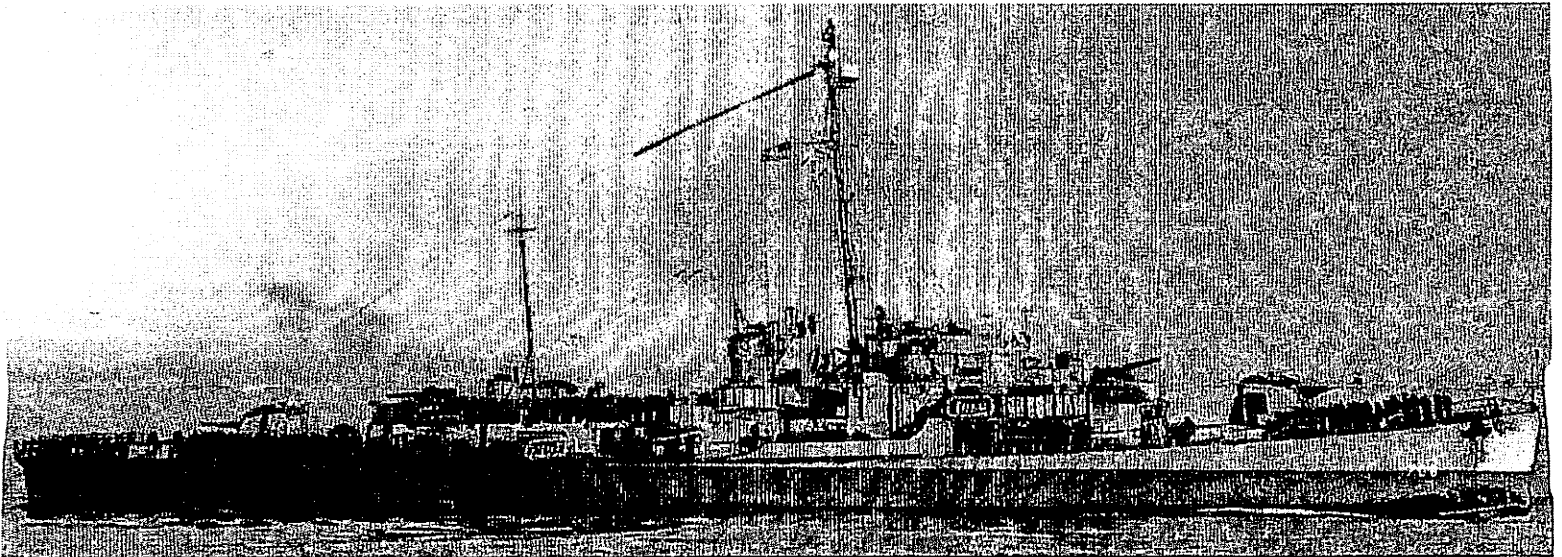


HOLT HAPPENINGS

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE CREW AND THEIR FAMILIES



USS HOLT DE-706

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IN MEMORIAM:

Barbara Boorman:

Barbara and her husband, Shipmate Al Boorman, were loyal supporters of the Holt Shipmates' Association. They attended all of the reunions of the USS Holt Shipmates, until Al's death in 2009. Then Barbara attended the 2009 reunion in Chattanooga by herself, and was registered to attend in 2010 before she became ill. Barbara and Al will be missed very much.

"Barbara M. Boorman, 79, of Forked River, Lacey, NJ, died Saturday Sept. 4, 2010 at home. Mrs. Boorman retired ten years ago as the Manager of the Executive Dining Room at Avon, Inc., New York City, NY. She was a parishioner of the Church of Saint Pius X and a member of the Rosary Altar Society, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, the Friendship Club and the Lacey Township Historical Society. Mrs. Boorman was born in New York City, NY living in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn, NY before moving to Forked River, Lacey, NJ in 1986. She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred, in 2009. Surviving are two daughters, Deborah and her husband, Charles Leone of Brooklyn, NY, and Marie Hale and her companion, John Goodman of Katonah, NY; two brothers, Francis McIlvaine of Florida and Arthur McIlvaine of Long Island, NY and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Dana Farber Cancer Research, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226, Attn: Contribution Service, would be appreciated."

"From: Marie Hale <[REDACTED]>

To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed, November 10, 2010 10:46:12 AM
Subject: Barbara Boorman

I would like to thank the USS Holt shipmates and families for the beautiful floral arrangement, thoughts and prayers bestowed on us in memory of my mother Barbara Boorman. My dad Alfred (Holt Shipmate) and mom loved the camaraderie of their extended Holt family and enjoyed many reunions with them. Thank you for your caring at this difficult time.

Sincerely, Marie Hale and Deborah Leone (daughters)”

Joseph W. Quinn

“ From: Andrew Quinn [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 7:48 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Updating a death.

Hello,

My name's Andrew Quinn, one of Joseph W. Quinn's grandchildren. I stumbled upon your website about a year ago in hopes of finding more information about my grandfather's time in the Pacific on the USS Holt. He was diagnosed with esophageal cancer last August and recently passed on March 5th. I'm writing this in case you wanted to update the date of death for your records. I'm impressed on all the information you've gathered up, since my grandfather never spoke to me about his time in the service, and gave up little information to my father.

Keep up the great work.
-Andrew”

Herbert Simpson:

“I am writing to you about my dad, Herbert R. Simpson. He served aboard the USS HOLT (DE-706) from June 9, 1944 - Aug. 17, 1945. I am sad to report that he passed away last Friday, July 30, 2010.

I have so enjoyed this web sight! I wish my dad would have known about it, he would have gotten a kick out of it!

I am his daughter Terri King. I was and will always be very proud of my dad.

Thank you for your time,

Terri King
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

“Herbert R. Simpson 86 passed away July 30, 2010 in Fresno, California. He was born December 12, 1923 in Columbus, Kansas.

He honorable served in the US Navy during WW II aboard USS Holt (DE 706) as senior fire control man.

He worked over 34 years for Southern California Edison Co. retiring as station chief.

After his retiring, he enjoyed many years camping, fishing & gold panning with his brothers, grandkids & friends.

He was always there for anyone who needed him, had a great sense of humor, and is greatly missed by us all.

Herb (as he liked to be called) is survived by his sister Betty Hawk, daughters Sandra Burns & Terri King, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren & great- great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Debra Chaplin, his brothers, Harold, Gail, & Gene Simpson.”

RECENT NEWS ABOUT SHIPMATES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

John and Mary Anne McGauley: John is doing much better since his fall and fractured hip last year. Mary Anne reports that he is taking daily walks to the clubhouse by himself. Mary Anne has been having problems with swelling in her arm, which has required her to receive physical therapy. They are both hoping to attend the 2011 USS Holt Reunion

Karl Nease: Karl has had increased knee pain for the past two months, but reported recently that he has not had as much pain lately. He is also hoping to attend the 2011 USS Holt Reunion.

2010 REUNION SUMMARY, By Helen Cope:

“Date: Monday, August 9, 2010, 12:38 PM

Upon arrival at the hotel, and finding our room, we went to the Hospitality Room to see who was there. While Glenn was sitting with his back to the door, someone came in and put their arms around him from the back. Glenn turned around and it was George Burke – Glenn’s comment – “I didn’t think I would ever see you again.”

The ride on the Southern Belle Riverboat was just right. The sun was shining and there were plenty of places to get in out of the sun. The buffet lunch was delicious and we topped it off with sweets that were made in the area.

Glenn was wearing his hat and was sitting on the outside deck alone. On two separate occasions, two women came up to him to shake his hand and thank him. That was moving.

While we were eating lunch, the bus driver of a group of Exchange students came up to Glenn, shook his hand, and thanked him. He also said that he retired from the service after 18 years. He had a friend that his Dad served in WWII. He told his friend’s Dad that he did more in 18 minutes than he did in 18 years. He also said that “Who knows what language we would be speaking, if it wasn’t for guys like you.”

Helen learned how to tell port from starboard. Port has four letters and so does Left so that is how you tell. The commentator told us that. After all these years, why didn’t someone tell me that before?

The trip to the Chickamauga National Military Park was also interesting. Helen learned that the south was poor so their monuments were small in stature but the north monuments were very large and expensive looking. The commentator said that they didn’t lose the war, they were just

tired.

While in the Hospitality Room, the Hightowers had friends from the Philippines visit. The husband came up to Glenn and they talked extensively about life in the Philippines during the evasion. Afterwards both he and his wife made some comments about it to the whole group. That was very interesting and unplanned.

Bingo was good. I didn't win, even though my biggest competition wasn't there. I will try again next year.

All in all everything was great. It was good to see old friends and make new ones. Thanks to Jerry and Debbie once again. I will say after changing concourses a few times in Atlanta, it was good to get back to soft toilet paper and soft tissues.

See you next year – we hope! “

2011 REUNION: CHATTANOOGA, TN - AUGUST 4th - 8th:

Planning is continuing for the **2011 Reunion of the USS Holt Shipmates Association**. The following information is provided to assist in scheduling and encourage as many as possible to attend:

1. Reservation Dates for Hotel Rooms: Thursday, August 4th thru Sunday, August 7th, Departing on Monday, August 8th.

2. Hotel: Chattanooga Choo-Choo (Holiday Inn); Phone No.: 1-800-872-2529; web address: <http://www.choochoo.com/> Base room rate, not including taxes: \$92(same as 2009 and 2010). Reunion attendees are again responsible for making their own room reservations. A block of 25 rooms is being held in Hotel Building No. 1 until July 19, 2011. The Reunion Hospitality Room will be located in this building. Building No. 1 also has an indoor pool. For those who would like to arrive early or depart after the 8th, the same room rate will apply two days before and after the schedule dates, based on the availability of rooms. Since rooms may be canceled as late as 6:00 p.m. the day before arrival, we are encouraging persons to go ahead and make a reservation. If you do not reserve your room before July 21st, you will have to pay the standard room rate, if rooms are available.

3. Airport Transportation: Free airport shuttle to and from the hotel from the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport. Reunion attendees are again responsible for making their own travel arrangements and reservations. The shuttle can be reserved ahead of time by calling the Choo-Choo Hotel, or by using the courtesy phone in the Chattanooga Airport Baggage Claim area to call the Choo-Choo Hotel. They will pick you up in approximately 15 minutes.

4. Reunion Events:

Thursday, August 4th: Evening: Welcome Dinner: “Fun and casual; details to be announced later” at the Choo-Choo Hotel

Friday, August 5th:

A) Morning - Tour: Cruise and lunch aboard the *Southern Belle Riverboat*.

B) Afternoon: On your own:

Visit with friends in the hospitality room or many options for sightseeing or visiting local attractions.

C) Evening: Dinner in the hospitality room or nearby restaurant, followed by Bingo in

the hospitality room. **We are also going to attempt to set up internet communication via SKYPE for shipmates who are unable to attend. SKYPE is free software that can be downloaded from the internet. You will need a computer with a camera to be able to participate in this activity. If you are interested in participating in this, please indicate on the Reunion survey form.**

Saturday, August 6th:

A) Morning: Visiting with friends in the hospitality room or sightseeing tours on your own.

If enough are interested in seeing a specific attraction, we could assist with transportation with the help of our friends with vans, who have offered to drive. This would also keep cost at a minimum. **Please let us know in the survey below, if you think you might be interested in a sightseeing tour.** Such sightseeing tours may include one of the scenic attractions that we have visited in our past two reunions, including:

a) Tour of Lookout Mountain Scenic Attractions: *Rock City, Incline Railway, and Point Park*(National Military Park)

b)Tennessee Aquarium:web address: <http://www.tnaqua.org/index.asp>

The TN Aquarium is a “world class” fresh and salt water aquarium, designed by Boston Architect, Peter Chermayeff. The TN Aquarium features the twelve story, 130, 000 square feet “River Journey” with fresh water and salt water exhibits from all over the world, and the ten story, 60,000 square feet “Ocean Journey” with exhibits including: Penguins, salt water fish, and an excellent butterfly exhibit.

c)Chattanooga Duck Tours

B) Lunch - on your own, or we can meet at a nearby restaurant to be determined

C) Afternoon - Visiting with friends in the hospitality room or sightseeing on your own

D) Evening - Banquet at the Choo-Choo Hotel, casual attire. Enjoy visiting with your friends, listening to the 40's era music by the “Sweet Georgia Sounds”, and excellent food.

Sunday, August 7th:

A) Morning/Afternoon - Visiting/Bingo with friends in the hospitality room or sightseeing on your own. We may eat lunch as a group at the hotel or another location.

5. Other Reunion Activities:

- Socializing, catching up on family activities, and more sharing of USS Holt stories by her shipmates!

- Very exciting Bingo games on Friday and Sunday (and maybe on Saturday), with many prizes to be given away!

We look forward to seeing everyone in Chattanooga!

If you have any questions about the reunion, please call Debbie Pickett Hightower at 423-488-8604.

In order to continue with the planning of the 2011 Holt Shipmates Reunion, it is important to get your feedback. Please respond as soon as possible on the form below whether you would possibly attend or not.