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COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

This is the year when all roads lead to Washington, D.C. and hopefully one of the best reunions of the USS Huntington.

Regardless of how our Congress acts each year, you will get this very euphoric feeling about our nation's Capital—sort of like an injection of patriotism. It is amazing the way we all come together from all different parts of the United States with different backgrounds and blend so well; but, of course, this is the result of a common bond—the USS Huntington. It is time again to issue a special invitation to all our widows of our group—we do miss you and would like you to attend because you will always be linked in the chain of our togetherness.

Again, I want to remind you to circle Thursday, September 29th; Friday, September 30th; Saturday, October 1st and Sunday, October 2nd. YA'LL COME!!

Gene Volcik

USS HUNTINGTON REUNIONS—WHICH WAS YOUR FAVORITE?

- 1992 Lancaster, PA
- 1993 Myrtle Beach, SC
- 1994 St. Louis, MO
- 1995 Huntington, WV
- 1996 Colorado Springs, CO
- 1997 Charleston, SC
- 1998 San Antonio, TX
- 1999 Springfield, MO
- 2000 Buffalo, NY
- 2001 Asheville, NC
- 2002 Norfolk, VA
- 2003 Albuquerque, NM
- 2004 Nashville, TN

Thirteen different places have been the host for the USS Huntington reunions. Has anyone been to all thirteen? If so, or if you have been to most of them, tell us which one was your favorite and why. We will print your responses in the next newsletter, due out in August, 2005.



TAPS

The Herald was informed of the deaths of the following former crewmembers since the last newsletter. The entire crew extends our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

Alan Davidson
1947-48 Ensign
Died December 31, 2003

Alton Miller, Sr.
Date of death not reported

Paul Walton
1948—Decom. R Div
Died November 1, 2004

Anyone learning of the death of a former crewmember is requested to notify the Herald so their passing can be acknowledged in TAPS and also on the Honor Roll at the reunion memorial service.

U.S. NAVY'S NEWEST AIRCRAFT CARRIER

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT *USS RONALD REAGAN*

CAPABILITY

- A. Top speed exceeds **30 knots**
- B. Powered by two nuclear reactors that can operate for more than 20 years without refueling.
- C. Expected to operate in the fleet for about **50 years.**
- D. Carries over 80 combat aircraft
- E. Three arresting cables can stop a 28-ton aircraft going 150 miles per hour in less than 400 feet.

SIZE

- A. Towers 20 stories above the waterline
- B. **1092 feet long**; nearly as long as the Empire State Building is tall
- C. Flight deck covers 4.5 acres
- D. 4 bronze propellers, each 21 feet across and weighing 66,200 pounds
- E. 2 rudders, each 29 by 22 feet and weighing 50 tons
- F. 4 high speed aircraft elevators, each over 4,000 square feet

DATES

- A. Dec 8, 1994 Contract awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding
- B. Feb 12, 1999 Keel laid
- C. Oct 1, 2000 Precommissioning Unit established
- D. March 4, 2001 Christened by

Mrs. Nancy Reagan

- E. May 5, 2003 First underway
- F. **July 12, 2003** Commissioned
- G. July 23, 2004 Arrived at home-port in San Diego, CA

CAPACITY

- A. Home to about **6,000** Navy personnel
- B. Carries enough food and supplies to operate for 90 days
- C. 18,150 meals served daily
- D. Distillation plants provide 400,000 gallons of fresh water from sea water daily, enough for 2000 homes
- E. Nearly 30,000 light fixtures and 1,325 miles of cable and wiring
- F. 1,400 telephones, 14,000 pillowcases and 28,000 sheets
- G. Costs the Navy approximately \$250,000 per day for pier side operation
- H. Costs the Navy approximately \$2.5 million per day for underway operations (Sailors' salaries included.)

COMPARISON TO *USS HUNTINGTON*

(Comparisons are in bold type)

- Commissioned: **23 Feb. 1946**
- Length: **611 ft**
- Speed: **33 knots**
- Complement: **992** officers & enlisted
- **Fargo-class light cruiser**
- In use for only **three years.**

USS HUNTINGTON 2005 RENION

SEPT. 29—OCT. 2

WASHINGTON, DC

**CRYSTAL CITY
COURTYARD BY
MARRIOTT**

Registration packets will be mailed approximately 90 days prior to the reunion.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 02/05 **\$736.29**
Funds received since 02/05 **\$0**
Funds available for 05/05 **\$736.29**
Funds expended 05/05 **\$177.73**
Ending Balance for 08/05 **\$558.56**

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Our Reunions Work So You Don't Have To.

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF STORIES FOR THE NEWSLETTER!!!