

# "HOLT HAPPENINGS"

A periodic newsletter for and about  
the ship, its crew and their families.

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## NEWS OF SHIPMATES

We recently found **Tom Blanchard** (Radioman), after nearly 50 years! His address is  
[REDACTED]. Welcome aboard, Tom, and we  
hope to see you at the reunion.

Sadly, we report the death of Charles Darling (S1/c). Charles passed away on January 9, 1995.  
We did not learn of this until this past December when we tried to call him and his son, Ray, gave  
us the sad news. We were fortunate in having Charlie at the 1991 reunion in Galveston, TX. We  
thoroughly enjoyed visiting with him and talking about old times.

## THE REUNION

We have more than 40 reservations so far, with many more expected. This is a good time to see  
your old shipmates, enjoy the hospitality and camaraderie of Charleston, SC and just have some  
fun.

For those of you who have not yet registered, we are enclosing a hotel registration form and a  
reunion registration form. Please make your reservations early. The hotel just reminded us that  
this is a busy time of the year in Charleston and any requests for room reservations received after  
the cut-off date of March 28th, will be subject to availability and at rates nearly twice the rate we  
have contracted for the reunion. We urge you to make your reservations now.

We will have a detailed activity program for you when you arrive in Charleston. As registrations  
are received, we are sending the individuals a map of the downtown (old area) of Charleston  
showing the "Trolley Route and the location of the Sheraton Hotel. We are also sending a copy  
of the 130 page booklet, "Charleston Area Visitors Guide" which contains much of interest in the  
area. Meanwhile, for personal planning, here is a brief outline of reunion activities.

Sunday, April 28th -----Day of arrival. Hospitality room will be open.

Monday, April 29th -----Morning tour of Patriots Point naval ships (Aircraft Carrier

YORKTOWN, Destroyer LAFFEY, Submarine CLAMAGORE, the only nuclear powered merchant vessel ever built, S. S. SAVANNAH and the Coast Guard Cutter INGHAM). Afternoon and evening is open. Hospitality room open. Tuesday, April 30th --- Mid-morning begin tour of Charleston Harbor. Boat returns to dock about 1330 (1:30 pm). Afternoon and evening open. Hospitality room open. Wednesday, May 1st---- Morning ...short business meeting. Balance of day until about 5:00 pm open. We will gather for a group photo (everyone) prior to our closing banquet which will be about 7:00 pm. Specific times for all activities will be confirmed when you arrive in Charleston.

NOTE: We have made the above tours optional. Thus far, about 85% of those registered are taking the Patriots Point tour and 100% of those registered are taking the harbor tour.

### **OTHER**

Our thanks to Judy Mansur for producing the engraved name plates for our "Deceased Roll of Honor" and to Karl Nease for putting them all together into the memorable plaques. These will be on display at the reunion.

There are a few items you should be ready to discuss at our business meeting on May 1st:

- (1) When and where for the next reunion?
- (2) Your thoughts on holding a combined reunion with the sister ships of HOLT, eg, the other ships is Escort Division 74.....the RUDDEROW, DAY, CHAFFEE, HODGES AND JOBB.
- (3) Should HOLT have a commemorative plaque at the Admiral Nimitz Museum? See details enclosed.
- (4) Your input on how to make the periodic newsletter more interesting.

We will discuss these at our meeting plus anything else you may want to bring up.

We look forward to seeing you in Charleston! Charleston is a place that we think you will enjoy with its old buildings, slow pace and old south charm. Remember, REGISTER NOW. You may not be able to get a hotel reservation at the contract rate if reservation requests arrive late.