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Special Points of Interest

- Everyone had a great time at the 2008 KD Bailey Reunion in Tucson, AZ. Bob Nowak tells you all about it in the cover article.
- A list of reunion attendees is on page two.
- Do you remember the first KD Bailey reunion? Read page three to find out about it.
- Eleven new names for the mailing list are found on page four. We hope they will become active members.
- On page five read about the USS Orleck's problems in finding a home.
- Bob Nowak's Editorial on page five addresses the need for more support from those on the mailing list.
- See what attractions are in store for you in Milwaukee, WI in 2009. Page 6 has a description of the activities available and a survey for you to fill out and return.

2008 REUNION IN TUCSON WAS GREAT!

The 15th reunion of the K. D. Bailey Association was held at the Arizona Hotel in Tucson, AZ, from April 10th to 13th, 2008. The total attendance was around 65 folks. The uncertainty comes because of last minute cancellations and a number of folks delayed by the grounding of hundreds of American Airlines flights.

The weather was gorgeous—the low to mid-70s and the hotel was quite good, one of our better spots.

Tucson is a vast city of about one million people, nestled between several mountain ranges, the Santa Catalinas to the north, the Rincon range to the east, and the Tucson Mountains to the west. To the south, some 90 miles away, is the Mexican border.

JOANIE and I had arrived late on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday morning, hooked up with DON and MARCIA MACGILLIVRAY who had showed up early as well. Armed with our maps of Tucson and advised that 4th Avenue, the shopping area, was only 10 minutes away from the hotel, we set out to hoof it there. After a half-hour of hiking, we realized we had been given bum dope. We did find an amazing military surplus store the size of a small warehouse and poked around in there for about half an hour. Soon we learned 4th Avenue was only two blocks away, and we struck out for the grand prize. Fourth Avenue was full of shops, tattoo parlors, jewelry joints, etc. etc. It had the look of parts of Key West if you've ever been there, and by this time we were all pretty pooped out. DON and I debated going into one of the tattoo parlors and having some of our 1940's "work" touched up, but decided to leave well enough alone. We had a great time chatting about old times, which is what reunions are all about. We found a friendly cabbie, and he took us back to the hotel for six bucks plus tip. It had been an interesting morning!!

Later in the afternoon, we held our usual greeting session at 5:00 P.M., presided over by ERNIE PINA, who greeted all and then we were off on a bus trip to a restaurant in the desert called The Steak Out in the community of Sonoita. On the way, we could enjoy the Arizona scenery, the sur-

rounding mountain ranges and the desert, etc.

Our meal was good quality beef and plenty of it, in a private setting, but we could tell it was the Old West type of flavor. One might expect a gun fight to break out in the bar at any time. More than one of the travelers dosed off on the long ride back, and the hotel beds were a welcome sight to all.

Friday was our first full tour day. After breakfast, which was either a buffet or off-the-menu choice, with meal tickets provided, we mounted a bus to travel to the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, where hundreds of used aircraft are stored in mothballs in the dry desert air, where they are rarely troubled by dampness. There were so many fighters, bombers, etc. I cannot be specific except for the A-10 Warthogs and the C5A transports which still fly up here at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, MA. But there were hundreds more. These aircraft are stripped for parts as replacements for active aircraft, or, if flyable, are sold to friendly foreign governments in one piece.

We were told that this is one of the only military depots in the country which earns its keep; it has a profit range of \$11.00 for every \$1.00 of equipment or aircraft it sells!!

While there, we visited the Pima Air & Space Museum, where many World War II and Korean War aircraft are kept, including an intact B-17G bomber; a B-29, and many other vintage type aircraft. I had the opportunity to climb up inside the B-17, the type my late brother had flown for 50 missions during World War II. His squadron flew missions over Berlin and they were escorted by fighter aircraft, flown by the famed Tuskegee Airmen, an all Black Squadron of fighter pilots who broke the color barrier in grand style. These bombers and fighters were attacked by the first of the German jet planes, the ME-262, and held their own. I was truly moved by the chance to see and experience the interior of this grand bomber aircraft and get the feel of what my brother had been through. The pilot's seat, where he sat, was in a cramped

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area up front, and I had the feeling those fellas knew what it was like for us on destroyers!!

We then left the base for lunch at a place called Sweet Tomatoes, a veggie deli of great proportions with meat items as a side. Very popular spot, and crowded. Then we were off to the Mission Xavier del Bac, located on the Tohono O'odam Indian Reservation. It is a lovely old Mission church, in which there is a painting of the Last Supper, where if you look carefully, you can see that the devil was a guest at the supper! Honest!

Outside, some of the locals were cooking up a feast out—rattlesnake, probably. There were no takers on our bus.

Then it was back to the hotel and rest up for our evening meal of slow roasted Tombstone Pork Loin, and a session of the Yankee Swapper, run by Larry Eckard, with the strong disapproval of CARL SIEGEL, who insisted Larry was running it his way and not the right way!! Oh, well, what's a reunion without a beef or two about something or other!!

On Saturday, we had a real treat riding out through the desert to Boot Hill, just outside of Tombstone, the Town too tough to Die! Those who died at the "Shootout at the OK Corral," which made Tombstone famous, are buried here—the Clantons, Mike McClaury, Tom McClaury and Billy Claiborne, (who escaped unharmed) the others shot dead by Wyatt and Virgil Earp, Morgan Earp and Doc Holliday in the streets of Tombstone back in October of 1881, I believe.

Virgil and Morgan Earp and Doc Holliday were wounded in the fracas, which took no more than 30 seconds.

Some of the epitaphs on Boot Hill are classic. "John Brown, hung by mistake, 1882" or "Joe Rogers, shot by mistake in Tombstone, 1883". Seemed like all the big action took place in the late 1880's.

Then we bussed down into Tombstone, "The town to tough to die!" As it turned out, there was a parade going on, a celebration of the Roses. Seems as though Tombstone claims the biggest rosebush in the world, a flowering arbor of roses about 40 feet by 20 feet. Anyway, some of us were able to be part of the parade!! FRED AND KATE KARSHICK and TOMMY GOODWIN and JOANIE and I were invited into a "trolley car" to pretend we were "revelers" and were supplied with pounds of candy to toss out the win-

dows to the spectators and kids watching the parade! The crowd seemed happy to see us, and cheered as we went by!!

The main drag of Tombstone is just like you've seen it in the many movies about Tombstone—the wooden sidewalks, the dusty streets, the local reenactors dressed up in black cowboy outfits, and all kinds of locals dressed up in cowboy garb.

We hoped to see the reenactment of the shootout, but learned it went on at 2:00 p.m., and we had to leave to go back at 1:30. We did see a few reenactments in the street; gunfire, people shooting, etc. We had a nice lunch at a local joint with KATE & FRED, and did a bit of shopping before boarding the bus for our return to Tucson. Frankly, one of our best tours yet!!

We got back in time to run our business meeting. Basically, we re-elected our current officers; CAPT. BOB SMALL, President; TOMMY GOODWIN, VICE-PRESIDENT; CARL SIEGEL, TREASURER and BOB KEATING, SECRETARY. MY GOOD PAL, JERRY ROGERS, served as Secretary Pro Temp, filling in for BOBBY KEATING, who is home still fighting his cancer problems, and JERRY did his usual classy job. JERRY is one of my favorite shipmates and a guy always willing to help out as needed.

CARL SIEGEL's Treasurer's report was impressive, with nearly \$17,000.00 in the till at this time. We then adjourned to prepare for the banquet, as usual.

The banquet was dress-up, as usual, and the ladies took front and center in lovely dresses with the guys in jackets and ties. We had a good meal and camaraderie as usual and adjourned for the morning Memorial Service.

Since Joanie and I had an early flight, we missed the Memorial Service, but I understand it went off well, with Larry Eckard assisting Carl Siegel and Tom Goodwin.

I apologize to anyone whose feelings I might have hurt with my corny jokes at the banquet. I've lost my touch; next year a new face will take over!

(Contributed by Bob Nowak)

2009 MILWAUKEE GOOD FOR MAY

We have confirmed for our visit to **Milwaukee in 2009**, INCLUDING a visit to the **Great Lakes Naval Training Center** for a recruit graduation ceremony and hopefully lunch on base. The dates will be **May 14th to May 17th, 2009**, which should put us into a "good weather" zone for **Milwaukee, WI**.

2008 REUNION ATTENDEES

John Bencivengo
John & Gail Carrillo
Thomas Collin
Joseph & Georgina Dressman
Thomas & April Erwinski
Myron Gerchak
Thomas Goodwin
James Grubb
Larry Grudem
Richard & Marti Hoeg
George Huey
Milton & Becky Irwin
Fred & Kate Karshick
Fred & Patricia Kester
Frank & Charlotte Louisell
Donald & Marcia MacGillivray
Ed Mager
Jerome Maier
Armond Mastro & Jean Craft
George & Barbara McDonald
Colin & Olivia McLaurine
Worth & Carey McMains
Robert & Maggie Morse
Robert & Joan Nowak
Ernie & Carol Pina
Merlin & Virginia Place
Jerry Rogers
Raymond & Corrine Rudrud
Jerry Sader
Edward & Lois Schultz
John Senda
Carlton Siegel
Thomas & Annie Smith
Daryal & Marilyn Toellner
Peter & Suzanne Van Haaren
Lewis & June Vermillion
Dean & Mary Whitehead
Charles & Grace Whitehead
Darwin & Sharon Whitehead

Total Members: 39

Guests: 26

GRAND TOTAL: 65

WATCH OUT FOR RENTAL CARS!

Reports are that many overseas countries are starting to refuse people who are over 70 or 75 years of age the right to rent a car. The usual excuses—excessive accidents, they claim. So if anyone is planning an overseas trip (lucky you) check on rental car deals to be sure you won't get stiffed at the rental car agency because you're too old.

Bob Nowak

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THE FIRST KD BAILEY REUNION

Editor's Note: An e-mail was sent out asking for anyone who attended the very first KD Bailey reunion to send us their memories of that reunion. We also asked for memories of your first reunion, even if it was not KD Bailey's very first one. Here are the replies:

Ernie Pina:

Our very first reunion was a grand success. Our Welcome Reception on Thursday night was marked with generous portions of laughter, getting acquainted and reminiscing—as well as ample supplies of hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Friday morning the group boarded their bus and headed for the City by the Sea, Newport, RI. Our first stop was at Hammersmith Farm, Jackie Kennedy Onassis's home, and the location where she and then Senator John F. Kennedy had their wedding reception. This home also became the summer White House during those presidential years. Lunch and a drive along Ocean Drive and the famous Bellevue Avenue, where everyone caught a glimpse of those "summer cottages." It was enjoyed by all.

Reveille was held bright and early on Saturday morning so all hands could get an early start to Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA. There we toured the USS MASSACHUSETTS (BB-59), affectionately known as "Big Mamie." The USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR (DD-850), was also visited as well as the submarine USS LIONFISH (SS-298).

Many enjoyed visiting the KENNEDY (only GEARING Class destroyer as a museum) because she resembled the BAILEY so much.

At the conclusion of our banquet dinner, Carl Siegel donated the original KDB nameplate which he rescued from a machine shop scrap heap. He had it mounted and presented it to the association.

Our first election of officers were held with the following results:

MM3 Bob Levine, President
ENS Bob Small, (Capt, USN, Ret) , Vice President
ST2 Bob Keating, Secretary
QM1 Bob Nowak, Treasurer

Yes, the Bobs won out.

The only person I knew at the first reunion back in 1994 was GM1 Phil Mignault from Massachusetts. I was just a 19 year old kid and Phil (1959 was the year) was an old salt at the time. He was the type of sailor one would look up to because of his seniority and the way he

conducted himself. A great guy.

Robert Nowak:

The first KD Bailey reunion was held in Newport, RI. Those responsible were Bob Levine, Jim Grubb and Stan Bolesta, who had met earlier in 1994 to discuss the matter. Bob Nowak joined in to help with clerical duties; and we had about 65 members and wives, etc. present, which was packaged for us by Military Locator & Reunion Service. We toured downtown Newport, RI, the historic mansions of Newport and Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA. Captain Noel A Burkey was our featured banquet speaker. We had a head table, which I vowed we'd never do again, and haven't since. And we had dancing afterward, which we also shut down a couple years afterward. We were not able to recognize downtown Newport as we remembered it, (lots of bars; fleet landing, etc) nor spot the precise site where our motor launch sank in May of 1951 with loss of 18 lives, because a new bridge which now crossed the harbor had been built. Many of those attending are no longer with us, but are remembered.

Bob Keating:

The first reunion was held at the Ramada Inn in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The site was chosen because of its close proximity to Newport, RI and the Naval Base. Newport was the Bailey's homeport when the majority of the attendees were members of the ship's company. We could not afford to stay at any of the Newport hotels then and still can't. Bob Levine was the person most responsible for that reunion and every one since. I had not known Bob very well while I was in Bailey, but when he contacted me I offered to serve on a committee. Bob Nowak was already on board, and since he and I had served together it felt like old home week. I was the one who first contacted Locators and have been the Association's only Secretary. My wife and I checked into the hotel and were walking down the hall to our room when coming towards us was Bill Mullane, and we recognized each other right away after forty-two years. Bill and I had bunks beside each other for over three years. I am sorry to say that was the only reunion Bill attended. Most of us had not been in contact since leaving the service, and I was

surprised at the camaraderie that still existed. I was also impressed by how well the wives got along. I know most of them dreaded going because they didn't know anyone. Over the years many have become good friends. The activities in Newport consisted of tours of the Naval Base and of the Mansions. Most everyone found time to sample the Newport nightlife.

Kate and Fred Karshick:

I believe that our first experience was the 3rd reunion which was held in Newport News, VA in 1996 and it all happened because of a photo seen in the Marblehead, Mass newspaper in the fall of '95, which featured someone winning an award on the front page. We were sitting on the front porch of our daughter's home when I was attracted to a photo of a fellow wearing a tee shirt and I could see a ship. Looking more closely I could make out USS K D Bailey. Although I hadn't met my husband until after service and college, I had certainly heard the name of his ship and drew his attention to the photo. I asked him if he knew someone by the name of Carl Siegel, the award winner. "I knew a Frank Siegel, but no Carl Siegel."

However, I encouraged him to look the name up in the Marblehead phone book. There was a listing for F. Carl Siegel...did F stand for Frank? Fred made the call and a male voice answered. "Is this Frank Siegel?"....a long pause....and the voice answered, "Were you in the Navy with me?" The Navy always used a person's first name, whether they did or not, so Carl knew that anyone calling him by his first name had to have served in the Navy with him. They set the date to meet for coffee, and that's how Fred learned about the reunions and the alumni who started this tradition with Carl being one of them.

Our first reunion 12 years ago was the start of many, and every year the camaraderie deepens, the laughs continue, and more stories of life on the KD Bailey come to light. Renewing acquaintances, touring military establishments, visiting the highlights of new host cities, and having all the details handled by competent personnel had kept us looking forward to the next reunion! What's not to like!! Anything that does go wrong, and that's sure to happen, only serves to become another

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story to pass down...with proper embellishments, of course!!

For those who had the vision, our sincere appreciation!

Merlin Place, CS3, 1949-52:

In 1976 I responded to an ad in the American Legion magazine regarding a reunion of the KD Bailey crew members. I have a letter from Bill Mullane (on the Bailey from May 1949 to August 1952) saying ten former crew members including Bill himself had responded. It would be eighteen years before the first reunion took place under the leadership of Bob Levine and the other committee members. The first reunion was held in Portsmouth, RI.

We flew from Minneapolis to Boston (myself, wife and my 80 year old mother-in-law!), rented a car and continued to Blackstone, MA where we dropped my mother-in-law at her sister's home. They had not seen each other for fourteen years. From there we continued to Portsmouth, RI and the reunion.

I had kept in touch with Bud (Milton) Crow over the years and was looking forward to seeing him and his wife Mary. We had been neighbors in Newport following our marriages (Bud and Mary on March 24, 1951 and ours a week earlier on March 17, 1951). It was great to see them again and renew other old acquaintances from the ship including Jim and Doris Everly.

We toured all of Newport including the mansions and the farm where JFK and Jackie had their wedding reception. The following day we traveled to Fall River, MA and toured Battleship Cove where we had lunch aboard the battleship USS Massachusetts. The hospitality room at the motel served as a place to reminisce and swap sea stories. The Friday night dinner, the Saturday night banquet and the Sunday morning Memorial Service were all memorable.

We said our goodbyes Sunday morning, traveled to Maine to visit an old classmate and then home again.

Bob Morse, ETR2:

I recently attended the Tucson Bailey reunion for the first time.

I was really pleased to see two of my old shipmates that were on the Bailey the same time I was. I must admit, however, my first impression when I walked into the room was how "senior" everyone appeared to me. I then quickly remembered how I must have likewise

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WELCOME MAT

The USS KENNETH D BAILEY takes great pleasure in announcing that the following shipmates have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome Aboard! We hope to see you at the next reunion and that you will become active in the association.

Roy Flint (1945-46) SN
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TAPS

The Bailey News was informed of the deaths of the following former crewmembers since the last newsletter. The entire crew extends our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

Eugene Vernol
(1956-57) EM3
Died August 20, 2007

Theodore Rodenkirk
(1955)BT3
Died September 16, 2007

Charles Brouillette
(1958-59) SN
Died January 26, 2008

William Huhn
(1945-46) RMNZ C Div
Died July 16, 2007

John Weston
(1950-51) PN3 OC Div
Died October 27, 2007

Denis Schramke
(1945-46) CM 2/c 2nd Div
Died March 6, 2008

Joseph Sardy
(1952-56)
Died February 27, 2008

Lawrence Sorensen
(1950-52) RD-1 O Div
Died February 19, 2006

Max Elliott
(1956-58) CMM E-7 M Eng
Died September 11, 2007

Anyone learning of the death of a former crewmember is requested to notify the Bailey News so their passing can be acknowledged in TAPS and also on the Honor Roll at the reunion memorial service.

Correction: Robert Fount listed in the last issue under Taps was not a member of the KD Bailey.



MAIL CALL

K.D. Bailey Shipmates,

Denis A Schramke, 82, Ashland, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2008, peacefully at his home following a long battle with cancer. From 1942 to 1946 he traveled throughout the Atlantic and Pacific while serving in the Navy on several Destroyers including the USS KD Bailey DD-DDR 713 and later with CASU 26 (carrier aircraft service unit). From 1951 to 1952 he was recalled by the Naval Reserves to serve during the Korean Crisis. In 1959 he joined the Wisconsin National Guard and was called up for the Berlin Crisis (1961-62). He retired from the Army Reserves at Fort Eustice, VA in 1985. Denis sailed on the Great Lakes ore carriers for a short time, but it was the railroad that became his livelihood. He was an engineer for the Chicago North Western Railroad for 38 years, retiring in 1985.

Dear Karen:

First let me say hello. My name is Jasper R. Cunningham. I served aboard the BAILEY from 1966 to decommissioning in 1970. I have never gotten a BAILEY newsletter, but I would love to start getting them. I was in 1st Division. I would like to get in touch with some other 1st Division people. Come to think about it, any BAILEY SHIPMATES. I look forward to your reply.

Always a BAILEY sailor,
Jasper Cunningham, BM3
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FIRST REUNION

appeared to them!

I was called 'RJ' while I was on the Bailey. I had never been called that before nor have I since. When I walked into the Thursday night reception room, I heard someone shout from across the room, "Hey, RJ." What a surprise to be taken back over 40 years so quickly! It was Norm Grudem, a friend of mine on the Bailey in addition to also being an ET (Electronics Technician). (Norm and I made contact with each other a couple of years ago after not talking/hearing/seeing each other for many, many years. We corresponded via e-mail regularly.)

ANOTHER HISTORICAL DD IN TROUBLE

USS ORLECK (DD-886) was decommissioned in 1982 and turned over to the Turkish Navy. A Gearing Class DD, like K.D. Bailey, she had served actively since her commissioning in 1945, a full 12 years longer than KDB. She continued on for another 16 years in the Turkish Navy, which finally turned her out to pasture in 1998. Members of the family of Joseph Orleck, after who she was named, joined with others to rescue the ship from the breaker's torch and returned her to the United States to the port where she was commissioned—Orange, TX, where she had been on display as a museum ship open to visitors.

She had one scary experience in Orange. At some point while in Turkish hands, she developed a hole in her hull below the water line. Rather than do a good repair job, the Turks just pounded a wooden plug in the hole, and called it a day. After a time, the plug worked loose and water started gushing into the ship. Prompt work by volunteers saved the ship from sinking right there at her berth in Orange.

Now she is no longer welcome in Orange. Her berthing place has been sold out from under her by the city to a developer and the Orleck does not fit into his plans.

So USS Orleck is seeking a new home port rather than being sold for scrap. If anyone knows of a port city which might welcome such a destroyer, please contact Tin Can Sailors in Somerset, Massachusetts. There is urgency to the need. They can put you in touch with the Orleck Association for further details. (Anybody got any "pull" in Newport, where there is little evidence that the Navy once dominated the landscape? Seems like there are piers where a couple carriers that may soon be moved are tied up...)

Condensed story credit to Tin Can Sailors newspaper and other sources: edited by Bob Nowak

KD BAILEY EDITORIAL

At this writing we have 100 yearly dues payers and 108 Lifetime members. Due largely to the influx of \$10,800.00 from our lifetime payers and the prudent investing of Treasurer Carl Siegel, it was reported to our membership at the reunion in Tucson that we have about \$17,000 (give or take) in our Treasury. What Carl did report, unhappily, was that we have lost about 67 dues payers from our 2007 list. I prefer to believe that this annual drop off is due to natural events: death, illness, and loss of interest. The latter (loss of interest) concerns us the most. Are we doing something which relegates the KD Bailey Association to the bottom of your interest? If that is the case, would you let us know? We know there are a lot of younger members from the 60s and 70s out there from whom we hear little or nothing. You fellows are the future of this Association. Please, if you have a specific concern with how we run things, let us know.

Always remember, your support is important. It gives us the incentive to continue having reunions and to publish a newsletter. Reunion attendance has been faltering, despite our best efforts to spread the locations around the country.

Fortunately, we are solvent enough to continue this newsletter. But the time will arrive when those of us who are active will feel it is not worth our effort to continue putting in time and efforts to keep you informed.

What can you do? Write us. Tell us your gripes about the way we operate; most importantly, tell us how you would change things and more importantly, what you personally would be willing to do to help us improve. All comments will be held in privacy if you wish. THANKS! Send them to :

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SPECIAL MAILING FOR THIS NEWSLETTER ISSUE

This issue of the KD Bailey News is being **mailed to everyone** on the mailing list along with a **dues payment form** and a **pre-addressed envelope** in which to return your dues payment. Your association needs your support, so please return your dues payment and become active by attending the next reunion. You won't regret it!

MILWAUKEE, WI FOR 2009

The largest city in Wisconsin, Milwaukee is located on the shores of Lake Michigan and straddles the Milwaukee River above the mouths of the Kinnickinnic and Menomonee Rivers. The city has a rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Milwaukee is often called the "cream city", because of its building bricks made from a local clay. Besides the beautiful 19th century brick buildings of downtown, Milwaukee has a number of buildings designed by famous architects. The last completed work of Frank Lloyd Wright is the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation. Famous also is the Milwaukee Art Museum, housed in the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, and designed by Eero Saarinen.

Milwaukee County Zoo has one of the largest animal collections in the country. Its moat systems allow visitors to view predator and prey in close proximity. Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory features three domes—tropical, arid, and a show dome that has thematic floral displays. Several museums and arts theaters also call Milwaukee home.

Although Milwaukee is known for its breweries, its leading industry is the manufacture of machinery. It is one of the largest consumers of steel in the United States. It has been nicknamed the "machine shop of America."

As a port of entry on Lake Michigan, Milwaukee moves its manufactured products and raw materials with ease. With 33 shipping lines entering the port, Milwaukee is a busy outlet for a great collection of products going all over the world.

Around 1840 and following an unsuccessful revolution in Germany in 1848, German settlers came to Milwaukee, bringing their culture and their traditions. Polish and Italian immigrants arrived in the 1890s. Remnants of these cultures can still be seen today.

Today Milwaukee is a vibrant, robust city that embraces its cultural heritages through an eclectic array of restaurants, art galleries, museums and performance arts throughout the area. Development along the RiverWalk, which is a ribbon of concrete winding along Milwaukee's waterway, has brought a beautiful area to stroll and explore the shops, restaurants, and brew pubs. Milwaukee is a place where the past, present, and future come together—the "Genuine American City" through and

through.

A survey of specific attractions in Milwaukee is located on the right. Please take time to fill out the survey and return it to ML&RS at the address printed on this page. We want you to have a say in what your reunion will offer, and the only way we can do that is to hear from you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ATTRACTIONS

HARLEY DAVIDSON TOUR

See first hand where the heartbeat of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle is created. Tour the plant where the Harley-Davidson engines are manufactured.

MILLER BREWING COMPANY TOUR

A guided tour includes a theater presentation, visits to the packaging and shipping centers, brew house, and historic Caves Museum. You may enjoy samples in the Bavarian style Miller Inn or seasonal outdoor beer garden.

"Brewing history comes to life and taste buds come alive at the Miller Brewing Company."

BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT

Designed after St. Peter's in Rome, this magnificent 95-year old landmark is one of over 33 basilicas in the U.S. Architecture, stained glass and murals are a tribute to Milwaukee's history and heritage.

MITCHELL PARK HORTICULTURAL CONSERVATORY "THE DOMES"

Take a trip through Milwaukee's tropical rainforest, a journey through the desert oasis, or enjoy the spectacular beauty of the seasonal floral garden. The only structure of its kind in the world, the conservatory features three domes—tropical, arid, and a show dome that has thematic floral displays.

MADER'S GERMAN RESTAURANT

Milwaukee is famous for its German heritage and this restaurant is a must if you want to sample some of the country's finest German /Teutonic cuisine. Mader's offer specialties you'll find nowhere else.

NAVAL TRAINING CENTER— GREAT LAKES

This visit starts early, with buses leaving for the base at 6:45 AM. Everyone must be seated by 8:30 AM for the 9:00 AM parade and recruit graduation. Lunch will be on base.

Great Lakes Naval Training Center is home to the U.S. Navy's only Recruit

Training Command and is the largest Training Center in the Navy. The base includes 1,153 buildings on 1628 acres and uses 50 miles of roadway to provide access to the Center's facilities.

USS KD BAILEY 2009 REUNION SURVEY

Do you prefer a Welcome Reception the first evening of the reunion?

___ yes ___ no

Do you prefer breakfast all 3 mornings _____ or only on Sunday morning? _____

Do you want entertainment after the banquet? ___yes ___no

Please check the attractions that you would like to see on the agenda.

Harley-Davidson Tour _____

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