

FANTAIL GAZETTE II

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USS MURRAY

DD/DDE 576



19TH ANNUAL USS MURRAY REUNION BANQUET ATTENDEES

Presidents Letter

Reunion 2010 , Fall River MA

Well, the 19th reunion is now just a memory. Doug and Nancy Finn worked real hard and made this reunion a great success! Everything was great: the weather, the hotel, the banquet, and the New England hospitality. Some of our crew members took advantage of the free shuttle to Battleship Cove to view the historic naval ship display there.

Many crew members brought pictures and scrapbooks of their time aboard the Murray which every one enjoyed. We had quite a few first timers at this reunion and everyone said they wished they had come earlier as they really didn't know what they were missing. One of the first timers was our editor Tim Shaffer. I had the honor of presenting Tim a certificate of appreciation on behalf of crew members and families for all the work he does in publishing, stuffing the envelopes, stamping and mailing of the Fantail Gazette. I know that all crew members and families really look forward to receiving the newsletter.

Those in attendance were:

Doug & Nancy Finn, Neil & Cindy DenBleyker , John & Jean Tawney, Dennis & Elaine Sheehan, Bill & Mary Tobin, Bill & Mary Coleman, Alex & Sue Dodson, Paul & Elizabeth Audette, Ed Pemberton, Anne Mori & Linda Messick, Tim Shaffer, James, Lucile & Kevin Smith , Alfred & Beverly Logan , Robert & Marsha Williamson, Mike & Betty Hrinko, Joseph Lowden, Frank Appleton, George & Heather Gustafson, James & Nancy Keegan, William & Anna Loop, Gerald & Marybeth Fritz, Larry & Betty Smalley, John & Mary Flatley, Phil Metevia & Michele & Stephan Terry.

It was a decent turnout, but we wish there were more attendees. Those of you who haven't attended a reunion don't know what you are missing. Mark your calendars for 2011: the reunion will be in Charleston, South Carolina, Sept 14-18, 2011, which will be hosted by Larry & Betty Smalley. (Charleston is the port where the USS Murray was recommissioned on 15 October 1951). Plan on attending and make this next reunion a great success.

At the business meeting Larry talked about what Charleston has to offer; more information will follow in the July newsletter. There also seems to be some interest in playing golf at reunions. Maybe if we get enough golfers at the next reunion, we can plan a Murray Open so if anyone planning to attend the Charleston reunion and is interested in golfing, let me know and we'll see what we can put together. I would also like to thank everyone that donated money to the mail fund and who participated in our raffle which also benefited the mail fund. John Tawney reported we are on an even keel and not sinking so thank you all.

Please note: we need someone to volunteer to host the 2012 reunion. If anyone is interested please contact me. We want to keep the reunions going so please step forward.

Cindy and I would like to wish you the best for the holidays and thank you for your friendship and support.

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2011 USS MURRAY DD/DDE 576 ANNUAL REUNION

Plans for the 2011 USS Murray annual reunion are well underway! As Neil DenBlyker's enclosed President's Letter mentions, the 20th USS Murray reunion will be held September 14-18, 2011 in Charleston, SC. Details and an invitation will be included in the July 2011 issue of the Fantail Gazette II.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR THE 2012 REUNION!

Perform a rewarding task and help to continue what has now become a two decades-old Murray tradition: volunteer to host the 2012 USS Murray reunion! Location need not be sea-oriented, access to public air and road transportation is the main requirement. Staff support and advice will be provided. Contact Neil DenBlyker (315)673-2181 for more information.

EDITOR'S NOTES



- CHANGE OF ADDRESS
- DECLINING THE GAZETTE II
- RECEIVING THE GAZETTE VIA EMAIL
- BACK ISSUES

As always, please send all changes of address to: Tim Shaffer, 3815 Cheraz Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111-3306, or email: sssmurray@gmail.com. It has been noted that some *Fantail Gazette II* recipients do not wish to receive the newsletter (due to incapacitation, passing of the crew member, no longer interested, etc.). If you no longer wish to receive the USS Murray Gazette II, please contact me to be removed from our mailing list. The Fantail Gazette II can also be received as an MS Word or PDF document attached to an email *instead* of the printed version. Please notify me by email if you wish to receive an electronic newsletter. As with USPS mailing addresses, email address must be kept current to receive the Gazette.

A complete list of all known shipmates, living and departed is available from the association. Cost for this list – which includes contact information – is \$5.00 per copy, postpaid. Back issues of the Fantail Gazette II published since November 2007 are also available for \$3.00 postpaid for all five. Please contact me for copies; checks should be made out to: Tim Shaffer. Member input for the GAZETTE II is always welcome: I'm still looking for pictures of the Murray and crew members, anecdotes and stories, or what have you. I will print them as space permits!

Please note: My apologies if I left anyone out of the photo collage on page 2. If I did leave anyone out, notify me, I'll include you in the next issue!

NEW FINDS/IN MEMORIAM (since the December 2009 issue)

NEW FINDS: BEARD, William, Elkins Park PA; BROWN, John M, Okatie SC; CORBETT, Paul, Braintree MA; DORMER, Thomas, Oshkosh WI; KIMBLE, Graham, Casper WY; LAMBERT, Sam, Cherokee NC; NUSSBAUM, John, Southfield MI; PECORARO, William, Seabrook NH; SHIELDS, Eugene, Upper Strausburg PA; WATT, Donald, Medford MA

PASSED: ANDERSON, James A 2009; BALDERAS, ALEXANDER 2010; COCKEREAS, William 2010; DAMIRI, Joseph A 2006; DIEKMAN, Wesley A 2008; DRESCHER, Roy 1993; HAYTON, Wondell E 2009; HOLLER, Marvin 2007; HOPKINS, JOSEPH 2010; HUTCHINSON, ELMON 2010; JANTZEN, Albert 2009; KERHLI, DAVID A; LILLY, CLARENCE 2009; LOURIE, Lorne; KROK, Charles 2006; McCLURE, Sherman 2008; McFARLAND, Billy; OTT, Adam 2009; OTTERMAN, Clarence 2003; SELBY, C B 2009; SCOTT, MYRON 2010; WAEDEL, DONALD 2010; WALLER, Johnnie 2009; WARD, ANDREW 2010; WEHUNT, HILLARD 2010

As always, thanks to shipmate Billy D Houston for compiling this information! Do you have a former shipmate that you would like to contact? Write, call, or email Billy at: 319 E Farming St, Marion OH, 43302-2501; Telephone: (740) 382-1474; email: Tincanman61@aol.com with as much information as possible about the person you are trying to locate. Please include – if known – full name, age, home of record at enlistment/commission and any other information that might help Billy locate an individual.