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Special Points of Interest

- Our cover story has news from Skipper Mike. Keep up with all the happenings by reading his article.
- Page three has the WELCOME MAT with six newly located shipmates. TAPS has four who have passed away.
- MAIL CALL begins on page three with more information on the death of Melvin Ignatovig.
- Read about the Korean War Service Medal in the article on page four.
- Waiting for more "Red" jokes? See pages two and four.

NOW HEAR THIS

It hurts me deeply to inform you that Holland, MI got dumped on with another 12"-14" of snow. If that doesn't hurt you, come on over. I have several shovels, and will be glad to have your help. Actually I have a great son-in-law who will let you help him. I did it once with the snow blower (my driveway). Took me all day, my back just can't handle it. No way can I do the ladder and clear the roof. Twenty years ago I would fill the back packs and go camping this time of year. I must have been out of my mind.

Have located two more

from my crew. "Thank you Ardy Belden."

Everything is falling into place for our Oct. 2-6 reunion in Corpus Christi, TX. I plan on attending, but there are many ???

Ruth, my wife, was recently informed that her employer is moving to Canada. Sometime this year, by summer 2003 for sure, we will be without our normal income, and will be adding medical insurance to our list of bills. Future reunions are going to be a question. It's time for everyone to consider if they are willing to be skipper, or who they would like to see

as skipper. I will discuss this with our Vice Skipper, Duane Traut, on February 17th when we get together in Battle Creek.

Please notice letters elsewhere in this issue regarding our fund drive for the USN and USMC Relief Society.

That's it for this issue as I have to get back on the computer, telephone, and post cards, as I have a list of names to search out that I have received from several of you. Thanks!

Oh, in comparison to last year, dues are not coming in. We have col-

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lected 63% of last years'. We need to improve. Please! Enough said.

I received a phone call last night from Robert Lange. He advised me of the death of his wife on February 10, 2002.

Those who have met Lani at past reunions will miss her smiles, laughter, and fun loving attitude.

Lani will surely be missed at future reunions.

On behalf of the crew, I wish to extend our sympathy to Bob, and his entire family. Let us all keep Bob and his family in our prayers.

SEARCH FOR SHIPMATES

Not enough room in Powell Post to explain all details involved.

One shipmate sent me 8 leads on former shipmates. One is deceased and in our records. Now I have 7 leads.

I sent 58 post cards to men I found in a computer search of his home state during the Korean War. I now will start on the remaining 6 searches.

Following is example of post card I send.

Is it worth the effort? Yes, when we are lucky. Please, let me know what you think or pass on ideas, suggestions, or leads. If it gets to be too much, I will neatly stack all info on my desk.

That's all.

Skipper Mike

This is a copy of what the post card says that Skipper Mike was referring to :

Dear Sir,

The veterans of the USS Halsey Powell are sending postcards to addresses which are shown in computer searches to those who may be former shipmates we are trying to locate.

If you are not the veteran we are looking for, but know who he is, please forward this card to him, with our thanks.

If you are the shipmate, please

write in for information on our association, the next reunion, and let us add you to our mailing list.

Hope to hear from you soon.

WWII 1943-45

Korea 1950-53

Viet Nam 1959-75

JOKE FROM RED

DON'T LIE TO YOUR MOTHER!

John invited his mother over for dinner. During the meal, his mother couldn't help noticing how beautiful John's roommate was. She had long been suspicious of a relationship between John and his roommate and this only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between John and the roommate than met the eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, John volunteered, "I know you must be thinking, but I assure you, Julie and I are just roommates."

About a week later, Julie came to John and said, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"

John said, "Well, I doubt it, but I'll e-mail her just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote:
"Dear Mother,

I'm not saying you 'did' take a gravy ladle from my house, and I'm not saying you 'did not' take a gravy ladle. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner."

Several days later, John received an e-mail from his mother which read:

"Dear Son,

I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Julie, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with Julie. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now.

Love,
Mom"

STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

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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.

The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conform to space limitations. Copyrighted material cannot be used without attribution to the author and publication. If you think an article printed in another publication would be of interest to your shipmates, send the entire article - do not paraphrase it and send it in your own words. Let the editor do that.

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



WELCOME MAT

The USS HALSEY POWELL Association welcomes the following recently located crewmembers. We hope to see you at our next reunion, and trust that you will become an active member of the Association. Welcome Aboard!

Robert Van Eyck MM3 (1966)
544 Graafschap Rd
Holland, MI 49423
616-396-1863

Stanley Miller RM3 (1953-55)
4821 Lords Ave
Sarasota, FL 34231
941-924-6740
jonats@web.tv.net

K.C. Kraft QM1 (1943-45)
910 Flora Vista Dr
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
805-966-2184

Richard Pranger FN (1960)
3806 Summersworth Run
Fort Wayne, IN 46804
260-459-2798
rpranger4@home.com

Tom Pranger FN (1960)
4820 Evard Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46835
260-413-4645
tompranger@hotmail.com

Roger Venable SN (1959-62)
12604 NE 190th St
Bothell, WA 98011
425-483-5977
spiritwhale@earthlink.net

DID YOU KNOW?

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every 5 must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.



TAPS

The Post was notified of the following shipmates' deaths since the last newsletter. Not all members died recently, but we just learned of their deaths. The entire crew sends our deepest sympathy to the widows, families and friends of the deceased.

Washington Randall
Died 1975

Charles Kinnear
Died 2001

William Alger
Died February 14, 2002

Joseph Kassick
Date of death not known

Anyone knowing of, or learning of the death of a shipmate, please notify the Powell Post, at ML &RS, Inc. The date of death doesn't matter, we want to recognize the former crewman by listing his name in the Powell Post and by placing his name on the Halsey Powell Honor Roll.

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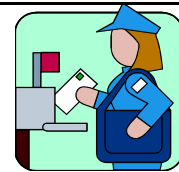
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REUNION DATES SET FOR 2002

Circle the dates of **October 2-6, 2002** for the USS Halsey Powell reunion in **Corpus Christi, TX**. The **Radisson Beach Hotel** will be the host facility for the reunion of former crewmen. Plans are being made for a great reunion! One of the tours will be to the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay. This will be a big hit with everyone who enjoys reliving life on board a ship. The museum displays pieces of memorabilia donated by former crewmen on the USS Lexington. **Ladies are being asked to bring a family photo album for the hospitality room.**

Registration packets will be mailed approximately 90 days prior to the reunion. Start talking it up among your old buddies and make your plans now to attend. Remember, everything is bigger and better in Texas!



MAIL CALL

Dear Mike,

Melvin Ignatovig was KIA March 20, 1945 while aboard the Halsey Powell.

The Halsey Powell was refueling along side the aircraft carrier Ranger (?). A kamikaze crashed into the Halsey Powell, causing the death of Melvin and eight others.

This is in response to the TAPS column of the Powell Post, Vol, 7, Issue 4, dated Sept. 2001.

If anyone remembers Melvin, please contact his nephew at:

Robert F. Ignatovig
302 Chestnut St
Brooklawn, NJ 08030

Thank you,
Bob

Editor's note: In the June 2000 issue of the Powell Post, we printed some information on the Korean War Service Medal. Here is an article taken from "Shift Colors" Oct-Dec 2000 on the same subject.

KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL AVAILABLE TO VETERANS

*By Office of the Assistant Secretary
of Defense Public Affairs*

U.S. veterans of the Korean War are now eligible to wear a medal initially offered to them more than 50 years ago, but never issued.

In a May 13, 2000, letter to Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, Republic of Korea Defense Minister Seong Tae Cho formally announced that his government would provide the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM) to eligible U.S. veterans of that conflict, or to their surviving next of kin. The medal will be provided at no cost to veterans. The U.S. Air Force has been designated the lead agency to receive and distribute the medals.

"On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War," Cho wrote, "the ROK government decided to issue the ROKWSM to pay tribute to the Korean War veterans for their historic endeavors to preserve freedom of the ROK and the free world." The two governments will conduct fiftieth anniversary ceremonies throughout 2000-2003, and medals may be applied for at any time during this period. The war began on June 25, 1950, when North Korean forces invaded ROK territory. The armistice on July 27, 1953, ended the fighting, although a formal peace treaty has never been completed.

The medal was originally offered by the ROK in 1951 to United Nations forces serving in Korea and adjacent waters. At the time, U.S. law prohibited the U.S. military from wearing medals issued by foreign governments. Congress changed that in 1954, but by then most U.S. service members eligible for the medal had returned home.

In 1998 the government of the

Republic of Korea renewed its original offer of the ROKWSM to U.S. military personnel. On Aug. 20, 1999, the Defense Department approved the acceptance and wear of the medal. Approximately 1.8 million U.S. veterans of the Korean War are eligible to receive it. Next of kin to eligible deceased veterans can also apply for the medal.

To wear this medal on U.S. military uniforms, U.S. military personnel must have:

- served between the outbreak of hostilities, June 25, 1950, and the date the armistice was signed, July 27, 1953;
- been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days; and
- performed their duty within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto, or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations.

The ROK specifies the eligibility period and criteria. Only the ROK-provided medal is approved by the U.S. government to meet the U.S. criteria for wear on the military uniform.

To apply, veterans must provide a copy of their discharge paper, commonly known as a DD-214, or a corrected version of that document, a DD-215. National Guard members must provide their statement of service equivalent, NGB Form 22.

Additional information on how to apply for or request the medal can be found by contacting the Air Force Personnel Center, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (CST) at (800) 558-1404, or the Awards and Decorations Section at (210)565-2432/2520/2516, fax (210)565-3118, or by writing to:

**HQ AFPC/DPPPRA
550 C Street West
Suite 12
Randolph Air Force Base,
TX 78150-4714**

or by visiting its Web Site at: [http://](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards)

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards.

General information on Korean War commemorations can also be found by contacting:

DoD 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee

**1213 Jefferson Davis Highway
Crystal Gateway 4
Arlington, VA 22202**

or by calling (703) 604-0831 or by visiting the Korean War Commemoration Committee Web Site at <http://korea50.army.mil>.

Because the order of precedence for non-U.S. service medals and ribbons is determined by date of approval, the ROKWSM should be worn after the Kuwait Liberation Medal, which was the last foreign medal approved for wear by U.S. military personnel. For the majority of Korean War veterans, the medal will be worn after the United Nations Medal, or the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal if they served during that conflict.

Submitted by Skipper Mike

ANOTHER RED JOKE

BUM

A bum asked a man on the street for \$2.00. "Will you buy booze?" the man asks.

The bum replies, "No."

"Will you gamble it away?"

Once again, the bum replies, "No."

"Will you make bets at the golf course?"

The bum replies, "No, I don't play golf."

Then the man asks, "Will you come home with me, so my wife can see what happens to a man who doesn't drink, gamble or play golf?"

Submitted by Red Belden