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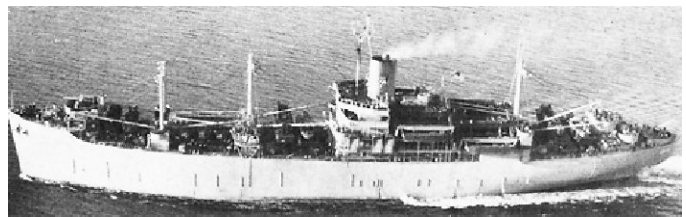
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Special Points of Interest

- *See what a great reunion we had in Nashville. Read about it in the cover story.*
- *If you want to know who attended the reunion, a list is provided on page two.*
- *Four new members have been found for the roster. See Welcome Mat on page three.*
- *Tony DiSalvo shares some recollections from the Griggs in his letter under Mail Call on page three. See if you can help him with somewhat of a mystery.*
- *Read all about the attractions that St. Louis has to offer for the 2006 reunion. See page four. Fill out the survey on page five and return it as soon as possible.*

GREAT REUNION IN NASHVILLE!

The 2005 reunion of the USS Griggs (APA-110) & USS Grundy (APA-111) was held in Nashville, TN, on September 18-21. Fourteen members and sixteen guests attended the reunion held at the Holiday Inn Select-Nashville/Opryland/Airport Hotel. The reunion began on Sunday around noon with the opening of the hospitality room and the registration desk. The hospitality room quickly became the gathering place for everyone as they waited to see who was the next to arrive. At 5:00 PM the Welcome Reception was held. It was the first chance for everyone to come together at the same time and for introductions to be made. Charles Forshee, reunion coordinator, and Phyllis Adams, ML&RS, Inc. on-site representative, welcomed the attendees and made introductions. Hors d' oeuvres and drinks were served, and everyone enjoyed getting acquainted with the other attendees. The rest of the evening was free to begin the story-swapping and reminiscing in the hospitality room or at dinner with friends.

Monday's schedule was light, allowing

plenty of time for getting to know one another and/or enjoying a free day to explore Nashville on one's own. At 6:30 PM, most of the attendees boarded the motor coach and departed the hotel for an evening on the General Jackson Showboat Dinner Cruise. This showboat is known as the "grandest showboat in the world," and features a three course dinner and a Broadway-style musical program. It was a perfect evening of good food and delightful entertainment.

On Tuesday after breakfast in the hotel, the attendees again boarded the motor coach for a day of touring Nashville. The tour included a drive-by of several sites in Nashville, including Historic Second Avenue, Music Row, and Vanderbilt University, just to name a few. A stop was also made at the "Mother Church of Country Music," the Ryman Auditorium. After this stop, it was on to visit the Hermitage House Smorgasbord for lunch, followed by a tour of the Hermitage. This stately manor was once the home of President Andrew Jackson,

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whose colorful and controversial life was expertly woven by guided costumed historical interpreters. The tour was highlighted by the complete restoration of the mansion that appears just as Jackson would have seen it in 1837.

After returning to the hotel, the annual business meeting was held at 4:30 PM. Charles Forshee was again elected to lead the group as coordinator for another year, and St. Louis, MO, was chosen as the reunion site for 2006.

At 7:00 PM the social hour allowed everyone to come together for a pre-dinner cocktail before the main event of the reunion—the USS Griggs/USS Grundy banquet. Dressed in a bit more formal fashion than previous activities, the group enjoyed dining in the lovely decorated banquet hall. Charles Forshee again welcomed everyone and also led the Memorial Service held immediately following dinner. The service was in remembrance of all USS Griggs and USS Grundy shipmates who had died, or whose deaths were learned of, since the last reunion. Mr. Forshee was assisted in the service by R. B. Kahl and Arthur Thom.

Wednesday morning's breakfast was the last official activity of the reunion, and it was a more somber atmosphere than most of the activities had been previously. Everyone knew it was time to say good bye and begin the wait for another year to be together in St. Louis. We hope everyone can return next year and enjoy another reunion together.

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2005 REUNION ATTENDEES

USS GRIGGS

Charles & Tolvie Forshee
 R. B. & Phyllis Kahl
 Henry Kingsburg & Sonja Main
 Joseph & Ruth Locke
 Allan & Jean Morton
 Richard & Ruth Nostrant
 Bernard & Audrey Rapp
 Arthur & Shirley Thom

USS GRUNDY

Harry (Pat) & Wanda Fairall
 Cloyd, Jackie & Butch Knepp
 Clyde Pigott
 John & Eleanor Quarella
 Thomas & Vera Richards
 Milton & Hilda Roecker
 Virgil & Betty Roecker

Total Members:	14
Guests:	16
GRAND TOTAL:	30

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 06/05 issue **\$632.16**
 Received since 06/05 **\$290.00**
 Funds available for 10/05 **\$922.16**
 Funds expended for 10/05 **\$181.88**
Ending Balance \$740.28

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STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

The GRIGGS-GRUNDY NEWS is the official publication of the USS GRIGGS-GRUNDY Association. From now on it will be published quarterly in March, June, Sept., and Dec. *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 NEWS. A financial statement appears in each issue of the newsletter.

The newsletter 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 of the Newsletter.

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.

ML&RS, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of articles submitted for publication. It would be an monumental task to check each story. Therefore, we rely on the author to research each article.

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

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



WELCOME MAT

The USS GRIGGS-GRUNDY family welcomes the most recently located shipmates. We hope to see you at the next reunion and ask you to take an active part in our Association.

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TAPS

The deaths of the following shipmates have been learned of since the last newsletter. The entire crew extends our sympathy to families and friends. If anyone knows of a deceased shipmate, please inform the NEWS so he can be recognized in TAPS and also be listed on the honor roll at the next reunion memorial service.

Jim Brackin (USS Grundy)
Date of death not reported

Ira Catoe (USS Grundy)
Date of death not reported

Dominic Palladino (USS Grundy)
Died May 30, 2004

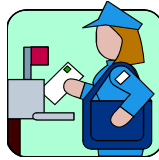
Earl Crisp (USS Griggs)
1945-46 Cox 1st Div
Died January 10, 2005

William Smith (USS Griggs)
Died April 23, 2004

James Miller (USS Griggs)
1944-45 Petty Officer 2/c S Div
Died August 19, 2004

Ellsworth Harlow (USS Grundy)
1945 RM1/c C-Comm
Died October 31, 2004

Lawson "Hoggie" Poole
(USS Grundy)
Died April 22, 2004



MAIL CALL

Hi Dina,

I find the recollection of Griggs members very interesting. First of all, the Griggs crossed the Equator on two occasions. Dec. 8, 1945 and again on Jan. 30, 1946. I have two very large, attractive certificates about 15 x 20 or larger. I also cannot remember that the atom bomb was dropped while the Griggs was at anchor in Buckner Bay. Since I was a yeoman and access to a typewriter (manual), I typed a personal diary and could not find any reference to the bomb. What peaked my interest is the series on the History Channel—The Last Days of WWII and the Battle of Okinawa. They constantly speak of the bomb and I could not find anything in my diary. I don't understand. Many of the things that happened during our stay in Buckner Bay—the kamikaze of the ship along side us,

the BB Pennsylvania getting a torpedo and moving out to sea at dusk each day while we waited it out. I still cannot understand why I did not write anything about the bomb. Maybe we were not told about it.

Thanks,
Tony DiSalvo

Hi Charles,

I sadly have to inform you of my husband Ellsworth Harlow's death. He died October 31, 2004, in Gainesville, GA. He was on the Grundy from the day it was commissioned until Oct. when it came to California, 1945. Before that he served in England for 2 1/2 years.

He was too sick to attend the last reunion, but did he ever love going to them. We regret that we only found out about them in 2001.

Give my regards to all the great people I met at the reunions and keep up the good work.

God bless,
Barbara Harlow

"Hoggie" Poole

Lawson Alvin "Hoggie" Poole, 81, of Rockwell, NC, died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at Hefner VA Medical Center, Salisbury.

Poole was a graduate of Rockwell High School. While serving in the U. S. Navy during World War II, he served aboard the USS Grundy.

A car salesman, he retired from Earnhardt Motors. He was a member of Grace Lowerstone United Church of Christ, Faith American Legion and Rockwell Amvets.

Survivors include wife Etta Mae Rinehart Poole, whom he married April 1, 1947; son Alvin Lonnie Poole; daughters Candy Broadway and Carmelita Antosek; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

2006 REUNION TO BE IN ST. LOUIS, MO

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 is on land once farmed by General Ulysses S Grant. A tram will transport you to the Bauerhof 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, this garden dates 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:

This is the world's largest brewery. 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:

Take 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.

Then visit 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:

Visit 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:

Here is one of the largest public parks in America and site of the 1904 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.

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 2006 National League Schedule is not yet out, but a baseball game could be included.

2006 GRIGGS/GRUNDY 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 NOVEMBER 18, 2005 to:**

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Reunion format:

Do you want a welcome reception the first evening? ____yes ____no

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings as a group____
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.

____ **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**

____ **St. Charles Casino**

____ **Missouri History Museum**

____ **Military Museum**

____ **St. Louis Cardinal Baseball**

Your comments and suggestions are welcome:

REUNION DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER