



USS Henry W. Tucker DD/R 875

Have Gun Will Travel

Greetings Shipmates:

Once again our country is at war. It seems that it's going to be a long, drawn out war. We ask your prayers for all our men and women in the military, that they will accomplish their mission and arrive home safely. Unfortunately, there have already been deaths of servicemen and women. We pray that their deaths were quick and for their families to find comfort that their deaths were while serving the US. I know there are protests, similar to Vietnam, but I hope the protesters don't make the mistake of blaming the rank and file service people. They need all of our support no matter what our feelings about the war.

If anyone knows anyone who is serving aboard a ship in the middle east, please send their email addresses. I'm sure many of us would like to send messages of support. The same goes for service men and women in the ground forces. Most don't have access to email, but might like to receive mail. We could send out a list in a special mailing.

We have many new entries in the crew list, thanks to Bob Miller and others who have sent us information. Bob has found well over 50 shipmates since the reunion in November. As he says, "They can run, but they cannot hide from Inspector Miller!" Bob also has a new deputy, Ed Bell, who has been contacting people who have signed on to Classmates.com. We are thankful to have both of them. We have spoken to representatives from other ships' reunion groups and they say they wish they had someone like Bob in their group. If you would like to contact one of the new shipmates, please let us know, or check the website to contact them by email. And if you find someone, please contact us. Also, we have several additions to the Memorial List.

As we announced in the last newsletter, the next reunion will be in the fall of 2004 in Charleston, South Carolina. We would like to have the reunion earlier so the weather would be warmer. The last two weeks in October would be nice, any earlier and we'd have to worry about hurricane season. At this point, we haven't decided on a hotel. We found one in downtown Charleston that is large enough for our group and Chuck Kass will be checking it out soon, as well as others. It would be nice to be right downtown so there would be restaurants, shops and sights within walking distance. As soon as we have a hotel confirmed, we'll let you know.

We were notified in December that our baseball cap supplier was going out of business. Our contact there recommended another company. We had just received a shipment of 100 caps from Georgia Headwear and Apparel and when those run out, we will begin ordering from the new company, Perky Caps. They have sent us a sample cap and they are equal in quality to the caps from GHA. We were sorry to hear of the closing of GHA. They served us well.

If your address or email address has changed recently, please send us your new address. There were several returns of the last newsletter and a lot of the emailed newsletters "bounced" as well. If you want to continue to receive your newsletters, we need up-to-date information. We thank all of you who have kept us up-to-date with address and email address changes.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

Bill Siler

Additions to Crew List

Robert L. Afinson
MM2, 53-57

George E. Bentz
SH3, 45-47

David Boatwright
E-3, 68-70

Norman C. "Norm" Brinkmeyer
ENS, 46

James E. Brobst
SN, 61-64

George W. "Slick" Carlson
RM2, 53-54

Alvin N. "Al" Catalano
LT, 63-65

Rodney E. "Rod" Cook
GMSN, 52-53

Rogers D. "RD" Coward
GM3, 51-55

Theodore S. "Ted" Curtis
LTJG, 68-70

Ralph B. Davis
(aboard twice)
SN1/c, 47-49
BM2, 55-56

John R. Doyen
SN2/c, 45-46

Ronald E. "Sling" Esslinger
SH3, 69-73

Charles E. Fair
SOSN, 55-56

Ronald D. Fisher
MM2, 58-60

John F. Fox
CDR, 72-73 (Commanding Officer)

Allen Gibbs
FTG1, 69-70

Michael A. "Mike" Grocott
BT2, 64-67

McCamie D. "Doc" Hill
QMSN, 51-54
(brother of Joel – Memorial List)

Robert E. "Bob" Hover
PN3, 68-70

Robert A. "Killer" Kilcrease
CS2, 48-52

Ruben Luna
PN1, 59-62

Robert "Rob" Marquardt
SM3, 72-73

Eugene S. "Mac" McCall
MM2, 64-66

Stephan J. "Mac" McGree
RD2, 69-73

Jerry W. Pearce
GM3, 59-61

John R. "Jack" Phelan
RM2, 45-46

Charles R. "Chuck" Potete
YN2, 65-69

Thomas E. Reeves
CWO2, 71-73

Harlon Richardson
ST3, 63-66

Richard (Dick, Boats, Chief) Schlough
BMC, 71

Varesse Lane Self
QMSN, 56-57

Daniel M. Shapiro
LTJG, 68-70

John F. Skislock
SN1/c, 45-47

Otis L. "Doc" Spencer
HMC, 65-66

Leslie F. "Frank" Thompson
RD2, 52-56

Richard Vavrosky
SN, 59-63

Ernest "Ernie" "Dirty Ern" Vowell
FTG3, 65-68

Danny E. Ward
ETR3, 72-73

Charles "Slim" Washington
SA, 72-73

Bruce J. "Packy" Winland
BM2, 68-71

Bartly T. "Thomas" Wollam
FN, 55-58

John M. Wucinich
(now Michael Justin)
YN3, 63-66

Additions to Memorial List

Alden A. Badeau
SN, 52-54

Carl Blackwell
SFSA, 47-48

Edward G. Brown
HMC, 70

Brenice Cauthen
49

Raymond N. "Jack" Dempsey
QM3, 51-54

Louis Hari, Jr.
BT3, 61-65

Joel R. "JR" Hill
(brother of McCamie D.)
SKSN, 52-54

Lloyd J. Hoyer
45

Billy R. Jonas
SF2/c, 47-52

Richard L. Mabrey
LTJG, 57-60

John C. Oostdik
BM2, 50-51

Earl P. Schexnayder
SN 52-54

Larry S. Soderstrom
DK2, 68-70

Robert L. Taylor
45-48

George G. Weaks
LTJG, 45

This came in from Joseph Deutsch.

Some little known American military history.

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators.

However, let it be noted that according to her log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannonshot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping." Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February, 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky and 38,600 gallons of stagnant water.

GO NAVY!

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Baseball Caps

Baseball caps are available. They are US made, Navy Blue with the ship's name and hull number in gold. Ship profile is in white.

To order, send a check for \$11.00 (covers shipping) payable to:

Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund

Send the check to the address at the left.

USS Henry W. Tucker DD/R 875 Reunion Association

Mission

The mission of the USS Henry W. Tucker Reunion Association is to bring together shipmates from the entire time the ship was in commission, 1945-1973 as the USS Henry W. Tucker (DD and DDR 875) USN and 1973-1993 as the Marcilio Dias (D25) of the Brazilian Navy.

All shipmates of all rates and ranks and their families are considered to be part of the Tucker Family and all are welcome at reunions.

The mission is also to honor those who have gone before, our deceased shipmates.