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Special Points of Interest

- See what your Prez Sez in the cover story.
- Page two has WELCOME MAT and greets twenty-six newly found shipmates. Hopefully many will come to the reunion.
- Also on page two is TAPS. We remember seven who have passed away.
- MAIL CALL on pages three and four has several letters asking for help either locating someone or for information on someone. Hopefully someone can be of assistance.
- See who has already registered for the May 2-5 Norfolk reunion. Page four has a list.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hi again all you Purdymen and Ladies,

Once again the time is almost here for another reunion (our 12th), and I know that many of you are looking forward to attending as much as Karen and I are. As many of you know, this will be our second Norfolk reunion. The 92 reunion in Norfolk was outstanding, and I know the ML&RS folks will make sure that this time around is even better. Those of you who have never attended a reunion, please consider coming to this one. Join us and meet some of your shipmates you probably haven't seen since the 40s, 50s, 60s,

or 70s to renew friendships, and relive the old days. Those of you who still have a complete uniform (that hasn't "SHRUNK" too much), bring it along and wear it at the banquet on Saturday evening.

All of you should have received the reunion package from ML&RS by now. Complete and return it as soon as possible. Deadline for return is April 2, if you want to be assured having a room at the hotel. If for some reason you didn't receive the package, call ML&RS immediately and request one.

For those of you who will be attending the reunion

who have not yet paid our annual \$5.00 dues, look up Sec/Treas. Jim Meechan and he will be glad to collect it and give you a new membership card. If not attending, you can send Jim your dues at 145 Laura Dr., Gahanna, OH 43230. Make you check payable to Purdy Association. Those of you looking for a Purdy patch or a Purdy license frame, look up VP Andy Lamora. He will have a supply of each on hand. If not attending, and you want to order any of these items, call Andy at 401-253-3925.

Karen and I are looking forward to seeing all

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of our good Purdy friends once again at the reunion, and we hope we can add many new names to that friendship list in Norfolk this year. All the regular reunion attendees will back me when I say that once you attend one reunion, you'll never want to miss another.

See you in Norfolk.
Larry DiPasquale
President, Purdy Assoc.

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The Purdy newsletter is now available to download from our web site. We invite you to visit our site at www.mlrsinc.com, then click on the link on the left side of the page labeled Reunions. This will take you to a page listing the reunions we are working with this year. Scroll down until you see the name of your group, and all you have to do to download the newsletter is to click on the yellow box labeled Newsletter. You must have the Adobe viewer to see this file. If you do not, you can download it for free from the top of the reunion list page.

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Dina Coffey, ML&RS, Inc

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Unless otherwise stated, the views and opinions printed in the newsletter are those of the article's writer, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the Association leadership or the Editor of the Newsletter.

All letters and stories submitted will be considered for publication, except unsigned letters will not be published. Letters requesting the writer's name be withheld will be honored, but published on a space available basis. Signed letters with no restrictions will be given priority.

Letters demeaning to another shipmate will not be printed; letters espousing a political position will not be printed.

The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conform to space limitations and grammar.

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

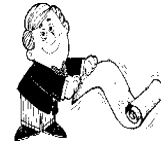
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'Our Reunions Work So You Don't Have To'

WELCOME MAT



The USS PURDY Family proudly welcomes the following recently located shipmates. We hope to see you at the Norfolk and subsequent reunions. You are invited to become an active member of the association.

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TAPS



We regret to announce the PURDY REPORT was notified of the following shipmates' deaths. The entire crew extends the hand of sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Robert F. Miller
Died August, 2000

William E Creal (1958-60)
Died April 1, 2001

Paul Dean Hathaway (1961-65)
Died February 18, 1999

Tolbert H. Stevens (1955-59)
Died October 12, 1998

Adrian Vander Lee (1951)
Died October 7, 2001

John P. Doherty
Died 1975

Glenn B. Spigelmyer
Died May 2000

Anyone who knows of, or becomes aware of, the death of a shipmate, please notify the editor so that shipmate can be recognized in the newsletter and his name added to the Honor Roll.

MAIL CALL



Dear Chief,

I saw the notice about the reunion of personnel on the USS Purdy in a recent issue of the Asbury Park, NJ Press and thought I'd provide an update for your records, etc. My father, John P. Doherty served on the Purdy from Feb 53 to Aug 54 and retired from the Navy on 3 Mar 58 as a HMC. He was at Pearl Harbor with the Third Defense Battalion, FMF on 12/7/41. He passed away in 1975, but I think he'd like to be remembered. Have a great reunion and turnout.

Joe Doherty

Dear Larry,

Read about the reunion in the latest issue of Shift Colors; my dad served on the Purdy from October 1956 to January 1957. His name was Roland J. Gauthier, FTCS. I realize it is a long shot, but if you happen to find anyone there who knew of him, I would love to hear from them. My name is Elaine A. Gauthier, CDR, USN, Retired. I served on active duty for 22 years, but never really met anyone who knew him. Not surprising since I

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wasn't eligible for sea duty. Did meet a Commander once when I was stationed in the War Room at CINCUS-NAVEUR in the late 70's. He recalled my dad as one of his instructors at OCS in Newport. In fact, when Dad left the Purdy, he went to teach at OCS. Indeed, did the Purdy ever go into drydock in Boston during that period? I remember visiting my Dad on a ship which was in drydock in Boston while we still lived in Newport—we had a great day—ate in the Chief's mess and played cards with some of the gentlemen there. I retired in 1989 and now live in New Hampshire and work as a Town Administrator. That day in Boston was long ago, but the memories are still quite vivid!! Anyway, thanks for your time!

Elaine A. Gauthier
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If anyone remembers Ms. Gauthier's father, please get in touch with her.

Chief DiPasquale,

My father, EMC Glenn B. Spigelmyer, was a member of your crew while the Purdy was at the State Pier in Massachusetts. I spent a lot of time as a kid on the ship when he had duty. I have a lot of fond memories of those times. Dad passed away in May of 2000. He was a great lover of the reunions of his past ships and shipmates. He was buried at sea with full military honors off the coast of Rhode Island. I just wanted to thank all of his shipmates and friends for the memories and let you know of his passing if you did not know.

I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Glenn K. Spigelmyer
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Dear Mr. Larry DiPasquale,

We recently saw in the Jan-Mar 2002 issue of Shift Colors, the newsletter for Navy Retirees, that there

was to be a reunion of the USS Purdy crew at Norfolk, VA; May 2-5, 2002.

Thought that you might like to know that the late James Arthur Beard, former resident of Lake Charles, LA, born 5 Oct 1934 in Beaumont, TX, died 16 May 1991 in Sulphur, LA.

Training received at: NTC Great Lake, IL. Served on the USS Purdy (DD 734) during the Korean Conflict. James was in Athens, Greece on May 10, 1953 and had his picture taken with a 'Mac' (no other name given for this person). Thought you might like to tell those that might have served with James.

My brother enjoyed his service in the U.S. Navy, having joined 20 Nov. 1951 in Lake Charles, LA. Rating at time of discharge from New Orleans, LA was Seaman.

James was affectionately called 'Jamie' by his two brothers and three sisters and 'Zeke' by his friends. He never married. Death was due to cancer of the throat.

Sincerely,
Mrs. James F. Evans
(Marcelene Beard)

Dear Larry,

I noticed your reunion announcement in "Shift Colors."

I was a good friend and neighbor (on Mill Lane in Portsmouth, RI) of former Purdy skipper Antoine "Tony" Venne circa 1957-60. He was affectionately known as "Mad Anthony." I was stationed at NSD Newport at the time.

It was always an invigorating experience to watch (from my office at NSD on the "hill" overlooking the Destroyer Pier) the Purdy come in to dock. Tony Venne used to park that thing like a car coming into the pits at Indy. Purdy Liberty Call would sound before the wake caused by its docking approach had settled down. He was a hell of a shiphandler.

As I'm sure you're aware, Tony Venne passed away some years ago. So I just thought I'd like to weigh in on his behalf.

My your reunion be a successful

one.

Jack Kitko
Cdr SC USN (Ret)

All Purdy Crew:

Mr. Owen Tarkington would like your help in finding Roger C. Walker from (originally) Eugene, OR who used to play saxophone. Contact ML&RS or

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REUNION REGISTRATION LIST AS OF 03/18/02

We thought you might like to see who has registered so far for the **Norfolk reunion on May 2-5**. Here is a list of crewmen only. Guests names are not included here. **Please get your registration in by April 2.**

Boerum, Jim
Cadie, Harold
Cashman, Frank
Davis, Dennis
Dickinson, Richard
Garwood, Ronald
Grose, Robert
Ironsides, Frank
Jernstrom, Donald
Kummerl, Richard
Martin, Willard
Mustakos, John
Nunamacher, Harold
Parsitsky, Louis
Perrell, Adolph
Razzi, Gene
Sather, Elwyn
Sharp, Larry
Smith, Clayton
Strutton, Barney
Tuzikow, Steve
Doyle, Thomas
David, Alvin
Rebeiro, Armindo
Van Grevenhof, Vernon
Harrington, Arthur F.
Plummer, Morris
Wiser, Frank
Johnson, Robert