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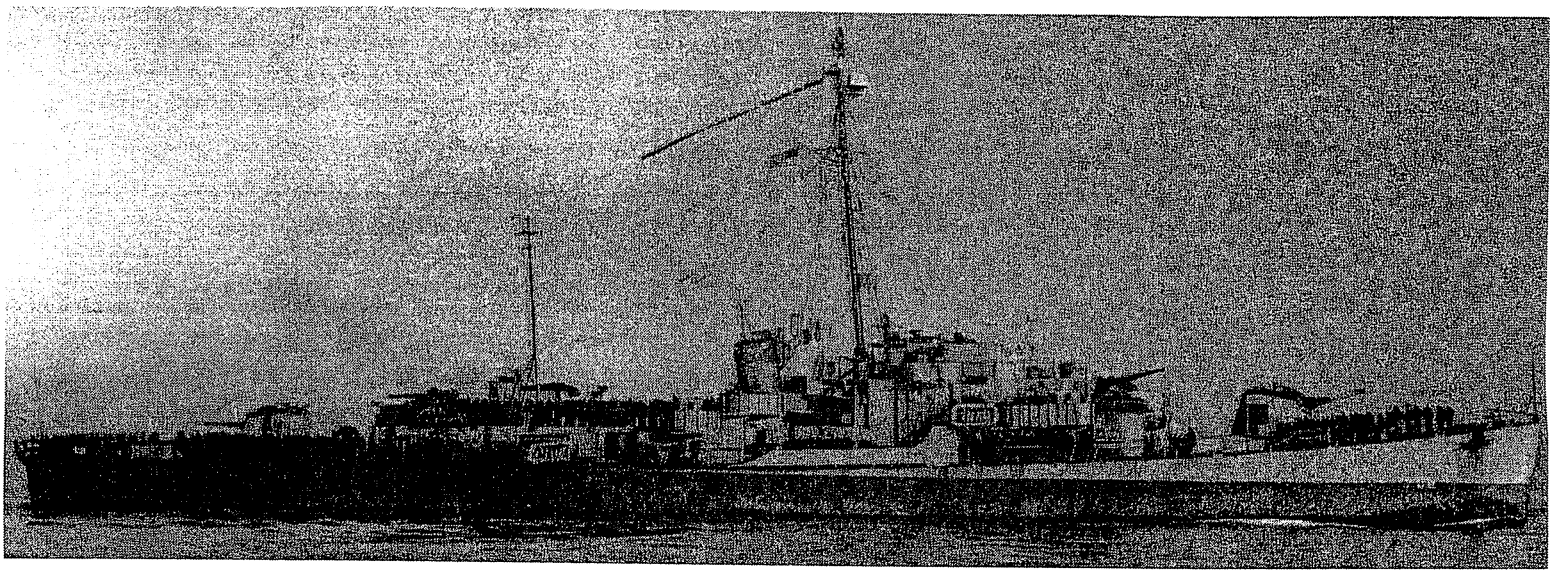
A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE CREW AND THEIR FAMILIES



USS HOLT DE-706

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IN MEMORIAM:

Elwin H. "Aya" (Al) Gebauer:

Mr. Elwin H. "Aya" Gebauer, 84, of 5043 North Shore Drive, Polk City, Fla., formerly a longtime resident of Adams, MA, died Feb. 25, in Lakeland, Fla., after a long illness.Born in Albany, N.Y., son of the late Charles W. and Martha Schwarzer Gebauer, he came to Adams as a youngster. He attended Adams schools and was a graduate of the former Adams High, Class of '43.

Upon his graduation, he enlisted in the Navy during WWII and served aboard the Destroyer Escort USS Holt and was discharged as a Gunners Mate 2nd Class honorably at the Naval Base Boston on April 5, 1946, having been awarded the Victory Medal, Asiatic/Pacific, Phillipine Liberation Medals and the American Defense Ribbons.

He secured a position with the former Arnold Print Works of Adams and was with them until his retirement in 1990. While with the APW he was employed as a printer/engraver.

Mr. Gebauer married twice, his first wife was Ceil Jozefiak, who passed on. Later in life, Aya married his current wife, Annie S. Gebauer.

He leaves a daughter, Karen K. Lindstrom of Windsor, Mass.; a son, Charles Gebauer of Loop Road, Savoy; sister, Mrs. John Zuber of Pittsfield; two grandchildren, Kristen and Ryan Cady of Pittsfield and Mechanicsville, N.Y.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Charles and Raymond Gebauer, and one sister, Dorothy M. Hamlin, and nieces and nephews.

Elwin was a member of Machine Printers & Engravers Assoc. of USA, Berkshire Lodge AF & AM for 40 years, VFW Post 996 of Adams, and Post 160 American Legion.

An inurnment service was held Thursday, May 13, in the St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery in Adams. Pastor, Daniel J. Boyle of the Pope John Paul the Great, officiated.

Memorial gifts are suggested in Elwin's honor to the charity of the donor's choice through the MCBRIDE FUNERAL SERVICE who are in charge of local arrangements.

A note received about Al in his memorial guest book:

"aya was an old pal and teammate at adams. he played professional football with the boston team before the patriots. he will be sorely missed" ***Art Fox*** **(Weekiwachee, FL)**

John(Doc) Steinhauser:

We learned at the time of preparing this newsletter that "Doc" Steinhauser passed away on Sunday, May 16, 2010 from a stroke. We attempted, but were unable to obtain his obituary for publication in this newsletter; we will include it in the next newsletter.

RECENT NEWS ABOUT SHIPMATES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

John McGauley:

John fell and sustained a broken hip. He is currently an inpatient at a rehabilitation facility in Huntington Beach, CA. Mary Anne reports that he is getting stronger every day.

Ann Gebauer:

In the last newsletter we had reported that Ann had sustained a broken leg. After recovering from that injury, she fell while walking her dog and broke her arm. She reported to us that she will be healed and able to travel to the 2010 USS Holt Reunion.

NEWS FROM THE USS HOLT WEBSITE:

Jeff Cope received an email from a Korean Sailor who had served on the Chung Nam DE 73, which was the USS Holt DE 706 after it was sold to Korea. We have included his email on a separate page in its original Korean version and a translation of the email provided by a friend of Jeff. Please feel free to offer your own translated version if you know anyone who speaks Korean.

MAILING LIST OF USS HOLT SHIPMATES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

At the request of several shipmates and family members, we are including a copy of our most recent mailing list for your use. It is from several sources and is not in alphabetical order...we apologize for that.

EMAIL FROM JEFF COPE AND EMAIL FROM A KOREAN SAILOR WHO SERVED ON THE CHUNG NAM DE 73 (USS HOLT DE706):

"FYI, I got an email from a Korean naval officer who served aboard the HOLT when it was sold to Korea in 1963. It was written in Korean so I had to get it translated. Now I have to figure out how to reply to him. :-)

Jeff"

English translation, parapharased:

"It seems that Mr. Jae Young Lee from South Korea, who sent this e-mail, sent a rather personal message to the address he could find that bears relevance to USS HOLT, as he served in a Korean navy (on DE 73) during 1976-1977, and brought his old memories back with grief due to the recent incident involving sunken Korean naval patrol vessel last month. (here are a couple of links for the news on the incident)

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/28/world/asia/28korea.html

http://www.upi.com/Daily-Briefing/2010/04/16/South-Korean-ship/UPI-77721271421395/

As Mr. Lee finds out that DE 73 also served as USS HOLT DE-706 during WW II, he felt close bond to those who served onboard at the time, so sends his best wishes to those who served in USS HOLT DE-706 and their families at the end of his message.

Korean Version of Email:

From: [redacted]

To: [redacted]

Sent: Wed, April 28, 2010 2:25:50 PM

Subject: DE-73

안녕하세요 !

저는 1976-77 한국해군 de73에서 복무했던 이재영 입니다.

요즘 천안함 침몰 사건으로 슬프고 많은 생각을 하게 됩니다.

그일로 지난날 내가 탔던 군함에 대해 알아볼 생각을 하였습니다.

검색을 하여보니 그배가 1963년도에 한국으로 온것을 알고 2차대전때는

USS HOLT DE-706으로 활약한것도 알았읍니다.

706의 취역당시 모습과 그때의 승조원들 또 사진들

매년 변화되는 승조원들의 근황등 어쩌면 그 긴시간 유지하며

관리되어 온것이 감탄스럽고 신기롭기도 합니다.

그것들이 나의 일부라는 생각은 드는것은

아마도 73함에서 생활했기 때문인가 봅니다.

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나로서는 감동이었고 충격이 었읍니다.

이주소를 알았을때 무언가 감동의 글을 보내지 않을수

없었읍니다.

DE-706의대원들과 그후손들 영원이 영광스러운 해군의

가족이기를 기원합니다.

2010.4.29

2010 SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION REUNION:
CHATTANOOGA, TN - AUGUST 5th - 9th:

DEADLINES ARE FAST APPROACHING FOR THE 2010 REUNION:

PLEASE, DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOUR SHIPMATES: CHATTANOOGA, TN - THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH thru MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH

Hotel Reservation Deadline is July 20th: Rooms reserved after this date are based on availability and standard hotel rates.

Tour Registration Deadline is also **July 20th.**

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.

2010 REUNION DETAILS:

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 5th thru Sunday, August 8th, Departing on Monday, August 9th.
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). 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 20, 2010. 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 9th, 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 20th, 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 5th: Evening(6:00 pm): Welcome Dinner in the **hospitality room(Norfolk Room)**: "Fun and casual", sandwiches, salads, chips, drinks, "Bingo", and other fun activities, including possibly a surprise guest!

Friday, August 6th:

A) Morning - Tour(10:30 am - 1:30 pm): Sightseeing 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 on your own**, such as:

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. *Note: There is a free shuttle bus that provides transportation to downtown attractions, including the TN Aquarium.*

Tour of Lookout Mountain Scenic Attractions: *Rock City* and *Point Park*(National Military Park). *Note: You will need to provide your own transportation to these attractions.*

C) Evening(6:00 pm): Dinner in the hospitality room, followed by **Bingo** in the hospitality room. Dinner will include Southern Barbeque Beef and Chicken, with appropriate sides. If you would prefer to eat at one of the excellent local restaurants instead of BBQ in the hospitality room, then please indicate your preference on the registration form.

Saturday, August 7th:

A) Morning Tour(9:00 am - 1:30 pm): Tour of the Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park:
The 5,500 acre Chickamauga Battlefield, scene of the last major Confederate victory of the Civil War, contains numerous monuments, historical tablets, wayside exhibits, and trails. The Visitor Center includes exhibits, a bookstore, and the Claud E. and Zenada O. Fuller Collection of American Military Shoulder Arms.

We are very fortunate to be visiting on the same weekend that a special "living history" program will be presented as described below:
"Living history volunteers representing the 37th Georgia Infantry will conduct Infantry demonstrations. Living Historians will present talks about the life of the soldier. They will also conduct rifle firing demonstrations. Visitors are encouraged to visit the camp throughout the weekend to learn what life was like on a day to day basis for the Civil War soldier"

B) Lunch - On your own.. We will decide as a group whether to eat on the return trip to the hotel or separately after arriving at the hotel.

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

D) Evening - 6 pm - 10 pm: Banquet in the Choo-Choo Crystal Room:
We are very excited to have returning as our guest speaker Retired Rear Admiral Vance Fry. Admiral Fry served aboard the USS Maddox; and currently resides in Chattanooga. We have also booked again the *"Sweet Georgia Sounds"* Band to play World War II era music during the banquet. Attire is casual.

Sunday, August 8th:

A) Morning/Afternoon - Visiting 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 or email at: got2runrunrun@yahoo.com .

USS HOLT(DE 706) 2010 TOUR RESERVATION FORM

August 5 thru 10, 2010

REGISTRATION FEE: _____**people at $25 per person** = ☐

EVENT A: GROUP WELCOME DINNER:
Thursday, August 5th, 6:00pm - *Choo-Choo* Hospitality Room _____**people at $15/person =** ☐

EVENT B: *SOUTHERN BELLE RIVERBOAT* SIGHTSEEING CRUISE AND LUNCH:
Friday, August 6th, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm _____ **people at $24/person** = ☐

EVENT C: SOUTHERN BARBEQUE DINNER IN HOSPITALITY ROOM:
Friday, August 6th , 6:00 pm _____ **people at $20/person** = ☐
Note: If you choose to eat at a local restaurant instead of this dinner, then please join us for Bingo following dinner.

EVENT D: CHICKAMAUGA – CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK TOUR:
Saturday, August 7th, 9:00 am – 1:30pm _____ **people at $25/person** = ☐

EVENT E: BANQUET DINNER:
Saturday, August 7th, 6:00pm – 10:00pm Choo-Choo Crystal Room

MEAL SELECTION: Prime Rib _____ **people at $33/person** = ☐

OR: Chicken Piccatta _____ **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: _____ Ph:_____
Number of Wheelchairs Needed for Tours: _____

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: _____ Ph: _____

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