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## REPORT ON 2008 REUNION IN LITTLE ROCK

The 2008 reunion of the USS Pawcatuck AO-108 was held in Little Rock, Arkansas on April 27-30 at the Holiday Inn, North Little Rock. Twenty-seven members and sixteen guests attended. Sunday evening at 4:30 PM, a Welcome Reception followed the afternoon registration period. The group was welcomed to the reunion by reunion coordinator, David Willis and the Color Guard from Little Rock Air Force Base. Everyone then enjoyed the company of old friends and getting acquainted with new attendees while sampling the hors d' oeuvres and beverages that were served.

Monday morning, April

28th, the first tour of the reunion departed the hotel and took the group on a tour whose first stop was the William J. Clinton Presidential Center. Some of the interesting displays were the "Timeline," featuring key events and highlights of the Clinton administration with videos introducing each year. Also the "Life in the White House" exhibit allowed the visitor to experience the splendor of state events and gifts, the spirit of the holiday festivities and celebrations with family and friends. The museum also included replicas of the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room. The tour proved to be very interesting and informative.

Following the visit to the Clinton Library, the group really enjoyed their lunch at the Hole in the Wall restaurant where Bill Clinton made many of his big decisions. The riding tour through the city of Little Rock featured the Quapaw Quarter, a special name that since 1961 has been used to identify this oldest and most historic portion of Little Rock. Also Mt. Holly Cemetery, often called the Westminster Abbey of Arkansas; the Villa Marre House, the home featured in the TV show "Designing Women;" and the AR State Capitol Building. It was a great day, and many were surprised at the many his-

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torical locations they found in this area. After returning to the hotel, everyone had a chance to unwind for a while before the 5:30 PM social hour and dinner buffet. The dinner featured Arkansas specials and everyone was asked to dress in their best Arkansas Razorback attire. To add to the fun, the hotel sponsored a contest to see who had the best Razorback hog calling skills. The winners were John Kritschgau and Jane Strickland. Congratulations to you both! After dinner, a more solemn occasion took place—the Memorial Service for those shipmates from the USS Pawcatuck AO-108 who have passed away, especially those since the last reunion. Mark McPherson led the service and was assisted by Captain Alan Tetkoski from the Little Rock Fire Department who played the bag pipes, and was dressed in traditional Scottish attire, the kilt. It had been a wonderful day of touring, eating and good friends. What more could you want!

On Tuesday, April 29th, the tours continued with a trip to the USS Razorback SS-394, located at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. The USS Razorback is the longest serving submarine in the world. This was also a special treat for the “old salts” in the group. Next on the tour was a stop at the Central High School Museum. This is the high school where in 1957, nine African-American teenagers attempted to enter the all-white school, only to be turned away by the Arkansas National Guard troops. This proved to be a very informative and interesting tour which everyone enjoyed very much. Upon returning to the hotel, the annual business meeting was held to decide on next year’s reunion location and other business. David Willis and Mark McPherson were again chosen to be reunion coordinator and assistant respectfully. Washington, DC/Baltimore area was chose to be the destination for 2009. A USS Pawcatuck plaque will be presented at the Navy Memorial during the 2009 re-

union and everyone hopes for a large attendance. The next item on the agenda was the highlight of the reunion—the USS Pawcatuck banquet. At 6:00 PM everyone gathered for the pre-dinner cocktail hour and photo session. The banquet began at 7:00 PM with a welcome by David Willis and Mark McPherson. The after dinner speaker for the evening was Ray Wewers, commander of the USS Razorback Base. He served on the sister ship of the USS Razorback and is a charter member of the Razorback Base. Following Mr. Wewer’s speech, the auction for the door prize and the 50/50 raffle was held. John Kritschgau was the winner of the 50/50—his second win of the reunion! The evening ended on a high note, with everyone happy to be together for one last dinner.

Wednesday morning ended the reunion with a farewell breakfast and many hugs and handshakes before everyone was off for home. Next year will be a very special reunion with the plaque dedication at the Navy Memorial, so we hope all the present, past and first-time attendees will make every effort to be at the 2009 reunion in the Washington/Baltimore area.

## HOW THE NAVY BENEFITED MY LIFE

### Rod Clark, SM3 1971-73:

I grew up, learned to work as a team, live with all new friends, and saw some of the world.

### Herbert Strickland:

Being in the Navy benefited my life by the following:

- I lost all my hair
- I learned to stand on a rolling ship
- I learned to shine shoes
- I made a lot of friends
- I DID SEE the world

AND LAST of all: I met my wife!

## 2008 REUNION ATTENDEES

Lesley & Shirley Benton  
 Edmond & Christine Bernier  
 George Casey  
 Robert Crates  
 Mike Culbertson  
 Jim Fortune  
 Ted & Stella Guy  
 Thomas Happy  
 Kenneth & Mary Beth Harrison  
 John “Randy” Hernandez &  
 Kate Campaign  
 Paul Houston  
 Ralph & Elizabeth Jordan  
 Nathan & Sandra Koller  
 John & Jean Kritschgau  
 Mark McPherson  
 Herman Payne  
 Dan Phelps  
 Ralph & Janet Powell  
 Donald Prant  
 Howard & Margaret Reed  
 Travis & Ann Robertson  
 Jimmy & Shelia Roden  
 James & Margaret Roskoph  
 Herbert & Jane Strickland  
 Robert Tomlin & Karen Marlowe  
 Ted & Ruby Van Dyke  
 David Willis

<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>43</b>

### Financial Statement

Balance after 03/08 issue  
**\$1260.46**  
 Funds received since 03/08  
**\$151.00**  
 Funds available for 06/08  
**\$1411.46**  
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## COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Otherwise known as Willis's Words of Wisdom

### REUNION FOR 2009

Shipmates and Family Members of the USS Pawcatuck AO-108,

Well to all of you who came to Little Rock, AR for our 16th annual reunion, I would like to thank you for attending and hope you all had a good time. Those who did not come, you again missed a great reunion and hope to see you in Washington DC. next year for our 17th annual reunion.

The reunion this year was very special. On Sunday the 27th we had the color guard from Little Rock Air Force Base along with one young lady from the Navy as part of the color guard. They did a fine job.

On Monday we went to the Clinton Library for a tour. Our memorial service was held on Monday the 28th and we were honored to have Capt. Alan D.

Tetkoskie of the North Little Rock Fire Dept played Amazing Grace on the bag pipes for the memorial service.

On Tuesday we did a tour thru the USS Razorback SS 394. Sure glad I served on the Pawcatuck.

AT our annual meeting we were informed by Jim Fortune that we had reached our goal to have a plaque placed at the Navy Memorial in Washington DC. in honor of our ship.

Now that our dates are set for next year, as your reunion coordinator I hope that many will come and join us as this will be one of the most important reunions that we have had up to this time. To dedicate a plaque for our ship and to remember all who served on her I hope that we can have over one hundred (100) to surpass what we had in Norfolk, Va. back in 2005. Bring your family members and friends to help us celebrate this reunion.

We all know that costs are going up and since this reunion is a four day not a three day as in the past yes, it will cost more for everyone. Again I ask that you come and join us. The dedication will be at 1100 on Friday the 24th of April at the Navy Memorial and the Memorial Service will follow. More details will be coming in the December newsletter.

I would like to THANK YOU for allowing me to be your reunion coordinator and to represent those who served on our ship. It has been an experience, and I have enjoyed every minute in trying to make each reunion one to remember.

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## MCPHERSON'S MESSAGE

### COURSE SET FOR 2009 REUNION

Shipmates and Family Members:

Another great reunion has passed and we who were there have docked back at our homes, from North Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Holiday Inn that we called our port while we were on liberty there. The hotel provided excellent service and the management and staff are to be commended.

I would like to extend my Thank You to all of those who attended this year's reunion. We may not have had many shipmates but those who attended (43 in all) enjoyed themselves. We all enjoyed seeing each other and while on the tours, we learned about the service of the USS RAZORBACK during the 3 wars it was involved; in the rescued Airman she saved, including George H. W. Bush; and the ships she sank. We also toured the Clinton Library and

viewed historical areas of importance that shaped the Little Rock area and its history.

To all those hands that assisted in the Memorial Service, I would like to say thank you for your help. Without your help, the meaning of this service would have been empty. We were also honored by have Capt. Alan D. Tetkoskie, of the North Little Rock Fire Department, to play Amazing Grace on the Bag Pipes. This alone will stand out as one of the most meaningful moments of the service.

Now I would like to strongly invite all shipmates and family members as well, to begin making plans to attend our 2009 USS PAWCATUCK A0 - 108 REUNION, which will be held at The Holiday Inn, Linthicum, Maryland. The dates for the 2009 reunion will be 23 APRIL 2009 through 27 APRIL 2009. As you notice that dates for the 2009 reunion is longer, this is for the purpose of not only allowing our group

to see the sites that are offered, but the main reasons that we decided to hold our reunion at this location, will be the dedication of our ship's plaque at U S Navy Memorial. We have completed the fund raising needed for the plaque and having seen the plaque, I can assure all hands and family members, that this is something for our group to be quite proud of.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, feel free to contact one of the committee members. We are always open to your suggestions.

I encourage all shipmates to spread the word to those shipmates that have never attended one of our reunions, as well as those who could not make some of the previous reunions. We had some new shipmates attend this year's reunion, and I am sure that they had a

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great time and have promised to attend more of our reunions. Let's try and make this 2009 reunion to be held at The Holiday Inn, Linthicum, Maryland, one of the biggest that we have had thus far. Make your plans and mark you schedules.

Finally, I would like to say THANK YOU for allowing me to serve as your Assistant Coordinator and I look forward to seeing all shipmates during the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion to be held in the Washington D C/Baltimore, Maryland area.

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## 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.

**Arthur Bourque**  
Died May 18, 2007

**John Flower (1957-58) Ch Eng**  
Died February 18, 2008

**Capt M. E. Wall**  
Date of death not reported

**SK2 Kenneth Voepel**  
Date of death not reported

**Billy Joe Hammond**  
Date of death not reported

**SKC Jim Hardesty**  
Date of death not reported

## 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:

**Richard Jurovich**  
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**Victor DeLeon Escamilla**  
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## PAWCATUCK PLAQUE CEREMONY

During the 2009 Pawcatuck reunion the USS Pawcatuck Memorial Plaque will be dedicated at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. The plaque will be publically displayed within the Naval Heritage Center and on the Internet, where it will be viewed by thousands of veterans, families, friends, tourists and school groups who visit Washington or browse the Navy Memorial website.

The USS Pawcatuck will dedicate its plaque on Friday, April 24,

2009 during the Memorial Service at the Navy Memorial. This is a wonderful way to honor the men of the USS Pawcatuck, so we hope you will make every effort to be in attendance for this special event. This is a one-time event for the Pawcatuck reunion and will be a very moving ceremony for all who are associated with the ship. Family members are encouraged to attend and share in this important moment in the lives of their loved ones.

## KILROY WAS HERE

(FOR ALL YOU OLDER FOLKS) Submitted by Tom Blood

I realize some of you are too young to have been around at that time but you have probably still heard the expression. Kilroy gave us lots of laughs... and great memories. KILROY WAS HERE!

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the REAL Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article.

Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war. He worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet.

Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark.

Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then that he realized what had been going on.

The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added KILROY WAS HERE in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part

of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks.

Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them.

As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before the war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long haul to Berlin and Tokyo.

To the unfortunate troops out-bound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that some jerk named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of the Arch De Triumphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.)

And as the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for the coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference.

The first person inside was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?" ...

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave it to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Massachusetts. So now you know!

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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.

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

# MEMOIRS OF A SNIPE ABOARD USS PAWCATUCK AO-108 1945-1950

BY THOMAS M. BLOOD, USN, PLANKOWNER USS PAWCATUCK

*Editor's Note: For those of you who are longtime readers of the Pawcatuck Pilot, you may remember earlier writings from Thomas Blood's memoirs. We now continue with his memories.*

## Eye Strain and the Long Glass

France did have its interesting points. We anchored just off the beach in Gulf Wan, from our point we could see the whole Riviera, including Monte Carlo. Needless to say, we didn't spend any time there, however, it didn't take the crew long to discover that the spotting binoculars on the wing of the bridge were excellent for viewing the beach. I was amazed at how these ladies could come out on the sand beach fully clothed, pull something over their head like a poncho, and with a few wiggles, a shake or two, would emerge attired in the slimmest of bathing suits. The reverse process was repeated when they retired from the beach to be fully clothed and neat as a pin. The beaches were a SCUBA diver's dream come true and in fact, is where I bought my first tank and regulator. Old Jacques Cousteau was just starting out then on a commercial basis after having developed his equipment under the German's nose while he was supposed, as slave labor, to be developing aircraft oxygen regulators.

We also anchored off Nice during a time they were having a fair. Some of the crew came back and said they were giving away champagne if you could get 4 bulls eyes with a 22<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> short. This I had to check out. Sure enough, for about 25 cents 4 shots would get you about a pint of champagne. I'm sure the stuff was carbonated cheap wine and not very good at that. As far as the alcohol content was concerned, I think you would become bloated before you ever became drunk. One thing that wasn't obvious to us at the time is the French drank wine like water, a safer thing to do, and it was an even bet that water was more expensive or cost the same. The French people were great, but something happens to them when they go into politics. Come to think of it, we in the USA have the same problem. Hum, wonder what would happen if the politicians had to do all the work and the rest of us run the government?

## No Wonder the Gods Live Here

The coast of Greece has got to be the prettiest place in the world, and the people the most likeable. Some of the areas we were in were even more striking than postcards and photos you've seen. One time we picked up a crew of Greek sailors and transported them to Norfolk, VA to pick up a ship. None of these men could speak English when they first came aboard. Every chance they got, they would pick up a magazine or photograph and ask you to describe in English what it was or what it said. It took about 2 weeks before land fall and by the time they de-shipped they could carry on a conversation with you in English which you could understand. (Better than some of our men could speak their own native tongue.) I will always have the highest respect and admiration for the Greek people and their country.

## Ah, Italy, so Italian!

A fascinating land and people, with skills handed down from generation to generation, they are craftsmen in the highest sense of the word. No wonder when the residents of the Parthenon wanted their likenesses portrayed, they chose the artisans of Italy. When we got there, it was shortly after the war. (WW2) These people had literally nothing, yet a more gracious and honest people I have never met. Everyone worked, even the small children, usually the smallest doing the less skilled of task with the father doing the finishing touches. It was a true apprenticeship program, and something we could well use in the US today. They were still digging out Vesuvius and while we were anchored in Naples harbor we had ample opportunity to visit the ruins. I visited a cameo factory and picked up a number of delicately carved reliefs. Little did I realize at the time they would become family heirlooms. Precious and semi precious stones were cheap, and a star sapphire that I purchased for \$8 state side would go for \$90+ in those days. Another hot item was Chanel #5. I brought a number of bottles back and gave them away, never did understand why people were nuts about that stuff, always reminded me of something the dogs would roll in.

The best set up when you got off

liberty boat was to hire one of the streets urchins as a guide. They would steer you away from the merchants who would not give them a kick back and toward the supposedly honest ones who would. They would collect from the merchants before they left the store or if they trusted them, as soon as you returned to the ship. These kids were real artists, most could speak at least 7 languages, and either went on to become a member of the "black hand" or into politics, maybe even ours. If you wanted to return before the liberty launch was due, you could rent a bum boat to row you out and I would usually talk the oarsman into letting me row back. I spent quite a bit of time on a river in a small boat as a boy and really enjoyed that. The main difference was they stood up facing forward to row and we sit down facing aft. I paid my street urchin guide off with a carton of sea-stores cigarettes. He had asked for 2 packs, they only cost us 50 cents a pack and I didn't smoke anyway. You would think I had given him a fortune, and I guess in terms of their economy I had. He spent the whole day showing me around and keeping me out of trouble, so what the heck, he earned it.

Pozzuolli was a little town north of Naples and was located on one of the tributaries of Vesuvius. They would take you on a tour in this crater and you could stomp on its dome, which made a hollow sound. Then they would set fire to a piece of newspaper and the smoke would come out of vent holes all around you. Real eerie, that. They told us a few years before the war a priest got too close to the edge and fell in when it gave way. Maybe his faith was weak also. The time before the last trip the Communists were rioting and we pulled out early. When we came back a month later, the owner of the cameo factory, whom I had left some photos to be carved into cameos, met the ship and handed me the finished pieces. I had prepaid for them and he told me that if the ship had not returned he was going to take them to the American Embassy. For a people who just came out of a disastrous war, that was outstanding, I felt. I would have well understood if I was unable to collect the pieces.

**To be continued in later issues.**

## 2009 REUNION WILL BE IN THE WASHINGTON, DC AREA

The 2009 Reunion of the USS PAWCATUCK will be held in the Washington, DC, area on April 23-27. Although the bulk of the activities will be in Washington, DC, because of the lower rates in the Baltimore area, the host hotel will be the BWI in Linthicum, MD. Below is a list of attractions in the area for you to choose from for your reunion. Please read them and then fill out and return the survey so your voice will be heard.

### ATTRACTIONS

#### WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the Armed Forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people.

#### KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

The new Korean War Memorial lies in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial, near the Vietnam War Veterans' Memorial on the west end of the Mall. It consists of 19 larger-than-life U.S. ground troopers equipped for battle moving toward an American flag. Etched into the granite are photographs of hundreds of faces taken from military archives.

#### VIETNAM WAR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Inscribed on black granite walls are names of the 58,209 Americans missing or killed in the Vietnam conflict. The innovative, V-shaped memorial designed by Maya Lin is breathtaking and sobering, drawing crowds who look for the names of relatives or who simply take in the enormity of the war and its aftermath. Also see Frederick Hart's "Three Soldiers," a life-sized bronze sculpture of three young servicemen.

#### FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

The memorial traces twelve years of American history through a sequence of four outdoor rooms—each one devoted to one of FDR's terms of office. Sculptures include: A 10-foot statue of Roosevelt seated in a wheelchair and a bas-relief of him riding in a car during

his first inaugural.

#### IWO JIMA MEMORIAL

The statue depicts one of the most famous incidents in World War II, the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima. The figures of the five men who raised the flag are 32-feet high and are shown erecting a 60-foot high bronze flagpole from which a cloth flag flies 24 hours a day. The base of the memorial has the names and dates of every principal Marine Corps engagement since the founding of the Corps.

#### WHITE HOUSE TOUR

It may be possible to visit the White House public areas upon approval of a request to do so. ML&RS, Inc will not know until 30 days before the date of the visit whether or not our request has been granted. Therefore, if we do plan to visit and the request is not approved, we will have to rearrange our tours accordingly. No change would be made in the price of the tour package.

#### ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Arlington Mansion and 200 acres of ground immediately surrounding it were designated officially as a military cemetery June 15, 1864, by Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton. More than 260,000 people are buried at Arlington Cemetery. Veteran's from all the nation's wars are buried in the cemetery, from the American Revolution through the Persian Gulf War and Somalia. Take a narrated tram ride through the grounds, with a stop at the JFK gravesite and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to view the "Changing of the Guard."

#### NAVY MEMORIAL

Located in downtown Washington, D.C., the Navy Memorial houses an IMAX theater featuring a moving presentation, a computer center where you can search for your records and a museum of artifacts and exhibits showcasing the Navy and thousands of former sailors. Many groups choose to conduct their memorial service on the front plaza area of the Navy Memorial Building. This is where the Plaque Ceremony will take place.

#### RIDING TOUR OF DC

Enjoy a fully narrated driving tour of Washington, passing by the White House, Capitol, Supreme Court Building, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and other famous sites.

#### U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Ride along the "yard" past many of the Academy's landmarks. Visit the magnificent Chapel, the Tomb of John Paul Jones, Bancroft Hall, the midshipmen's dormitory, see the Brigade of the Midshipmen perform Noon Formation and visit the Visitor's Center where you can see Navy memorabilia and shop for souvenirs.

#### FORT MCHENRY

Fort McHenry was the birthplace of "The Star Spangled Banner," written after a long, hard battle with the British during the War of 1812. Witnessed by Francis Scott Key, the flag flying over the fort during the battle remained there in the morning and inspired Key to write our National Anthem. View the orientation film upon arriving and then take the self-guided tour of the fort. Fort McHenry Guardsmen perform drill, musket and artillery demonstrations for your viewing.

Now take a few minutes to complete the survey on the next page and return it to ML&RS, Inc so we can custom design your reunion to your wishes. This will be a very special reunion, so please make every effort to attend. It will be one of the best reunions ever—and that is saying a lot!

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