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MEMORIAL. WE
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OUR GOAL OF
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COORDINATOR,
MY ASSIST.
MARK MCPHER-
SON AND THE
COMMITTEE, WE
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT.**

COORDINATOR'S COLUMN

Otherwise known as Willis's Words of Wisdom

Yes, another year is just about over and this year has passed so quickly. I hope all of you had a good summer. It has been seven months since we were in Jacksonville, FL. In just five months we will be in Little Rock, AR. I hope that many of you will come and join us for our 16th annual reunion.

As of this day, the 17th of November, we have only had three shipmates pass away.

In our June issue of the newsletter, we were asking for donations for a plaque to be placed at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. We are getting closer to our goal of \$2500.00. We still need your support

to have this project finished. So please give what you can and when we go over, the extra will go towards the support of the Navy Memorial. The amount you give is up to each of you. When we reach our goal, then we will look for a date when some of us can travel to Washington, DC to observe the dedication of the plaque and see some of the area.

I have discussed with my assistant, Mark McPherson, and the committee to maybe have our 2009 reunion in the area of Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Think about this between now and the reunion.

This one is short, so

until the next newsletter, I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, yes, on the 28th of November, I will be having surgery on my right foot. This problem has been a pain since I broke my leg 27 years ago in a motorcycle accident. I hope it helps the problem.

Yours,
David Willis
Reunion Coordinator for
the USS Pawcatuck AO-108

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM McPHERSON

Ahoy Shipmates and members of the PAWCATUCK Family,

The holiday season is upon us, we are all stuffed from Thanksgiving and now looking forward to the Blessed event arriving on December 25th. Let us all remember the true meaning of Christmas and do not put Santa in the center, for he is but a humble servant of the One that is, and he bows down to worship him, our LORD, our GOD.

In the Buckeye State, the weather has been quiet mild for this time of the year. During the past several weeks we have been in the mid 60's, however, I will never fear because soon it will be getting cold and snow will be falling. Again this year, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Buckeyes, will be going to some bowl game, not quiet sure where yet as the final BCS rankings are not out as I write this note to the PAWCATUCK Family.

We, the members of the USS PAWCATUCK, will assemble in Little Rock, Arkansas on 27 APRIL 2007 at 1200 Hours. I hope your calendars are marked and you are planning on being there. As a reminder, try to contact a shipmate and invite them to join us.

During this year's reunion, we will again renew friendships and establish new friendships, as is the case each year. We have located several new members to add to the list of the PAWCATUCK Family. Hopefully, some of these new members will be able to attend the reunion this year.

Please remember also to make your donation to our ship's plaque fund in order that we may have our plaque in the Navy Memorial, along side those already there. If you have contributed, thank you.

In closing, my wife Shirley and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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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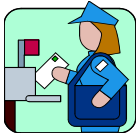
TAPS

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.

Gerald Lysaght (1953-54) RM3
Died June 16, 2007

Walter Fedak (1956-58) EMCS E Div
Died November 17, 2006

Elbert "Bill" McRae (1966-68) SH1
Died October 25, 2007



DECK FORCE

Hi,

I found a link to your site from the USS Pawcatuck website. I was doing some Internet research, trying to locate some information on my grandfather, Ronald Ellis Arbaugh, who passed away in late 1947 or early 1948. He was very active in the military, but that's really all I know about him. I thought maybe you could tell me where a good starting point is to find out information about a veteran. I know this might be a long shot, but thought I'd give it a try!

Thanks,
Jen Petro (Arbaugh)
jspetro26@sbcglobal.net

Editor's Note: If anyone can help Ms. Petro, please contact her.

OBITUARY

Elbert William "Bill" McRae of Miami died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at St Francis Hospital in Tulsa after an illness. He was 78.

Mr. McRae was born July 31, 1929, in Zena to Malcolm A. and Chrissie (Addington) McRae. He lived all of his life in Ottawa County.

He was a veteran of the Navy in which he served for 20 years.

He worked as maintenance supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service in Miami for 18 years. He was a member of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Atomic Veterans. He was a member of Southeast Baptist Church.

He married Betty Ann Beach on May 23, 1953, in Alma, Ark. She survives, of the home.

He was preceded in death by one son, Everett Lee McRae, and his parents.

Additional survivors include two sons and their wives, Malcolm E. and Tonya McRae of Quapaw and James

and Heather McRae of Huntsville, Ark; two daughters, Jan "Annie" Beaudry and husband Ray and Karen Sue McRae of Kensett, Ark; one brother and sister-in-law, one sister and brother-in-law, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Service will be held 2 p.m. Monday at Southeast Baptist Church in Miami. Military honors will be conducted by the Navy Funeral Honors Team.

Editor's Note: Ralph Jordan was in contact with Bill McRae's daughter and shipmates of the Pawcatuck who knew him. He sent in the following comments that Mr. McRae's shipmates sent in about him:

Ralph,

I sure hated to hear about McRae. He was a real nice person and will be missed by a lot of people. I hate that I did not go see him, but from Fort Worth it is an 8 hour drive. But, if I had known about him passing away, I would have gone to the funeral.

McRae was also the one whom I got a lot of help from. I always helped him when he needed some one to help with things for the Ships Store. McRae was the one who helped me get the job as Ships Store operator. He talked to Mr. Ott and got Mr. Ott to give the job to me. He was truly a good man. I always loved to talk to him and hear some of his stories. He always had a smile. A lot of people stand out, and he was one of them. The Navy was a job for me, but he made it a pleasant one. He will be missed by a lot of people and I am proud to have known him. I would love to hear from his family. I am so sorry to hear the news, but they are in my prayers. God Bless.

Robert "Shorty" Shortnacy

Ralph,

Sorry to hear about McRae. I was happy to see how active he

was with Vets groups. Just for general info, I am joining the VFW as an auxiliary member—some VFW's allow this if a family member saw action. I only found this out last week. As war Vets pass on, these groups need all the support we can give, also I'm asking my son's Iraq vets to get active so they have support to get benefits in the future. Good to hear from you.

God Bless,
Peter Crowley

Ralph,

Always sorry to hear of the loss of a shipmate. Our ranks grow thinner but not without remembrance. Please extend my sympathies as appropriate.

Captain Walter Honour

Ralph,

Thanks for forwarding me this sad e-mail with your accompanying note. I knew you were close to Bill. Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your friend.

I believe it is a human trait to wish you had done more, but knowing how thoughtful and sincere you are, I'm sure Bill was aware of your appreciation and admiration for his kindness. As Christians we know Bill is in a far better place, but his loss is still painful.

Thanks,
Jim Fortune

Ralph,

Please pass on my condolences to the McRae family. Life on Pawcatuck in the 1966-68 time-frame was truly a family experience that I did not fully appreciate at the time. I know that we had a great little Ships Store and Bill was a major reason for its success. More importantly, Bill was a mentor and a friend to all that he came in

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contact with. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated. It is clear that Bill lived the Second Great Commandment and still remains a role model for us all. My thanks to you and to the rest of the Pawcatuck family for keeping great memories alive for us all!

Dave Hilton (Supply Officer)

Dear Mr. Jordan,

I am Bill McRae's other daughter, Karen McRae. I was going through daddy's e-mail (deleting most of it as junk mail) and came across your e-mail. We appreciate you sharing your memories of Daddy. They made me and my mom smile. I barely remember when he was on the USS Pawcatuck, but I still have a tee-shirt he got me with the ship on it. I was also in the Navy. I was an Aviation Storekeeper. If you feel like e-mailing me I wouldn't mind swapping stories about Daddy.

Thank you again for the e-mail; it means more than you can know.

Sincerely,
Karen McRae

PAWCATUCK PLAQUE PROJECT

Our goal is to have a plaque honoring the Pawcatuck and all who served aboard her placed on the Commemorative Plaque Wall at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Navy Memorial is located on Pennsylvania Avenue across from the National Archives. It consists of a beautiful outdoor plaza as well as the Naval Heritage Center. The Center flanks one side of the plaza and the Commemorative Plaque Wall is located in this building where it is visited by thousands each year.

The current cost for a plaque is \$2,500.00. The plaque is approximately 4 inches by 7 inches and is made of aluminum with a photo etched picture and wording of our choice. Samples of other plaques are available online at www.navymemorial.org and at www.lonesailor.org. The USS Caloosahatchee AO-98 and the USS Canisteo AO-99, two sister ships of the same class as the USS Pawcatuck AO-108, have placed plaques on the wall. These plaques can be viewed by going to either of the before mentioned web sites. Our intention is to display proposed plaque designs for the Pawcatuck in our newsletter and on our web site before deciding on the final design.

I have volunteered to open and manage a separate bank account for plaque donations. This account will be in my name because the IRS requires either a Social Security Number or a Federal Tax ID number on every bank account. Our group is not registered as a nonprofit organization and therefore it is not eligible for a tax ID number.

Those wishing to contribute please use a personal check, made payable to "Jim Fortune". Each donor will receive a thank you acknowledging receipt of their gift. A "Donations Total" will be on our web site, and will be updated frequently. The donation total will also appear in our newsletter.

A list recognizing our contributors will be posted on our web site and in our newsletter. Standard campaign giving practices will be followed and no gift amounts will be shared or shown to anyone with the exception mentioned in the next paragraph. If you wish to give but remain anonymous, please indicate that desire when submitting your donation.

When our goal of \$2,500.00 is met, I will send a single check to the Navy Memorial Foundation along with a list of donors, their individual addresses, and the amount or their donation. The United States Navy Memorial Foundation, a registered nonprofit organization, will in turn send a letter to each donor thanking them for their donation. **Their letter will be the documentation you need for your donation to be considered a charitable deduction on your personal income tax return.**

Correspondence and donations should be mailed to my home. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email me. It is fine to call the office during the day, but please tell the person answering the telephone you are calling about the Navy Memorial.

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Another part of the Navy Memorial is the Navy Log. This is available at no cost to the public 24/7 on their web site. The goal of the Memorial is to have all eligible members of the sea services entered in the Navy Log. The Navy Log can register name, date and location of birth, service photo, dates of service, rank, duty stations and medals earned. It also contains a special "Memories" section. In it, you can add letters, diaries and articles to your entry. Entries can be modified or changed at any time.

The Navy Log currently holds the records of 36 who served aboard the USS Pawcatuck. If you wish to register but are either unable to access the Internet or uncomfortable with the process, I will be happy to do it for you.

I hope this letter answers any questions you have regarding the Pawcatuck Plaque Project.

Sincerely,
Jim Fortune

LETTER FROM CAPT. L. HEYWORTH, JR. TO PAWCATUCK CREW, 1963

Continued from June 2007, Submitted by Nicholas Lee

1 August 1963

Dear Member of PAWCATUCK's Family:

In my last letter, I introduced the PAWCATUCK and her method of fueling. This month, I would like to take the opportunity to explain the function of our Operations Department and explain the various divisions in this department. Ops (Operations) is composed of 6 divisions: "X" Division (Yeoman/Personnelmen/Postal Clerks); RD Division (Radarmen); QM Division (Quartermasters); SM Division (Signalmen); ET Division (Electronic Technicians). I would like to give you a brief look at each of these divisions and the jobs they perform aboard the PAWCATUCK.

The "X" Division is directly responsible to the Executive Officer and the Commanding Officer for the Ship's correspondence. Included in the work of the Yeomen are the handling of all correspondence; legal (files and procedures), maintenance of files, classified control, and incoming and outgoing mail. The Personnelmen have the responsibility of insuring that personnel records are correct and complete. In a sense, PNs and YNs could be called the Ship's secretaries.

The Signalmen assist the Command by receiving and sending messages utilizing three methods: Flashing Light, Semaphore and Flaghoist. The SMs are responsible for seeing that all messages received and sent are correct, and they report all tactical signals to the Officer of the Deck (OOD) and the CO. A SM's job is most important when steaming in formation with other ships, since most tactical signals such as speed and course changes are sent by Flaghoist.

The radarman works in a space known as Combat Information Center (CIC) and aids the Commanding Officer and the Officer of the Deck in making tactical decisions by collecting information from various

sources such as radar, radios and look outs. While underway, CIC tracks, plots and computes all surface crafts' course speed closest point of approach. When entering and leaving port, CIC "radar navigates" to back up the Quartermasters. If necessary, CIC can guide the ship in and out of port when visibility is extremely limited.

The Electronic Technician's main responsibility is the maintenance of all electronic equipment, such as radio receivers and transmitters. He must be able to repair radio, electronic navigational and radar equipment, and thus must have a thorough knowledge of the theories of electronics.

The Quartermaster's basic function is to assist the Officer of the Deck and the Navigator on the bridge; for this reason he is required to have a thorough knowledge of the rules of the nautical road. The Quartermaster keeps a log called the Quartermaster's Notebook, which contains a record of the ship's daily evolutions and routine. Another of the Quartermaster's many functions is to assist the Navigator in keeping a continuous watch on the ship's position and giving recommendations that will keep the ship on the proper track. Briefly, there are three means of fixing a ship's position: piloting (from landmarks); LORAN, (electronic) and celestial. The last function of the QM is shown by the rating badge he wears on his arm (the helm). The QM steers the ship in all cases where the normal watch can not be used; this includes the refueling detail, entering and leaving port, personnel transfer at sea, and tight maneuvering while in formation.

The Radio Division operates the communications center of the PAWCATUCK. All messages that are addressed to the ship, or to the task force with which we may be operating must pass through this center. In the communications center they are typed and routed to the CO,

EXEC OFF and DIVISION concerned. In the communications center are three modes of radio communications; the international Morse Code system; radio teletypewriters which receive messages sent by Naval Shore Stations called "fleet broadcast;" and voice radio which is controlled by the Officer of the Deck on the bridge. The radiomen are a vital part of any ship or Naval Installation.

The Operations Department is just what the title says; it contains the Operational rates of the Navy. Next month, I would like to introduce you to the Deck Department.

As you know, we had just arrived in Golfe, Juan, on the beautiful and famous French Riviera, when my last letter was mailed.

During our 8 days in France, four tours were scheduled, including an interesting tour of the Riviera. This tour took PAWCATUCK's crew through this famous area, pointing out the interesting sights. One of the more interesting stops on the tour was a French perfume factory; here some of our members received free samples while other purchased a small quantity of perfume. Another daily tour was a one-day tour of the French Alps; here the crew members went sight-seeing in these famous snow-capped mountains which over look the beautiful and sunny Riviera. A three day fishing tour in the French Alps was also scheduled.

We got underway on the 8th of July for a week of operating at sea. During this week, PAW went shopping; while at the "market" PAW bought meat, potatoes, fruit and vegetables. AO108 then went to the "hardware store" where she bought paints, rags, brooms, floor wax and other such items. In actuality, these two stores were the USS ALTAIR and the USS ALSTED; these two ships have the same mission as the PAW except that they provide foods and "hardware" instead of ship's

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fuel oil and jet fuel. Almost anything may be purchased at these floating stores, from razor blades to oatmeal.

On 10 July the Mediterranean Sea turned on all its charms and played host to the PAWCATUCK sailors. It turned out in its warmest outfit (76 degrees in the water), and invited its best friend, the sun, to the festivities; he turned on his warmest charms (86 degrees). With these two "hosts" who could resist a swim in the blue Med? Not very many did when swim call was held in the middle of the Tyrrhenian Sea, between Italy and Sardina.

We arrived in La Spezia, Italy, on 15 July; this city is the gate-way to the Italian Riviera. It is presently an industrial city which is the largest Naval Base for the Italian Navy. You might call it the "Norfolk of Italy." La Spezia, as a liberty port, is rated below par. However, for tours to popular and famous places, it would be rated good. A tour of Pisa was arranged and many of PAW's crew took advantage of it. This was a one day tour, and the member found that the Leaning Tower of Pisa really does lean! From Pisa, they continued to a beautiful city that is known as the Art Center of the World: Florence. Here they saw many world-famous art treasures, churches and examples of classic architecture.

On 22 July, we got underway once again. During our cruising, we

got down to business and did some hard and long fueling. As I said in my last letter, "Our crossing was rather uneventful with refueling as our most demanding task." We have been making up for such an easy crossing during the last few weeks.

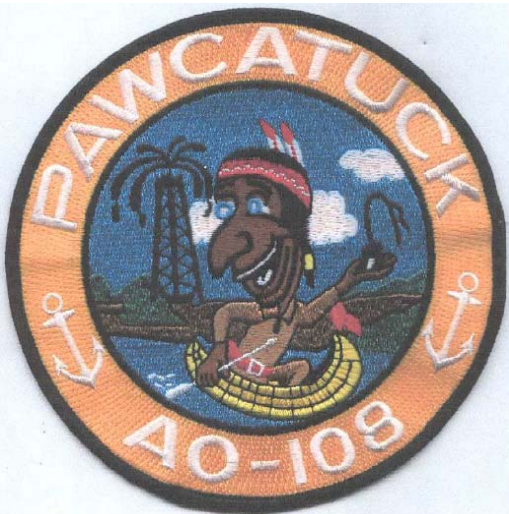
Just a note on the recreation your son or husband is afforded on the PAWCATUCK. Lack of space limits the variety of entertainment we may have; however, a nightly movie is shown, bingo has been incorporated as a regular feature, and skeet shoots are also being held. The small entry fees collected for these sports will be used for charity. Between the movie, off-hour studies, local sports and letter writing, your son or husband has plenty of off duty entertainment.

This is an informational note for the PAWCATUCK enlisted wives residing in the Norfolk, Virginia area. PAWCATUCK is part of Service Squadron Two (ServRon 2) and on the first Friday of each month, an Enlisted Wives' Tea is held for all ServRon 2 enlisted wives; this tea consists of informal chatter among the wives over tea, coffee and donuts. These meetings are not intended merely as "gab sessions," they serve a definite purpose by being the occasion for announcements of general interest. Also, if any wife knows of the need for financial or other types of assistance on the part of a member, helpful ideas can be

discussed and plans made to aid the member materially. Knowing the traditional generosity of Navy families, these meetings can be a real boon for everyone. At a time such as this, when AO108 is away from our loved ones and the wives back home have no one to turn to, this is just the thing; it can lead to many new and interesting friendships. Any wife interested in attending this "tea" may contact Mrs. Mary Ann Hensley, 333 B Helmick St, Norfolk, Virginia (23505), or may call her at her home # 587-2073 for more information. Mrs. Henley is the membership Chairman and is looking forward to seeing many newcomers at this tea. A list of all ServRon 2 ships is being enclosed for your information.

Any parent or wife who has anything of special interest which might be included in the monthly letter should feel free to suggest it by writing, Commanding Officer, USS PAWCATUCK AO-108, Care of Fleet Post Office, New York, New York (Attn: C.W. Dresaney, PN3).

Best Regards,
L. Heyworkth, Jr.
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer
USS PAWCATUCK AO-108



The Smiling Indian Patch is back. A shipmate of mine and I wanted a patch, so we took an original patch and had it duplicated by the company who makes military patches. The minimum order was 50. The patches are embroidered and are identical in every way to the original and are the size of a CD. If you would like one please contact Dan Phelps at 68phelps@sbcglobal.net or **330-633-2466**.

The cost for one is **\$10.00** including shipping and \$8.00 for each additional patch. Hurry! They won't last. This is for non-profit and any proceeds will go to the Pawcatuck fund.

LITTLE ROCK, AR IS YOUR DESTINATION FOR 2008

Little Rock is the capital and most populous city in Arkansas, with a 2006 population of 204,370 and within the Metropolitan Statistical Area, 652,834. It is located near the geographical center of Arkansas and derives its name from a small rock formation on the south bank of the Arkansas River called La Petite Roche (the "little rock"). The "little rock" was used by early river traffic as a landmark and became a well-known river crossing. Little Rock is home to the University of Arkansas Trojans and is headquarters for several major corporations such as Alltel and Dillard's Department Stores. Major employers in the city include Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, The Sharper Image, Timex and Siemens. Little Rock is easily accessed by car from I-30, I-40 or I-540 or by air to Little Rock National Airport. Little Rock is a vibrant metropolitan area, but also a historic city with lovely neighborhoods and the natural beauty of the surrounding area. See for yourself what Little Rock has to offer at your reunion. Read the brief summaries below of some of its attractions and then let us know what you want to see by mailing back the attached survey form.

ATTRACTIONS

Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum:

This museum is home to the **USS Razorback**, the longest-serving submarine in the world. Launched in 1944, the **USS Razorback** entered Tokyo Harbor in 1945 to take part in the formal surrender of Japan. The sub was awarded five battle stars in the Pacific Theater during WWII and four stars during the Vietnam War. In 1970 she was sold to the Turkish Navy and recommissioned as the TCG *Muratreis* and was used by that country until 2001. The submarine was then sold to the City of North Little Rock in 2004 and then transferred across

the Atlantic to its final home in Arkansas. The museum is also home to a research library, a theater and a large museum area. Also on display at the museum are the **USS Snook (SS-279)** Memorial, the Motor Vessel **Lipscomb** and the historic tug **USS Hoga (YT 146)**. The "**Beacon of Peace and Hope**" is a commemorative 36-foot tower that will shine two spotlights into the sky. The narrow steel tower will rise from the ground just in front of the submarine, with two curved arms coming out of the tower to support the two spotlights. They will appear to shine up in parallel paths, but under certain atmospheric conditions, the beams will appear to converge.

MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History:

This museum was created to interpret Arkansas' military history from its territorial period to the present. It is located in the historic Tower Building of the Little Rock Arsenal—the birthplace of General Douglas MacArthur. The building was constructed between 1837-1840 as part of an arsenal for the U.S. Government. It is one of the oldest buildings in Central Arkansas. The Museum preserves the contributions of Arkansas men and women who served in the armed forces. Exhibits feature artifacts, photographs, weapons, documents, uniforms, and other military items.

William J. Clinton Presidential Center & Park:

This complex includes the Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service, and the Clinton Presidential Foundation, Little Rock office. The Presidential Library is the repository for the official records of the Clinton Presidency. The museum includes 20,000 square feet of exhibit space and features replicas of the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room. The museum is home to 76.8 million pages of paper documents from the Clinton admini-

stration, 1.85 million photographs and 84,600 museum artifacts. Other exhibits focus on life in the White House, including displays of presidential gifts and other objects related to state visits and holidays.

Old State House Museum:

The historic Old State House opened in 1836, serving Arkansas' first state capitol building until 1911. Today the Greek Revival-style structure houses a museum of Arkansas history, with permanent exhibits including: Pillars of Power, exploring the history of the Old State House; Arkansas' First Families, featuring 30 Arkansas First Ladies' gowns; Grandmother's Cottage, a hands-on children's exhibit; the Arkansas Wilderness gallery and the 1836 and 1885 House of Representatives chamber.

Villa Marre:

You may only drive by this home, but it is a famous landmark in Little Rock. This home, of the Italianate and Second Empire styles, although beautiful in itself, is most famous as the house featured on the TV show *Designing Women*. It was built in 1881 for saloonkeeper Angelo Marre and was bought in 1980 by a local preservation group. They provided tours of the home until it was bought as a private residence in 2002.

Arkansas Queen Riverboat:

Have a leisurely sail on the Arkansas River on the Arkansas Queen Riverboat. You can enjoy a lunch, brunch or dinner cruise while enjoying music and sightseeing along the river.

Now fill out the survey on the next page and return it by the due date so we can get your reunion planned. Hope to see a good turnout!

2008 PAWCATUCK SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey of the attractions and return it to Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc. We will use the surveys to custom design your reunion to what you want to do.

Please check the attractions you would like to visit during the reunion.

Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum _____

MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History _____

William J. Clinton Presidential Center & Park _____

Old State House Museum _____

Villa Marre _____

Riverboat Cruise _____

ABOUT THE REUNION

Would you like a Welcome Reception the first evening of the reunion?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings _____

or only on Sunday? _____

Do you want entertainment after the Saturday night banquet?

Yes _____ No _____

Return survey to:

Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.
P O Drawer 11399
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2008 USS PAWCATUCK REUNION

APRIL 27-30

LITTLE ROCK, AR

HOLIDAY INN NORTH

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

UPDATE

In the last issue in Taps, Billy Horton's date of death was listed as "not reported." We were informed by his widow, Ann, that it should read:

Billy Horton
(1952-56) BM2
Died March 23, 2007

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