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Special Points of Interest

- *Articles that give you all the scoop on the 2006 reunion in Nashville are on the first three pages. Please join in the fun next year in Jacksonville.*
- *Ruby VanDyke was inspired to write a poem about the Pawcatuck. See it on page four.*
- *Continued from the 1952 Cruise Book is a story about an engineer named "Alfred." See page five for the story and picture.*
- *Some of the most famous attractions in Jacksonville are described on pages seven and eight. The survey is on page eight. Please return as soon as possible.*

WILLIS'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Dear Shipmates and Pawcatuck Family,

Hello again from sunny Arizona. Yes, the sun is out as it is that time of the year that the temperature goes up. After 36 years I do not miss the cold and white stuff one bit.

We do need rain. I am sure some of you have seen the news that one of the gems of our state has had bad fires just north of Sedona. It will take a long time before it looks the same. Then back in Ohio where I came from a lot of rain.

If you did not come to the reunion you missed another great one. Those shipmates who did come all got a piece of the ship. Thanks to Master/Capt.

Bob Russell. He was the last Master of the ship back in 1991 when the ship was taken out of service. He was able to get on the ship at the scrap yard and took some items while there.

We who did get a small piece are grateful to him for his efforts. I am sure all will cherish those items that we were able to pick as our number was drawn.

On Sunday the 30th of April at 1630 we said hello to all in attendance. We were honored to have three Sea Cadets from the Nashville area present the colors to start the reunion.

On Monday most of those attending the reunion took a tour of the city. On Tuesday they took the General Jackson on the

river tour. Everybody had a good time from all reports.

On Tuesday at 1530 we held our annual meeting. The vote for next year's reunion goes to Jacksonville, Florida. For those who were on the ship from late 1966 to 1991, they will remember Mayport as the home port for the ship. I hope that we can visit the base next year and see where your ship was stationed. Again, memories just like last year in Norfolk.

Our memorial service was again a success thanks to Mark McPherson doing the service. I say to Mark, well done.

Our last thing for the day was our banquet. We again had a buffet and the

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food was just fine. We then had our usual drawing of items brought by some of those in attendance. With the 50/50 and items that were drawn or auctioned off we were able to collect \$1257.00. Of that the 50/50 had \$450.00 and Don Prant won the 50/50. That left \$1032.00. We took \$250.00 to be used to purchase ship hats. By the time you get this newsletter you may send me \$15.00 and that will take care of the cost of the hat plus shipping and handling. I ordered 36 hats. That is the minimum that can be ordered. So if you want a hat, we now have them.

Just a reminder, please contact MLRS to let them know how you want to receive the newsletter. We need your help to save postage. We also ask that you send in your donations to help in sending out the newsletter. We need everybody's help. It is your newsletter.

Well, that is about all for now. Next year will be our 15th annual reunion. I hope many of you will come and help us celebrate our reunion. Since the reunion is on the east coast again, let's go over the 100 mark and bypass the count from last year in Norfolk.

Again thanks to all who helped in this year's reunion. A special thanks to the committee for their help.

I will be adding pictures to the web site. Have a great summer and a great fall. The next newsletter will come out the first part of December.

Yours,
David Willis, Reunion coordinator
for the USS PAWCATUCK AO-108

MCPHERSON'S MESSAGE

PORT OF NASHVILLE - DEPARTED

Shipmates and Family Members:

Another successful reunion has passed and we who were there

have departed the port for our trip back to our homes, with the next port to visit for our 15th Reunion being Jacksonville, Florida.

I would like to extend a Thank You to all of those who attended this year's reunion. We had a good turn out and we all enjoyed receiving a piece of our ship, however, we will always remember her the way she was.

At this year's reunion, we had eight new shipmates in attendance. Thank you for attending and we look forward to visiting with you at many more reunions.

We were honored to not only have in attendance but hear some of the sea stories from Captain Honour. You made the last night joyful.

To all those hands that assisted in the Memorial Service, I would like to say thank you for your help. Without your help, the full meaning of the service would have been empty.

I want to say a thank you to all members of the USS Portsmouth that attended our Memorial Service. It is always a blessing when we can gather with another group to honor our fallen shipmates.

There are many special memories that I have brought back from this year's reunion, not only seeing our new shipmates who attended for the first time, the joy in their eyes when they discovered a fellow shipmate that they served with or knew during their time on board our ship. But there are some memories that were etched into my heart that will remain there for a long time.

One of these special memories, was the visit that we received during our reunion from Gordon Meyers and his wife. Gordon was planning on attending this year's reunion, but due to a heart transplant, he was unable to join us for our full run. He and his wife did stop by though, with Gordon staying in their car. His wife came into the reunion to inform us of his progress and we as a group departed our meeting and went outside to show Shipmate Gordon our support for him and wish him a speedy recovery. We presented to

his wife a piece of the ship as well as a ball cap that I am sure that he will cherish forever.

Gordon, we hope and pray that all is going well with you, on your road to full recovery and we all look forward to seeing you both in Jacksonville.

Another shipmate was found after our banquet. The shipmate was staying at the same hotel, and while some of us were getting on the elevator, we asked him to join us. He declined the invite, however, he asked a member of the USS PORTSMOUTH, if that was their reunion group. When he was informed that it was the USS PAWCATUCK, he then came over and began to see some of his old shipmates. Welcome aboard Tewell.

I encourage all shipmates to spread the word to those shipmates that have never attended one of our reunions. We never know how or where a shipmate will be found.

I want to extend a grateful THANK YOU to Ruby Van Dyke. The poem that you wrote will keep the spirit of our ship alive in all of our hearts. Thank You also to Ted for the great work you did in the framing of this heart felt work of art.

There are many more individuals that I could devote this column to, but you all know who you are, so I will just say THANK YOU!

We, your committee members for our reunion, would like to know of any suggestions that you might have. Please feel free to contact us.

Finally, I would like to say THANK YOU for allowing me to serve as your Assistant Coordinator and I look forward to seeing all our shipmates during the 15th Reunion to be held in Jacksonville, Florida.

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2006 NASHVILLE REUNION

Nashville, TN's Holiday Inn Select was the location of the 2006 USS Pawcatuck reunion, which was attended by forty-one members and thirty guests on April 30 — May 3, 2006. First arrivals at the reunion could begin registering at noon on Sunday and eagerly waited in the hospitality room for others to check in. Drinks and snacks were available all afternoon for everyone as they arrived, and soon the hospitality room became lively with shared memories and stories. David Willis and Mark McPherson welcomed the group officially at the 4:30 PM Welcome Reception and made introductions. This year the Welcome Reception was an all-American cookout, with potato salad, cole slaw, hamburgers, grilled chicken, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, dessert and all the trimmings. The causal evening gave everyone a chance to become acquainted and was a great start to the reunion.

On Monday morning the group loaded on a motor coach for a day of touring Nashville. It included a wind-shield tour of several sites in Nashville such as Historic Second Avenue, Music Row, and Vanderbilt University. Lunch was at the Hermitage House Smorgasbord, followed by a tour of The Hermitage, former home of President Andrew Jackson. Guided costumed interpreters wove tales of Jackson's colorful and controversial life. The mansion has been completely restored to its 1837 appearance, just as it would have looked in Jackson's time. The tour returned to the hotel in mid-afternoon, with plenty of time left for some refreshments and socializing in the hospitality room. At 6:00 PM the group gathered for social hour and to make their own dinner plans, as the evening was free of scheduled activities.

An 11:00 AM tour time on Tuesday morning gave everyone a chance to sleep late and have a leisurely breakfast or cup of coffee before heading off for the day. The

group was transported to "the grandest showboat in the world," the General Jackson, for a luncheon cruise and show. After a delicious lunch on board, the group was treated to a great show of singing and jokes by Tim Watson. The cruise was a big hit with everyone who participated.

After returning to the hotel, the annual business meeting was held. David Willis and Mark McPherson were again selected to head the group and Jacksonville, FL, was chosen to be the 2007 reunion site. The Memorial Service to remember the USS Pawcatuck shipmates who have passed away was held after the meeting. The service was led by David Willis and Mark McPherson. At 6:00 PM the social hour and photo session began in preparation for the USS Pawcatuck banquet at 7:00 PM. Dinner featured a Volunteer's State buffet with mouth watering Southern dishes like glazed ham, Southern fried chicken, catfish and hushpuppies to name a few. After the meal the annual drawing of items brought by those in attendance was held. This is always a fun time for everyone, as they enjoy seeing not only what they win, but what was brought for the drawing by others. The group was able to collect \$1257.00 in the 50/50 drawing and auction. Don Prant won the 50/50 drawing. After the drawings, the banquet activities came to a close and most everyone lingered for some more talk and laughter.

Wednesday morning's private breakfast buffet was the last chance for good byes until next year. It is hoped that most will be able to make it to the 2007 reunion in Jacksonville and maybe persuade others to come for the first time. Hope to see a good turnout.

2006 REUNION ATTENDEES

Calvin & Angelina Alden
 Al & Joyce Alexander
 George Casey
 Mike Culbertson
 Robert & Peggy Deppen
 Elmer Dieter & Vi Jones
 Jim Fortune
 William "Ted" & Stella Guy
 Thomas & Nancy Happy
 Howard & Kathy Hardin
 Capt. Walter Honour
 Billy & Ann Horton
 Paul & Loretta Houston
 Ralph & Elizabeth Jordan
 James Kistler
 Robert Klinefelter
 Nathan & Sandra Koller
 John & Jean Kritschgau
 Jim & Wendy Mayotte
 Marcus McCoy
 Mark McPherson
 Roger & Janice Narkie
 Joseph & Gloria Nicastro
 George & Mary Nunnery
 Walter & Alice Oberwanowicz
 Herman Payne
 Dan Phelps
 Ralph & Janet Powell
 Donald & Charlotte Prant
 Douglas & Linda Reid
 Travis & Ann Robertson
 Jimmy & Shelia Roden
 James & Margaret Roskoph
 Robert & Frances Russell
 James & Ruth Ann Salmanowitz
 Ed & Lois Shinkle
 Herbert & Jane Strickland
 John & Lillian JoAnn Thomas
 Robert Tomlin & Karen Marlowe
 Ted & Ruby VanDyke
 David Willis

Total Members:	41
Guests:	30
GRAND TOTAL:	71

SPECIAL INFO REF OUR SHIP FROM DAVID WILLIS

Today, the 5th of July, I called Bay Bridge Enterprises ref the progress of the scrapping of our ship. Due to much rain, the ship is still one big hulk. I will call again the first part of August for another update. I will pass this info to our website, so please check in August. Also the "History Channel" was there filming the scrapping of our ship. The show is called "Bone Yard." When I find out when the show is to be aired, I will pass on to the web site.



WELCOME MAT

The following shipmates have been located recently. Welcome aboard. We hope to see you at the reunion and that you will take an active part in the association. We welcome:

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Fern Perry
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"Our Reunions Work So You Don't Have To"



TAPS

The Pawcatuck Pilot has learned of the following deaths since the last newsletter. Our deepest sympathy goes to the widows, families and friends of the deceased. Anyone who knows or learns of a shipmate's death, you are requested to notify the newsletter so that person can be listed in TAPS and also on the Honor Roll at the next reunion.

Merle Bigelow
Died February 2, 2006

David Monitor
(1963-68) BTC B Division
Died April 8, 2006

Winston Ramsdell
(1947) YN
Died October 8, 2005

Don Metz
Died January 17, 2006

Financial Statement

Balance after 03/06 issue
\$214.60
Funds received since 03/06
\$1477.00
Minus payment for hats **-\$250.00**
Funds available for 06/06
\$1441.16
Funds used for 06/06 issue
\$648.89

Balance remaining for 12/06 issue
\$792.27

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE \$5.00 TO THE NEWSLETTER. YOUR \$5.00 CAN KEEP IT COMING EACH QUARTER. SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ML&RS, INC. TO OUR ADDRESS TO THE LEFT.

MY FINAL CRUISE

By Ruby VanDyke

Stripped of my pride—proud 108
faintly legible on my bow.
Rust covers my hull—determined
to engulf me.
"Smiling Indian" I was called in my
glory days—
when I served my time.
Protector of my crew through the
storms we rode.
And ride we did—me and you
across the Atlantic countless time
to serve our great Navy and Country.

I recall it being said—
"Best Damn Tanker in the Fleet"
and I was proud!!!

Like old sailors—ships succumb to
age and wear.

And my time has come.
Again, I feel the waves lapping at
my bow.

The breeze stirs my memories—as

I am towed along
Slowly and methodically
without my crew to guide me—
without the drumming of my engines
no smoke bellowing topside—no
laughter heard from the decks.

As my journey comes to a close,
though saddened, we all know—
The "Ship's Graveyard" was no
place for me.

I will move on—perhaps to serve
my country in another way.
You, my crew—my beloved crew,
hold fast to your memories,
For together we served and we
served well

As
"The Best Damn Tanker In The
Fleet"

See the letter that accompanied
this poem in Deck Force on page
seven.

SPRING/SUMMER 1952 CRUISE JOURNAL USS PAWCATUCK

Continued from earlier issues

ENGINEERS

This little story starts in the after port living compartment where "first class characters" are thrown together and given the name of "Snipes." There is one character who can be described as all "Snipes" in one—"Alfred"—Engineer first class. He is a handsome sort of fellow with abilities of doing any job with the least possible effort and the least time any Engineer is capable of doing.

His looks are a character drawn by Walt Disney and the brains of Einstein. Here is his description:

His ears are of Mickey Mouse and his butt of a jug. He has a pouch of a watertender and feet of a machinist's mate striker. His hair is that of a bald headed chicken from Texas and his eyes of a banjo. His nose is like an Irish light bulb and a body of a horse. Alfred has a squeak for a voice yet a solemn impression of a judge. His drinking capacity is that of a Merchant Mariner and spends money like a crazy Michigander. His age cannot be surpassed even by a man from Maine. Alfred can even use a slide rule like a graduate from Georgia Tech. Put all these characteristics together and you have "Alfred"—the lifelong friend of the Engineers even though he is a Kangaroo.

"Alfred" has worked for every gang in the Engineers. His abilities are so numerous that it would put Paul Bunyon to shame. He always turns up when most needed and starts right in alongside anyone who is in need for his assistance.

"Alfred" has his favorite gangs which change with the seasons. Top-side "A" is his during summer. Engine room and fireroom during spring and fall. Lower "A" gang and ET's during winter. He is friends with the electricians and "R" division but claims it is too cold to rig gangway lights in winter and he doesn't like to carry a rubber plunger anytime of the year.

People wonder where he gets all

his energy from. They have never seen him eat. For breakfast he will have three trays of navy chow—beans. For dinner he had the same except when they have rabbit, then you can't drive him from the mess hall until he has eaten all the cooks have prepared. He consumes a regular ration for supper after which he sneaks off to this private den, which this author is not allowed to reveal, and nibble on his favorite delicacy—cactus buds.

"Alfred" had been asked many times what he thinks of reserves and will always reply with the answer, "I respect them in every way and if it were not for them, I wouldn't have any work to do!" He would then laugh and tell them that the PAWCATUCK was very fortunate for there was a fine bunch of reserves working with him.

"Alfred" has pulled as many liberties as any sailor afloat. His types of liberties range from "gedunk" to "shooting the moon" on pay day. They have been in Argentina to Haiti and from Houston to Zanzibar. Alfred has seen them all. He is the happiest first class kangaroo this side of Australia, whenever the ship sets out for some foreign port.

After the cruise and sitting in port in Norfolk, he will start telling sea stories about his advantageous liberties. His greatest story is about Paris. "Ah! Gay Paree!" he would always start. His war was #7 to Paris which served as his club car—sleeping car which he shared with four other first class characters going to Paris on tour. With much partying and little sleep, Alfred and his crew arrived in Paris ready for anything. Alfred was in his devilish mood and manners from the start. He would stick his tail in bicycle spokes and make taxi cabs run up the sidewalks and drove the French people crazy in general. His greatest sight was the Folies Bergere, in which he took part as a jockey on a wooden horse. After a day of

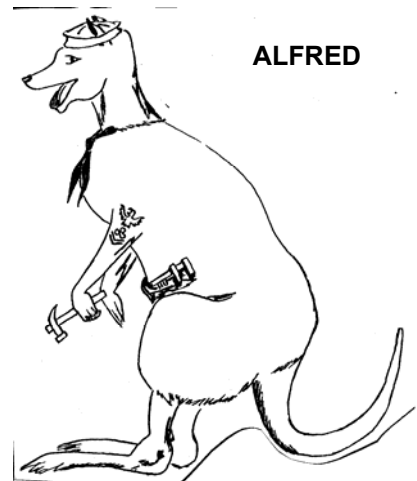
events, he would always end up in Pigalle at Morgan's of Oregon, an American bar. He would sit and talk for hours on end to anyone who was within earshot. After spending his last franc he would go to the door and leave and fall back at the sight, for outside was sunlight...then starting another day.

After gathering his senses he would take his friend, Mrs. Morgan, and everyone else in the party to the Market Square for Onion Soup—the best in the world. Alfred was really first class with the French. He would end his story by saying that you can't beat their onion soup, but it is always swell to taste good ole American beer.

Alfred has a rough billet to fill aboard ship, for he has to know every little valve and switch, for in an emergency, that is important. You will always see him with a rag, screw driver, oil can and the ship's only tool—"a crescent wrench" sticking out of his pouch. He is forever wiping oil, repacking valves, washing paint work and many other jobs with these bare essentials.

When you see Alfred, don't just look at him in amazement, but in respect—for he is an Engineer First Class.

To be continued in the next issue.



ALFRED

PAWCATUCK WATCHES FOR SALE

A



Elega-M 100%

Watch A has the picture of the ship on its face.



This picture of the USS Pawcatuck was taken by Capt. Russell during a visit to the ship at Bay Bridge Enterprise scrap yard.

B



Elega-M 100%

Watch B has the ship's patch on its face.



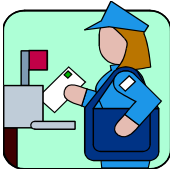
Sea Cadet Color Guard at the opening ceremonies of the 2006 USS Pawcatuck reunion in Nashville.

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DECK FORCE

Pawcatuck Pilot,

Here is a poem my wife wrote as a memorial to the USS Pawcatuck. I made a frame for it and had it matted. She read it at our reunion a couple weeks ago and then it was auctioned off. It brought \$500.00. I am really proud of it. Don't know if you could use it in the newsletter or not. The poem is overlaid on a picture of the ship being towed to Norfolk for destruction.

We had another good reunion. Thank you.

Ted VanDyke

Shipmates,

Received word today from Wayne Reed that David Monitor, retired BTC who served on our ship from 1963/1968 passed away this day after a long illness. I am sure his wife would appreciate a card from all who would like to give our sympathies. The address is as follows:

Mrs. Phyllis Monitor
14729 Lower Endicott W
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Thanks for your help.

Yours,

David Willis, reunion coordinator for
USS Pawcatuck AO-108

2006 MEMORY BOOK AVAILABLE

The Memory Book for the 2006 reunion can be ordered from the ML&RS, Inc. web site at www.mlrsinc.com/pawcatuck

LOTS TO SEE AND DO IN JACKSONVILLE IN 2007

With so much to do in Jacksonville, we're sure you will find it to be a great place for your 2007 reunion. Read about the attractions and let us know which ones you want on your agenda by returning the survey to us as soon as possible. Choose from the following activities:

Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour

The tour offers a close-up look at the Budweiser brewing process from ingredient selection to packaging. Visitors are invited to relax in the hospitality room over complimentary samples of Anheuser Busch beer products and Eagle snacks.

Jacksonville Zoological Gardens

See over 500 animals in naturalized habitats including the original Jacksonville Jaguar, Maya. North America's largest thatched structure forms the new entrance. Inside two new trains, a gift shop and baby animal nursery await visitors.

The Jacksonville Landing

A festive shopping center located on the St Johns River with over 60 retail and specialty shops, numerous restaurants and a variety of international delicacies in its food hall. Meal discounts and coupon books are available for groups.

Fort Caroline National Memorial

The fort named after the French King Charles IX was a wooden and earthen fort built in 1564 by French Huguenots on the River of May (now the St Johns).

Managed by the National Park Service, Fort Caroline memorializes the 1564 French Huguenot colony "la Caroline". Facilities include a visitor center with exhibits, films, a bookstore, reconstructed fort exhibit, nature trail and a picnic area. The Ribault Monument, commemorating the first landing of Protestants on American soil is a few miles east.

Fort Clinch State Park

A restored Civil War era fort on the ocean displaying period furnishings and tools. Ft Clinch features more than 1,000 acres of beach, a nature trail and fishing pier.

Mayport Naval Station

Group tours are not available weekends. "Windshield" tours are available on weekdays. Visits on active duty ships are sometimes allowed. (This policy may change between now reunion time.) Lunches are available in the Officer's club. The alert and deployment status will determine how many and what types of ships are in port. The Commanding Officer Mayport Naval Station controls access to the base.

Museum of Science and History

The museum takes visitors on a journey that begins with the history of Jacksonville and Northeast Florida and ends with a ride through the solar system. The museum offers interactive exhibits and the Alexander Brest Planetarium provides multi-media shows.

Day Trip to St Augustine

St Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied city in the United States. Magnolia St appeared on the pages of National Geographic as one of the most beautiful streets in America. The recommended way to enjoy the "oldest city" is to have a short narrated driving tour of the city, then be dropped off near St Georges St to do some exploring on your own. See the Oldest Store Museum with items on display from the original inventory. Don't miss Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth and the Lighthouse Museum where you can get a panoramic view of the city.

EVENING EVENTS:

Dinner at the Alhambra: The Alhambra always presents an unbeat-

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able combination of a sumptuous buffet and the professional production of a favorite comedy or musical. This is one of the easiest evenings of theatrical enjoyment you'll ever have.

Theatre Jacksonville: America's longest uninterrupted community theater, offers quality productions from September through June. The season always begins with *Shakespeare At the Met* performances, then moves indoors for five more productions of comedy, drama and ending with a musical.

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay: This base provides support to the submarine-launched ballistic missile system, and maintains and operates facilities for the administration and personnel support for operations of the submarine force. It is the only East Coast Naval base capable of supporting the Trident II (D-5) missile. Submarine Squadron 20 and Submarine Squadron 16, under the guidance of Submarine Group 10, are the parent commands of the Trident II submarines of the Atlantic submarine force. There are four submarines attached to each squadron. Supporting the submarines are Trident Refit Facility, Trident Training Facility, and Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic. Plans for visiting this facility are contingent on the situation at the time and could have to be changed at the time of the reunion.

Now, take a few minutes to fill out the survey on the right and return by August 1, 2006. We know you will enjoy your trip to Jacksonville, FL.

**PAWCATUCK 2007 REUNION SURVEY
JACKSONVILLE, FL**

Please take time to fill out and return this survey of the attractions listed in the Preview of Jacksonville. We will use your surveys to custom design your reunion to your wishes. Mail surveys to:

Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc
PO Drawer 11399
Hickory, NC 28603
OR:
Fax: 828-256-6559

Reunion format:

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

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings as a group?
 or just a farewell breakfast on Sunday?

Do you want entertainment after the Saturday night banquet?
yes no

Please indicate which activities you would like to see on your reunion agenda:

- Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour
- Jacksonville Zoological Gardens
- The Jacksonville Landing
- Fort Caroline National Memorial
- Fort Clinch State Park
- Mayport Naval Station
- Museum of Science and History
- Day Trip to St. Augustine
- Dinner at the Alhambra
- Theatre Jacksonville
- Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

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

RETURN SURVEYS BY AUGUST 28, 2006