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Special Points of Interest

- *The 2008 reunion, as usual, was a great one. Read about it in the cover story.*
- *The President's & Vice President's messages are on page three.*
- *News from Shinsho Miyagi is under Mail Call on page five.*
- *See what St. Louis has to offer as a reunion site for 2009 by reading the attractions on pages 6 & 7. Then fill out and return the survey at the end.*
- *Welcome Mat on page 8 has eight new members for the roster.*
- *Order your garden flag. See page 8.*

2008 ASA OKINAWA REUNION REVIEW

Once again the annual ASA Okinawa reunion is history. Many will tell you this was the best reunion ever, others still lean towards Tucson/Ft Huachuca; but regardless of your choice, we can all agree the best is yet to come!

The reunion was held at the Sheraton North Charleston and officially began on Wednesday Sept 10th, but at least a dozen association members plus spouses or guests came in on the 9th or earlier just to get rested up for the four day event. Fifty-three (53) members and forty-two (42) spouses or guests attended the reunion. Registration began mid-morning on Wednesday and the hospitality room opened about the same time. The hotel lobby was spacious and usually full of ASAers look-

ing to see who was coming next. Those not waiting in the lobby found respite in the hospitality room. Although not initially on the itinerary, the hotel sponsored a complimentary Manager's Reception Wednesday evening, so our official welcome reception was postponed until Thursday so we could take advantage of the complimentary food and bar.

Breakfast was a little different than we've done in the past. Everyone received breakfast coupons to eat at their leisure in the hotel restaurant – with overflow seating across the hall. It seemed to work OK.

Later Thursday morning the Optional Boone Hall Plantation Tour departed. The tour took the sixty plus members and guests across the Cooper River to

Mt Pleasant where we visited Boone Hall Plantation. Boone Hall (not to be confused with Boone Farms quality wine) was used in the filming of the TV series "North and South" and "Queen." The tour took us around the lovely Georgian Plantation House, the slave quarters built from brick made on the plantation in the 1800's and we saw flower ladies making their sweet grass baskets. A box lunch was provided and there was time to eat in a lovely park on the former Naval Base. Then the biggie, a visit the Confederate Submarine, the H. L. Hunley which sank the USS Housatonic in Charleston Harbor. Lost for 136 years she was raised from the ocean floor in August 2000. Today she has been suc-

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cessfully preserved in a special tank. This was a day that will long be remembered!

Meanwhile back at the ranch, more members arrived and congregated either in the hotel lobby or hospitality room (strangely reminiscent of yesterday) waiting to see who came next and for the tour to return. For a few minutes there in the lobby, you would have thought that Lonnie had lost control, but soon the pandemonium stopped and calm was restored.

After a short rest period, the Welcome Reception with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres opened. This was the "official" welcome. President Lonnie Frampton welcomed everyone and made a few admin announcements. Then we all enjoyed the cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. At 6:00 PM the Charleston Harbor Dinner Cruise departed. Eighty plus attendees cruised Charleston's beautiful harbor by moonlight aboard a 100' luxury yacht. After a delicious dinner in a romantic atmosphere, some danced to the music of a live band. Aches and pains seemed to disappear for the time being!

Friday's breakfast was a repeat of Thursday morning. Following breakfast almost seventy members and guests loaded on a couple of motor coaches for Patriots Point, the world's largest naval and maritime museum. We had the opportunity to visit and tour the Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, the famous fighting lady of WWII fame; the destroyer LAFFEY, a participant in the WWII D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy's last diesel powered submarines; and the Coast Guard Cutter INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989. Also of great interest was a replica of a US Navy Support Base from Vietnam. Here we found a collection of exhibits, weapons, air and water crafts, all authentically displayed. Lunch (included in the tour price) was in the Yorktown CPO mess. At 1:15 we loaded up for the trip across the Charleston Harbor to Fort Sumter.

Upon arrival, a park ranger gave a historical summary of the fort and its role in history. Our members who specialize in history, especially our friend Gene Knutzen, will recognize Ft Sumter as the place where Union Major Robert Anderson secretly, by night, occupied Fort Sumter. This act of aggression which no doubt was a prelude to further military action, forced the Confederates to make a preemptive strike, launching what some historians refer to as the Civil War (better known in Charleston as the War of Northern Aggression). The fort is a historic landmark with some of the actual guns used during the war still in place. Regardless of your persuasion, this was an interesting place.

Once back at the Sheraton, there were new faces to be greeted and an hour or so of leisure time before the evening's activities began.

At 6:00 PM the social hour began followed an hour later by a fish fry buffet. This year's annual fund raiser was the normal raffle. Many members brought a lot of nice gifts, most representing the home town or home state of the donor. You buy raffle tickets and hope you win a gift, but there were no guarantees. Money raised by ticket sales go directly into the treasury for newsletter expenses, memorial donations, flowers, and other miscellaneous expenses. The rules have been modified to say that you can only win one gift. If everyone would bring a gift, then everyone would go home with one.

Once again Saturday's breakfast followed the pattern of Thursday and Friday. This morning at 9:00 AM the annual business meeting was held. President Lonnie Frampton called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last meeting, and the treasurers' report were read and approved. After some discussion it was decided to keep the current gift distribution system in place. It was also decided to allocate another \$1,000.00 to purchase phone cards for MI soldiers serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Dallas, Texas area was selected as the 2010 reunion site. It was noted that a lot of our old "regulars" were not present, and to them we say we missed you – and you missed us too!

We know there are various reasons for not attending, but it is not too early to begin planning for next year. Remember the dates, **Sept 09-13, 2009 at the Crown Plaza Hotel near the St Louis Airport.** You guys who live in the middle of the country – specifically between the Rockies and the Mississippi – and have not been to a reunion, this is your perfect chance. We'd love to see you.

Following the meeting at 11:00 AM the Optional Charleston City Tour by carriage departed. First, there was time to enjoy some shopping and browsing at the Old City Market. Lunch was on our own at one of the many fine restaurants in the area. Then we enjoyed the sights of Charleston the way our ancestors did, by horse drawn carriage. This leisurely ride took us through three hundred years of history to the accompaniment of hooves clomping along the pavement. This was truly a really enjoyable activity.

At 6:30 PM people began gathering to have their photo taken for inclusion in the 2008 Reunion Memory Book. From the photo session many took advantage of the cash bar for their favorite beverage and waited with anticipation for the great meal that was to follow. At the appointed time Association President Lonnie Frampton asked the senior officer present, Col (Ret) Bill Roscher, to have the Honor Guard Post the Colors. The Color Guard was from The Citadel Corps of Cadets, and they were certainly a tribute to the school.

Following dinner a special presentation was made by Gene Knutzen. When he reached the podium, Gene uncharacteristically began a slow but deliberate removal of his clothing, until he revealed a Yankee uniform complete with the keppie (for the uninitiated that is a cap). He then called Larry Eckard to the podium and reminded the audience of a recent article in the Torii Tribune about the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA. The article simply ques-

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tioned how a Yankee museum could possibly give a “fair and balanced” view of that war. To make a long story short, Gene presented Larry with a Confederate sword, some Confederate dollars, and a jug of VO – complete with the short-timers ribbon. The general consensus was that Larry is seldom speechless, but this was one of those times. He was caught completely off-guard. We do know for a fact that he deeply appreciated the gesture. Larry does ask Gene to carefully read the above description of how the Civil War actually started. The remainder of the evening was spent enjoying the music of the DJ.

Sunday morning is al-

ways the most nostalgic part of the reunion. We all know that it is time to go, but we make every effort to avoid saying the inevitable good-byes. After breakfast the Memorial Service was held, conducted by President Lonnie Frampton and Chaplain Ross Lee, assisted by Gary Duenow and Duane Sands. The short but meaningful service paid tribute to our deceased comrades, emphasizing those who died since the last reunion in Tucson. The service ended with the playing of TAPS. Slowly the hugs and handshakes began and the room emptied, each person secretly wishing next year in St Louis would hurry up and get here.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Lonnie Frampton

The 2008 reunion is past and I take this opportunity to thank Larry and Brenda for organizing the reunion and to those that helped before or during the reunion to make it a success. I believe we enjoyed ourselves and it was heartwarming to see old buddies and friends.

I suppose now all of us are busy planning our activities for the rest of the year. For me it is an antelope and mule deer hunt to Wyoming starting 7 October with my two sons Charlie and Matt. We will be gone for about two weeks. After returning home it will be settling into the normal daily routine. Although at this stage of my life, no day is normal and routine. With church activities, holidays coming up, various commitments and 12 grandchildren, I am kept busy. Not to mention home projects and a very long Honey Do List. In addition I have started planning for the 2009 reunion in St. Louis. Now isn’t too early to do that and try to get those members who have missed the last few reunions and new members to join us in St. Louis.

I wish all of you a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Lonnie K. Frampton
President

2008 REUNION ATTENDEES

Robert Adair
Joe & Peggy Alexander
James & Sydney Bean
David & Diane Bergman
Clinton & Ingrid Campbell
Ronald & Ferol Candage
Daniel & Margaret Carr
Albert Cooper
Thomas & Tonia Cooper
Whitney & Marilyn Cude
Billy Davenport
Tracy & Carol Davis
Gary & Linda “Rusty” Duenow
Larry & Brenda Eckard
James & Lucy Elder
Harold & Ruth Ellis
Stephen & Joyce Fitzgerald
Lonnie & Faye Frampton
Charles Gurreri & Karen Zornes
John & Bernadette Horengic
Marvin & Edna Huff
Jay & June Ibach
Arthur Jordan
Charles & Jane Kendzierski
Charles & Fran Friz Kennedy
Eugene Knutzen
Richard & Wanda Krantz
Ross & Sue Lee
Mark & Jane L’Hommedieu

Johnnie Luke
Marty & Kathleen Lydon
Helen Maki
David Merritt
David & Kathleen Miller
Morton & Ilene Miller
Theodore Mish & Rea Murray
James & Sharon Norrbom
William & Elaine Overholt
Mack & Rosemary Parker
William & Patricia Phillips
Herbert Powell
Louis & Lov Vaughn Quigley
Bill & JoAnn Roscher
John (Jack) & Diane Sanborn
Duane & Lou Anne Sands
Tom & Judy Sevits
John (Jack) & Carol Stanley
Thomas & Marian Sturgeon
Joseph (Ted) & Pamela Tarleton
James Taylor
Michael & Robin Tranchina
Dot Turner
Nicholas & Loraine Williams

Total Members: 53
Guests: 42
GRAND TOTAL: 95

VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Tom Sevits

Another great reunion is in the books! It was wonderful to see a lot of familiar faces again! Unfortunately, some faces that we’re used to seeing were missing. We surely hope to see them again in St. Louis, and we look forward to seeing many new faces!

One of this year’s highlights for me was Friday’s tour at Patriot’s Point and getting on board the aircraft carrier YORKTOWN—the famous fighting lady of World War II. I also finally realized my wish to get on board a submarine. The CLAMAGORE was one of the last diesel powered submarines built. I’m not sure I would have been able to serve in those tight quarters. I truly admire those who do!

It was my honor to present our new unit flag to the members. Again, I want to thank Jerry Mueller and Louis Quigley for their initiative in getting this project started. I found the logo used on the flag in a picture on John Ambrose’s web site, Torii Station. I since have learned Larry had the same logo and used it a few times on some of

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the memory books of our past reunions. Larry says he's not sure where he originally found it. If anyone has the original blue binder you will see that same logo. I was really surprised that I just noticed it after all these years since 1999!

Unit flags were available to order at the reunion. We also had garden flags with the logo for sale at the reunion. You will find an order with this newsletter to order the 3' X 5' unit flag and/or the 10" X 17" garden flag. I have 3 of the unit flags and 7 garden flags left for sale. So, if you are interested in either flag, please contact me by phone or e-mail and I will reserve them for you.

Thanks again to Larry, Brenda, and all the MLRS crew for a fun reunion!

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Membership

This edition of the Torii Tribune is being sent to everyone on the mailing list – not just to Association members. For those of you who are members of the Association, please look at your address label to see when your membership expires and send in your dues before the expiration date. Renewals are the lifeblood of our membership, so please be aware of your expiration date and renew accordingly.

To the large numbers of you who are not association members, please consider joining. Dues are only \$10.00 a year. Any former soldier who served in the 111th Sig Svc Company, the 8603rd AAU, 3rd ASA Field Station, ASA Field Station Sobe, Army Field Station Okinawa, or any of the other units that fall under the Torii Station designation are cordially invited to become members.

Now, why should you join the Association? First, we were all elite, silent soldiers that served without much recognition because of the nature of our work. We are part of a brotherhood and an organization that needs to be remembered. The Association is the vehicle to carry on the memory and tradition of the Signal Intelligence organizations that served on Okinawa. In order to do this, the help of every former member is needed. Membership gives you that opportunity! You will receive the Torii Tribune three times a year with news about the association, our members and stories from the past. You will be able to participate in the management of the Association by attending the business meetings and voting on the matters brought up by the membership. The most important thing is comradeship that you will find by becoming a member and attending our reunions. This is something you will not find anywhere else, in any other walk of life. So often we hear the excuse, "Well, I won't know anyone." So what? It would be great to find that old friend that you ran around with, but an hour after you arrive you'll feel like you've belonged there all of your life. Ask anyone who has attended a reunion, they'll tell you the same thing. Give it a try; it'll only cost you ten bucks and it may possibly be the best \$10.00 you ever spent. Come on, we need you as a member!

Space in the Torii Typhoon is limited to 8 pages, so we were not able to offer the shirt order in this issue. We will include it in another issue.

ASA Okinawa Association Membership Application

I wish to become a member of the ASA Okinawa Association. The following personal information is provided with the understanding that it will not be disseminated outside the association without my written permission. Dues are \$10.00 annually. Dues are due on or before January 1 each year regardless of when you join the association. You will not receive a "dues notice" but your membership expiration date will be shown on the address label of your newsletter.

L Name: _____

F Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Which unit did you serve in?

126th Sig Svc Co _____

125th Sig Svc Co _____

111th Sig Svc Co _____

327th Comm Recon Co; _____

8603rd AAU _____

3rd ASA FS _____

51st USASA SOC _____

ASA Field Station Sobe; US Army Field Station Okinawa

Years Served in unit. Fm: _____

To: _____

Highest Rank: _____

Duty Section: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make your check or money order payable to:

ASA Okinawa Association

Send this completed form and your dues payment to:

Tom Sturgeon, Association Treasurer
 12 Cherry Lane
 Olmsted Twp, OH 44138-2916

TREASURER'S REPORT ASA ASSOCIATION AS OF OCTOBER 24, 2008

Beginning check book balance Sept 7th, 2008.....\$8260.97
 Income from dues, shirts and raffle.....\$1877.00
 Income from Flag sales.....\$ 922.00
Total income Sept 1, 2008 to Oct 24, 2008.....\$2799.00

Disbursements

Fund for memorial cards, flowers, etc.....-\$ 300.00
 Color Guard Meals at reunion.....-\$ 258.00
 Purchase of ASA shirts.....-\$1321.82
 Appreciation plaque to Larry & Brenda Eckard.....-\$ 64.30
 Purchase of Flags.....-\$ 944.01
Total Disbursements.....-\$2888.13

Check book balance October 24, 2008.....\$8171.84

Miscellaneous

Reserve Change Fund.....\$ 50.00
Adjusted Balance October 24, 2008.....\$8221.84

**Respectfully submitted,
 Thomas A Sturgeon
 Treasurer**

have no health problems except diabetes. The facial nerve condition of my wife is still the same.

With regard to the ASA Reunion, I would like to salute to those members who have taken the leadership of locating those unknown and organizing a reunion. I know it takes a great deal of time and efforts on the part of officers for coordination and preparations for editing activity reports. I received a copy of 2007 Memory Book and a copy of the ASA Okinawa Mailing List from Jerry Sturbaum. By the way, Jerry and his wife visited Okinawa the year before to see their son. We enjoyed their visit and please give them our warm regards. I owe them and Randy Gilmore replies to the mails. Please give our warm regards to Randy and his wife also. Another man I must apologize to is Boyd Smith from North Carolina. He and his wife send us Christmas cards every year, but I don't remember whether I answered the last one. He was the man who first informed me of the existence of the ASA Okinawa Reunion. Tell him I haven't forgotten him.

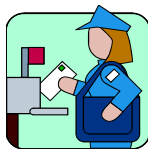
The year 2008 was a very sad beginning year for me because two of my dear friends who were stationed in Futenma passed away. They were Richard Coshow and Lewis Williams. It's very sad to lose old friends! I really don't know how to express my feelings of condolence when I receive the news of the death of ASA friends in the distance. I really regret for not being able to attend all funerals I should attend.

Lastly, I sincerely hope that you will have a successful reunion with lots of good memories. I deeply regret for not being able to meet you and talk about good old days in Okinawa. I really miss you guys! Enjoy the reunion and have lots of fun.

Skosh (Shinsho Miyagi)

Lloyd E. Sanders, Jr., 1105 Country Park Dr, Smyrna, GA 30080 770-436-1577, would like to hear from anyone in the 1968-70 time period.

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MAIL CALL

Dear Tom and Marian (Sturgeon),
 I'm glad to know that you received my letter. I wasn't so sure whether you had received my letter until I got your e-mail today. I want to thank you for the opportunity to send my greetings to the ASA Reunion. Having problems of sending you email replies, I called Masaru for help because I had the same problems of sending him the copies. With his instructions over the telephone, I finally located ways to access his private university address. I still don't know how this "relay" was possible, but thanks to Masaru, I'm happy that you got the letter in time.
 We heard about Hurricane Ike. I hope your house wasn't damaged. We have had 13 typhoons this year, but all of them just by passed. Therefore, we are in need of more water. The last typhoon didn't hit us directly, but it helped to increase the water level of our dams in the north. I hope we can avoid restriction of

the water supply.

Let us not work too hard. Take it easy and enjoy your life! Thank you again.

Shinsho

Dear ASA Okinawa Members,
 I appreciate your concern for my long silence. I have no excuse for not being responsive to your e-mails and also to those of other friends. My wife says I don't take any actions until someone lights a fire under my rear. I will try my best to answer all the mails in a timely manner and maintain close communications hereafter as our life is running short. I'm hoping that my 4 children will someday pay back my debts by contributing to the U.S.-Okinawa relations in any way they can.
 We are also doing fine. I am now 73 and my wife is 70. Therefore, we decided not to tax ourselves heavily because overwork began to tell on our health. For the first time in my life, I received the benefit of an ambulance last October. Fortunately, the problem was wasn't a brain stroke. It was malfunction of the semicircular canals in the inner ear. I completely recovered from that and I

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ML&RS, Inc.,

I am a ham radio operator and I had a radio contact with a club station for the 3rd USASA OPNS CO, APO 331 in March of 1963. We usually exchange cards with contact information confirmed for credit in awards programs. We failed to exchange cards back then and I am trying to get one now. The call sign for Okinawa club station was KR6QW.

Are you able to provide me with contact information with someone in that group in that time frame that might help me get my contact confirmation? Contact log books are usually retained for a very long time period. Someone probably still had them for this station. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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TAPS

The Typhoon learned of the following deaths since the last newsletter was published. The deaths are not necessarily recent, but they were just learned of. The entire membership extends our deepest sympathy to the widows, families and friends of the deceased.

James Beebe
Died June 2007

Francis Carroll
Died May 9, 2008

**NEWSLETTER EXPENDITURES FOR
NOVEMBER 2008 \$1905.86 (mailed to
all on the mailing list.)**

MEET YOU IN ST. LOUIS IN 2009

St. Louis, "Gateway to the West," offers an array of exciting history, culture and entertainment. The city's distinctive style evolved from its history of French, Spanish, Native American and African influences that began as a fur trade center over 200 years ago. Today the city has become a vibrant metropolitan area, with a bustling downtown, fine hotels, fabulous restaurants and unlimited shopping. Sports are a huge part of life in St. Louis and give the city the nickname of "North America's Best Sports City." There is much to do and see in the city. Below are some of the attractions you may choose from for your reunion agenda.

ATTRACTIONS

Grants Farm: The Busch family estate on land once farmed by General Ulysses S Grant. A tram will transport you to the Bauernhof area (German style courtyard) to see the collection of carriages, trophies and thoroughbred horses. Also, in this area, is a small zoo and an amazing bird show. When you leave the area, the tram will take you thru the game preserve, past Grant's log cabin and the famous gun rifle fence. Before you board the bus, you'll see the Clydesdales in the nearby stable.

Missouri Botanical Garden: The oldest in the nation, dating back to 1859. It is internationally known for its horticultural displays, education and research. Highlights include the tropical Climatron, the exquisite Japanese Garden, the Mediterranean, rose scented and woodland gardens, the Home Gardening Center, the plants and gift shops.

Cathedral of St Louis: The interior contains one of the largest and most beautiful displays of mosaic art in the Western Hemisphere—covering domed ceilings, numerous arches and wall panels. Be sure to bring your camera for this breath-taking experience.

Gateway Arch and Museum of Westward Expansion: Take a tram ride to the top of this 630 foot high monument (our nation's tallest) for a fantastic 30-mile view. The museum

will give you a glimpse of the gritty reality behind the western legends you've always loved.

St Louis Union Station: The Station, with the largest train shed ever built, is an architectural treasure and an historic landmark. It has recently been transformed into a festive market-place with specialty shops, entertainment, restaurants and exhibits of the days of train travel.

Anheuser-Busch Brewery: The world's largest. Here you'll tour the processing procedures, visit the circular stable housing the awesome Clydesdales and have a taste of the famous brew in the Hospitality Room.

The Wine Country and Daniel

Boone: A scenic ride thru the Missouri countryside to the state's finest wine country. You'll tour one of the wineries, taste a few of the award winning products, then visit the craft and gift shops in town, along with the fudge shop and the sourdough bread bakery.

A visit at Daniel Boone's home at nearby Defiance, Missouri. Here, in surprising comfort for frontier days, Boone spent his last years in this four-story Georgian-style stone structure. When you tour the interior of the home, you'll be viewing a panorama of early Americana. Also on the grounds are a few buildings replicating a pioneer village.

Mississippi Riverboat Dinner

Cruise: Sail down the great river with a running commentary telling you of the history and legends (sometimes you don't know which is which) while you have dinner.

St Charles: The oldest city on the Missouri River, whose cobblestone main street is lined with gas lights and charming restored buildings filled with antiques, craft and gift shops. You can stroll the 10 block historic district, visit the Lewis Clark Museum, Missouri's first state capital, or try your luck at the Casino St Charles. The casino is usually the main attraction.

Forest Park: One of the largest public parks in America and site of the 1904

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world's Fair. As you wind your way through the curving roadways, you'll hear tales of that fair, which some consider the best ever. The park is also filled with some of the city's major attractions, the zoo, Science Center, Art Museum to name a few.

The Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum: Dedicated officially by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1936, this museum honors military personnel from 1800 to the present. The museum contains a collection of firearms, memorabilia, flags, posters, medals and uniforms.

Home On The Range: Just outside of St Louis on six square miles of breathtaking beauty the Bison Ranch holds over 1,000 Bison. Here you will learn the history of the bison while ranch hands lead tours in a tractor pulled wagons and feed the herd. Lunch can include a bison-burger, baked beans, and all the trimmings. This is great!

Missouri History Museum: Here you'll find a 1904 World's Fair Exhibit and Charles Lindbergh's autographed aviator suit. One area explores St Louis music from rag-time to rock'n'roll with records, posters, photos, sheet music, and instruments from Scott Joplin, Cab Calloway, Chuck Berry, and others.

St Louis Cardinal's baseball: The 2009 National League Schedule is not yet out, but a baseball game could be included.

2009 ASA OKINAWA REUNION SURVEY

In order to provide the kind of reunion you want, not what we "think" you'd like, please take a few minutes to look over, complete and return this survey to ML&RS, Inc. right away. The reunion agenda will be created from the responses and the Chairmen's input. Let your voice be heard.

Mail surveys by Jan. 5, 2009 to:

**Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.
P O Box 11399
Hickory, NC 28603-6402**

Or Fax: 828-256-6559

Or website: www.mlrsinc.com/asaokinawa

Reunion format:

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings ____
or just a farewell breakfast on Sunday ____

Do you want entertainment after the Saturday night banquet ? ____yes ____no

Please check the attractions you would like to see on the reunion agenda.

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| Grant's Farm ____ | Missouri Botanical Gardens ____ |
| Cathedral of St. Louis ____ | Gateway Arch & Museum ____ |
| St. Louis Union Station ____ | Anheuser-Busch Brewery ____ |
| The Wine Country & Daniel Boone Home ____ | Forest Park ____ |
| Mississippi Riverboat Dinner Cruise ____ | Home on the Range ____ |
| St. Charles Casino ____ | Missouri History Museum ____ |
| Military Museum ____ | St. Louis Cardinal Baseball ____ |

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***Note new address**



WELCOME MAT

The following members have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome to the Association. We hope to see you at the next reunion and hear from you about your memories of your time spent in Okinawa.

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ASA OKINAWA FLAG & GARDEN FLAG ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

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