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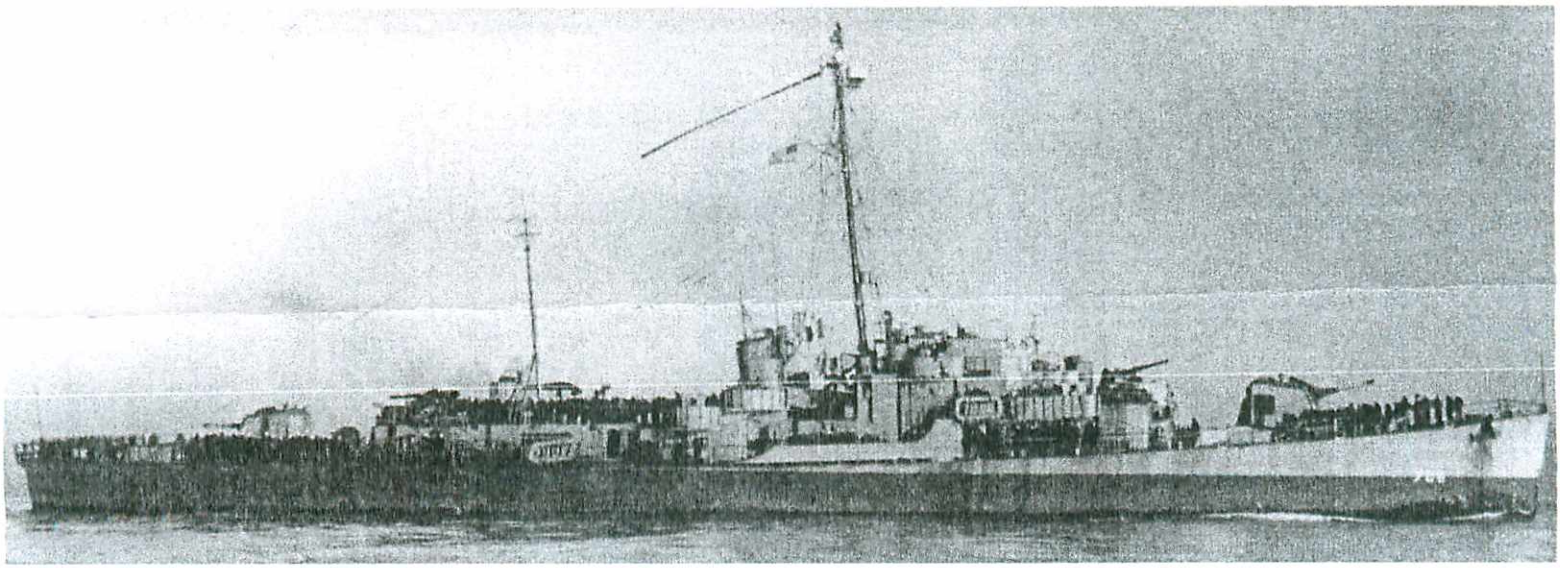
A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE CREW AND THEIR FAMILIES



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Deadlines Are Fast Approaching for the 2009 Reunion!!

Please, Don't Miss this Opportunity to Visit with Your Shipmates in Chattanooga, Tennessee - Thursday, August 6th thru Monday, August 10th

Hotel Reservation Deadline is July 1st: **Rooms reserved after this date are based on availability and standard hotel rates.**

Tour Registration Deadline is also July 1st: **If we do not have at least 30 persons registered for the tour by this date, the tour will have to be canceled per the tour company's rules.**

USS Holt Association Reunion Registration Fee: In order to cover the cost of the food and beverages for the hospitality room and the cost of the bingo prizes, The Holt Association must collect a $25 reunion registration fee, as it has for every reunion.

2009 REUNION DETAILS:

1. **Reservation Dates for Hotel Rooms:** Beginning on Thursday, August 6th and departing on Monday, August 10th.
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. Reunion attendees are again responsible for making their own room reservations. A block of 30 rooms is being held in Hotel Building No. 1 until July 1, 2009. 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 10th, 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 1, 2009, you may 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 6th: 6:00 pm: Luau(Southern Style) - Welcome Dinner in the hospitality room: "Fun and casual": Food: BBQ, Kalua Pork, baked beans, potato salad, etc. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or dress, or anything casual.

Friday, August 7th:

A) **Morning - Tour: Tennessee River Gorge Explorer:** 70 passenger high-speed catamaran is the first of its kind in the Southeast. Aquarium visitors can extend their "mountains to the sea" adventure by cruising into the Tennessee River Gorge aboard this sleek vessel. An Aquarium naturalist will lead you into this protected habitat, pointing out wildlife and historic points of interest along the way. This tour is wheelchair accessible.

B) **Lunch** - on your own near the TN Aquarium

C) **Afternoon: Tennessee Aquarium Tour:** 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. This tour is wheelchair accessible.

D) **Evening:** Dinner on your own; followed by Bingo in the hospitality room.

Saturday, August 8th:

A) **Morning Tour(8am - 1pm): Tour of Lookout Mountain and Chattanooga Scenic Attractions, Rock City, and the Incline Railway**

The Incline Railway is the world's steepest passenger railway. It takes you "above the clouds" to the highest point on Lookout Mountain. From that point we will travel to the widely acclaimed Rock City Gardens. A portion of the gardens' tour paths is wheelchair accessible.

B) **Lunch:** On your own at Rock City Gardens' Big Rock Grille

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

Saturday, August 8th, Evening, 6 pm - 10 pm: Banquet in the Choo-Choo Crystal Room:

We are very excited to have Retired Rear Admiral Vance Fry as our guest speaker. Admiral Fry served aboard the USS Maddox; and currently resides in Chattanooga. We have also booked the "Sweet Georgia Sounds" Band to play World War II era music during the banquet. Attire is casual.

Sunday, August 9th:

A) Morning/Afternoon - Free Day: 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.

Chattanooga has a free Electric Shuttle located adjacent to the Choo-Choo Hotel that provides free transportation that is wheelchair accessible from the Choo-Choo to downtown Chattanooga, restaurants, shops, and the Riverfront area.

Our goal is to provide complete access for everyone to all events. If you do not have your own wheelchair, but will need one for the tours, please so indicate on the reservation form or contact Paul Pickett.
We look forward to seeing everyone in Chattanooga!
If you have any questions about the reunion, please call Paul Pickett at 423-877-7727.

IN MEMORIUM:

Ralph Parks: We were notified by Linda Harris, daughter of Ralph Parks, that he passed away November 18, 2008. Ralph served aboard the USS Holt from June 9, 1944 thru May 1, 1946 and reached a rank MM 2/c. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Marvin Howard(Brother of Garnett Howard): We received notice from Marvin's daughter that he passed away on December 22, 2008. Marvin was a retired Commander and Navy Chaplain. Marvin gave the invocation at the 2006 USS Holt Wreath Laying Ceremony at the US Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Garnett and his family.

Al Boorman: We were notified by Barbara, Al's wife, that he passed away on February 5, 2009. Al served on the USS Holt from June 9, 1944 thru July 2, 1946 and reached a rank of S 1/c. Al and Barbara have been regular attendees at the reunions of the USS Holt Shipmates Association. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his Barbara and their family.

USS HOLT(DE 706) 2009 TOUR RESERVATION FORM

August 6 thru 9, 2009

REGISTRATION FEE: _____people at $25 per person = ☐

EVENT A: GROUP WELCOME DINNER – LUAU @ CHOO-CHOO HOSPITALITY ROOM:
Thursday, August 6th , 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm ____people at $20/person = ☐

EVENT B: TENNESSEE AQUARIUM RIVER GORGE EXPLORER BOAT TOUR:
Friday, August 7th, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon _____ people at $29/person = ☐

EVENT C: TENNESSEE AQUARIUM TOUR:
Friday, August 7th , 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm _____ people at $18/person = ☐

EVENT D: ROCK CITY , INCLINE RAILWAY, and CHATTANOOGA TOUR:
Saturday, August 8th, 8:00 am – 1:00pm _____ people at $55/person = ☐

EVENT E: GALA BANQUET DINNER@ CHOO-CHOO CRYSTAL ROOM:
Saturday, August 8th, 6:00pm – 10:00pm
MEAL SELECTION: Prime Rib _____ people at $33/person = ☐

OR: Chicken Piccata _____ people at $25/person = ☐

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE = $ ☐

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
Name (as it will appear on badge): _____
Spouse/Guest: _____
Address:_____City_____St_____Zip_____
Phone:(Home)_____ Phone:(Cell)_____
E-Mail Address:_____
Emergency contact during the reunion: _____
Phone:_____
Number of Wheelchairs Needed for Tours: _____(How many?)

Additional Guests: Name (as it will appear on badge): _____
Name (as it will appear on badge): _____
Address: _____ City_____St_____Zip_____
Phone:(Home)_____ Phone:(Cell)_____
E-Mail Address:_____
Emergency contact during the reunion: _____
Phone:_____

Complete and mail this entire form with a check payable to:
Paul Pickett, Treasurer
4805 Greenview Lane
Hixson, TN 37343
Note: Please, do not make checks payable to USS Holt Association.

Hospitality Suite Survey

In an attempt to supply the Hospitality Suite with the items that all our attendees like, we are asking your opinion:

_____ Red Wine

_____ White Wine

_____ Non-alcoholic Beer

_____ Light Beer

_____ Soft Drinks (List desired type otherwise Coke products will be purchased)_____

_____ Bottled Water

What types of Snacks would you like:

_____ Potato Chips

_____ Corn Chips

_____ Dips – Specify what type

_____ Nuts

Do you want sweet items to go with Coffee? Coffee Cakes, pastries, Cookies

_____ Yes

_____ No Opinion

If you have a special type of food/snack you would like to bring with you, all contributions of special favorites are welcome. Bring the recipe to share. We will do our best to get the items you like, but want to spend the money wisely. We don't want a lot of leftovers. Please remember we can't please all of the people all of the time.

Name: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

SEE YOU AT THE CHOO CHOO!!