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Special Points of Interest

- **Lots of news and information for you in Larry DiPasquale's report on the cover.**
- **Welcome Mat on page two has three new names. Welcome aboard .**
- **Under Mail Call on pages two and three, Larry DiPasquale shares an article of interest to all veterans.**
- **Also in Mail Call is news about one of your shipmates who underwent a heart transplant. See page three.**
- **Judy Harrington shared some of her pictures from the reunion. They are on page four.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hi again shipmates, Purdy ladies and friends. By the time you receive this report, Labor Day will have come and gone, and summer will be officially over. I hope all of you had a real nice summer, and hope none of you got hit with the fires, droughts and floods that hit many areas of our country. Except for the heat wave that hit my area, I can't complain too much about the weather. But, because of those heat waves, Karen and I cancelled some of our motorcycle trips. We did get in a long weekend trip to Saratoga Springs, NY, and are planning another long weekend to the Finger Lakes region of NY in

late Sept or Oct.

Karen and I are really looking forward to our next reunion in Branson, MO next April 23 to 27, and we hope that we will see many of you there. I'm sure this will be another great reunion, so plan on being there. Those of you who have never been to one of our reunions (and those who haven't been to one in several years), join us in Branson to meet some of your shipmates who you probably haven't seen in many years. If you come to one reunion, you'll probably never want to miss another.

A few weeks ago I was going through the TCS reunion notices and

saw a notice for Compton DD-705. I'm sure that many of you who were in Newport in the 50's and 60's remember the Compton. She operated with us on many occasions. I called the Compton's POC, Joe Napoli, and found out that their reunion will be in Branson April 25 to 28 at the Grand Plaza. Joe told me that he remembers the Purdy, and that he met some of our people while in Newport '61 to '63, and that he would spread the word about Purdy being there at the same time. I suggested that we pay each other a visit. So, if any of you know any Compton guys, run over

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to their hotel to say hello.

As you know from our last Report, Steve Tuzikow has accepted the job as our Master At Arms for another year, but has no badge. I asked if anyone has access to a MAA badge that you would be willing to donate to Steve, but have not received any replies yet. Please let me know if you have a badge. Meanwhile, I'll continue working on some of my sources for a badge.

I'm sure that many of you have paid our annual \$5.00 dues by now, but if you haven't and you want to continue receiving this Purdy Report, please send a check made out to "James Meehan, 145 Laura Dr, Gahanna, OH 43230. Also, if you have some spare change in your wallet, Jim will gladly accept donations in support of our association and will recognize those donations in a future Purdy Report.

VP Bill Dow still has some top quality Purdy jackets, T-shirts, sweat shirts, polo shirts, ball caps and ship's patches for sale. If you're interested, call him at 860-426-1278, or e-mail him at:

bdowusapurdy@sbcglobal.net
for prices and shipping information.

Before you know it, Fall will be here and then Thanksgiving. Karen and I want to wish all of you a very enjoyable holiday without too much overeating, and don't forget the Army/Navy game on the first Saturday in December. Go Navy, Beat Army!!!

Sincerely,
Larry DiPasquale
President, Purdy Association

PURDY REUNION

APRIL 23-27, 2008

BRANSON, MO

RADISSON BRANSON HOTEL



WELCOME MAT

The USS PURDY family proudly welcomes the following recently located shipmates. We hope to see you at the next reunion. You are invited to become an active member of the association.

Romeo Cifelli (1958-60) SN
50 Brickell Ave
Westwood, NJ 07675
201-666-0349
DC750@aol.com

Joseph Napoli (1961-63)
USS Compton
70 Belmont Ave
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
732-251-0363

Charles Lindbloom
477 Westshore Village Dr
Casper, WY 82601



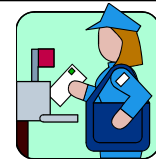
TAPS

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

Kenneth Scott
(1952-53) SN 1st Div
Date of death not reported

Paul Elmer, BM1
Died May 9, 2007

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

Purdy Shipmates,

Just thought that I would pass on new legislation that clarifies allowing Veterans and service members not in uniform to salute the flag. This may seem like a small change, but all Veterans can now render a smart hand salute to the flag during all appropriate public events. I would ask you to pass this on to any current service members or Veterans.

Larry DiPasquale

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S. 1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag.

Current law (U.S. Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and service men not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform.

"Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not.

"I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an ap-

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appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens.

Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

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July 25, 2007

Good evening Dina,

I received a call from Pat Walters, George Walters' wife, and she told me he had a heart transplant about two weeks ago. He is still in the hospital. He will be in the hospital for awhile. I will call down there this evening to get more info. All I got was the info from Pat on my voice mail. I figured you would want to know about George. George was MM2 and attached to Purdy DD-734, 1964-67.

Could you send an e-mail to the crew members who served with George or send me their e-mail addresses and I'll get hold of them to keep them up to date on how George is doing.

Roger Schulrud MMCS
1964-65 USS Purdy DD 734

Good Morning Dina,

Thank you so much for your e-mail concerning George. I remember him as a good shipmate and my thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family for a safe and speedy recovery. I will try to contact some of the people I know and inform them of his condition. I was an evaporator watch stander in main control from 1966-1968. Please send my regards to his family. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Bob O'Neill
USS Purdy DD734

Hi Dina,

Didn't know him or people you spoke about. I hope George gets better and goes on to live a long, healthy life. I myself had a heart failure incident back in Jan. I don't get around much. I don't remember much back over 40 years ago.

Stay well yourself,
Sam Salkin, SK#3, 1963-1965

Dina,

Hello and thank you for the e-mail message. I was discharged from the Purdy in Sept of '62, so I never met George; however, please send my wishes for a speedy and complete recovery....after all, we ex-tin can sailors will always care for each other regardless of whether or not we knew each other personally.

Best regards,
Bob McCormack

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Summer is almost gone. Judy and I had a great summer. We married off our last daughter. Empty nest syndrome is great. Went to Maine in August. Had a picnic at the home of John and Sweetie Mustakos in Solon, Maine. Twenty shipmates and their wives. Dan the Man, Mr. Zavisza and his beautiful wife, Jean, seemed to have a great time. I am learning that officers are like real people. We took Dan's picture sitting in John's goat pen. We called it Marine Officers Quarters. Judy and I took a larch tree from our farm and planted it on John and Sweetie's farm. All hands helped plant it. If it grows, we'll call it the Purdy Tree. Going to Lake George in upstate New York, Monday. You guessed it, another Purdy reunion. Talked to Big Chet, the Hawaiian. He will be in Branson. Hi, Uncle Art Harrington, hope you make it. Cletus Hatfield is doing better. Will be in Bran-

son with his wife number??? Tried to call Frank Wiser, but no answer. Veto has me confused. Praise God for the Italians, but says he is Greek. Must be the cold weather in Montana. Hey, Bill and Vern, how about those Yankees? The West Virginia Houk's are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Congratulations! Kenny, did you try that lure? Don't forget the garden yakels. Donal, your hot relish is on the way. Tony and Judy Meyers are going to see the Golden Greek and Sweetie in Maine in October. They probably will be snowed in until Spring. Dom, I got you another belt buckle. Andy, is that girl still looking for you and me? Tom, keep chewing your food. Thank you guys and gals for the picture. Especially for Chuck and Ilene's daughter-in-law. I will treasure it forever. Well, I am going fishing Friday as soon as Judy the Cutie get the worms dug. Ken Petit says his wife, the Chicken Plucker, always digs his worms. I heard a poem that should apply to all Purdy members and families. It says, Never a new day dawning, never an old year's end, but someone thinks of someone, old times, old places and old friends. God Bless.

Chaplain Fred and Judy the Cutie

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145 Laura Dr
Gahanna, OH 43230

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PHOTOS OF 2007 NEW LONDON REUNION

Submitted by Judy Harrington



Chuck Gerardi, John Mustakos, Fred Harrington, Tony Meyer and Ken Petit



Back: Donal Anderson and Fred Harrington
Front: Russ Mountjoy, Steve Tuzikow, & Harold Nunamacher



Chuck Gerardi, George Houk, Fred Harrington, Dominic Vella, John Mustakos, Tony Meyer & Ken Petit



Dominic Vella and Fred Harrington



Bob Wertz during Chinese auction



Eilieen Gerardi, Rita Mustakos, Judi Meyer, Judy Harrington & Eileen Petit