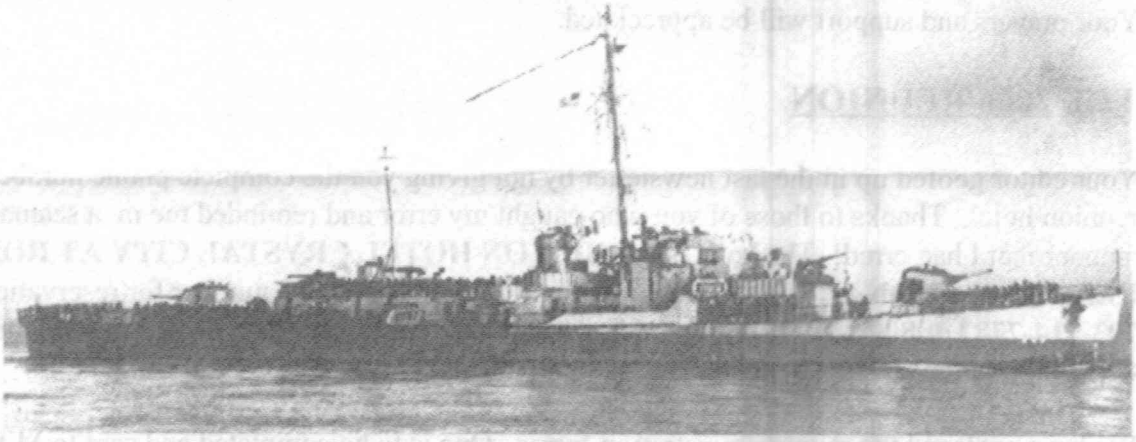
HOLT HAPPENINGS

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE CREW AND THEIR FAMILIES



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IN MEMORIUM

Our ships mailman, **ROBERT T. COOPER,** passed away on 13 May 2005. For those of you who attended the 2000 reunion in Jacksonville, you will recall that Bob and his wife, Ida, came by and visited with us in the hospitality room to recall old times of long ago when we waited for him to return to the ship with mail. Sometimes, he would come back empty handed as our mail had been forwarded to yet another destination. On occasion, he would return with dozens of sacks of mail and we had a great time catching up on the happenings back home.

Bob was a friend of us all and he will be missed by his shipmates. Our sincere condolences are extended to Ida and their family.

ON THE BINNACLE LIST

We have not heard of any other shipmates who are ill, nor have we heard of any that were reported last time that have significantly improved. As a reminder, the shipmates who are under the weather with various illnesses include Kess Adams, Al Buchynsky, Russ Coates, Phil Corriher, Francis Clearo, Al Bogan, John Coward, Harry Helgeson, Ted Eazer, Phil DeFosses,

Paul Pickett, Frank Shepherd, Bob Swartz, Ralph Parks and Abe Silver. Our prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery go out to these shipmates. If there are others, please let us know.

Although the list of ill shipmates has not changed, we learned that **Joan Decker** is undergoing treatment for cancer. She was recently released from a lengthy hospital stay and will soon begin radiation and chemotherapy treatment. We're sure Joan would like to hear from her many friends she has made over the years as she has attended every HOLT reunion since 1991. The Decker's address is 23 Spruce Road, Burlington, NJ 08016-3135. Telephone (609) 386-5852.. Your prayers and support will be appreciated.

THE 2006 REUNION

Your editor goofed up in the last newsletter by not giving you the complete phone number of the reunion hotel. Thanks to those of you who caught my error and reminded me in a seaman-like manner that I had erred! The hotel is the [redacted] in Arlington, VA. The phone number for reservations is [redacted]. In order to get the special rate of $[redacted] plus tax, be sure you tell them it is the USS HOLT (DE 706) reunion.

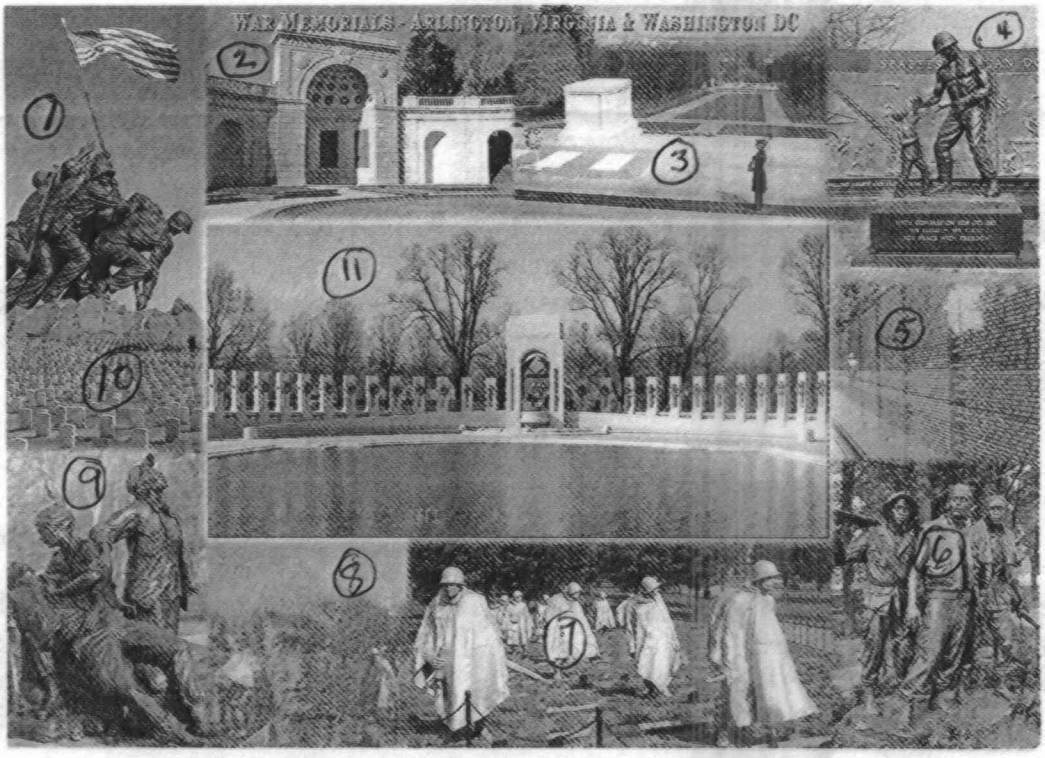
We have enclosed the reunion registration forms. One is to be completed and sent to [redacted] along with your check covering the tours and dinners.. We will have a Welcoming reception/informal dinner on Thursday, April 27, 2006 (Event A), followed by a Naval Academy Tour on Friday, April 28, 2006 (Event B). Then the Navy Memorial and WW II Memorial, plus other, tour on Saturday April 29, 2006 (Event C), with our closing Banquet on Sunday, April 30, 2006 (Event D). Note: Please indicate your preferred entree as the prices differ.

The tour cancellation insurance is a nominal charge that will insure you get a refund in the event you have to cancel after Military Reunion Planners has finalized the various events. (See the explanation on the form. If you have any question about this, call Military Reunion Planners at the phone number on the form.

Early indications are encouraging as several of you have made your hotel reservations. We only have a limited bloc of rooms set aside for the reunion at the special rate. You are encouraged to make your reservations now and if you must cancel later, that's ok. Once our room bloc is taken, we may not be able to get additional rooms, especially if it is getting near our reunion dates. The hotel normally gets about double the rate they are charging us, which is why they will not honor this rate for several days in advance of, or several days after, our reunion dates.

A registration fee of $25.00 is charged to pay for the refreshments, snacks and miscellaneous prizes in the Hospitality Room. When you register, please send this form, along with your check to Paul Pickett.

Below is a panoramic view of the various military memorials in the Washington area. Starting at top left and going clockwise is (1) the Iwo Jima - U. S. Marine Corps War Memorial, (2) Women in Military Service For America Memorial, (3) Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, (4) Seabees Memorial, (5) Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, (6) Vietnam Veterans Memorial, (7) Korean War Veterans Memorial, (8) Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall, (9) Vietnam Women's Memorial, (10) Arlington Cemetery Headstones and (11) World War II Memorial in the center.



OTHER ITEMS

Don Duncan's address has changed. He was in Hastings, NE, but now resides at [redacted] Please update your address list. If you need a current list of addresses, contact Bill Morgan.

Each year, we make a request for a voluntary contribution to the HOLT fund. This money is used to cover such things as postage and printing of the newsletters and other expenses connected with our on-going search for the few remaining crew members. Also, when a shipmate dies, if the surviving family agrees, we list that shipmate in the U. S. Navy Memorial Log, maintained at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. This is separate and apart from the listing of a name in the World War II Memorial. The listing in the Navy Memorial includes a photo, the sailors date and place of birth and a listing of his major duty stations/ships, along with the medals awarded. This record is maintained into perpetuity and is available for anyone to view on computers at the Navy

Memorial or on a computer from anyplace in the world. The expense associated with making this listing is handled from our Holt fund.

We've asked for a lot from you in this edition of the "HOLT HAPPENINGS", but it was necessary to get all the info to you.....

1. Make hotel reservations direct with the Hilton
2. Make tour reservations direct with Military Reunion Planners.
3. Send Reunion Registration to Paul Pickett.
4. Our annual dues request.....

THIS 'N THAT

Back in the '30's when the Okies were leaving the dust bowl heading for California, Karl Nease says you could tell the rich Okies from the poor Okies.....the poor ones had a single mattress lashed down on top of their cars while the rich ones had two!!

MEMORIES OF A SAILOR*

*From ALLIGATOR ALLEY, Summer 2005
Originally written by a Marine who was in the Ship's Company of the USS COLORADO 1925-1929

I Met sweet Marie in Gay Paree,
And Fifi in Port Au Prince
And Nan in old Japan
Tho' I haven't seen her since.

There was Molly Brown in Far Cape Town
And Marabelle in Peru
A Norway Maid who wore a braid
And an Edinburg lass named Sue.

Cute Kate O'Rourke I met in Cork
And Alma, the Danish kid,
Some Turkish Belles near the Dardanelles
And Isabel in Madrid.

I met girls galore in Singapore
And Rita who lives in Rome
But I winked my eye and said goodbye
When the Cruiser sailed for home.

I knew some queens in the Philippines
And some in the South Sea Isles
I met a Peach on Waikiki Beach
And basked in her sunny smiles.

I'll flirt no more as in days of yore,
For my sea Bag is stowed away
And I'm tied for life to a little wife
I met in the U. S. A.