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Special Points of Interest

- ***If you didn't attend the 2006 reunion in Savannah, you can read all about it in the cover story.***
- ***A list of reunion attendees is on page two. See who you missed if you didn't attend.***
- ***Gene Volcik's column is on page three, as well as a tribute to Ed Pendleton.***
- ***Welcome Mat has four new names for the roster. See page three.***
- ***Read about what you can do in Milwaukee for the 2007 reunion. Page four has the details.***

2006 REUNION REPORT FROM SAVANNAH

The 2006 USS Huntington reunion was held in Savannah, GA on September 14-17, with eighteen former crewmen and fourteen guests attending. In addition to these thirty-two attendees, they were also joined by two members of the USS Griggs/USS Grundy reunion, Charles Forshee and Joe Locke. The USS Griggs/USS Grundy reunion had to be canceled because of lack of participation, so those who had registered for that reunion in St. Louis were invited to join with the USS Huntington in Savannah. Only two members could manage to change their plans and attend, but it is hoped that in the coming years they will be able to attend

and help the USS Huntington in getting sufficient numbers to continue their reunions also. The reunion accommodations were furnished by the Inn at Ellis Square, just across the street from the riverwalk where shops and restaurants abound.

With fog and rain enroute to Savannah, everyone was delighted with the three days of beautiful weather. The reunion registration began on Thursday with several newcomers from the Huntington. Welcomed were Murl & Jean Mancuso from LeRoy, NY and Lou & Adele Arcangeli from Savannah, and on Saturday, Bob & Peg Wilhelm of Columbia, SC. Harry Wilson brought his

daughter Cheryl and grandson Tyler. During the Welcome Reception on Thursday evening Gene Volcik, USS Huntington coordinator, Charles Forshee, USS Griggs coordinator and Lois Nangle, ML&RS, Inc. on-site representative, made introductions and everyone had a chance to become acquainted with the newcomers. The new folks didn't take too long to fit right in! During the reception a Friday tour which was arranged by the hotel was planned.

On Friday morning everyone enjoyed the Continental Breakfast in the hotel, complete with gravy and biscuits, making it a

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great way to start the day. By 10:00 AM the trolley was at the door to take everyone to the Visitor's Center to board a tram for a city tour. The Visitor's Center is part of the campus of "SCAD", Savannah College of Art and Design. In a few short years this school grew from a few hundred to thousands. Its students have restored many of Savannah's old homes and buildings and the students are tour guides, waiters and waitresses all over town. The day was bright and clear and the driver was a most jovial and wonderful man. He even kept ahead of Harry!! Each Square had something different to offer—beautiful flowers and trees; fountains; bank and court buildings; Victorian homes, the home of Johnny Mercer who wrote "Moon River," among many other wonderful songs; the home of Juliette Gordon Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts; and Colonial Park Cemetery were among the many things we saw on the tour. The tour went along the Savannah River where many large transport ships, tugs, and paddleboats were seen. The Waving Girl who has waved at passing ships for 44 years was also seen. After the tour most of the group checked out the restaurants, candy and ice cream shoppes. Friday evening was a free night for visiting the City Market or the Riverwalk, easy walking distance from the hotel. Everyone had a great evening enjoying the music, food and shops along the way.

Saturday after another delicious breakfast, the ships' business meetings were held. Both Gene Volcik and Charles Forshee thanked the group for coming and enjoying our time together. Both hoped that the joint reunion would be a great venture and a growing one! Gene updated everyone on our former coordinators, Bob Bolton and Ed Pendleton, as well as other longtime reunion goers. Several cities including Indianapolis, Albany, San Diego, Portland, and Milwaukee were suggested for the 2007 reunion, with Milwaukee winning out. Gene Volcik will be the 2007 reunion coordinator

for both groups and Charles Forshee will remain point of contact for the Griggs/Grundy group. After the meeting the group headed down to the river—some visited Fort Jackson, Fort Pulaski, or historic Tybee Light-house, while others took the paddleboat or just enjoyed the scenery of the city.

The evening festivities started at 6:00 PM with photos and conversation, followed by the Memorial Service led by Gene Volcik, Lois Nangle, Charles Forshee, Joe Locke and Richard Haswell. For the Huntington Richard Haswell read the names of the deceased and rang the bell to honor them. For the Griggs/Grundy, Charles Forshee read the names of the deceased and Joe Locke rang the bell. After the Memorial Service we headed across the street to the Chart House Restaurant for the banquet. The weather was great and the banquet room faced the river, giving the group a great view of the ships that were passing the windows during the dinner. Following the playing of "Anchors Aweigh," the National Anthem and The Pledge of Allegiance, Gene Volcik and Charles Forshee made some welcoming remarks and then dinner was served. Several special recognitions were made during the evening. Harry Wilson celebrated his 90th birthday, complete with cake, candles and a Happy Birthday serenade. The Forshees were married the longest—50 years—just from March to August ahead of Gene and Vi Volcik. They received a bouquet of 2 heart-shaped palm flowers as a prize. George Lari was the youngest and he got a red and white umbrella that fits on top of his head (no hands needed). Bob Bond brought a "Huntington Union" that he has had for 50-odd years to share with the group. The lucky lottery winner was Moses Coleman. The banquet was enjoyable, the company was great and it made for a beautiful evening.

On Sunday morning, breakfast came early for some who needed to leave by 8:00 AM. Others hated to end the fun weekend, but were looking forward to Milwaukee next year.

2006 REUNION ATTENDEES

Donald Amareld & Gertrude Nugent
Louis & Adele Arcangeli
Robert Bond
William & Jeri Carver
Moses Coleman & Emilie Hartz
Albert Eisenberg & Dorothy Harvey
Sheldon & Adele Ferriss
Richard Haswell
George Lari
Murl & Jean Mancuso
James & Helen Nelson
Robert Patton
Eugene, Vi & Charlie Volcik
Carl & Beverly Walker
Robert & Peg Wilhelm
Harry Wilson & Cheryl & Tyler Shannon

Total Members: 18
Guests: 14
GRAND TOTAL: 32

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance after 08/06 **\$1106.30**
Received since 08/06 **\$155.00**
Available for 11/06 **\$1261.30**
Funds expended 11/06 **\$269.10**
Ending Balance for 02/07 **\$992.20**

Contributors since 08/06:

Grady Veasey	\$25.00
Mickey Blundell	\$10.00
Lyle Bach	\$25.00
Joseph Morgan	\$25.00
Robert Herbert	\$50.00
Frank Andre	\$20.00

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE STAFF
OF ML&RS, INC.**

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

BY GENE VOLCIK

Time really flies by when you're having fun. Would you believe this...we had our 15th USS Huntington annual reunion this year—another good one. The trolley tour of Savannah was very exciting and interesting, taking us through a very fascinating city. Savannah is on an incline by improving the downtown area.

This reunion was a little different because we had 2 shipmates, Charles Forshee and Joe Locke, along with their wives, from the USS Griggs (APA-10) joining our group. During our regular business meeting, we all voted to invite the shipmates of the USS Griggs and USS Grundy and their spouses to join us so we can again have sight-seeing buses because they usually require a minimum of 35. Also, it will give us better bargaining power for better hotel room rates, etc. Actually, folks, we came close to not being able to have a reunion this year because of low attendance—so low that it would make it impossible for Military Locator & Reunion Service to plan or execute our reunion. Remember to always try to get new attendees to come, plus making every effort to attend yourself.

Our reunion for 2007 will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, another great place to have a reunion—so YOU'LL COME!!!

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Our Reunions Work So You Don't Have To.

A MEMORIAL TO ED PENDLETON

On September 19th we lost one really devoted USS Huntington shipmate, Ed Pendleton. Ed was our second coordinator who provided a wonderful and excellent leadership—making all of our reunions enjoyable. He continued to come each year even when his health was failing, always with a positive attitude. Not only did he attend, but he enjoyed each one—always looking forward to the next one. We missed him and Nickie in Savannah. Always with Nickie at his side helping him, he was able to keep his wish alive by being able to attend. We will miss you, Ed, but I guarantee you we will not forget you. Nickie intends to keep coming to our reunions and believe me—her presence is always welcome. We all love you, Nickie, and also we always loved Ed.

The dear, sweet wife of Sammy Roberts, Cleo, was suddenly, with not much warning, called to Heaven in July. She always enjoyed our reunions. She was a bundle of joy and laughter. We will miss you, Cleo.

Gene Volcik



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.

Edmund P Pendleton
(1947-49) DC1
Died September 19, 2006



WELCOME MAT

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

Abraham Simon
(1946-48) MM1/c M Div
1344 Harrington Dr
Havertown, PA 19083
610-446-5132

Jack Kingery (1947-Decomm)
9711 Oak Stage Rd
Prince George, VA 23875
804-458-8144
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William Nolet (1946) S2/c Fox
955 Sugar Bowl Rd
Chuckey, TN 37641
423-234-1326
billnolet@hotmail.com

Murl Mancuso
(1946) S1 GM 3rd Div
8477 E Main Rd
LeRoy, NY 14482
585-768-8084

Milo Hudson
(1947-49) ME3 R Div
Died October 2005

John Wiedemann
(1947-49) FC3 Fox Div
Date of death not reported

Peta Mandruk (1946)
Died August 3, 2006

James Bottoms (1946-48)
Date of death not reported

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.

MILWAUKEE, WI FOR 2007 REUNION

The largest city in Wisconsin, Milwaukee is located on the shores of Lake Michigan and straddles the Milwaukee River above the mouths of the Kinnickinnic and Menomonee Rivers. The city has a rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Milwaukee is often called the "cream city", because of its building bricks made from a local clay. Besides the beautiful 19th century brick buildings of downtown, Milwaukee has a number of buildings designed by famous architects. The last completed work of Frank Lloyd Wright is the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation. Famous also is the Milwaukee Art Museum, housed in the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, and designed by Eero Saarinen.

Milwaukee County Zoo has one of the largest animal collections in the country. Its moat systems allow visitors to view predator and prey in close proximity. Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory features three domes—tropical, arid, and a show dome that has thematic floral displays. Several museums and arts theaters also call Milwaukee home.

Although Milwaukee is known for its breweries, its leading industry is the manufacture of machinery. It is one of the largest consumers of steel in the United States. It has been nicknamed the "machine shop of America."

As a port of entry on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee moves its manufactured products and raw materials with ease. With 33 shipping lines entering the port, Milwaukee is a busy outlet for a great collection of products going all over the world.

Around 1840 and following an unsuccessful revolution in Germany in 1848, German settlers came to Milwaukee, bringing their culture and their traditions. Polish and Italian immigrants arrived in the 1890s. Remnants of these cultures can still be seen today.

Today Milwaukee is a vibrant, robust city that embraces its cultural heritages through an eclectic array of restaurants, art galleries, museums and performance arts throughout the area. Development along the RiverWalk, which is a ribbon of concrete winding along Milwaukee's waterway, has brought a beautiful area to stroll and explore the shops, restaurants, and brew pubs. Milwaukee is a place where the past, present, and future come together—the "Genuine American City" through and through.

A survey of specific attractions in Milwaukee will be included in this newsletter for you to choose from for the reunion ac-

tivities. Please take time to fill out the survey and return it to ML&RS at the address printed on this page. We want you to have a say in what your reunion will offer, and the only way we can do that is to hear from you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

HARLEY DAVIDSON TOUR

See first hand where the heartbeat of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle is created. Tour the plant where the Harley-Davidson engines are manufactured.

MILLER BREWING COMPANY TOUR

A guided tour includes a theater presentation, visits to the packaging and shipping centers, brew house, and historic Caves Museum. You may enjoy samples in the Bavarian style Miller Inn or seasonal outdoor beer garden.

"Brewing history comes to life and taste buds come alive at the Miller Brewing Company."

BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT

Designed after St. Peter's in Rome, this magnificent 95-year old landmark is one of over 33 basilicas in the U.S. Architecture, stained glass and murals are a tribute to Milwaukee's history and heritage.

MITCHELL PARK HORTICULTURAL CONSERVATORY "THE DOMES"

Take a trip through Milwaukee's tropical rainforest, a journey through the desert oasis, or enjoy the spectacular beauty of the seasonal floral garden. The only structure of its kind in the world.

MADER'S GERMAN RESTAURANT

Milwaukee is famous for its German heritage and this restaurant is a must if you want to sample some of the country's finest German /Teutonic cuisine. Mader's offer specialties you'll find nowhere else.

NAVAL TRAINING CENTER— GREAT LAKES

This visit starts early, with buses leaving for the base at 6:45 AM. Everyone must be seated by 8:30 AM for the 9:00 AM parade and recruit graduation. Lunch will be on base.

Great Lakes Naval Training Center is home to the U.S. Navy's only Recruit Training Command and is the largest Training Center in the Navy. The base includes 1,153 buildings on 1628 acres and uses 50 miles of roadway to provide access to the Center's facilities.

USS HUNTINGTON 2007 REUNION

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it to ML&RS, Inc.

Reunion agenda:

Do you prefer a Welcome Reception the first evening of the reunion? ___ yes ___ no

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings _____
or only on Sunday morning? ___

Do you want entertainment after the banquet?
_____yes _____no

Please check any of the attractions you would like to see on your reunion agenda.

Harley-Davidson Tour _____

Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, "The Domes" _____

Miller Brewing Company Tour _____

Mader's German Restaurant _____

Basilica of St. Josaphat _____

Naval Training Center— Great Lakes _____

**Return survey by
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