

THE SAVAGETTE

2005 REUNION

Fall River, Mass.

September 25 - 30 The 2005 reunion at Fall River, Mass. was a most successful reunion where the following 51 shipmates, wives & guests attended: Tony & Sandy Agosta, Joe & Bernie Allen, Vic Balair, Augie Chase, Rich Cornall, Ray & Delilah Crumley, *Dave Dewey, Dale Degler, Marty & Cindy Diamond, Paul Doster, Ray & Mary Ewing, Dan & Margaret Farley, Dan Farley Jr., Ron Gaillard, Pat Grasso, Gene & Linda Hansen, Bill & Marge Harvey, *Chuck & Maryann Huber, *Pete & Francis Johnson, Ron Krieger, Lloyd "Mac" & Agnes McLawhorn, George & Nancy Murphy, Jim & Gail Murphy, *Malcolm Pohl, Tommy Pridgen, Rose Jones, Lou & Jean Schlaufman, Jack & Peg Smith, *Larry & Roberta Stier, Walt Williamsen, & Ray & Millie Zachgo.

Guest: *Lou Costa (Grasso) & *Frank Mester (Cornall)

Bravo Zulu to Jim Murphy for doing a great job on this reunion. A few shipmates arrived on Saturday to check the area out and a couple went to the races. On Sunday, most of the others arrived where Jim & Gail Murphy greeted them. Delilah, Sandy and others helped decorate the Hospitality room and refreshments and food was at hand (except there wasn't enough soda & water at first).

REUNION MEETING: Jim Murphy asked Admiral Ray Crumley to emcee the meeting. As the meeting progressed, Ray gave tribute to President Ernie Velez, who couldn't attend due to Hurricane Rita attempting to visit his city in Texas. Ray, in almost an apologetic way, stated that Ernie never really got to have his own Reunion. Within a half hour after being voted in as President at the Mt. Pleasant reunion (2003), all hell broke loose and Ernie did a superb job taking command and giving directions to the shipmates as well as working with the local Police, Fire, Ambulance & hospitals. Ernie and his wife, Mary, saw to it that all the family members of those who got hurt were notified and, in turn, assured those who traveled to Mt. Pleasant, to see their loved ones, were transported to and from the airport, hospital and motel. Ernie took his Warrant Officer's Leadership training and put it in good use as he took command.

NAVAL STATION NEWPORT: As we attempted to keep our convoy of cars within sight of each other, we managed to lose a few of them while in route to the Naval Station. However, upon our arrival thinking the others were going to be late, we drove into the gates only to find those that we thought were lost waiting for us. With tight security, and credit to the Stations ID Office, it took about 1/2 hour for all of us to show our photo IDs, Registrations and names of all the passengers in our vehicles.

After a very informative visit to the museum, we went to the Officer's Club for a great chicken dinner. Walt Williamsen, with prior commitments had to leave the reunion.

LADIES AUCTION: Another successful auction was held with the ladies bidding on items that they couldn't wait to get. When it was discovered that 4 items were left behind, and not auctioned, Sandy Agosta gave those items to Ray Crumley to auction off at the Awards Ceremony. Those 4 items brought in an additional \$113. Maybe the auction should include the big bidders of the male contingent.

BATTLESHIP COVE: As we walked through the Battleship Cove's store to enter the gates where the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, PT Boats, the U.S.S. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, U.S.S. _____ and Russian Corvette were moored, we got a chance to buy souvenirs and trinkets.

U.S.S MASSACHUSETTS: As shipmates and others were visiting the Battleship, everyone seemed to be talking until Ray Crumley announced over the PA system that we were about to start our Memorial Service. Silence came across the ship, not only from our own shipmates, but those that were not with our group. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Ray started announcing the names of our deceased shipmates, one by one, with Tommy Pridgen tolling the bell after every name. As we heard those names of the shipmates we served with and those we knew from previous reunions, you could almost hear the swallowing of the lumps in our throats. We lost a very special shipmate that we knew of as a WWII shipmate that always seemed to enjoy every minute of our reunions. Bill Fraser always had a smile and felt that each shipmate from 1945 - 1969 were his friend and shipmate. Bill and his wife, Jean, seemed to be always there to help and participate in all our functions. Bill will truly be missed and we all wish Jean a healthy & happy life.

LUNCHEON: As we reported to the Officer's Mess Decks for our Luncheon, waiters & waitresses with big smiles and a willingness to serve our every need greeted us. The lunch was much more than we needed, but some of us decided to have 2nd helpings.

QUALITY INN: When we returned to the motel, all the rooms had an invitation, as a Thank-You for using the Quality Inn, Minestrone Soup and Clam Chowder. Don't figure! The day we stuff ourselves at a luncheon and hoping to have room for more by banquet time, we are offered what looked very appealing. Ron Krieger couldn't contain himself and informed the rest that the chowder was delicious.

TOURS: The shipmates scattered about looking at the ships, boats & store in Battleship Cove. Since we seem to have more Enginemen than any other rate attending these reunions, it wasn't surprising that the ENs had to visit the Engine rooms of the Battleship. Some of us that worked on the upper decks, especially the Bridge, decided climbing all those ladders to get there might not be look so inviting. Some others went to visit the

Railroad and/or the Marine Museums that were across the street. Eventually we all made it back to the motel to don our Sunday best for the Awards Ceremony and Banquet.

AWARDS CEREMONY: As Ray Crumley emceed the Awards Ceremony, he was given a stack of certificates to be handed out. As he read each name on the certificate that got hurt in Mt. Pleasant he was surprised that he himself received a certificate. It was great seeing Tiny Allen, Ray Crumley, Ray & Mary Ewing, Jim & Gail Murphy, & Lou & Jean Schlaufman, who all were present, walk up to receive their certificate.

BANQUET: As we reported back to the Officer's Mess, still a bit full from our Luncheon, we found ourselves facing a great roast of beef meal with all the trimmings. The food & service was outstanding and it was grateful that after this meal, we had to walk a distance to our vehicles.

HOSPITALITY ROOM: Of course the hospitality room is the hub to meet before any outings or just to converse with each other. During our stay, some of us went to Cape Cod, Newport, Lizzy Borden's house, look at the many Historical Homes, visit Plymouth & Providence and a couple went to gamble in Connecticut. Shopping Centers were mostly located in old factory buildings, some were 3 stories high.

2006 REUNION

San Diego, Ca.

President Ray Crumley proudly announces our next reunion will be held in San Diego with the tentative dates being the 1st or 2nd week of October. Reunion Chairman, Paul Doster had done some research and now that the vote has been cast, Paul's ready to start work preparing the 2006 reunion. The weather is always great in San Diego (according to the word of Paul) and Dan Farley's daughter, _____, who lives in San Diego, has offered to help set the reunion up. For those shipmates living in or near San Diego, & you've got the time, give Paul a call to see if you can help.

THE CRY BABY CORNER

As the Editor of this newsletter, it was left up to me to make this following announcement as delegate as possible. What I'm about to write doesn't reflect on any one person, or persons. It's more of an informational message so everyone will know what had happened in Fall River and hopefully we can correct any future problems.

The Reunion Chairman has to depend on those who sign up to attend the reunion. He takes great pains to make sure everyone is going to be taken care of. That includes making sure event reservation and deposits and guarantees are made.

To get to the point, the shipmates understand that Health, weather and other factors cause cancellations. Those are good valid points and no one would blink an eye. However, after the deadline date of 15 Sept. to put in an accurate count for the guarantee was 17 more

people that actually went. Cancellations must not only be given to the Motel, but to the Reunion Chairman. If we had any luck at all, we were fortunate that the Naval Base & Battleship Cove only charged us \$499.90 to pay for those who didn't show up. They could have charged the full \$51.20 per person costing us \$870.40.

I feel that as editor and group e-mail person, that it's just as much, if not more, my fault for not letting our shipmates know that they should inform the Reunion Chairman ASAP upon knowing that you have to cancel. We did receive 4 cancellations between Thursday and Saturday due to illness & weather, those are the chances we risk and are accepted. A total of 17 were a bit overwhelming.

If only a few people didn't cancel or show up this writing wouldn't be necessary. However, not through the fault of some cancellations,

On or about 1 May, 2005, we had 77 shipmates, wives & friends going to attend the reunion. This gave the Reunion Chairman an idea of how many, but, held off until November where he'd get a better count. As he attempted very hard to keep everyone on top of his progress, we sent newsletters and returnable post cards out to those not on e-mail. As the September 12th deadline neared, we went down to 68 people attending and Jim Murphy had to guarantee that number to the Naval Base & Battleship Cove for the 3 meals. Between Sept. 23rd to the 26th, 17 more people had canceled. Both the Naval Base and Battleship Cove did deduct some of the cost for those 17 meals we had to pay for because of the guarantee but, it put our Treasury in dire straights with this extra \$499.00 that would have helped our next Reunion Chairman out to set up

As the 2006 Reunion Committee looked over the books to check the cost of the Fall River reunion, they came upon a guarantee number of people for the Naval Station Luncheon on Tuesday and then again on Wednesday, the Luncheon and Banquet at Battleship Cove had 17 more people guaranteed than attended. Out of 17 people that stated that they were going to attend these events, only 4 called and cancelled, due to health and weather, prior to Friday, which was too late to lower the guarantee numbers for these events. Therefore, the Association had to pay for all those un-eaten meals at a tune of \$499.90.

As in 2003, when President Ernie Velez asked for deposits for the events that those going to Jacksonville, Fl wanted to attend, Ray Ewing, Treasurer, collected the funds and made the deposits. If it weren't for Hurricane _____ keeping us from holding that reunion, we realized that there were no problems from our members in sending in their deposits. Due to the payment for un-eaten meals, the 2006 Reunion Committee decided that the Chairman will determine any costs and ask the members to remit a check to cover the cost of the events they wish to attend. The best thing about it is that Paul won't be needing any money for a few months, so, we can start saving for it now.

WHERE DOES OUR DUES GO FOR

Out of your \$20.00 dues (average):

Newsletter: (Postage, printing, ink, etc.) - - - - - \$2.50

Reunion Expenses (Hospitality Room, Chairman Exp.) - 6.00

Gifts representing all shipmates (Memorial, STEWART)- 7.50

Emergency fund (Hurricane, Red Cross, Shipmate) - - - - 4.00

The Emergency fund was depleted in 2003 when we helped those families to travel to see their loved ones that were hurt at the Mt. Pleasant reunion. \$200 was donated to the American Red Cross this year for the Hurricane Rita victims.

We understand that those who attend our reunions receive the most benefit from our dues. Some, or most of us, wouldn't be able to support our Association without those, who want to support by paying their dues, and realizing that they won't be able to attend that years reunion. Fortunately, for the Internet, we've been able to save some postage by sending the 113 newsletter via e-mail. As of this date, we've only got to send, via snail mail to those 116 not on e-mail.

Please remember, those not on e-mail, if Rich Cornall doesn't hear from you by mail, phone or other communications, after a 2 year period, you will be dropped from the mailing list. You don't have to pay dues to receive a newsletter, but, if you want to send a few bucks to the order of: Ray Ewing, 5141 Highview Ave., Stephens City, Va. 22665 to help with postage, printing, etc., please feel free to do so.

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Welcome also to our new adoptees: **Dave W. Dewey, Son of Dave S. Dewey, SSML
2/c, 1943 - '46; **Frank Mester, Sgt. U.S. Army, 1941 - '45, who has been added to our
adoptee's list.

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