



Hello shipmates,

We hope everyone had a happy holiday season and that your winter hasn't been too bad. Many areas of the country have been hard-hit by storms and we hope everyone is doing all right. Our weather here in Virginia has been cold with a few warm breaks, but we have had only a dusting of snow. The mountains to our west seem to block the snow from getting here. We spent the week of Feb. 6-14 in Gatlinburg, TN with Ronnie "Sweetpea" and Jerry Ann Holt. It has become an annual trip and we thoroughly enjoy it, even though we all eat way too much and spend too much in the antique shops. The weather was in the 60s and 70s all week. Not bad for the Smoky Mountains. The threat of heavy storms and tornadoes kept us from visiting Bruce & Mary Cardin this time. Bruce had been in the hospital and is doing better now. Mary had surgery and is feeling much better. On our way home, we stopped in Hickory, NC and met Dave & Dorothy Harrington for lunch. We spent nearly three hours visiting and learning what Dave has in mind regarding the 2010 reunion in Wilmington, NC. We have a signed contract for the hotel in Wilmington, so we're on our way! He will cohost the reunion with Chuck Hughes with a lot of help from their daughters. We believe it's going to be an excellent reunion. Many thanks to Dave for the Valentine rose! It was beautiful and lasted quite awhile. The note said something to the effect that you can't say old sailors ain't romantic!

We are both on Facebook and some of the Tucker sailors have found us (or we've found them). If you're on Facebook, we are listed as "James Bill Siler" and "Pat Siler". If there's enough interest, we'll create a "Tucker Group". We've had a lot of fun "visiting" with families and friends on Facebook. It's really easy to set up a page and to use it. The only thing I would advise is not to put too much personal information on there. They have security settings also so you can decide how much information people can see on your profile.

In December, I created a Tucker Blog in hopes of providing a place for shipmates to get together. I sent an email out to a lot of the shipmates, but it hasn't caught on. To access the blog, go to <http://henrywtucker.blogspot.com>. You need a Google account to be able to post to the blog, but you don't have to create a new email address. You can use your current address. If there are no, or very few, members and posters after this newsletter has been out for awhile, I'll probably delete the blog. A Facebook Group might be more accessible to shipmates. It's easy to join Facebook and to find "friends" and "groups". I'll be checking the blog and Facebook and will decide whether there is enough interest to keep the blog going or to create a Tucker Group. Your feedback would be appreciated.

If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please contact us immediately so we can update your information. If you don't, there's a chance you'll stop receiving newsletters. If you are currently receiving newsletters via US Mail and you have an email address (except WEBTV or

Mailstation), please send us your email address. The more we can send via email, the lower the cost of postage and printing. Currently we email over 800 and send about 600 via US Mail. Each time, we receive several email returns and returns from the Post Office due to email and postal addresses being incorrect. We then have to remove those email addresses from our distribution list and send the newsletters by US Mail until we receive a new email address. This is a time consuming process because we also have to remove those email address links on the crew lists on the website, as well as the main database/ mailing list. Some of the returns from the Post Office have new addresses. We then have to send the newsletter to the new address (requiring additional postage). Others have no forwarding address, so we're unable to send to those people. So please send us new addresses, etc. as soon as possible. For those who have sent us updated information, thank you! We also encourage you to see Bob Miller at reunions to check your information on our database and make any changes. Very few do this, but it is really important to do so.

Fair winds and smooth sailing!
Bill & Pat Siler

Sick Bay

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers.

Cecil M. "Mike" Dale (BTFN, 61-64)
Leo D. "Dale" Leaser (BT3, 48-52)
Robert J. Szakonyi (ENS 65-66)

If you know of any shipmate or wife of a shipmate who is ill, please let us know.

Additions to the Crew List

Bibee, Michael J. "Mike", SoM3, 45-46
Buckley, James, RM3, 64-66
Fanning, Billy L., EMFA, 72-73
Herda, Craig A. "Sparks", RM3, 66-67
Kraus, Thomas W., MM3, 67-68
Lingenfelter, Charles R. "Chuck", SN, 69-70

McDonald, Frederick H., LTJG, 69-70
Ritz, Richard J. "Stew", CS3, 70-71
Rivera, Felix, SN1/c, 48-49
Rogerio, Jr., Ramiro, SN, 68-69
Smith, Jesse J., FN, 69-70
Ward, Grady O., BT2, 59-62

Additions to the Memorial List

Aguero, Jose T., BM3, 59-60
Beaver, John T., BT3, 55-57
Beck, Charles W. "Buddy", EM3, 48-52
Benson, James C., SN1/c, 51-54
Boyle, James P., SM1, 45-46
Brown, Junious C. "J.C.", RM3, 63-65
Card, Archie L., FPG3, 49-51
Crudgington, Robert W., SN1/c, 48-52
Dunphy, John F. "Jack", LT 50-51
Erickson, John, FN, 68-71
Furcron III, Charles C., SN1/c, 45-46
Hahn, Hillel A., SMC, 60-62
Hyde, Robert E., SN2/c, 45-46
Ignisiban, Teofilo W., SK3, 58-60
Justice, Jacob J. "Joe", SN1/c, 45-46
Leininger, Jack A., FN1/c, 52-53

Litteral, James E., BTG3, 49-50
Mikesell, Robert P., SN2/c, 45-46
Moravec, Jr., Emil E. "Moose", BM3, 62-66
Nelson, Prentiss E., MM3, 45-46
Newman, Richard A., MM3, 48-53
Olson, Paul D., LTJG, 51-53
Orear, Billy R. "Atlanta's Angel", BTFN, 50-52
Prizzi, Antonino, RM3, 64-65
Ritzler, Leroy L. "Lee", MM2, 64-65
Rutledge, Dwayne, "Rusty", CSSN, 55-58
Schoenewies, Daniel C., SN, 55-56
Thomas, Ross J., LCDR, 58-60
Tuttle, Jr., Francis B., MM2, 55-57
Vavrosky, Richard, SN, 59-62
Wilson, John J., SN, 49-51

James Erickson, son of John Erickson would like to hear from his Dad's shipmates.
Becky Rutledge, daughter of Rusty Rutledge would like to hear from her Dad's shipmates.
Please contact us for their email addresses.

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Baseball Caps

We have baseball caps for sale. They are Navy Blue with the ship's name and hull number in gold. The ship profile is in grey. We have solid cloth and mesh back available. Please specify which you prefer when ordering.

The price is \$12.00, which includes postage. Make check payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** and mail to the address above.

USS Henry W. Tucker DD/DDR 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.

Our mission also is to keep alive the memory of this fine ship and the brave men who served aboard her. This includes Henry Warren Tucker, the World War II hero for whom she was named.

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. This includes widows and children of our departed shipmates.

Our mission is also to honor those who have gone before, our departed shipmates.