



USS Henry W. Tucker DD/R 875

Greetings Shipmates:

This will be the last newsletter before the reunion. The response has been overwhelming, as you will see from the list of reunion attendees on page 4. The list is made up from the people we've received sheets and checks from and a printout from the hotel of those registered. If you haven't mailed in your registration sheet and check yet, please do so as soon as possible. We will be pressed for time in October to make up name badges and tie up all the loose ends, and we'll need final counts so we can tell the hotel and tour company how many people to expect.

On Page 5 is a letter from Jack London. He is planning to have a reception on Thursday evening for all Korean War shipmates who will be attending the reunion. As Jack puts it, it is the "Golden Anniversary". Jack's address, phone number and email address are at the bottom of the page. If you are interested in attending, please let Jack know as soon as possible so he can firm up the arrangements.

Bob Miller has been working hard finding shipmates. Between the shipmates and our deceased shipmates, we now have over 1,000! This is due mostly to the tremendous efforts of Bob. Two years ago, we had about 100 names, most with outdated addresses. We have listed the most recent new additions to the crew list (and a couple who have been with us for some time that never were listed in a newsletter) and as usual, some additions to the memorial list. At the memorial service, we will read all the names of our departed shipmates. We're thinking of asking for someone from the 40's, 50-55, 56-60, 61-65, 66-70 and 71-73 to read the names for those years. If you are interested in being one of the readers at the memorial service, please let us know.

The ship model has been completed. We have seen photos and are really pleased. We incorrectly said in the last newsletter that it was about 3 feet long. Actually, it is smaller, but has excellent detail. At the suggestion of the builder, we will have a professionally made photo on display at the reunion. The model will be delivered to the winner. The builder was concerned about possible damage if the model was shipped to San Diego, opened for display, repacked and shipped to the winner. The builder has taken great pride in building the model and wants to be sure it arrives at its final destination safe and sound. We agree. Donald Hooper tells us that ticket sales have been excellent. On page 6 is a write-up and a couple of photos from Donald.

We have added a message board to the website. The guestbook will remain active, but on a message board you can post longer messages and reply to others' messages. This is where you can put your "sea stories". We hope you will find the message board useful and interesting.

We will be away from October 4-20. Pat will have her laptop so we will be in touch via email.

See you in November.

Bill Siler

Additions to the Crew List

Brown, Richard, BM3, 53-?
Bucholz, Edward, MM2, 44-45
Cahoon, H. Michael "Mike", LTJG, 55-56
Capp, William L., FC3, 44-46
Church, Paul G., MMFA, 72-73
Davis, Jr., John W., RD3, 50-54
Devaney, Jim, LT, 72-73
Elgier, George J., BMC, 72-?
Graham, Norman J., RM3, 52-55
Haney, Dale L., SF3, 66-68
Hartman, Michael "Mike", LTJG, 60-62
Hazelbrook, Richard A. "Rick", CS3, 72-73
Hendricks, Richard B. "Rick", FN, 72-73
Iaizzi, Louis, SN1/c, 45-46
Kerr, Frank W., RMSN, 67-69
Kuba, Jim, GMG2, 71-72
Liebschner, Orville O., LCDR, 46-47
McDowell, Brian J., LTJG, 60-62
O'Connell, James W., SN, 55-56
Ogden, Jesse, BT2, 62-?
Pawelko, Thomas J. "Tom", FN, 72-73
Roehm, Jr., MacDonnell "Roamer", LTJG, 61-64
Seawright, Dennis O. "Smiley", ETNSN, 70-72
Seelbach, Christopher R., LTJG, 62-?
Severance, Robert A. "Tex", LTJG, 64-65
Stethem, Lewis D., ET3, 50-52
Thompson, Garland T., MM3, 64-65
Thompson, Glen M. "Pete", LT, 65-66
Wong, Edward, ET2, 51-54
Yovaisis, Adam J., SN1/c, 45-46
Zimmerman, Robert W. "Bob", LTJG, 58-60

Additions to the Memorial List

Andrews, Edwin, 45, died April 13, 2002
Booten, James W., FN1/c, 45, died June 16, 1978
Bunty, William, RD3, 45-46, died Feb. 3, 2001
Carter, Clyde A.L. "C.A.L.", LTJG, 60-62, died June 26, 2000
Doyle, James T. "Jim", LT, 50-52, died Nov. 23, 1975
Nilsen, Arthur, RD3, 55-57, died August 4, 2002
Titus, William "Bill", BT3, 53-55, died Jan. 1990
Wilcox, Burr C., CDR, 63-65, died August 14, 2002

Reunion Attendees

Elliott B. Anderson, FCT, 55-57
Robert C. Arterburn, LT, 62
Robert Ayello, RD2, 67-70
Thomas E. Bager, LT, 51-53
LeeT. Barbour, LTJG, 50-51
James Barrett, RD1, 56-58
Bruce Bender, STG2, 66-68
Joe Brubaker, GM2, 45-46
Robert Bryan, FN, 51-54
Bruce Cardin, FN, 52-55
Frank Colvin, TM3, 63-65
Ken Craft, MM3, 50-53
Richard Daggs, RD2, 53-55
Mike Dale, FN, 61-64
Ronald "Dave" Davis, GMM3, 64-68
Joseph R. Deutsch, FTG2, 66-69
Holland Dickey, FN, 52-55
James Dowling, FTG3, 66-68
C.D. Driver, BM3, 51-54
Larry Duggins, RD3, 54-55
Louie Duke, LT, 59-60
Bill Edstrom, FC2, 48-51
David Emerson, LT, 67-69
Robert Ewald, FTA2, 55-58
Doug Faber, ICFN, 72-73
James Fehl, FTG2, 69-73
Harry Felder, RD2, 52-55
Donald Ferguson, LTJG, 51-54
Don Fern, RM1, 44-46
Fred Fewin, FT1, 48-53
Robert "Bud" Fincham, YN1, 51-54
G. Donald Fisher, LTJG, 50-51
Bill Fix, GMSN, 50-54
Betty Fowlkes (widow of Bob, MM3, 50-54)
James Gable, GM3, 55-57
Gene Gau, MM2, 63-64
Kenneth George, SK3, 63-66
Virgil Graves, YN3, 63-65
Gary Hanke, EN3, 71-72
Bill Hargraves, FN, 61-64
David Harrington, ETR2, 67-72
Eugene B. Harris, MM2, 47-52
Alfred Hawk, FN, 44-46
Harry Hawley, F1/c, 50-51
Walter Hendricks, FTG2, 66-69
Sal Hernandez, RD1, 68-70
Oscar Holdridge, PN3, 48-51
Ronald Holt, BT1, 63-65
Donald G. Hooper, DK3, 53-55
Mike Hooper, SO2, 62-63
Frederick C. Johnson, LT, 55-58
Willard Johnson, ENS, 50-51
Robert Jordan, BT2, 53-55
Eugene Jumper, ET1, 52-53
Chuck Kass, ETN2, 63-65
W.J. Keith, BT3, 50-53
John Kray, GM3, 63-66
Sheldon Kully, CDR, 67-69
Dave Lagerwey, EN2, 68-70
Ross Laine, BTC, 67-68
Jack London, LT, 51-53
Jon Loreen, LTJG, 62-64
Paul Machart, YN3, 62-65
Samuel E. Mannering, GM3, 52-55
Lester Marney, BT2, 61-63
Matt Mauer, RD3, 52-55
John F. McElroy, MM3, 47-51
Ed McKenna, BT2, 51-54
Thomas McLaughlin, DC2, 68-71
Erik Mezger, LTJG, 58-61
Eugene Mialki, RM3, 61-62
Bill Miller, RM2, 60
Robert Miller, MM3, 62-65
Peter Mockapetris, BT2, 72-73
Orville Monroe, BT3, 48-51

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Obie R. Moore, Jr., GM3, 45-46
William N. "Newt" Moore, ENS, 58-60
Herman Morgan, MM3, 48-50
Frank Murphy, SM3, 58-61
Edward D. Napier, MM3, 49-51
Nator, Rocky, SN, 55-60
William H. Newell, SN1/c, 45-46
William Novak
Steve Petersen, EN2, 67-69
Dayton Powell, BT2, 51-55
Aubrey Quebedeaux, BT3, 55-58
Dave Richards, YNSN, 55-56
Mel Richley, LT, 52-54
C.Wayne Robinson, BT3, 52-54
Edward Rome, BT2, 51-56
Howard Ronalds, FTG2, 68-70
Charles Ruth, MM2, 63-65
James Sadler, YN2, 68-69
Errol Samuelson, STG1, 69-74
Tony Santos, SH3, 68-70
Gary Schnorr, SN, 72-73
F. Greg Shinskey, ENS, 52-54
Bill Siler, BT3, 62-64
James Simon, LCDR, 71-72
Robert Sipole, IC3, 60-64
Earl Sitton, SN, 50-54
Byron Smith, RD1, 55-58
Russell A. Sod, MM3, 48-52
James Spriggs, GM3, 51-55
Herbert Stoner, GMSN, 51-55
Robert Suess, GM3, 52-55
Phil Swank, FN, 71-72
Robert J. Tate, PN2, 59-60
Jim Teske, GMG2, 68-72
Bobbie Tousley, YN2, 50-52
Barry Ullman, ENS, 61-62
Robert Van Dyken, EM3, 68-72

Richard Vogelsang, GMG2, 70-73
Mike Volentine, EM2, 61-62
Egon Werdelman, CDR, 61-63
J.C. White, ? rate/years
John Wickett, RD3, 67-69
James G. Williams, EN2, 68-70
Tommy Willson, FN, 52-55
William Windham, GMG2, 60-61
Edward G. Wong, ED2, 51-54
Leroy Wood, BT2, 60-64
Edward Zeman, SK2, 72-73
Larry Zins, RD3, 68-70

The Golden Anniversary

The Henry W. Tucker did three tours in the Korean War (1951,1952,1953) and it is most appropriate that we recognize this at this year's Tucker Reunion.

Red Lion Hanalai Hotel San Diego California November 7 to 10, 2002

I am trying to put together something where we all can gather and see how that "shipmate" is doing these 50 years later. The tentative plan is to have a RECEPTION on Nov 7 at 5-7PM, and a reservation for a room will be made, but I sure don't know how many are coming. This includes "all hands" that were aboard in the period of 51-53. Of course all wives are urged to come also as they were certainly part of the memories of those days.

The Tucker Reunion Committee has sent me a mailing list of US mail and e-mail addresses. This is going out to about 92 who have e-mail addresses, and I mailed another 80. So from these names there ought to be several you know and need to go over those "good old days". The Tucker web-site has a listing of the crew who have been identified so you can see who might come (or I'll send back a note of those who respond).

So, if you are even thinking of coming, please call in your room reservation (Red Lion 800-882-0858 or 619-297-1101). Sylvia and I have our reservation.

Please send back an e-mail, a quickie note, or even a phone call if you can come so I can get a large enough "Hospitality Room". I'd like to have some soft drinks, beer, and stuff to make your own drinks (along with some nuts and munchies). I roughly figure that the shared cost will be about \$10/person, maybe \$15 if there is a real small crowd. I left dinner alone so as to allow everybody to pair-up at that time.

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Ship Model USS Henry W. Tucker DDR 875

The Henry W. Tucker Reunion Association has purchased from the American Precision Model Company of New York a museum quality 1/350 model of the USS Henry W. Tucker DDR 875. The ship is mounted on a wooden base, has an acrylic cover, and a plaque. The model builder is an experienced craftsman, and we have seen examples of his other constructions of model ships. This model should become a family heirloom for the lucky winner.

Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each, and you may purchase as many as you wish. All proceeds from the sale, minus the cost to have the model built (\$850.00), will go to the reunion fund.

You do not have to be present at the reunion to win. Mail your check, payable to:

Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund

to

**Donald G. Hooper
15618 Sussex
Livonia, MI 48154**

The deadline for mail orders is October 15, 2002.

Tickets will also be on sale at the reunion.

To all shipmates of the USS Henry W. Tucker (DD/R-875):

"The Reunion"

by Rachel Firth

Autumn leaves rustling, together to the appointed place, the old warriors come.

Pilgrims, drifting across the land they fought to preserve.

Where they meet is not so important anymore.

They meet and that's enough for now.

Greetings echo across a lobby.

Hands reach out and arms draw buddies close.

Embraces, that as young men they were too uncomfortable to give, too shy to accept so lovingly.

But deep within these Indian Summer days, they have reached a greater understanding of life and love.

The shells holding their souls are weaker now, but hearts and minds grow vigorous remembering.

On a table someone spreads old photographs; a test of recollection.

And friendly laughter echoes at shock of hair gone gray or white, or merely gone.

The rugged, slender bodies lost forever.

Yet they no longer need to prove their strength.

Some are now sustained by one of "medicines miracles," and even in this fact they manage to find humor.

The women, all those who waited, all those who love them, have watched the changes take place.

Now, they observe and listen, and smile at each other; as glad to be together as the men.

Talk turns to war and ships and foreign lands.

Stories are told and told again, reweaving the threadbare fabric of the past.

Mending one more time the banner of their youth.

They hear the vibrations, feel the shudder of metal as engines whine and whirl, and ships come to life.

These ships with sculptured hulls can steam beyond the mists of bygone days and they are underway again, teasing the waves, feeling the exhilaration of deliberate haste, close to the sea.

Dead comrades, hearing their names spoken, wanting to share in this time, if only in spirit, move silently among them.

Their presence is felt and smiles appear beneath misty eyes.

Each, in his own way, may wonder who will be absent another year.

The room grows quiet for a time.

Suddenly an ember flames to life. Another memory burns.

The talk may turn to other wars and other men, and of futility.

So, this is how it goes. The past is so much the present.

In their ceremonies, the allegiances, the speeches and the prayers, one cannot help but hear the deep eternal love of country they will forever share.

Finally, it is time to leave.

Much too soon to set aside this little piece of yesterday, but the past cannot be held too long for it is fragile.

They say, "Farewell... see you next year, God willing," breathing silent prayers for one another.

Each keeping a little of the others with him forever."

We can be proud. Come to San Diego for Reunion 2002. All (even officers) are welcome.

We love you all. See you there.

Your Shipmate, Erik B. Mezger 1958-1961

*(as modified for Surface Warriors)

USS Henry W. Tucker Websites

<http://www.geocities.com/hwtucker>

<http://www.hwtucker2000.com>

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Baseball Caps

We have baseball caps for sale. They are navy blue, American made, have a ship profile and read USS Henry W. Tucker DD/R 875. They are "one size fits all".

The price is \$11 each, which includes postage.

To order, send a check or money order payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** and mail it to:

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Have Gun Will Travel

The USS Henry W. Tucker Reunion Association was formed in 2000.

Since then, we have held one reunion, Nov. 2000 in Biloxi, MS which was attended by 100 shipmates (200 counting wives, "significant others", children and friends.

The intent of this organization is to bring together shipmates to renew friendships. It's also important to honor those who have passed away.

There is a Memorial List on the website. Also, it is important to show our concern for those who are ill or whose wives are ill or have passed away.

We'd like to hear of any illnesses or deaths

among our family of shipmates. If you would like word of illnesses to be included in the newsletters, please let us know.

If there is anything you would like to see added to the newsletters or the website, or anything you don't like, please let us know. This is your newsletter and we want it to contain information of interest to you.

It is very important for us to have up-to-date addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for everyone. Please notify us as soon as possible of any changes.