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### Special Points of Interest

- *You will get a kick out of the cover article. Let your whole family read it to see what it's really like to be a sailor.*
- *Four new names for the roster are in the WELCOME MAT on page three. Welcome aboard!*
- *See if you recognize anyone who wrote in to MAIL CALL on pages three and four. Let us hear from you too.*
- *If you think you are eligible for a medal, the article on page four tells you how to go about obtaining one.*
- *Sign up for the Navy Log with the US Navy Memorial Foundation. See details on page four.*

## HOW TO SIMULATE BEING A SAILOR

1. Buy a steel dumpster, paint it gray inside and out, and live in it for six months.
2. Run all the pipes and wires in your house exposed on the walls.
3. Repaint your entire house every month.
4. Renovate your bathroom. Build a wall across the middle of the bathtub and move the shower head to chest level. When you take showers, make sure you turn off the water while you soap down.
5. Put lube oil in your humidifier and set it on high.
6. Once a week, blow compressed air up your chimney, making sure the wind carries the soot onto your neighbor's house. Ignore his complaints.
7. Raise the thresholds and lower the headers of your front and back doors so that you either trip or bang your head every time you pass through them.
8. Once a month, take all major appliances apart and then reassemble them.
9. Disassemble and inspect your lawn mower every week.
10. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, turn your water heater temperature up to 200 degrees. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, turn the water heater off. On Saturdays and Sundays tell your family they used too much water during the week, so no bathing will be allowed.
11. Raise your bed to within 6 inches of the ceiling, so you can't turn over without getting out and then getting back in.
12. Sleep on the shelf in your closet. Replace the closet door with a curtain. Have your spouse whip open the curtain about 3 hours after you go to sleep, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and say, "Sorry, wrong rack."
13. Make your family qualify to operate each appliance in your household: dishwasher operator, blender technician, etc.
14. Have your neighbor come over each day at 5 am, blow a whistle so loud Helen Keller could hear it, and shout, "Reveille!"
15. Have your mother-in-

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law write down everything she's going to do the following day, then have her make you stand in your backyard at 6 am while she reads it to you.

16. Submit a request chit to your father-in-law requesting permission to leave your house before 3 pm.

17. Empty all the garbage bins in your house and sweep the driveway three times a day, whether it needs it or not.

18. Have your neighbor collect all your mail for a month, read your magazines, and randomly lose every 5th item before delivering it to you.

19. Watch no TV except for movies played in the middle of the night. Have your family vote on which movie to watch, then show a different one.

20. When your children are in bed, run into their room with a megaphone shouting that your home is under attack and ordering them to their battle stations.

21. Make your family menu ahead of time without consulting the pantry or refrigerator.

22. Post a menu on the kitchen door informing your family that they are having steak for dinner. Then make them wait in line for an hour. When they finally get to the kitchen, tell them you are out of steak, but they can have dried ham or hot dogs. Repeat daily until they ignore the menu and just ask for hot dogs.

23. Bake a cake. Prop up one side of the pan so the cake bakes unevenly. Spread icing real thick to level it off.

24. Get up every night around midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread.

25. Set your alarm clock to go off at random during the night. At the alarm, jump up and dress as fast as you can, making sure to button your top shirt button and tuck your pants into your socks. Run out into the backyard and uncoil the garden hose.

26. Every week or so, throw your

cat or dog in the pool and shout, "Man overboard port side!" Rate your family members on how fast they respond.

27. Put the headphones from your stereo on your head, but don't plug them in. Hang an paper cup around your neck on a string. Stand in front of the stove, and speak into the paper cup, "Stove manned and ready." After an hour or so, speak into the cup again, "Stove secured." Roll up the headphones and paper cup and stow them in a shoebox.

28. Place a podium at the end of your driveway. Have your family stand watches at the podium, rotating at 4 hour intervals. This is best done when the weather is worst. January is a good time.

29. When there is a thunderstorm in your area, get a wobbly rocking chair, sit in it and rock as hard as you can until you become nauseous. Make sure to have a supply of stale crackers in your shirt pocket.

30. For former engineers: bring your lawn mower into the living room, and run it all day long.

31. Make coffee using eighteen scoops of budget priced coffee grounds per pot, and allow the pot to simmer for 5 hours before drinking.

32. Have someone under the age of ten give you a haircut with sheep shears.

33. Sew the back pockets of your jeans on the front.

34. Every couple of weeks, dress up in your best clothes and go to the scummiest part of town. Find the most run down, trashiest bar, and drink beer until you are hammered. Then walk all the way home.

35. Lock yourself and your family in the house for six weeks. Tell them that at the end of the 6th week you are going to take them to Disney World for "liberty." At the end of the 6th week, inform them the trip to Disney World has been canceled because they need to get ready for inspection, and it will be another week before they can leave the house.

## STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

The Herald is the official publication of the USS HUNTINGTON Association. From now on it will be published quarterly in February, May, August and November, *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 HUNTINGTON. A financial statement appears in each issue of the newsletter. In the event there is insufficient funding for a regularly scheduled issue, all funds received will accumulate until the next regularly scheduled quarterly issue. Out of sequence issues will not be published merely to "catch-up."

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 and grammar.

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

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

## WELCOME MAT



The USS HUNTINGTON takes great pleasure in announcing that the following shipmates have recently been located. Welcome Aboard! We hope to see you at the next reunion and that you will become an active member of the association.

*William Cain (1946-48) A Div  
2534 Lockley Dr  
Macon, GA 31206  
478-788-3571*

*Frank Andre, Jr. (1948) SN G Div  
9220 Spring Cir  
Port Charlotte, FL 33981  
941-697-4906*

*William Phillips (1946) Ensign 4th Div  
PO Box 2708  
Pinetop, AZ 85935  
958-369-0453*

*Walter Blacharski  
2 Revere Ct  
Glen Head, NY 11545*

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## TAPS

The Herald was informed of the death of the following former crewmember since the last newsletter. The entire crew extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

*Robert Stewart  
AMM2 (1946-48)  
Died January 16, 2003*

*Charles Strange  
USMC (1945-49)  
Died January 7, 2003*

*James Mark  
QM3 N Div (1945-47)  
Died July 16, 2003*

*Gary Gerard  
BM3/c 1st & G Div (1947-49)  
Died June 2003*

*Allen Greenlaw  
LT(jg) A Div (1945-46)  
Died March 2, 2003*

*Morgan Searles  
Died June 30, 2003*

*Richard Kling (1949)  
Died August 6, 2003*

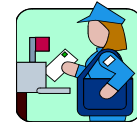
Anyone learning of the death of a former crewmember is requested to notify the Herald so their passing can be acknowledged in TAPS and also on the Honor Roll at the reunion memorial service.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 05/03 **\$518.70**  
Funds received since 05/03 **\$25.00**  
Funds available for 08/03 **\$543.70**  
Funds expended 08/03 **\$201.29**  
Ending Balance for 11/03 **\$342.41**

### Contributors since last issue:

Ralph Larkin 6/6/03 \$25.00  
**TOTAL \$25.00**



## MAIL CALL

To the Editor,

Sorry I haven't sent anything before now. I haven't been able to attend any of the ship's reunions, but have been to some of the Marine Detachments' get togethers.

I feel I owe a little cash to the Huntington fund as it was while standing gangway duty in the snow in Philly Navy Yard that I got my first frostbite. We had to wear dress shoes! Got it again at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, again wearing dress shoes in the snow. A short trip to Kodak, Alaska in Feb. 1949 added to it and then Korea in 1951 did it all and I'm getting 80% disability. It all started with the Huntington.

Sincerely,  
Ralph Larkin  
"Plankowner, Marine Detachment  
2900 El Camino Ave Apt. 43  
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Huntington Herald,

My husband, Robert Stewart, passed away on January 16, 2003. We had discussed the chance of going to a reunion for the Huntington. I myself was also looking forward to seeing some of the folks we had met before, but it was not meant to be. He took sick on Nov. 4th and passed away on Jan. 16. So, for those we met and enjoyed being with, I send my best.

Yours,

Terry Stewart  
138 Breeze Hill, Lake Wales, FL 33853

Gentlemen,

In the latest issue of Huntington Herald there is an article about the bell collection of Bob Bond. I was a plankowner of the USS Huntington, CL-107 which was commissioned

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in Philadelphia, PA, and Bob Bond was a personal friend during the time I served on board. I was in contact with Bob for many years and he visited me when I lived in Darien, CT. Since that time I have moved around and lost contact with Bob, but see that he still lives in Vineland, NJ.

After many years living in Darien, CT, I moved to Groton, CT, then on to Palm Coast, FL. From there I moved to Sebring, FL and over two years ago I moved to Vermont. My current address is:

Bruce G. Giles  
Burr Pond Rd  
Sudbury, VT 05733  
Phone: 802-273-3915

*We received the following letter, with a request to publish it for your information. You may be interested in signing up for the Navy Log.*

Washington, D.C., July, 2003

The United States Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C. has established the "Navy Log" in an effort to honor all naval veterans that have served, or that are currently serving, our country. The Navy Log includes Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Mariners.

The Navy Log has thus far collected the names, service information and photographs of over a quarter of a million service personnel. All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for reviewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to the Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, midway between the White House and the Capitol, or on the Memorial's Internet web site, <http://www.lonesailor.org/>.

Write:

U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation,  
Attn: Navy Log  
701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 123  
Washington, D.C. 20004-2608

Or call: 1-800-821-8892 Ext. 730

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Director, Navy Log

## GETTING A MEDAL

Military service medals are issued by the appropriate branch. Inquiries should be sent to the branch of service as follows:

### **Navy, Marines and Coast Guard veterans contact:**

Navy Liaison Office National Personnel Records, Room 3475  
9700 Page Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

### **Army veterans contact:**

U.S. Reserve Personnel Center  
Attn: ARPC-VFE  
National Personnel Records  
9700 Page Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

### **Air Force veterans contact:**

U. S. Air Force  
National Personnel Records  
9700 Page Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

### **The request should include the following:**

- Veterans full name, printed or typed.
- Veteran's signature or that of the veteran's next of kin, if the veteran is deceased.
- Branch of service.
- Veteran's service number or Social Security number.
- Dates of service, or a close approximation.
- A photocopy of the veteran's discharge papers.

Anyone interested can also call the Veterans Administration at 1-800-827-1000, 8 am to 4:15 pm weekdays, and request Form 180, called the "Request Pertaining to Military Records." Complete the form and send it to the appropriate military branch.

## NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON LINE

The Newsletter for the USS HUNTINGTON reunion is available to download from the Military Locator & Reunion Service Inc web site.

If you are able to visit our web site and download the Newsletter, and therefore do not need a paper copy mailed to you, please let us know.

Please visit our web site at [www.mlrsinc.com](http://www.mlrsinc.com), then follow the link labeled Reunions, then scroll down until you see the listing for the USS HUNTINGTON. Click on the button labeled Newsletters, and in a few minutes the newsletter should appear on your screen. (As a side note - it took about 4 minutes on my computer). This will only work if you have Adobe Reader 4.0 or higher. You can also download this viewer for free from our web site.

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If you have any question regarding this, do not hesitate to ask!

Dina Coffey