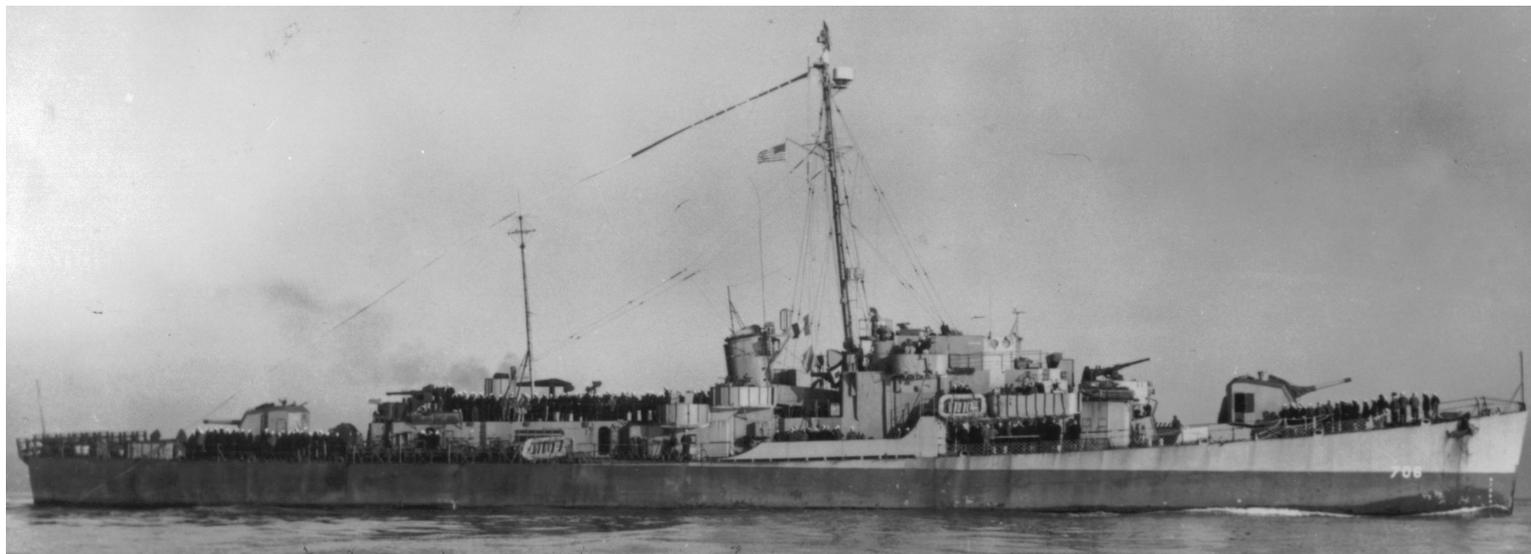


HOLT HAPPENINGS

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE CREW AND THEIR
FAMILIES



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IN MEMORIUM

Harry Helgeson: The following note was received by Jeff Cope regarding Shipmate Harry Helgeson:

“ Hello Jeff,

Our father, Harry Helgeson, passed away on January 3, 2007 of cancer. He was 90 years old. He spoke often of his times on the Holt and thoroughly enjoyed the reunions, contributing a video tribute to the Holt at one of them. He was very proud of his crewmates and was honored to have served with them.

On behalf of my brothers (Douglas and Robert) and sister (Janice), I want to thank you very much for the website.

Sincerely,

Don Helgeson” [REDACTED]

Bruce A. Bennett: We have been informed by his son, Robert, that Shipmate Bruce Bennett passed away on July 8, 2007. Robert’s email address is: [REDACTED]

USS HOLT WEBSITE

Holt shipmates are very fortunate to have an excellent website that has received numerous compliments from not only those within the Holt crew and families, but also from many outside the organization. The creator and webmaster is Jeff Cope. The web address is: <http://www.ussholt.com>. Jeff's email address is: [REDACTED]. On the Holt website you can find many items of interest including: Jeff is also continuing the process of writing a book about the Holt and her crew.

Recent Contacts Received Through the Website:

From: erichards [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2007 9:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Arthur Loro

Dear Sirs,

While doing research on USS Holt (my Uncle Arthur Loro, a RdM 3/c, served on the ship) I found your website. I was excited to find his name on the crew list! I'd like to contribute a photo of Arthur Loro (his nickname was "Hurky") to add to the site. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kimberlee Richards

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We are still in need of volunteers to provide us with articles of interest for future newsletters. Also, if anyone has information that they would like to share concerning shipmates and their families, please send it to:

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2008 REUNION

Sandy Johnson-Oliver is working with military planners in Boston to organize a reunion in that area in **2008**. The dates being considered now are Thursday, July 31 thru Monday, August 4th. The base room rate, not including any taxes, of the hotel proposed by the planners is approximately \$109. A preliminary schedule that Sandy has suggested could include the following:

1) We would like to have a welcome gathering (like was done in D.C.) with meat and cheese trays so you could make you own sandwich and have a couple of different salads to go with the sandwiches, coffee and some type of dessert.

2) We would like to see if we could do the following activities on Friday and Saturday:

A) Lunch aboard the "Spirit of Boston",

B) A visit to the U.S. Constitution with some type of service there,

C) A Duck Tour - on the real original duck tour amphibious vehicles,

D) Some type of tour of the Freedom Trail with a visit to Bunker Hill and Faneuil Hall,

E) If we could fit it in we wanted to go to the JFK Library & Museum in Dorchester.

3) There would be plenty of time reserved for visiting with shipmates, their families, and friends, AND...of course, BINGO (some of the prizes have already been purchased).

In order to continue with the planning of the reunion, it is important to get your feedback. Please respond by August 31, 2007 on the form below whether you would possibly attend or not.

**USS HOLT (DE 706)
2008 REUNION SURVEY**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

____ **YES**, I would likely attend the 2008 USS Holt Reunion in Boston, MA, July 31 - Aug. 4

Probable number of persons attending, including yourself: _____

____ **NO**, I would likely not attend the 2008 USS Holt Reunion

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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