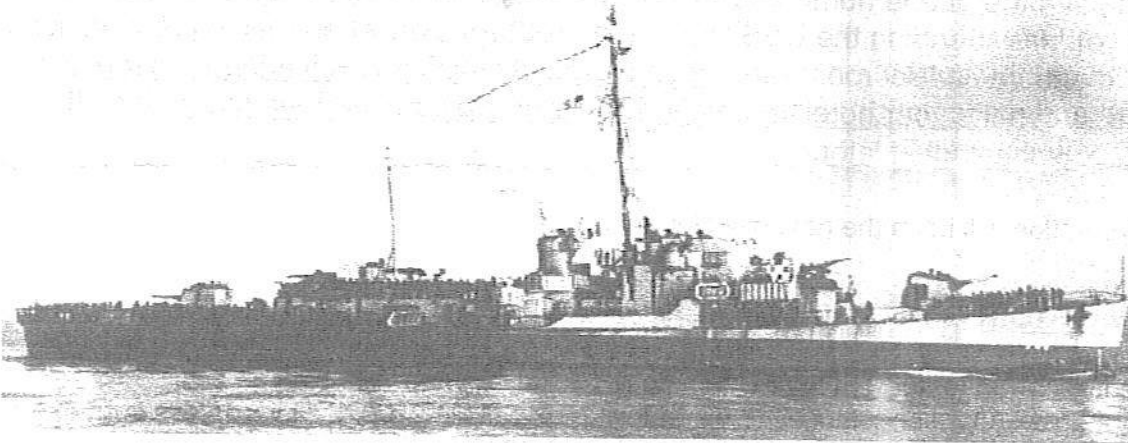


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THE 2006 REUNION

We are using **MILITARY REUNION PLANNERS** to handle arrangements for the 2006 reunion. These folks enjoy a good reputation in their field and make all the arrangements for us. In the next Newsletter, we will attach final tour and banquet reservation forms complete with instructions. For now, we ask that you concentrate on the hotel reservations. We had initially planned on staying in Annapolis, however, the hotel situation was not right for our group. The hotels we would have liked to use were way too expensive and the ones that were affordable could not accommodate our needs. Thus we have booked our reunion for **APRIL 27 THRU MAY 1, 2006** at the **HILTON HOTEL CRYSTAL CITY AT RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT** in Arlington, Virginia. The room rate is \$89.95 plus 10.25% tax for a total of \$99.17 per night. The dates we are using are for arrival on Thursday, April 27th with departure on Monday, May 1st 2006. The special rate is good for one day prior to the reunion and one day after the reunion. If you wish to stay longer than this, ask the hotel for the rate when you make your reservation. We will have reduced rate parking of \$8.00 per day. Tours are planned for Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th. One day will consist of a tour of the U. S. Navy Memorial where we will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony honoring our deceased shipmates. We will also tour the World War II Memorial and other interesting sites. The other day will be a tour of the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

We will have an informal arrival dinner on Thursday, April 27th with our closing banquet on Sunday, April 30th. Sunday is a day with no planned activities except for a photo shoot late in the afternoon prior to our closing banquet. Tour sign-up and dinner sign-up forms will be in the next newsletter.

We have reserved a small bloc of rooms at the HILTON CRYSTAL CITY. You are strongly urged to make your reservations now, using a credit card or sending a check for one night's deposit. Their address is **2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202** and the phone number is **1-703-418-6800** or **1-800-HILTONS**. Be sure to mention you are attending the USS HOLT (DE 706) reunion when making reservations in order to get the correct room rate. If you remotely think you will attend the reunion, go ahead and make your hotel reservation NOW so we can keep the room bloc. If need be, you can cancel later.

More information will be in the next newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM

We recently learned of the death of a shipmate, **Harvey Cohen**. He passed away on 6 November 2004. Our condolences to his widow, Mrs. Estelle Cohen. Her address is 15451 Pembridge Drive, Apt F215, Delray Beach, FL 33484-4341.

While preparing this newsletter, we received a call from Chris DeAngelis informing us that **Bob DeAngelis** passed away on 23 April. He was in the hospital for some medical problem and died peacefully in his sleep. Our sympathies go to his son, Chris, and daughter, Paula, whom many of you will recall meeting at the 1994 HOLT reunion in King of Prussia, PA. They were gracious hosts during that reunion.

ON THE BINNACLE LIST

The list of those who are ill or slowed down by physical ailments has changed little from the last newsletter. They include Kess Adams, Russ Coates, Al Buchnsky, Phil Corriher, Phil DeFosses, Ted Eazer, Frank Shepherd, Francis Clearo, Al Bogan, John Coward, Harry Helgeson, Bob Swartz and Abe Silver. Garnett Howard and Paul Pickett have improved. Garnett Howard is doing some touring in a motor home with his brother, who is also a retired naval chaplain. Paul Pickett is busy planning a trip with his family later this summer. Everyone appreciates your cards, letter and prayers, so keep 'em coming.