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Special points of interest:

- *The 2004 Reunion is history. See a recap of events, meetings, reports and attendees on pages one thru three.*
- *Fourteen new members are listed under Welcome Mat on page four. Hope to see them at the 2005 reunion.*
- *Mail Call has several letters from people who saw announcements for the reunion in various publications. See what they have to say on pages four thru six.*
- *Nick Mlinseck is concerned about the lack of sufficient information in one of the ship's histories. See the article on page six.*
- *Learn about the attractions in Columbus, OH, available for your 2005 reunion. Fill out the survey and help plan the activities. See pages seven and eight.*

REPORT ON 2004 REUNION

By David Stoll

We arrived at the Days Inn in Savannah, GA around 10:30 AM on Thursday, April 15, 2004 and signed in for the Cambria Reunion.

Carol Jolly was our host again this year. She did a good job last year, and she was good again this year.

We had lunch on our own. Everyone that was signed in ate at different places. Around three o'clock we walked to the river front and boarded a paddle wheel boat for a cruise up and down the river. We were told of different places along the river front. Was told a story about a woman who stood on a sand barge every day and flagged ships around the sand trap. She did that all her life and there is a statue

on the river front complimenting her. After the cruise we boarded a trolley and were taken to Old Fort Jackson for a tour there. We were allowed to look around and then, before eating supper, they shot one of the cannons. They do make a lot of noise. We ate supper at the fort outside. The meal was good. Later we were taken back to the hotel and we all met in the hospitality room for a presentation.

Mike Del Pidio and his wife presented the Cambria Group with a 7" bell mounted on a holding bracket. The bell will be used for the Memorial Service on Sunday mornings. We will use the bell for this service, and if the group disbands, the bell will go to Motts Museum, Groveport, Ohio, along with the rest of the history they have there. The bell is very

nice. Thank you, Mike and Jeanne.

Friday we were on our own. People went their own way and did the things they wanted to do. My wife and I walked down to the river walk and went the whole way. That is a long walk. We ate lunch along the river and sat outside. It was nice and relaxing.

We had a few new people show up this year. I believe there were six new couples. We had 46 people total in attendance.

On Saturday a private trolley provided a tour of the city of Savannah. There is one house or home made completely of steel. It looks like brick and steps, but it is all steel. The man who built

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the house owned his own forge and had made a lot of railings and wrought iron things in Savannah, so he built his house of steel. Good lightning rod.

At 2:00 PM we had our meeting. We read the minutes and financial statement. We had four large pictures of the Cambria, two were framed and two were not. They had been given to me at the Motts Museum dedication of the landing craft two years before. We auctioned them off and put the money back in the general fund. We received \$146.00 for the pictures. After the auction we took names of places to go in 2005. It was mentioned that we do two years now and then we will be voting every year on the next year ahead. This was brought up by motion and voted on and passed. We had several places brought up and then we voted on and picked the top two places for the years 2005 and 2006. The year 2005 we will be going to Columbus, Ohio with a side trip to Motts Museum and the home of our landing craft from the Cambria. I have already called Warren and he is looking forward to seeing all of us and showing the museum off to us. Albuquerque, NM will be our reunion in 2006. After the meeting we had a couple of hours before our picture taking time and then the evening meal.

After the pictures were taken we all walked across the street to The Chart House Restaurant for USS Cambria banquet. We had a cocktail hour, then they served our salad and then our meal. We were looking out the windows overlooking the Savannah River. Barbie Moren visited again this year with one of her girls and had a dance lesson for a few people, including the president, David Stoll. Thank you, Barbie.

By 10:00 PM it was all over and we headed back to the hotel. There were several of us who took the elevator to the third floor and it stopped in between floors. We were stuck in there for about ten minutes or so. What a thrill! Robert Sanders and Ramon Stafford worked on it from the inside and we finally got to a floor

and the door opened up.

Sunday morning we had a hot breakfast in the large room and then the Memorial Service before we left. By the time we said our good bye, checked out and were on our way home it was 9:00 AM. We all had a good time and I hope they all come to Columbus, Ohio in 2005. See you there.

David Stoll, USS Cambria President

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MINUTES OF 2004 BUSINESS MEETING

USS CAMBRIA (APA 36)
SAVANNAH, GA
APRIL 17, 2004

The Cambria meeting was held at the Days Inn on April 17, 2004 at 1400 hours.

Our President, David Stoll, opened the meeting by reading last year's minutes which was held in Baltimore, Maryland. The minutes were reviewed and voted on to be accepted by Victor Bukovecky and seconded by Arthur Massarini.

Our Treasurer, Ramon Stafford, gave his treasurer's report.

<i>Money at beginning of reunion (4/24/03)</i>	\$855.53
<i>Money received at Reunion</i>	\$614.50
<i>Money received since Reunion</i>	\$1,138.78
Total:	\$2,608.81

Expenditures

<i>Eagle Crest (51 Hats)</i>	\$334.45
<i>Postage</i>	\$24.47
<i>Newsletter MLRS</i>	\$393.18
<i>Newsletter MLRS</i>	\$399.16
<i>New checks-bank changed to BB&T</i>	\$20.00
Total:	\$1,171.26

Balance on Hand: \$1,437.55

Ramon mentioned that anytime anyone wanted to review his treasurer's records, they are welcome. Louis Balala motioned that we accept the treasurer's report and Bennie Reitan seconded the motion.

David Stoll mentioned that Mike Del Pidio presented our Cambria group a 7" ship's bell to use for our Sunday morning Memorial Service. Mike's brother built a nice stand to hold the bell. If the group should dissolve, the bell is to be donated to Motts Museum in Groveport, OH.

It was suggested that our present officers remain the same. President-David Stoll, Vice President-Andrew Henry (Hank), Treasurer-Ramon Staf-

ford, Secretary-Donna Henry. The group agreed unanimously.

David Stoll presented some framed pictures of the USS Cambria that he wanted to auction off and the money he would receive would be donated to the group's treasury. A total of \$146 was added to the treasury.

Selections for the next meeting location was discussed. The following cities were nominated:

- Columbus, Ohio
- Albuquerque, NM
- Portland, OR
- Boston, MA

The largest nomination was for Columbus, Ohio. The initial meeting date will be 14-17 April 2005 and the alternate date is 21-24 April 2005. Ted Nelson motioned that the city and date selections be closed and John Vorhees seconded the motion.

A suggestion was made to vote for two cities at one time instead of one per year so that our reunion group could make their plans for the next year after. Another suggestion was presented that we submit only one date for the reunion meeting instead of two, because the past couple of years, the initial date was changed without much notice to the reunion group and some of the group was not able to attend because of the date change.

The city selected for 2006 was Albuquerque, NM.

Arthur Massarini motioned that we adjourn and Oscar Burris seconded the motion.

Just a reminder—remember to submit your "report cards" to the Military Locator in Hickory, NC or remember to give the report card to our coordinator after the reunion. This is your chance to grade the reunion get together.

The meeting closed at 1505.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO IN 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna J. Henry

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Ramon Stafford

USS CAMBRIA APA 36
TREASURER REPORT
JULY 3, 2004

The USS Cambria Reunion was held on April 15 to 18, 2004 in Savannah, Georgia. The money we had in our treasury was \$1,437.55 before the reunion. At the Reunion we collected:

Dues:	\$40.00
Hats, Patches, Pins	\$96.00
Newsletter	\$366.50
Auction of Pictures	\$146.00
Total Received:	\$628.50

Money received after the reunion is:

Dues	\$10.00
Hats	\$24.00
Newsletter	\$14.00
Total Received:	\$48.00

Paid out:	
Postage	\$10.21

Balance on hand: \$2,103.84

It appears that we have sufficient funds for our reunion group. Each year we spend around \$800.00 plus for the Newsletter. At that rate, we only have about 3 years in the fund for the Newsletter. Sales of hats, patches, and pins are basically a wash, as we have to replenish as they get sold. We make a very small profit from those sales. You can send your **dues of \$10.00** a one-time fee and any orders for hats (\$8.00), patches (\$5.00) or pins (\$3.50) including postage to:

Ramon Stafford
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Gladstone, VA 24553
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FINANCIAL REPORT FROM ML&RS

The cost for this issue of the *Cambria Press News* is \$527.88.

2004 REUNION ATTENDEES

- Louis & Helen Balala
- Oscar & Eva Buchanan
- Victor & Barbara Jane Bukovecky
- William & Mary Ellen Burris
- Michael & Jeanne Del Pidio
- Richmond Hamby
- Andrew & Donna Henry
- Terry Holsomback
- Charles & Bernice James
- Charles & Karen Sue Kirk
- Raoul & Carolyn Laurent
- Arthur & Daniel Massarini
- Aubrey & Barbie Moren
- Teddy & Julia Nelson
- Eddie & Alice Neufeld
- Anthony & Gloria Papajack
- Roland Parker
- Richard Pecorino
- William & Jean Popper
- Daniel & Joyce Rabinowitz
- Bennie & Jean Ann Reitan
- Robert & Donna Sanders
- Ramon & Phyllis Stafford
- J. Harry & Anna Stinchcomb
- J Richard & Debra Stinchcomb
- David & Ellen Stoll
- John & Mary Vorhees

Total Members:	27
Guests:	23
GRAND TOTAL:	50

CAMBRIA REQUEST/DONATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Remove name from mailing list _____

Donation for newsletter \$ _____

Hat _____ Patch _____ Pin _____

Dues \$10.00 _____

Continue Newsletter _____

Mail to Ramon Stafford at his address to the left.



WELCOME MAT

We are proud to announce that the following USS CAMBRIA shipmates have recently been located. Welcome Aboard and we hope to see you at the next reunion. Also, you are invited to become an active member of the Association.

John Schwetz
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Zephyr Hills, FL 33540
813-715-0701

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941-794-6757
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Howey Hills, FL 34737
352-324-1219

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225-753-6596

Dana Hollis (1950-51)
85 Langholm Dr
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603-888-2106

Marshall Darley
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Duluth, GA 30096
404-392-9144

Donald Parker
2876 Colby Rd
Winchester, KY 40391
859-749-7550



TAPS

The Association was saddened to learn of the following shipmates' deaths. The entire membership extends our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

Charles Hankins (1943-44) CM3
Died June 24, 2003

Ray "Buddy" Neipert, Jr.
Died May 23, 2004

Capt Burr Wilcox (1967-68)
Date of death not known

Ray Harrington
Died December 19, 2003

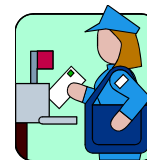
James Savage
Died December 16, 1976

David Chervenak
Died March 27, 2004

Donald Gross (1946-48?) SM
Died July 25, 1987

CORRECTION

We learned that **Raymond Peters**, listed in TAPS in the last issue, is **NOT DECEASED**. We apologize for the misinformation.



MAIL CALL

Cambria News,

Bill Calhoun was a doctor (or possibly a dentist) on the Cambria when she sailed for the Marshall Islands in '44. My mom, a Red Cross services director at Fort Schafter, passed away last year. Among her things I found a stack of beautiful love letters from Bill Calhoun, a few of them with the return address of USS Cambria, APA-36, postmarked 1944. One of his letters is dated April 25.

They never seemed to be able to hook up during the war, and I think a lot of letters were delayed. I would like to find out if Bill Calhoun is still alive and let him know that Mom still had a few photos of him and all (or most) of his letters. She married a Seabee vet from Chicago (my dad) in 1951. She never told us about Bill until I asked her about a photo of him. She said something happened to him during the war, that he was badly wounded or something, and that she never heard from him after that. Her memory must have been slipping by then, because one of the letters was postmarked 1946 and sent her in Chicago.

Any information any of the Cambria vets can send me will be appreciated. I would like to

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tell Bill Calhoun about what his "Jody Baby Darling" did for the rest of her life. It's about to be published in a book due out next month.

Thanks,
John Albergo
3046 W Sherwin Ave
Chicago, IL 60645

Sir:

I'm writing to inform you of the passing of a man that served on the USS Cambria. The man's name was Ray Neipert, Jr. Ray was a nice old man that used to sit and watch us working at a construction site near his home. I struck up a conversation with him one day when I noticed him wearing a USS Cambria baseball cap. I asked him if he served on that ship and told him that that was the ship my father served on. (My father was Donald Gross). Ray told me he served on the Cambria in the late 40's and early 50's.

From Mr. Neipert's Obituary

Ray "Buddy" Neipert, Jr., 77, of Bethlehem, died Sunday, May 23, 2004. Ray worked for Bethlehem Steel Corp. for 42 years. He also was a route driver for the Globe Times. He was a medic in WWII and Korea. Ray was a volunteer fire/policeman for Salisbury and Laurys Station, as well as for the state and a paramedic for Laurys Station. He was a life member of the American Legion, Hellertown and the VFW, Allentown. In his younger days, Ray was a choir singer and was a track runner for the Bethlehem High School. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, one daughter, three sons, ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Good Morning Mr. Stoll,

Was I surprised to see a notice in our local paper about the reunion of the USS Cambria.

I was assigned to the Cambria around Aug. 1950. Not sure of the right date. She was docked in Portsmouth and we were to recommission

her. What a job to get her cleaned up after several years in moth-balls!

We operated out of Norfolk and did a lot of maneuvers around North Carolina, making Marine landings there. Always in rough weather conditions. On calm, clear days, we worked and "played" on our respective landing crafts. I was the engine man on one of the single engine landing craft. I was also assigned to operate the evaporators to make fresh water.

I had a buddy named Daniel Blaine Williamson, from W. VA. My name is Malon Eugene Farmer, but my friends called me Gene (short for Eugene).

I was transferred to Little Creek for discharge in August 1952, but it didn't turn out that way. The "shaved tail" ensign personnel officer decided he was authorized to extend my duty for 10 months. He wouldn't let me back on the ship to continue my duty. The Cambria was scheduled to go to the Med Sea for a 6 month cruise. Since he wouldn't let me back on the ship, you can't imagine what I called him. He threatened me with a court martial and the brig, but he didn't have the guts to do it.

While in the Med, my friend Williamson cut his thumb almost off and was sent back to the hospital in Portsmouth. I visited him there and when I got discharged, I never could locate him. I am unable to attend the reunion, but I hope you guys have a great time.

Sincerely,
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David Stoll,

I saw the notice of a reunion in Savannah on April 15th in the local Sarasota paper. I imagine it is going to be attended by Navy people who sailed on the Cambria during the war.

I'm not going to be there, but the name jumped out at me because I

sailed on the Cambria in 1948 when is was in Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment of the 2nd Marine Division. We were doing a lot of amphibious training in those days, and I was on four voyages on three different APAs. (Twice on the Noble, and one each on the Randolph and the Cambria). The trip on the Cambria was either to Miami for the Marine Corps League Convention, or to Norfolk for a CAMID operation. (Cadets from West Point and Midshipmen from Annapolis). We always embarked and disembarked at Morehead City, NC.

It wasn't to remember the great chow, but I still have a pink meal ticket with the name USS Cambria APA 36 printed on it. The food must have been edible, though, judging from the number of holes punched in it.

I hope you have a good reunion.

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Permission to come aboard!

Read your reunion announcement in SEA CLASSICS magazine. It reminded me of a memorable period in my Navy career. Was aboard LST 340, White Beach, Tinian. A stormy night caused the stern anchor to break loose and the ship broached on the coral. I was then assigned duty boat on the USS Cambria. We worked with hydrographic survey crew surveying Tinian Harbor.

Have many sea stories while aboard. I believe I remember seeing a Japanese flag painted on one of the after loading booms. I was told that a Jap plane collided with it, scratch one Jap plane. Even heard that a famous actor, Caesar Romero was a "boats"

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aboard. Never found out.

You don't have to answer unless you get the urge. I did know it was the flagship for "Howling Mad Smith" at that time. Saw the L-5 fly over the ship and drop messages. 'nuff said. Looked up the demise of LST 340, ended up in Tanapag Harbor as a barracks ship. Ended up smallboat minesweeping on APD's using LCPRs. Kamikaze got us 6 Jan. 1945, that was the end of war for me!

Fair winds and smooth sailing,
Joe BM2/C (retired)

Dear Dina,

It was very thoughtful of you to apply my short biography that I put together in your newsletter.

I also received an e-mail from one of my OLE Shipmates, and it brought back some good memories, and we are planning to stay in touch (of course). How fast time travels, as I can't believe it has been over 35 years since I have been in touch. I have also met another shipmate at my job, whose name is Gerald Vargas, and what a chill. When I was on the ferry going to work, Gerry and I were on the brow. I couldn't help but stare, and he stared back, as I knew his face. We spoke about our pasts and low and behold, we found that we served together on this fine ship, USS Cambria. I felt like I was reborn and sad at the same time, as I met, worked and shared some of the best times with shipmates. I have yet to meet such in the civilian sector unless they are a VETERAN.

Sorry if I may sound one-sided, but there is an understanding that only one Vet can feel toward another, one that no civilian can fully appreciate or understand. I thank God for allowing me to be part of these fine people, regardless of what branch of service they served in. They are truly the BEST this country has to offer, as they totally dedicate themselves UNSELFISHLY to maintain and preserve the HIGH STANDARDS of these UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA. Most importantly, their families also believe, sacrifice and standby their sons and daughters, especially during these trying times.

I had better stop for now, as you can see, once I get on the soapbox, LOOK OUT. I have but one last phrase to say: "GOD BLESS THE U.S.A."

Thank you,
Richard Houston (Popeye to my friends)

P.S. Sorry, due to employment conflicts, I am unable to attend the USS Cambria (APA-36) reunion, but I continue to wear the ship's ballcap at my job, various Veteran's affairs, and at the USS Intrepid Museum in New York City, where I volunteer and assist in any way I can.

CONCERN VOICED FOR ACCURACY OF CAMBRIA HISTORY

It has been brought to our attention by Mr. Nick Mlinseck that the history of the USS Cambria APA 36 printed in the *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships* makes no mention of the ceremony and surrender (symbolic) of Nagasaki that took place aboard the Cambria. The following paragraph is from that publication and is the one Mr. Mlinseck (correctly) says is in error:

"Cambria staged at Ulithi, then put her troops ashore at Okinawa on 1 April 1945. She completed her unloading 2 days later and sailed for San Pedro, Calif., arriving 3 May for an overhaul which lasted until the end of the hostilities. For the remainder of the year she was engaged in the redeployment of forces in the Far East and "Magic Carpet" operations of bringing back troops to the United States."

Mr. Mlinseck sent the following

history of that time period from a copy of the ship's history which was given to the crew of the Cambria in 1946:

"In the afternoon the same day, the 23rd of September, the CAMBRIA wardroom was the scene of an impressive ceremony. Japanese Lt. General Toguchi, Commanding General, 122 Independent Mixed Brigade, Nagasaki, and Governor of Nagasaki Prefecture and Acting Mayor of Nagasaki, Naguao, received instructions from Major General LeRoy B. Hunt, USMC, Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Division Occupational Forces, Brig. General John T. Walker, USMC, Chief of Staff, and Commodore H. B. Knowles, USN, ComTransRon 12. At a glance thru the porthole one could see effective results of precision bombing in the wreckage of the Mitsubishi Shipyards, and a little further away, the almost unbelievable destruction by the second Atomic-bomb. From the CAMBRIA could be seen results of action by all branches of the United States Armed Forces, land, sea, and air, together with that of scientific production, and the ultimate outcome—Capitulation.

On October 9, 1945 the CAMBRIA put into Manila Bay and soon was assigned Magic Carpet duty, that of taking troops back to the States."

Mr. Mlinseck states in his letter: "I think it is important to flesh out the ship's history for the sake of all the crew who served after WW II and for historical accuracy."

From Nick Mlinseck
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Warwick, NY 10990

Kids in Church

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

2005 REUNION IN COLUMBUS, OH—APRIL 14-17

Mark your calendars for **April 14-17, 2005** for the reunion of the USS Cambria APA-36 in **Columbus, Ohio**. Ohio's capital offers a wide variety of attractions and events, along with a friendly Midwestern atmosphere.

As usual, we will give you a brief description of some of the highlights of the city and let you choose the ones you might like to visit during the reunion. Then we would like you to fill out and return the survey on page eight so we can begin working on the plans for the reunion.

ATTRACTIONS

MOTTS MILITARY REUNION

This was one of the main reasons for choosing Columbus, OH as your reunion site. Motts Military Museum is the home of the landing craft of the Cambria, as well as items that encompass all periods of military history with all countries in which the U.S. has been involved. Each item displayed carries with it a personal story that will help us remember the price paid for freedom.

TOUR OF THE CITY

Some of the sites of Columbus that can be visited during a city tour include the downtown neighborhood known as the **German Village**. It is has been called "233 acres of living history where the old meets the new and the result is a vibrant and charming community." This immigrant community built in the 1830s and 40s became an historic district in the 1970s and is filled with restored homes, quaint shops, restaurants, and more.

The nearby **Brewery District** got its name from small family-owned breweries, but now features restaurants and redevelopment.

One of the more unique sights in Columbus is the full-size, museum-quality replica of Christopher Columbus's flagship, the **Santa Maria**, moored on the banks of the Scioto.

The **Ohio State Capitol** is an impressive building from the 1860s and renovated in the late 90s to its original grandeur. The Rotunda features a 29-foot-wide skylight that incorporates the state seal as part of its design. The grounds offer plenty to see also—Cannons, the **Ohio Veterans Plaza**, statues, a sundial and the **Ohio World War Memorial**, with stories and descriptions on display at each stop.

Columbus is home to the country's oldest commercial peanut butter manufacturer, **Krema Nut Company**. Visitors can take a tour and witness the production of peanut butter firsthand. Also tour the **Anthony-Thomas Candy Company**, the Midwest's largest family owned chocolate company.

LONGABERGER BASKET COMPANY

Visit the **Longaberger Homestead** at the 34-acre center where you can view the manufacturing of the famous collectible baskets you see in households all over the country. Also available on site are unique restaurants and shopping locations. See the Longaberger Basket Company's new headquarters, notable in its own right—a seven-story office building shaped like a giant wicker basket (complete with handles). This trip could be included on the same day as the city tour.

JACK NICKLAUS MUSEUM & OHIO STADIUM

Located in the heart of Ohio State University's sports complex in Nicklaus' hometown of Columbus, OH, the Jack Nicklaus Museum takes you on a tour of the history of golf from the 1400s to present. Visitors encounter a unique collection of golf artifacts and memorabilia. Powerful interactive exhibits and media presentations with vintage footage enhance your experience of Jack Nicklaus' greatest accomplishments as a family man,

golfer, course designer, author, humanitarian and sportsman.

The "Shoe" is where the notorious OSU/Michigan game happens every now and then! Ohio Stadium is the second largest stadium in the Big Ten and the third largest college stadium in America.

MOTORCYCLE HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

In the Columbus suburb of Pickerington, the museum is more than just a wide range of motorcycles on display. It's goal is to tell the stories and history of motorcycling. There are more than 200 motorcyclists who are enshrined into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame. In addition to the Hall of Fame, the museum has three major exhibition halls.

KELTON HOUSE MUSEUM

This mansion, built in 1852 and surrounded by a gorgeous garden, once served as a stop on the Underground Railroad. The Kelton family built and owned the home for three generations until the passing of Grace Kelton, who passed the property on to the Columbus Foundation. If you have an interest in American history, this is a stop you won't want to miss.

PRESIDENTS BORN IN OHIO

- Ulysses Simpson Grant
1869-1877 (18th)
- Rutherford Birchard Hayes
1877-1881 (19th)
- James Abram Garfield
1881 (20th)
- Benjamin Harrison
1889-1893 (23rd)
- William McKinley
1897-1901 (25th)
- William Howard Taft
1909-1913 (27th)
- Warren Gamaliel Harding
1021-1923 (29th)

STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

The CAMBRIA PRESS NEWS is the official publication of the USS CAMBRIA Association.

From now on it will be published twice a year, in July and January, *subject to receiving sufficient funding*. The Newsletter is funded by voluntary contributions from the membership. All members are encouraged to support the voice of the PRESS NEWS. If the newsletter funds custodian provides the information, a financial statement will appear in each issue of the newsletter. Contributions to the newsletter fund should be sent directly to: Ramon Stafford, Rt. 2 Box 150, Gladstone, VA 24553. The editors will bill the custodian after each issue is published.

The Press News is intended to be a vehicle for the members to express opinions, make suggestions and especially share experiences.

Unless otherwise stated, the views and opinions printed in the newsletter are those of the article's writer, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the Association leadership or the Editor.

All letters and stories submitted will be considered for publication, except unsigned letters will not be published. Letters requesting the writer's name be withheld will be honored, but published on a space available basis. Signed letters with no restrictions will be given priority.

Letters demeaning to another shipmate will not be printed; letters espousing a political position will not be printed.

The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conform to grammar, and/or space limitations.

You are encouraged to actively participate in the newsletter family, by submitting your articles and stories directly to the editor.

USS CAMBRIA 2005 SURVEY COLUMBUS, OH

In order to give you the best possible reunion at the best possible price, please help us by answering a few questions about the reunion format and activities.

1. Do you want a Welcome Reception the first evening of the reunion?
Yes ____ No ____
2. Do you want breakfast all three mornings ____
or only on Sunday morning? ____
3. Would you prefer Friday night dinner on your own ____
together in the hotel ____
or together off property? ____
4. Do you want entertainment after the banquet? Yes ____ No ____

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

Motts Military Museum ____

City Tour ____

Longaberger Baskets ____

Jack Nicklaus Museum & Ohio Stadium ____

Motorcycle Hall of Fame ____

Kelton House Museum ____

Your suggestions are welcome: _____

Return by surveys by October 1, 2004 to:

**Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.
P O Drawer 11399
Hickory, NC 28603**

Or Fax:

828-256-6559

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