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Special Points of Interest

- *Read about the great time everyone had in Nashville at the 2004 reunion. See the cover story for the details.*
- *All the reunion attendees are listed on page two. How about joining them next year!*
- *Charles Squibb and Ed McKenzie share their memories, some happy, some very sad. See Mail Call on page three.*
- *Scuttlebutt from the reunion starts on page two. Maybe someone sent you a message!*
- *The survey of Baltimore for the 2005 reunion is on pages five and six. Let us hear from you about your wishes.*

GREAT TIME IN NASHVILLE, TN!

"Music City, USA", Nashville, TN, was the host city for the 2004 USS Huntington (CL-107) reunion. The event was held on September 30-October 3 at the Holiday Inn Select Opryland/Airport Hotel, with twenty-two members and seventeen guests attending. Registration and the hospitality room opened around noon on Thursday. As each person arrived, he took a peek in the hospitality room to see who had already arrived, then hurried up to his room to get settled and quickly returned to get started on the sea tales. The welcome reception was the official start of the reunion. This was held at 5:00 PM, with Gene Volcik, reunion coor-

dinator welcoming the group to the 2004 reunion. Everyone enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres and beverages from the cash bar, as well as getting acquainted with each shipmate and guest. The evening was free to enjoy one another's company at dinner or in the hospitality room.

After a delicious breakfast buffet on Friday morning, the group left at 9:00 AM for the Historical Tennessee Tour. First stop was the Belle Meade Plantation, known as the "Queen of Tennessee Plantations." Once world-renowned as a thoroughbred stud farm and nursery in the 19th century, the plantation was the home of the only Ameri-

can-bred winner of the English Derby. The sprawling grounds feature the mansion and nine other historic buildings including an 1832 slave cabin and the colossal 1890 Carriage House containing an antique carriage collection. Next on the tour was The Hermitage, the stately manor of President Andrew Jackson. Guided, costumed historical interpreters wove tales of Jackson's colorful and controversial life and told stories of his family and the slaves who lived and worked there. The tour was highlighted by the complete restoration of the mansion that appears

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just as Jackson would have seen it in 1837. Also on the tour were a film, museum, church, formal garden, Jackson's tomb and original log cabins. The tour returned to the hotel in time for a late lunch and some relaxing before the evening's events.

The USS Huntington banquet was held on Friday night instead of the usual Saturday night because of the planned trip on Saturday evening to the Grand Ole Opry. The evening began at 6:00 PM with a pre-dinner cocktail hour and photo session for the post reunion book, "The Sentimental Journal." The highlight of the reunion began at 7:00 PM when Gene Volcik welcomed everyone to the 2004 USS Huntington banquet. After the prime rib dinner it was time for special recognitions and stories. Adolph Huinker of Austin, MN, and Donald Amareld and his guest, Gertie Nugent, were welcomed as first time attendees; Carl Walker from Sims Valley, CA, was recognized as having traveled the farthest; Harry Wilson was recognized as the oldest attendee (at the tender age of 89 years); and Bill Teague was the youngest attendee. "Appropriate" gifts were given. It was so good to see several folks again who hadn't been able to come for a while because of illness or a death in the family. The topic of one conversation turned to the food on the ship—how there were special days for each meal—pork chops were always served the same day, as were fish and so on. Some days no one wanted to remember the food! The evening ended with the memorial service led by Gene Volcik, Richard Haswell and Lois Nangle, ML&RS on-site representative. All those shipmates who have passed away were remembered in the service and a bell was tolled as the names were read. Everyone went away that evening with good memories of the night and looking forward to the next day of activities.

Saturday again began with a great breakfast buffet and then at 9:00 AM the annual USS Huntington business meeting was held. Gene Volcik was overwhelmingly re-elected as the coordinator for another year. The group chose Baltimore, MD as the 2005 reunion site, with a request for the dates similar to this year. Cards were sent to Ed Pendleton, Joe Gibney, Jack Kelty, O'Dell Yancey and Sam Roberts, who were unable to attend this year. Gene Volcik asked everyone to call at least one person and invite him to the Baltimore reunion. A day trip will be planned to include the WWII Memorial and the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC, and perhaps conducting the memorial service at the Navy Memorial. It should be a very special reunion.

At 11:45 AM the tour for the Gaylord Opryland Hotel departed the hotel. The Opryland Hotel was quite a sight, and although the ride on the Delta boats could not compare with the USS Huntington, it sure was fun anyway! The gardens and waterfalls at the hotel are spectacular! A buffet lunch was included at Rachel's Kitchen.

A pre-Opry soup and sandwich supper was available at 4:30 PM, and then it was off to the Opry. What a fun night! Being a part of both a TV and radio program is not something that one gets to do every day! The Grand Ole Opry featured Little Jimmy Dickens, LeAnn Rimes, Porter Wagoner, Bubba Betchotol, as well as others not so well-known. It was a night not soon to be forgotten. Following the return to the hotel, a post-Opry dessert reception was held for those who had a craving for something sweet to finish off the day. Knowing this was the last night of the reunion made some reluctant to say good night, but eventually the activities of the day began to take their toll and everyone slowly retreated to their rooms for a good night's rest.

Sunday morning arrived all too soon, and with the ending of the breakfast buffet, it was time to say those goodbyes. The 2005 Baltimore reunion was now in the forefront of everyone's thoughts, with plans already being made to attend. Hopefully this will be the largest reunion yet, so don't miss it!

2004 REUNION ATTENDEES

Donald Amareld & Gertie Nugent
Robert & Betty Bolton
Robert Bond
Gerald & Phyllis Brooks
William & Jeri Carver
Ira Chaffin & Doris Ashford
Sheldon & Adele Ferriss
William & Linda George
Richard Haswell
Adolph Huinker
James & Marie McAllister
Joe & Brenda Monzon
Joseph & Maryellen Morgan
James & Helen Nelson
Robert Patton
William & Marlene Phillips
Alfred Rosenthal
Eugene, Vi & Charlie Volcik
Carl & Beverly Walker
William & Margaret Wildhagen
Harry Wilson & Dennis Martin
John & Lillian Zappacosta

Total Members:	22
Guests:	17
GRAND TOTAL:	39

SCUTTLEBUTT FROM REUNION

From: Donald E. Amareld, Sr
To: Edmund Pendleton

Sorry you couldn't make the Nashville reunion. Sure did miss you and Nickie. Hope to see you at the next reunion. "Love you both."

From: John & Lillian Zappacosta
To: Nickie & Ed Pendleton

It seems you are forcing us to come to you, so come to the next reunion or else! Sorry to hear you're not feeling well. Get healthy soon. We miss you both.

From: John & Lillian Zappacosta
To: Ann & O'Dell Yancey

It's no fun without you. Get well and we hope to see you next year. Miss you both.

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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 in the association.

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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.

William Kilby ('46-48) MM3/c M Div
Date of death not reported

Albert Lyne (1948-49)
Died June 23, 1999

Emil Kulka
Died April 5, 2003

Robert Salter
Died 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.



MAIL CALL

Dear ML&RS,

My name is Charles E. Squibb. I went aboard the Huntington in April 1948. I was assigned to the 6th Division, and we worked the 01 level. My boatswains mates were Andrew Fortune 3/BM and Placer 3/BM. Some of the men in the 6th Div were English, Neal Turon, Thompkins, Egan, Davis, Scrrappa, Pychella, Nash and Wallace. That's all I can remember. I do remember a 2nd Class BM named Cunningham in the 2nd Division. They took care of the fantail. I also played on the ship's baseball team. Some of the team members were Andy Fortune, catcher; 3rd base, Greenstein; SS, Maturo; 2nd base, Keyes; 1st base, Steans; pitcher, Crews. Maturo pitched some, and so did I.

I also played on the ship's basketball team. I remember we played a game in Beirut, Lebanon against some Americans who were going to school there.

I have been writing to shipmates Walter Shoffer in NY and Herb Davis in Michigan. Walter and I went through boot camp together.

I can't remember the fellow's name, but one of the men got married in Venice.

I remember one night while crossing the Atlantic a fellow jumped over board during a movie.

I was thrilled when we hit the ports of call. I also loved ancient history and to visit countries like Greece, Italy, Turkey, Africa and South America. I get my cruise book out and show my grandchildren the places I've been.

My time on the Huntington (107) was some of the best times of my life. I also helped to put her in mothballs. I was one of the last seamen to leave her.

Respectfully,
Charles Squibb

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ML&RS,

I was sorry to read in the Huntington Newsletter that Frank Mazuroski had died. His daughter was wondering if anyone knew him on the Huntington. My name is Ed McKenzie and I knew him as Mazzy. She said her mother told her that he fell off the ship. Well, that is true, and I can tell her how it happened.

We were going in to Alexandria, Egypt when this happened. We were wearing Undress Blues for entering port. Mazzy and I were preparing to take soundings (checking water depth). We had to drop a hot case net in order to do this. Each of us had to pull a pin out of a stantion, then we could lower the net. Well, I pulled my pin out, but Mazzy's was stuck. He was jerking on it to try to loosen it. I told him that I would put my pin back in and we would loosen his first, but just then his pin came out and the net dropped, and he went with it. "Man Overboard" was sounded and several life jackets were thrown overboard, but none reached him. The Huntington sent a message to a destroyer behind us to pick him up. When Mazzy came back aboard our ship, he told us he was afraid no one knew he was overboard and he thought that destroyer was going to run over him. He said from the water, it looked like a battleship to him. They threw him a line, but he was too weak to climb, so they went down and got him. He was in the water about 18 minutes. In that time, he was able to get his shoes off, but was unable to get his jumper off. He was only able to rip it about an inch or two.

I hope this helps you a little. I just finished talking on the phone to another shipmate, P. T. Langley. He also remembered Mazzy and that incident.

An Ex-shipmate,
Ed McKenzie

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ML&RS,

I served with LCDR Tew on the Huntington in 1946 & 1947. I called him up and we talked for awhile about those long ago times and other shipmates we served with. Sorry to hear about Mazuroski's death. He is the one that fell overboard instead of Shiloh. I corrected Tew on this and he agreed. Mr. Tew says he came aboard the Huntington in Lisbon, Portugal. I don't think the Huntington was in Lisbon while we were aboard her. I told him so, but he says we were. You don't argue with an officer, so I didn't dispute it. I left the Huntington in Dec '47 for the USS Albany CA-123.

Leo P. Dennis

P.S. I sure liked the Seabag story and Tew's letter.

ML&RS,

I too am a former crew member of Hogan's Goat. FYI—The Royal Court pic in Vol. 12 # 2 was at Longitude 44 degrees, 47 minutes East.

Thank you,
Roy Barnes

Dear Huntington Herald,

In the August 04 issue, you asked if anyone served on CL-107 for its entire operational life.

I joined the "Pre-commission" detail in September 1945 at Newport. I spent my entire time in the 2nd Division and was one of the last members of the decommissioning detail.

I was called back for the Korean War, for 22 months, most of which was served on the USS Albany CA-123.

Robert Haley, former GMT1/c
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Hi from North Dakota,

I served aboard the Huntington 1947-1948. I have to report that one of my close Navy buddies just passed away. Robert (Sandy) Salter died a couple of weeks ago in Bradford, PA where he and his wife Jean lived. We kept in contact all these years and I will miss him very much. I am in contact with 3 other buddies from the Huntington—Jack (Shorty) Shovestull, Bruce Gillies, and Bill Cain. I like hearing about the Huntington through the Herald, but have been unable to attend any of the reunions. I'm sure none of my old shipmates have been there either—it's so long ago.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 08/04 **\$175.02**
Funds received since 08/04 **\$165.00**
Funds available for 011/04 **\$340.02**
Funds expended 011/04 **\$251.44**
Ending Balance for 02/05 **\$88.58**

Contributors since 05804

Charles Squibb	\$20.00
Melvin Cohan	\$25.00
Ed McKenzie	\$20.00
Grady Veasey	\$25.00
Leo Dennis	\$50.00
Ira Chaffin	\$25.00
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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 and grammar.

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

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

If you didn't get to Nashville for our USS Huntington reunion, you missed a barrel of fun—'cause we really had a great time. Nashville offered many sights for us to see, such as the Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson, the Meade Plantation and Gaylord's Opryland Hotel, plus attending the Grand Ole Opry.

Our group was not large, but it consisted of quality people because we are from the USS Huntington. I have said it over and over—you are really missing a very special event if you don't come to a reunion. You'll get another chance next year when we go to Baltimore. Our plan is to visit Washington, DC, seeing the World War II and Navy Memorials. When the dates are set, mark them on your calendar, because this one should really be a good one because of our possible activities.

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From: Bob & Betty Bolton

To: Sammy & Cleo Roberts

We miss you both. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love ya!

From: Bob & Betty Bolton

To: Ed & Nickie Pendleton

You are both missed so much. We send love and kisses your way.

From: Bob & Betty Bolton

To: Jack & Marie Kelty

We missed you and hope to see you next year. Love ya!

From: Bill George

To: Winkley "Wink"

Need some help!! These engine room guys have me outnumbered 3 to 1. I can't get a good fireroom story in. Better come to Baltimore and help me out.

BALTIMORE FOR THE 2005 REUNION

Your choice of Baltimore for the 2005 reunion is one that everyone should enjoy tremendously. The following are tours that are available in the area. A survey will be included for you to choose the activities you would like to see on your agenda.

Baltimore City Tour: A fully-narrated tour of Baltimore that showcases an array of interesting attractions, restaurants and shopping areas. Hear about Baltimore's history, legends, and lore. See why Baltimore's Inner Harbor has been nationally acclaimed for its extraordinary waterfront development which houses the **World Trade Center, USS Constellation, Harborplace, National Aquarium, and Maryland Science Center.** Visit **Fort McHenry**, birthplace of "The Star Spangled Banner." Take a **tour of Baltimore's unique neighborhoods** of colorfully decorated row houses. Ride by the **Shot Tower, Star Spangled Banner House, B&O Railroad Museum, Carroll Mansion, Babe Ruth Birthplace, and the gravesite of Edgar Allen Poe.** Cruise through **Fells Point**, a cobble stoned seaport where you will see 18th century ship captain's homes, high-masted ships, tug-boats, piers, specialty shops, pubs and eateries. Stop briefly at **Oriole Park at Camden Yards**, and visit Baltimore's **Korean Memorial** to pay homage to these war veterans and other veterans of American Wars. One option offered on this tour is to board the **cargo ship, JOHN W. BROWN**, one of only two World War II Liberty ships still in operation. It has been turned into a maritime museum. **Be advised that everything described cannot be accomplished in a single day, so on the survey select the items you'd most like to see.**

U.S. Naval Academy & Annapolis Tour: As you travel through Annapolis you will see impressively preserved **mansions** that once be-

longed to the signers of the Declaration of Independence and governors of the state. Also see the **Maryland State House, the Governor's Mansion and St. John's College** where you'll see the famous **Liberty Tree** and a **replica of the Liberty Bell.**

At the **United States Naval Academy** you will ride along the "yard" past many of the Academy's landmarks. A brief stop will be made at the **Naval Academy Visitor's Center** where a kaleidoscope of Navy memorabilia is available for souvenir shopping. You may also choose a walking tour of the Academy grounds to visit the magnificent **Chapel, the Tomb of John Paul Jones, and Bancroft Hall**—the midshipmen's dormitory. While here, you may be able to see the **Brigade of the Midshipmen perform Noon Formation.**

Washington, D.C. Tour: On this drive through tour of the federal district you will pass by the **U.S. Capitol Building, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, National Archives, and the White House.** Visit the **Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorials.** Stops can also be made at the **Lincoln Memorial** and the **Navy Memorial.** Of special interest is the Lone Sailor Statue and a huge granite map—the world's largest map of the world. A wonderful naval museum and IMAX Theater are also at the memorial. Many groups hold their memorial service there, complete with a bugler and color guard. **Arlington Cemetery, Union Station** are other popular attractions. That can be arranged if you like.

Naturally these are not the only attractions in the Baltimore/Washington area, so your suggestions are welcomed. At the place on the survey sheet, please add your favorite attraction. We hope to make this a very special reunion for you. Hope to see you all in Baltimore.

USS HUNTINGTON 2005 SURVEY—BALTIMORE

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 Chairman's input. Let your voice be heard, return the survey promptly.

Reunion format:

Do you want a welcome reception the first evening? yes ___ no ___

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings _____
Or just a farewell breakfast on Sunday _____?

Do you prefer a dinner together in the hotel on Friday night _____,
or have the evening free _____?

Do you want a band or DJ after the Saturday night banquet yes ___ no ___

Please indicate your choice of activities by checking the attractions you would like to visit. The trip to Washington, DC is an all day activity and it is not practical to try and do the Baltimore City tour and Naval Academy the same day. Even though all three may be offered (depending upon the responses), you probably will have to choose two of them.

___ **Baltimore City Tour** including: (check the things you'd most like to see on the itinerary)

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| ___ Riding tour the city | ___ Stop at Ft McHenry (entrance fee required) |
| ___ Camden Yards | ___ Grave of Edgar Allan Poe |
| ___ Free time in the Inner Harbor area where you can visit the USS Constellation and National Aquarium and have lunch | |
| ___ Liberty Ship John W Brown | |

___ **U.S. Naval Academy and Annapolis Tour**

___ **Washington, D. C. Tour:** including: (check the things you'd most like to see on the itinerary.)

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| ___ Korean War Memorial | ___ Vietnam Memorial |
| ___ Washington Monument | ___ Lincoln Memorial |
| ___ Arlington National Cemetery | ___ Union Station for lunch |
| ___ Lunch at Ft Myers Officer's Club | ___ Navy Memorial and Museum |

***The World War II Memorial will be on the agenda, so it was not included in the survey.**

Other suggestions: _____

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