

FANTAIL GAZETTE II

JUNE 2012

USS MURRAY



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER *(By Neil DenBleyker)*

Hi Crew Members and Family, it is reunion time again! This year's reunion is being hosted by our editor Tim Shaffer in Norfolk VA from Sept. 19, thru Sept. 23, at the Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk Va. 23502, Phone # 757-213-2231.

Be sure to mention USS Murray to get the rate of 89.00 per night. The hotel will honor the rate 3 days prior and 3 days after these dates.

Norfolk was the home port for the Murray from 1952-1965. Also Tim is leaving for South America right after the reunion, so let's have a good send off for Tim. We are still looking for someone to relieve him of his duty as editor of the Fantail Gazette. Tim did a wonderful job and we will miss him. We have a change of command: Our beloved friend and Sec.-Treasurer John Tawney went to Davey Jones' locker. Our new Sec.-Treasurer is: Douglas Finn, 609 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls Mass. 01370-8905 Tel: 413-625-8148

All forms and money will be made out to: USS Murray c/o Doug Finn.

Let's make this a good reunion and show Tim how much we appreciate the job he did.

Hope to see you in Norfolk!

Neil DenBleyker , President

HELP WANTED:

NEW GAZETTE EDITOR

Enjoy an interesting and rewarding career as a newsletter editor!

If you have a computer and internet access, you're half way there! This interesting and fun job takes a small time commitment (about two weeks, twice a year), with an occasional crew-roster update in between. All materials (MS Office software, printer ink and paper, stamps, and envelopes) as well as on-the-job training will be provided as needed.

If interested, contact Neil DenBleyker or me (information on page 3) as soon as possible.

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USS MURRAY ANNUAL REUNION
19-22 SEPTEMBER IN NORFOLK, VA

At the Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport

This year's reunion, the 70th anniversary of the Murray's launching, will be held in Norfolk VA, home port of the ship after its conversion to a DDE 60 years ago.

Members and families will have to make their own hotel reservations, no later than
15 August, 2012!

Please ask for the USS Murray rate of \$89.00 (+ 13% tax and a \$2 flat-rate tax), which includes a full breakfast. The hotel will honor this rate for three days before and after the reunion dates for those who want to come early or remain later to visit the area. The hotel will provide a free shuttle from the Norfolk airport, and all on-site meals will have a 10% discount for reunion participants.

Hotel Contact Information:

Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport
1570 N. Military Highway, Norfolk VA
757-213-2231

Be sure to mention the USS Murray to get our special rate!

Reunion Itinerary:

Wed Sept 19 - check in and registration
Thur Sept 20 - late registration and free day
Fri Sept 21 - free day
Sat Sept 22 - 10:00 am: business meeting in the hospitality room;
4:00 PM: group/individual photos; 6:00 PM: banquet
Sun Sept. 23 - check out

The planned organized bus tours of Williamsburg and Norfolk will *not* take place, but we will have information available in the hospitality room about the many sights in and around Norfolk. Efforts will be made to car-pool for those without transportation to the various attractions: the Naval Base (which operates hourly bus tours of the base), a harbor tour (including the base piers), the USS Wisconsin, the Naval Museum, the MacArthur museum, and much more. The hotel shuttle will also be available during our reunion for shorter trips near the hotel. Public transportation to various attractions stops near the hotel, and includes the new Norfolk TIDE (light-rail system).

Please complete the enclosed application form and return it to Doug Finn no later than
7 August, 2012.



EDITOR'S NOTES *(by Tim Shaffer)*

My wife Carol and I are taking off directly from the Norfolk reunion to South America for some extended travel so after five years or so of serving as your GAZETTE II editor, I must turn the editorship over to someone else. It has been a pleasure writing and editing the GAZETTE II, and communicating with many of you fellow USS MURRAY shipmates who have responded to requests for information and pictures. To all of you - THANK YOU! I am looking forward to future GAZETTE II issues, and many more great reunions!

Tim Shaffer (FT2 USS Murray, Oct '55-Dec '58)

NEW FINDS

GAINLEY, Henry - Hardwick MA; GALEN, Raoul - Reserve, LA; RIGGS, Robert - Ocala, FL; BREEN, Napier - Atlanta GA

PASSED AWAY

ALDRICH, James 2012; BAILEY, Luther B - 2011; BRIDGES, Lowell V - 1976; CLANTON, Wallace - 2011; CRUMMENAUER, Thomas - 2010; CUNST, Robert - 2006; CURRIER, Gus - 2001; DAGAN, Leonard F - 2004; DAVID, Ernesto - 2004; DAVIS, Lloyd E - 2009; DEVOR, Kenneth F - 1999; DICKHOFF, Paul R - 2008; DONNELLS, Paul E - 2006; DRUMMOND, Wm A - 2003; DUFFY, Vincent M - 2010; DYKE, John H - 2009; ELLIS, Jacob; FERRARO, Dominick; FLOWERS, Sherman; FULFORD, Davis; GANDARA, Dick - 2007; GREER, Earl M - 2011; KURTZ, Frank J - 2011; PARDICK, James R - 2004; PERRY, James D - 2004; SHRIVER, Phillip R - 2011; SINEATH, George - 2011; SWINFORD, Carroll L - 2005; TAWNEY, John 2012; WEBSTER, Cletus T - 2011; WEHMEYER, Henry G - 2011

As always, thanks to shipmate Billy D Houston for assisting in compiling this information! Contact Billy for more information about the above names. 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.

>>>>>IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION!!<<<<<<<<

As noted in the December 2011 GAZETTE II, we are sending future USS Murray newsletters only to those who have requested to remain on our mailing list. If you have "LAST ISSUE?" stamped on your envelope, and you want to stay on our mailing list, please notify me or Neil DenBleyker (addresses below) *as soon as possible* to be included in future mailings.

(Please note: some members may have already requested to stay on the mailing list, but have a "LAST ISSUE?" stamp on the envelope. I missed updating some previous requests – if you are one of these, please notify me as soon as possible AND please accept my apologies!)

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Membership Coordinators

Until 31 July: Tim Shaffer, 3815 Cheraz Rd NE, Albuquerque NM 87111

Email: timo2468@gmail.com Telephone 505-934-6553 (mornings only please - 9 to 11 MDT)

After 1 August: Neil DenBleyker, 4602 Beef St, Syracuse NY 13215-

Email: ndenblke@aol.com Telephone 315-673-2181

MURRAY MEMORIES *(By Tim Shaffer)*

General Quarters: Do you recall the traffic pattern on board to get to your GQ station? I don't, but I think it was something like: aft on the starboard side, forward on the port side, up on port ladders, down on starboard ladders. Please correct me if I'm wrong (not that it really matters anymore).

While on the subject: how do *you* remember which side was port and which side was starboard? (I recall the chow line being on the port side - correct?)

How long were you out of the Navy before you went back to calling stairs "stairs" instead of ladders, floor instead deck, wall instead of bulkhead, and bathroom instead of head?

That's all folks, it's been fun!