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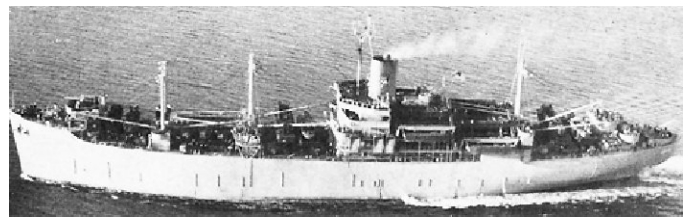
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Special Points of Interest

- *A recap of the 2007 reunion is the cover story for this issue. See what a great time everyone had.*
- *A list of reunion attendees is on page two.*
- *Charles Forshee's column on page two tells about sinking a sub in the Atlantic.*
- *One newly located member is under Welcome Mat on page three. We're happy to welcome him into the group!*
- *News from two different families about former shipmates makes up Mail Call on page three.*
- *Read all about what you can do in Lancaster next year. Page five has some of the attractions.*

REPORT ON 2007 REUNION IN MILWAUKEE

Nine USS Griggs (APA-110) shipmates and guests again welcomed into their group 24 shipmates and guests of the USS Huntington (CL-107) for their 2007 reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The reunion began on Thursday, September 6 at the Double Tree Inn with registration in the afternoon and a Welcome Reception that evening at 5:00 P.M. Charles Forshee, USS Griggs Reunion Coordinator, welcomed the Griggs members and their guests and introductions were made. The reception gave everyone a chance to become acquainted with those from the USS Huntington and to enjoy a casual evening in a relaxed atmosphere. Dinner was on one's own for the rest of the evening, and most enjoyed it with old or new-found friends.

After breakfast in the hotel on Friday morning, a tour of the city of Milwaukee took place. The guided tour included a stop at the Milwaukee Art Center to view the opening of the wings on the Calatrava designed building and the War Memorial Building, a landmark for Milwaukee. The Memorial Center's mission is "To Honor the Dead by Serving the Living." It has been used extensively for veteran, corpo-

rate and private events throughout its history. The group had lunch at Mader's Restaurant, a famous eatery serving genuine German cuisine. Following lunch the group was off to Miller Brewery for a tour and some sampling. (This may have been the favorite part of the day for some!) The tour returned to the hotel in mid-afternoon with time to spend in the hospitality room sharing stories for a few hours before the 6:00 P.M. social hour. At 7:00 P.M. the group was treated to a special Milwaukee Italian dinner buffet, featuring all of the favorite Italian dishes. For entertainment after dinner, everyone had been asked to bring a gift representative of their hometown or state for a "Yankee Swap" gift exchange. Although not many people actually "swapped" their gift for another after drawing for it, it was still fun to see what everyone brought as representative of their part of the country. One funny incident that everyone got a kick out of was that Ann Deal, ML&RS, Inc reunion manager, had bought some candy for a gift for the group and had set it on one of the tables. When she went to get the gift, it had been eaten by some of the reunion guests, thinking it was set

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out by the hotel for them to enjoy!

Saturday morning brought another tour of Milwaukee for the shipmates and guests. This time the Mitchell Park Domes was first on the agenda. This park features Earth's unique diversity of plant and animal species in a variety of ecosystems from the Arid Dome (desert) to the Tropical Dome (rainforest) to the Floral Show Dome (gardens of flowers). This tour was a particular favorite because of the beautiful plants and settings of each of the Domes. The next stop on the tour after leaving the Domes was to Greendale City and Reiman Publications. Greendale was originally developed by the government with the intent to provide homes for families of an income level that would preclude their living in a suburban setting. The requirements for renting included an income within the range of \$1200 to \$2700 annually, a housing need, reliability in financial matters, cleanliness in living habits, and suitable size of family for available living units. When the size of a family changed, they had to move to the appropriate living unit. There were 572 living units housed in 366 buildings when the village opened on May 1, 1938. Now there are unique shops and boutiques to fascinate even the most discriminating shopper. Here too the group visited the Reiman Publications, publishers of many family oriented magazines including Country Woman, Farm and Ranch Living, Backyard Living and others. After a stop at the Visitors Center for a short film of the history of Reiman Publications, the tour took the group to the Test Kitchen, a look at birdhouses and feeders and then to the outlet store. It was a very enjoyable day! The business meeting was held after the tour returned in the afternoon. Charles Forshee was again chosen as Coordinator and **Lancaster, PA** was selected as the 2008 reunion site. At 6:30 P.M. the pre-dinner cocktail hour and photo session began the evening festivities. Then at 7:30 P.M. the USS Griggs banquet was held. Everyone enjoyed the reunion's closing evening with good

food, good companionship and good conversation.

Sunday morning following breakfast, the annual Memorial Service was held. This service is a special recognition of all the USS Griggs/ USS Grundy shipmates who have passed away, especially those since the last reunion. A short service was held, led by Charles Forshee for the Griggs/Grundy group. Names read from the Honor Roll were as follows: **Hans Karl Kittel, Joseph Locke** (who was one of only two members to attend the 2006 reunion), **Roger Vachon, Herman Krasner, John Christie, Charles Meyn and Milton Roecker**. A bell was rung in memory of each person. It was an appropriate ending for the reunion, and following the service it was time for good byes. Lots of good times will be remembered by the group who attended and everyone hopes to be reunited next year in **Lancaster, PA** for more of the same.

2007 REUNION ATTENDEES

USS GRIGGS

Charles & Tolvie Forshee
R.B. & Phyllis Kahl
Henry Kingsburg
James & Judy Watson
Allan & Jean Morton

USS HUNTINGTON

Donald Amareld, Sr
Robert & Betty Bolton
Moses Coleman & Emilie Hartz
Albert Eisenberg
Dorothy Harvey & Leslie Eisenberg
Sheldon & Adele Ferriss
James & Helen Nelson
Robert Patton
Sammie Roberts & Wilma Linker
Eugene, Vi & Charlie Volcik
Carl & Beverly Walker
Robert & Margaret Wilhelm
Harry Wilson & Pamela Griffith

Total Members:	16
Guests:	17
GRAND TOTAL:	33

FROM THE DESK OF CHARLES FORSHEE

Well, it is time for another item to put in the paper of interest, hopefully to all. The only problem with me writing this item is I know too little about what occurred on the USS Grundy so the folks on the Grundy need to send in something of interest that occurred on their ship.

The Griggs made some trips that were not in the ship's log to the New Hebrides Islands and picked up some troops and returned them to the States. I believe they pulled into Los Angeles, CA to debark them. Seems to me that some women were a part of one of these trips.

Also the Griggs made some trips after I got off on points that I'm not aware of and cannot say where the ship went. When we went below the equator, it was possible that we got into the Coral Sea, and I know on the trips from the Philippines we were in the China Sea. We may not have got in the 7 Seas, but we did get in some of them on the Griggs. I believe I managed to get in one or more on the ship I was on before coming on to the Griggs which was the USS BAKER DE 190 and was on it longer than the Griggs. We were on it long enough to hunt Subs in the Atlantic and sunk one about 400 miles out from Boston, taking 30 prisoners out of a crew of about 66. One died the next day and the rest went down with the sunken Sub after another ship rammed it, tearing a 14-foot hole in the ship that did the ramming. This made that ship go into Boston for repairs. We ran over a whale on the way into port and damaged the retractable sound gear and had to go into drydock for it to be repaired.

Enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion.



WELCOME MAT

The USS GRIGGS-GRUNDY family welcomes the most recently located shipmate. 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

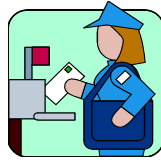
The deaths of the following shipmates have been learned of since the last newsletter. The entire crew extends our sympathy to families and friends. If anyone knows of a deceased shipmate, please inform the NEWS so he can be recognized in TAPS and also be listed on the honor roll at the next reunion memorial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

Joseph Locke
(USS Griggs) 1944-46
PO 1/c Radar
Died May 18, 2007

Herman Krasner
(USS Griggs) 1941-44
Radio Tech 2/c Radio Div
Died September 1, 2007

Milton Roecker
(USS Grundy) 1944-46
MOMM 3/c A Div
Died August 31, 2007

Walter Tamplet, Sr
(USS Grundy)
Died October 16, 2001



MAIL CALL

ML&RS, Inc,

My father, Joseph Locke, was a member during WW2 who served on the USS Griggs and has attended many reunions lately. However, he has passed away this May 18 and was receiving your newsletter. Please notify his former crewmates of his passing. The family has asked that donations be given to either the Masonic Charity Foundation of New Jersey 902 Jacksonville Rd, Burlington, NJ 08016 or Lions Eye Research Foundation of New Jersey c/o Hightstown Lions Club, P.O. Box 1002, Hightstown, NJ 08520. We thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.

Anne Locke Palmer

Karen,

I am writing in reference to a photo that appeared at the top of Page 4 in the June 2007, Volume 8, Issue 2, Griggs-Grundy News (the photo includes Roger A. Vachon). I am certain that the handsome, smiling fellow in the middle of the front row is my father, CDR Malcolm F. Lequeux. He was the gunnery officer during his service on the Griggs and has good memories from that era.

My parents are still living here in Austin, Texas. Daddy is 88 and Mother is 83. They have been married for 64 years and have four children, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Daddy has often told me stories about his days on the Griggs. In fact, I seem to recall writing down a few of them some years back. My husband and I are in the process of moving our residence. But, when we get unpacked I will try to remember to send you what I have.

Thank you,
Julie Lequeux Ewald

A TRIP TO WAL-MART- ALL TOO TRUE!!!

You are in the middle of some kind of project around the house. Mowing the lawn, putting a new fence in, painting the living room, or whatever. You are hot and sweaty. Covered in dirt or paint. You have your old work clothes on. You know the outfit, the shorts with the hole in the crotch, an old t-shirt with a stain from who knows what, and an old pair of tennis shoes. Right in the middle of this great home improvement project you realize you need to run to Wal-Mart to get something to help complete the job. Depending on your age you might do the following:

In your 20s:

Stop what you're doing. Shave, take a shower, blow dry your hair, brush your teeth, floss, and put on clean clothes. Check yourself in the mirror and flex. Add a dab of your favorite cologne because you never know, you just might meet some hot chick while standing in the checkout lane. You went to school with the pretty girl running the register.

In your 30s:

Stop what you're doing, put on clean shorts and shirt. Change shoes. You married the hot chick so no need for much else. Wash your hands and comb your hair. Check yourself in the mirror. Still got it. Add a shot of your favorite cologne to cover the smell. The cute girl running the register is the kid sister to someone you went to school with.

In your 40s:

Stop what you're doing. Put a sweatshirt that is long enough to cover the hole in the crotch of your shorts. Put on different shoes and a hat. Wash your hands. Your bottle of Brute Cologne is almost empty so you don't want to waste any of it on a trip to Wal-Mart. Check yourself in

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the mirror and do more sucking in than flexing. The spicy young thing running the register is your daughter's age and you feel weird thinking she is spicy.

In your 50s:

Stop what you're doing. Put a hat on, wipe the dirt off your hands onto your shirt. Change shoes because you don't want to get dirt in your new sports car. Check yourself in the mirror and you swear not to wear that shirt anymore because it makes you look fat. The cutie running the register smiles when she sees you coming and you think you still have it. Then you remember the hat you have on is from your buddy's bait shop and it says, "I Got Worms."

In your 60s:

Stop what you're doing. No need for a hat anymore. Hose the dog crap off your shoes. The mirror was shattered when you were in your 50s. You hope you have underwear on so nothing hangs out the hole in your pants. The girl running the register may be cute, but you don't have your glasses on so you are not sure.

In your 70s:

Stop what you are doing. Wait to go to Wal-Mart until they have your prescriptions ready too. Don't even notice the dog crap on your shoes. The young thing at the register smiles at you because you remind her of her grandfather.

In your 80s:

Stop what you are doing. Start again. Then stop again. Now you remember that you needed to go to Wal-Mart. Go to Wal-Mart and wander around trying to think what it is you're looking for. Fart out loud and you think someone called out your name. The old lady that greeted you at the front door went to school with you.

In your 90s:

Stop what you are doing.

Submitted by Charles Forshee

DUMB LAWS STILL ON THE BOOKS

- In Florida a woman can be fined (after death) for being electrocuted in a bathtub because of using self-beautification devices.
- In CT it is illegal for a beautician to hum, whistle or sing while working on a customer.
- In Ohio women are forbidden from wearing patent leather shoes, lest men see reflections of their underwear.
- In Portland, ME, shoe laces must be tied while walking down the street.
- In Gainesville, GA, chicken may only legally be eaten using one's fingers instead of cutlery.
- In Alabama it is illegal to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church.
- In Arizona donkeys are not permitted to sleep in bath tubs.
- In Boston two people may not kiss in front of a church.
- In Montana it is illegal for married women to go fishing alone on Sundays; and illegal for unmarried women to go fishing alone at all.

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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.

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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.

LANCASTER, PA WILL BE YOUR DESTINATION IN 2008

The beautiful Amish Country of Pennsylvania will be the setting of the 2008 reunion of the USS Griggs/Grundy. For those who have never been to Lancaster, PA, attending the 2008 Reunion will give you a great opportunity to see the picturesque Pennsylvania Amish Countryside in addition to a time to reunite with fellow ship-mates. Before we put together your reunion package, we wanted to share with you Lancaster's most interesting places to visit. Please read over the following points of interest and then let us know which ones you would like to see on your reunion agenda. Mail the survey to us and we will begin to plan a great time for you in October.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Amish Country Tour:

This excursion will include a narrated riding tour of Lancaster County's Amish Farmland where you will learn some of the Amish history and traditions. The scenic, rolling farmlands of Lancaster County and peaceful countryside where the Amish still live without electricity will take you back in time. See the Amish countryside dotted with huge farm houses and barns. Roll past the horse-pulled black buggies still used by the Amish people. The Pennsylvania Dutch Country welcomes visitors with incredible food and world renowned crafts. Along the way you will stop at an authentic Amish quilt maker shop, an Amish ice cream shop (be sure to try the Whoopie Pie), a furniture shop, a candle maker and time permitting, a stop at Kitchen Kettle or Mill Bridge Village to browse in the Amish shops and at a fine winery. For dinner there is a marvelous treat—supper in an Amish home. This is a trip you do not want to miss.

Gettysburg Battlefield:

Revisit the scene of the famous

Battle of Gettysburg and the site of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. There are over 1,000 monuments and cannon along over 40 miles of scenic roads. One of the two major battles of the American Civil War was fought here from July 1 to 3, 1863. The defeat of the South at Gettysburg and its surrender of Vicksburg the next day foreshadowed Gen. Robert E. Lee's eventual surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. A tour guide will explain the positions of the South, and the outcome of each day's battle. Stand in the exact spot on little Round Top Mountain where Pickett's famous charge led to the loss of many men's lives.

Eisenhower Farm:

Close by is the Eisenhower Farm—the former Presidential Retreat. Inside the home of the late President Dwight Eisenhower, and his wife Mamie, it remains unchanged over the years. It looks as if it did when they lived there with their personal furnishings of furniture, photos, and decorations.

Hershey, PA:

Thrilling attractions, breathtaking gardens, sweet deals and mouth-watering treats—you'll find something for all in this chocolate-coated candy kingdom. Throughout the community, visitors will find reminders of its sweet heritage, from the heavenly smell of chocolate in the making to streets like Chocolate and Cocoa, avenues that are lined with Hershey's Kisses street lights. A stroll through the magnificent Hershey Gardens give you a glimpse of Mr. Hershey's tribute to his wife. Tour the Hershey Museum to learn more about the town's intriguing start, as well as the life and vision of its founder, Milton S. Hershey. And don't forget a historic visit to Milton Hershey's School's Founders Hall, the largest unsupported dome in the Western Hemisphere.

Dinner Theater:

There are a variety of dinner

theaters in the Lancaster area, including the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, the Freedom Chapel Dinner Theatre and the Rainbow Dinner Theatre. Enjoy a great meal and a tremendous performance at one of these highly acclaimed shows. This could be a good choice for your Thursday night dinner and entertainment.

Good N' Plenty Restaurant:

Some of the reunion attendees have expressed an interest in dining at this famous restaurant. Enjoy delicious, authentic Pennsylvania Dutch cooking in a remodeled two-story Dutch farmhouse. Local cooks who have devoted years to preparing delicious meals will not disappoint you! A typical dinner may include baked country ham, mashed potatoes, roast beef, crispy fried chicken, baked country sausage, noodles, vegetables, chow-chow, pork and sauerkraut, pepper cabbage, homemade bread, shoo fly pie and much, much more. This could be a lunch stop or an evening meal during your reunion.

Strasburg Rail Road:

This is maybe the best way to experience Lancaster County. Take a 45-minute ride on an authentic passenger car, pulled by a massive coal-burning steam locomotive. See the rolling hills, working farms, and a landscape that has changed very little over time. This is a great way to experience the beauty of the area! Back at the station you'll be able to take a ride on a miniature steam train or go along for a behind-the-scenes tour of where passenger cars and steam engines are built, restored and refurbished.

Also here is the Choo Choo Barn, a 1,700 square foot train featuring over 150 hand-built animated figures and vehicles and 22 operating trains. It like nothing you've ever seen before!

2008 USS GRIGGS/ GRUNDY REUNION SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey of the attractions in the Lancaster area and return it to Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc. We will use the surveys to custom design your reunion to what you want to do.

Please check the attractions you would like to visit during the reunion.

Tour of Amish Country _____

Gettysburg Battlefield _____

Eisenhower Farm _____

Hershey, PA _____

A Dinner Theater _____

Good N' Plenty Restaurant _____

Strasburg Rail Road _____

ABOUT THE REUNION

Do you want a welcome reception the first evening of the reunion?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings

_____ or only on Sunday? _____

Do you want entertainment after the Saturday night banquet?

Yes _____ No _____

Return survey by **November 12, 2007** to:

**Military Locator & Reunion Service,
Inc.**

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Hickory, NC 28603**

or Fax:
828-256-6559

HOW TO SPEAK DUTCHIFIED ENGLISH

You may want to get ready for your trip to Lancaster by learning some of the language you might hear from some of the locals. It's called Dutchified English and it is a mixture of German and English. Here are some words that might come in handy to know for your reunion next year.

Ach Du Lieber: Oh, my goodness

Altar: An older person

Awtraychous: Outrageous

Aye Yi Yi: An expression of surprise, sometimes of disgust

Bar: Borrow

Beppy Bhumer: Baby Boomer

Berts: Birds

Blace: Place

Blutz: Pot Hole

Boofay: Buffet

Boomer: Storm

Boopy: Baby

Booger up: Mess it up

Bot Boy: Pot Pie

Burny: Hot, as Mexican food

Bus: Kiss

Catch Flies: Yawn; doze

Cha: Affirmative or food or Italian for good-bye

Char: Jar

Cheans: Jeans

Cheesus: Jesus

Chew: Jew

Diesel fitter: These will fit her

Different Ones: Several people

Eats Good: Tastes good

Fartzich: Forty

Eyes: Ice

Gap: Talk, gab

Giggee: Rear end

Go Out: Go to the restroom (out house)

Gookies: Eyes

Hinder Shanks: Hams

Kuche: Kitchen

Kum Ba Wida: Come again soon

Melp: May I help you?

O Yama Nockamole and O Mame Kritsigh: Two things to yell out loud when you don't want anyone to know what you mean. (Mild curses)

Prayed: Parade

Schproch, The: Dutch talk

Seven Sweets and Seven Sars: An awful lot of food, which is the Dutch way of eating.

Smocks Goot: Smells good

Tay: They

Vimen: Women

Wacation: Vacation

Werechoo: Virtue

Wire Us: Virus

Goot by for now _____