMPIA (Admiral Dewey's flagship at Manila Bay in 1898).

Saturday morning we had a short business meeting where Bill Morgan was named chairman for the next reunion which the group unanimously decided would be held in Charleston in the spring of 1996. Also, a \$10 per year per shipmate (not spouses or families of deceased shipmates) was decided on to pay the expenses of getting out the newsletter and searching for those shipmates we have not yet located. An invoice is enclosed with this newsletter. Please complete the information and return it along with your check to Paul Pickett, our treasurer.

For our closing dinner on Saturday evening we had 79 shipmates, spouses, children and grandchildrn in attendance. Rocco Corbia, who is a young 87 brought his wife Teresa and his good looking family of seven. Others in attendance for all or part of the reunion were: Anne & Ken Bean, Barbara & Al Boorman (Al is one of only five who were on the ship from commissioning to decommissioning), Ed Bouchard, Gay & George Burke, Rita and Al Buchynsky and Als brother & sister-in-law Paul & Donna Buchynsky, Wilma & Phil Corriher, "Frenchy" Cournoyer, Edna & Fred Davis, Teresa & Bob DeAngelis and thier son & daughter Chris and Paula, Rita & Phil DeFosses, Joan & Jay Decker, Cate & Jim Dettling, Ann & Al Gebauer, Marion & Marshall Gebert, Ellen & Bob Hoover, Garnett Howard, Walter Johnson and daughters Judy & Sandy, Doris & "Bud" Koehler, Norma & Art Loro, Lois & Bill Morgan, Helen & Karl Nease, Evelyn & Ralph Parks and their son Ron and grandson Ben (Ron is a minister and gave the invocation), Jerri & Paul Pickett, "Oak" Ramsey and his sons Keith & Gregory, Kathy & Bob Schieferstin, Frank Shepherd, Gloria & Abe Silver, Ed Steele, Kay & John Steinhauser, and Ruth & Bayard Stout.

Arch & Charlotte West canceled out at the last minute. Arch had a fall which prevented him from traveling. He is much improved now and sends his best regards to all hands.

We have been requested by the Director of the U. S. Naval Home, Gulfport, MS to let our retired members know of the home. We have been by it and it is a beautiful place. For more information, call 1-800-332-3527. (The home used to be in Philadelphia but relocated to Gulfport some years ago).

Jim & Frances Willis, the couple who have done research to document the naval career of William Mack Holt, for whom our destroyer escort is named, have requested our help in locating Bill Holt's brother-----Robert Franklin Holt. If he is still alive, he would be about 78. Would you please take a check of your local phone book and if you find Robert Franklin Holt, let Bill Morgan know . Thanks for your help.

START MAKING PLANS FOR CHARLESTON, SC IN 1996

There is a lot to do and see in Charleston.....Patriots Point with it's fleet of vintage ships.....the carrier YORKTOWN, destroyer LAFFEY, a submarine, a coast guard cutter and the nuclear merchant ship SAVANNAH. Aside from these nautical sights, there are antebellum homes, good restaurants and Fort Sumter...where the first shot of the civil war was fired. Good golf and tennis facilities plus a host of other things. We will have more on this in future editions of the HOLT NEWSLETTER.

NOTE: Why don't you contact Bill Morgan and tell him something about yourself....where you worked, when you retired, facts about your family, including grandchildren, what you are doing in retirement, etc. We can use this type information in future newsletters. Thanks.