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ATTENTION!

Register Now for the
USS Houston CA-30 - 2013 Reunion
March 14-16, 2013
Hyatt Regency Downtown Hotel
Houston, TX
See page 18 for the registration form and page 19 for the tentative schedule of events. You won’t want to miss it!

2013 Scholarship winners to be announced at the reunion!
McCain Honors David Flynn – continued from page 1

**Senator John McCain**, a former POW, visited the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum on Thursday, October 25, 2012. Senator McCain spoke about Veterans issues, mingled with the “by-invitation only” crowd of about 150 people, and then signed the 25x7 aviation mural "On Final Approach" by Bob Jenny. **USS Houston CA-30 survivor, David Flynn**, and several other WWII veterans were invited to attend the event. McCain gave special honor and recognition to these men for their service to our country.

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**Personal Account**

**Follow-up to Chaplain Rentz/Walter Beeson Story**

Blue Bonnet, August 2012, pages 7 and 16

In the context of Walter Beeson’s rescue as described in the August 2012 Blue Bonnet which was taken from *Ship of Ghosts* by James Hornfischer, I wanted to share the following story:

As a child during WWII, I remember the loss of the USS Houston because it was a blow to all Texans. Recruiting stations were set up on Main Street and hundreds of young Texans volunteered to replace the lost crew members. My grandmother, Carrie Beeson Stubblefield and my father Emmett Stubblefield, USN, told me that we had a cousin that went down on the Houston. That was all I knew but I never forgot.

Many years later, I read about the USS Houston reunion that was scheduled for March of that year. The article also recounted stories of relatives who were lost. When I decided to call I didn’t even know his name. I guessed it was Beeson because of my grandmother. Imagine my surprise when I was told that Walter Beeson not only survived but was coming to the reunion. It was my happy privilege to spend two days with Walter. We exchanged family folklore and had a wonderful time. He attended church with me the Sunday morning after the reunion service and that was the last time I saw him. Unfortunately, it was only a few short months later that I received a call from Walter Beeson’s daughter informing me that he had passed away.

Walter’s parents considered him dead until he appeared on their front porch several months after being liberated. According to his account, the Houston was in a battle prior to the Java Sea. He said that after fighting all day when he was relieved he fell down on a pile of laundry to sleep. His assigned bunk received a direct hit killing the person in it and thus accounting for reports of his death.

There is a humorous sidebar that you might have to be southern to appreciate. One of his uncles was a Baptist preacher who decided it was not right that Walter didn’t have a funeral, so he bought a casket and headstone and conducted a funeral in absentia. Walter with his great sense of humor, said he went to visit his grave each time he went to Mississippi.

Thank you so much for picking up the standard so proudly carried by the men of the USS Houston.

**Billie Johnson**

proud cousin of Walter Beeson and daughter of Emmett Stubblefield, USN, WWII
It is life’s amazement to me how, with only four months since the last Blue Bonnet correspondence, so many things have happened.

First, this is hoping everyone is well, particularly, those of our group who may have been affected by Hurricane Sandy. I have personal insight into some of our cherished folks: Survivor David Flynn (& Donna) sat things out on the eastern coast of South Florida and were fine and even had a chance to be honored at an event during it all by Senator John McCain. Survivor Howard Brooks, who lives very close to where Sandy hit land, had no structural damage albeit without power for five long days. He and Sylvia are fine and that is the most important blessing. Trudy Schwarz is a little further north and inland in NJ and did not lose power but suffered a damaging, downed tree. She too is well and for that we are all very thankful. For everyone else, again, this is hoping you are safe and sound and getting ready for the reunion.

It was heart-wrenching to experience the loss of two of our beloved Next Generations this period. I knew Phil Gans, son of the late CA-30 survivor Joe (the “ancient mariner”) and Isabelle Gans since I was a toddler. This was because Joe and Otto were close and lived near one another and Joe was literally, my Godfather. Phil was an early, active member of our Scholarship Committee and left us way too early in life at age 63. We had seen Phil as recently as November 2011 at the ship model unveiling in Washington DC where he participated and gave full support to that effort.

John Kreutzer, husband of Association President Sue Kreutzer and father to both our legal counsel Matt, and also pilot son Joe, also passed away. John was a true friend and contributor to this Association as son-in-law to survivor Paul Papish, as well as being a serviceman himself (as was Phil Gans, I may add). John was an active member of our Scholarship Committee efforts for many, many years, contributing in many ways. He helped the group with obtaining the permanent USNA scholarship. John, feeling far from well, physically helped move much of our organizational materials to Houston, TX back in November 2010 and that alone made him a hero in my mind. He was a fine man indeed. Both John and Phil will be missed and remembered. The passing of these two fine men reminds me of how precious our lives are, and how important it is to consider making contribution to, and to display kindness in, what we do to honor those great CA-30 men and wives who gave us life.

Your Board of Managers is working hard on the 2013 reunion. I want to thank each and every one of them for the work they do every day to run this Association. This upcoming reunion will be a terrific weekend so please get your plans made promptly. Although the City of Houston may offer us some challenges regarding access to our Memorial site, this is assuring you that a service will take place with no loss of spirit or intent. We are nearing the end of our financial fiscal year (same as calendar year) and an assessment is ongoing which will result in knowing our actual operating expenses for the year, and whether we are covering those expenses through the voluntary donations, and what the health is of our scholarship fund for tomorrow and years to come.

John
Original Decking of USS Houston

A piece of the original decking of the USS Houston has been obtained by the Association which anticipates that it will be added to the ship model case in Washington, DC, in the near future. Trudy Schwarz who is making the donation recalls the events which led to this great “find”. Well before the sinking of the ship, it was in a port for “retro-fitting”. At that time, this decking piece was given to a man who, years later, contacted Otto Schwarz, and offered it to him. Now it will be enjoyed by many who come to see the beautiful USS Houston CA-30 ship model at the National Museum of the Navy.

Veteran’s Day Message

As written by Dana Charles on behalf of the USS Houston CA-30 Survivor’s Association and Next Generations

11 November 2012
Veterans’ Day

Dear USS Houston CA-30 Survivors, Families, and Friends,

On this special day—Veterans’ Day—we honor and thank all of our nation’s veterans.

We especially wish to thank all crewmen of USS Houston CA-30 for their service to this country.

To those members of our own USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association and Next Generations who are veterans: thank you for your service to this country.

Thank you to all our veterans...!

Sincerely,
The Board of Managers
Sue Kreutzer
R. Dana Charles
John Schwarz
Jo Klenk
Pam Foster
Jane Matthews

Ship Model at National Museum of the US Navy In Washington DC
**USS Houston CL-81 Reunion**

The 37th Annual Reunion of the USS Houston CL 81 Association will be held August 20 - 24, 2013 at The Holiday Inn & Suites in Chicago, IL (Rosemont Area). A visit to Great Lakes and an Architectural Boat Tour of Chicago is included. All family members are invited to attend. We welcome all "second and third generation kids".

Contact:
Donna Rogers
3949 Little John Drive
York, PA 17408
717-792-9113

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**New Book**


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**HOUSTON MARITIME MUSEUM**

Work on the establishment of a USS Houston CA-30 exhibit at the Houston Maritime Museum is continuing, and any contributions of items related to the USS Houston CA-30 and her crew would be greatly appreciated. If you have any contributions to make, contact Heather Schiappa directly at the museum.

Heather Schiappa
Director of Operations
Houston Maritime Museum
2204 Dorrington, Houston, TX 77030
Phone (713)-666-1910
Fax: (713)-838-8557

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**1935 Program cover for President FDR’s second presidential cruise aboard USS Houston CA-30**
Work is Progressing at Sam Houston Park  
*by Marlene Morris McCain*

Following final design approval in 2008 and several years of fund-raising before the project could start, October 22, 2012 saw the official commencement of the renovation at Sam *Houston* Park that includes replacement of the flag platform around the USS *Houston* monument, located in the center section of the park. This replacement was necessary because the platform had cracked. The construction includes re-installing the flagpoles and building new walkways to connect the monument with the Nichols-Rice-Cherry House and other buildings in this part of the park.

On this first day of Navy Week 2012, a special Proclamation Ceremony was held. Special attendees at the ceremony were Asst. Secretary of the Navy Juan Garcia, *Houston* City Councilman Larry Green, and Capt. Carter B. Conlin, USN (Ret.). A photo of the ceremony is shown along with photos taken during the progress of the project. Construction began the same day with about 30 members of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 28, Detachment 15 (the Seabees) starting immediately after the ceremony. Lt. E.R. Weatherall, USN, was the officer in charge. The Seabees worked throughout Navy Week and even returned over the weekend to finish up. According to Alice Collette of the Heritage Society at Sam *Houston* Park, “The end result is very, very nice!”

This particular project is part of a larger master plan, and the remainder of the work will begin after Jan. 1, 2013. It is expected that the work at Sam *Houston* Park will be completed by July 2013. The new platform where the flags are installed will have pink granite added back to complement the monument. This portion will be completed by a contractor for the master plan project. It is hoped that the ongoing work will not prevent having the Memorial Service for the 2013 Reunion at Sam *Houston* Park as usual, although that is a possibility.

*Beginning project: monument with old platform removed, base swathed for safety and layout for new platform and flagpole base.*

*Completion of Navy Week project: monument with new flag platform and sidewalks.*

*Proclamation Ceremony with Asst. Sect. of the Navy Juan Garcia (L) and Houston City Councilman Larry Green holding the proclamation.*

*(right) Construction of connecting walkways.*

* (left) Seebees Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28, Detachment 15 who did the work. Thanks, guys!
John L. Kreutzer
10/11/12
Parker, CO
NG son-in-law of late USS Houston survivor Paul Papish and husband of Sue Kreutzer, Association President

Philip T. Gans, II
10/5/12
Scotch Plains, NJ
NG son of the late USS Houston Survivor Philip T. Gans and Isabelle D. Gans

Bette L. Fowler
1/19/10
Tampa, FL
Wife of late USS Houston survivor Charles P. Fowler

Harold (Hal) R. Rooks
10/4/12
Seattle, WA
Son of USS Houston Captain Albert Harold Rooks

Remembering....
In addition to remembering those of our USS Houston family who have passed on from this life, we also remember those from the HMAS Perth and the “Lost Battalion” who forged such close bonds with our Houston crewmen while enduring the same treatment as prisoners. They too will never be forgotten.
Several years ago during a research trip to the National Archives in College Park, MD I found and scanned some documents regarding the USS Houston CA-30, including the one below: “Seen Alive in Water.” This document shows the names of crewmen who were last seen in the water after the ship went down and the names of the crewmen who saw them last. (Editor’s note: The list may not be complete.)

**Seen Alive In Water**
by R. Dana Charles
son of the late H. R. Charles, USMC.

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Scholarship Update and Funding

We have three candidates this year for the USS Houston CA-30 internal scholarship. They are currently being reviewed for a winner.

In 2010, the Scholarship Committee decided that it needed to have a minimum of $13,000 in its account in order to award a scholarship of $3,000 – a reserve of $10,000 plus the $3,000 award. If the reserve falls below the $10,000 level, the scholarship amount will automatically be reduced. Therefore, the Association must raise at least $3,000 each year to replace the awarded money. Please keep this in mind when viewing the Scholarship Fund Balance reported in the Blue Bonnet.

In addition, the Association and Scholarship Committee would like to build the fund total to a level which would make it possible to generate the annual award from income earned on the principal and thereby establish a perpetual scholarship such as has been done for the Naval Academy Foundation Scholarship. This is a wonderful way to “perpetuate the memory of the USS Houston and her crew” as our mission states.

With these thoughts in mind, I encourage you to consider a donation before the end of 2012 to the Scholarship Fund. It is fully tax deductible since the Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Every penny will go to the Scholarship recipient. Many employers or companies will match some or all of your donation, so please inquire of your employer about that possibility. It is usually a very simple procedure.

Donations to the Scholarship Fund are always greatly appreciated! See the box on the right for additional information.

Jane Matthews
Scholarship Chair

Past “In House” Scholarship Winners
2004 - Gene Bankhead-grandson of Gene Crispi
2005 - Katy Fort-granddaughter of Cecil Chambliss
2006 – Gerald Agin-granddaughter of Gerald Agin
2007 - Jenny Garrett-granddaughter of Joe Garrett
2008 - Raymond Davis-great nephew of George Davis, Jr.
2009 - Alex James-great nephew of John Stefanek
2010 - Kevin Swick-grandson of John Reilly
2012 – Cody Karcher, great grandson of Richard H. Gingras

Past US Naval Academy Foundation Scholarship Winners
2010 - Stephen Scales– Midshipman 2/C Scales is majoring in Ocean Engineering, is in the 22nd Company and is scheduled to graduate in May, 2013.
2011 - Lenue Gilchrist, III – Midshipman 3/C Gilchrist is majoring in General Science, is in the 12th Company and is scheduled to graduate in May, 2014.

How to Donate to the Scholarship Fund

1. Make your check payable to:
   USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association

2. Write “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line.

3. Mail it to:
   Mrs. Pam Foster, Treasurer
   370 Lilac Lane
   Lincoln, CA 95648

Note to Survivors
Audrey Houston-Skolund would like to know if any survivors remember her grandfather who was KIA at Sunda Strait. His name was:

Dwight Aird Houston
GM2/c, USN

If you have any information about Dwight, please respond to contact@ussHouston.org. Thanks!
William J. Stewart began his sea duty in the US Navy aboard the USS Detroit at Pearl Harbor in June 1941. A few months later he reported for duty on the USS Houston on January 15, 1942, at Darwin, Australia. After the Battle of the Flores Sea and the aborted convoy to Timor, the Houston arrived at Surabaja on February 22 for several nights of patrol duty. On February 27, the Houston joined a fleet of Dutch, British and Australian ships and the Battle of Java Sea followed. With many of the Allied ships sunk, Houston and HMAS Perth were ordered to retire to Batavia. At dusk on February 28, Houston and Perth departed Batavia headed for Australia via Sunda Strait. About 11:30 pm they ran into a Japanese invasion fleet and commenced firing. Perth was torpedoed and sank, but Houston continued the fight until midnight when turret 2 was hit and set afire. S1c Bill Stewart was in the shell deck crew of that turret. He was badly burned, but managed to get clear. When “abandon ship” was ordered, he went on deck and obtained a life jacket. He left the ship and swam aft to get clear of the shellfire.

Bill could see land since there was swimming toward it. Swimming was current was favorable to him and the to 4 hours he touched bottom and was very thirsty so he began searching unsuccessful and exhausted, he sat

When Bill woke at daylight, he They started out walking, hoping to Australia. Only ¾ mile down the road, taken prisoner. They were marched to prisoners in Serang Theater. While doctor from the Perth who treated his about three weeks later he was pretty

almost a half moon, and he started difficult because of his burns, but the swells moving ashoire helped a lot. After 3 crawled the rest of the way to shore. Bill for drinkable water. After 20 minutes, down to sleep as the moon went down. discovered another crewmember close by. reach Batavia and find a ship bound for they ran into Japanese soldiers and were Serang and held with about 1,000 other there, Bill was fortunate to meet a burns with cod liver oil ointment, and well healed.

After spending 3 weeks in Serang Theater, Bill was moved to Serang Prison for three weeks and then to Batavia Bicycle Camp for about six months. In October, he and many others were loaded on a ship bound for Singapore. After ten days at Changi POW Camp, Bill was put aboard a ship for Japan. Conditions on the ship were horrible and 102 men died during the trip. Finally they reached the port of Nagasaki.

From Nagasaki, Bill was sent by passenger train inland to O Hasi, a three-day journey. Surprisingly, the prisoners were given railroad box lunches that were pretty good! Their destination was an iron mine, but Bill and his fellow prisoners were assigned to odd jobs in connection with an iron ore-concentrating mill throughout the winter and spring. When summer came, they were moved to a permanent camp where they

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remained until the war was over. Some of the men were forced to dig iron out of the mountain, but about fifty were assigned to carpentry, machine, welding, and electrical shops. Bill worked in the electrical shop, and he learned enough from the electricians and radiomen there to pass all of his future Navy exams for advancement.

One of the men in camp had a radio. They knew when the atomic bombs were dropped and that the war had ended. Two days later Bill was sent to a hospital in Marioka. After three days there, he was put on a train for Sendai where he boarded an LSM (Landing Ship Medium) for lunch and transfer to a hospital ship, the USS Rescue. The lunch was fried chicken, and it sure tasted good! An hour later the Rescue was headed home. They were three weeks en route, and then Bill was in Oakland Naval Hospital, CA, USA! He remained in the Navy, passed all of his exams with high marks, and retired as a Master Chief Electrician.

Bill is now 92 years young and lives in Independence, Kansas. We salute you, Bill, for your courage and fortitude amidst overwhelming hardships. Thank you for your service to our country.

Rollin’ Rollin’ Rollin’

Rolling Thunder is a non-profit organization with an estimated 900,000 members which has as its mission to “publicize the POW-MIA issue to educate the public ... and are committed to helping American veterans from all wars.” Most members ride motorcycles but that is not a requirement.

Bill Ingram was an honored guest at Rolling Thunder’s “Ride Home 2012” which was held in Americus, GA, near the famous Andersonville National Historic Site on which the National POW Museum is located.
Survivor Howard Brooks and his wife Silvia recently visited his sister in Greeneville, TN, which is where Howard grew up. During his visit, the local newspaper, the Greeneville Sun, did a fabulous article on him. Howard is truly a “hometown hero”! Limitations of this newsletter make it impossible to reprint the full article, but part of the first page is reprinted below.

(see photo on left) Howard and Silvia Brooks visited a VA Cemetery on Veterans’ Day and while there two people walked up to them and asked about the USS Houston since Howard was wearing his Houston hat. Both of them said they had read the book Ship of Ghosts. The lady in red is the Lieutenant Governor of NJ and the man is a Brigadier General from the local base.
USS HOUSTON ITEMS FOR SALE

Acrylic Paper Weight (10 oz.) $20.00
Bumper Sticker (1-3 is 1 oz.) $2.00
Challenge Coin (3 oz.) $10.00
Bell or Monument Lapel Pin (specify type) (1-6 pins is 1 oz.) $3.00

New! Brown & Black Ball Cap (“USS Houston CA-30 2nd Generation”, 10 oz) $5.00

New! Ship Lapel Pin (specify silver or gold highlights)
(1 - 3 pins are 1 oz) $4.00

New! Polo Shirts - Short Sleeve, Navy Blue
with Gold Embroidery of the USS Houston:
Men’s - sizes M-2XL-$25.00
Women’s - sizes S-XL-$25.00
(Shipping Weight-10oz.)

T-Shirts (size Small to X-Large) (9 oz.) $20.00
T-Shirts (size 2XL or 3 XL) (9 oz.) $25.00

Note Cards of the USS Houston Ship (pack of 10) (5 oz.) $10.00

Ship of Ghosts book (about the USS Houston),
autographed by author James Hornfischer (2.2 lb) $30.00

Shipping Costs:
1 oz. – 6 oz.= $4.00
7 oz. – 12 oz.= $7.50
13 oz. – 5 lb.= $10.50
Note: USPS Ground Service Only

Make checks payable to:
USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association

Mail checks to:
Jane Matthews
836 Kendal Drive
Broadview Heights
Ohio 44147

Questions? Email: Jane@USSHouston.org
Colin Bancroft, son of HMAS Perth survivor Arthur Bancroft, writes that when the Captain of the current HMAS Perth changes, the first call of duty is to introduce the new Captain to the HMAS Perth 1 survivors. This event took place in Western Australia on November 26, 2012. (see photo below)

Trudy Schwarz sent a “picture from the past”! This was taken in 1982 at the HMAS Perth and USS Houston CA-30 Memorial Yacht Regatta in Fremantel, Perth, Australia. Pictured are Perth survivors Arthur Bancroft and “Buzzer” Bee standing at the “Houston/Perth Memorial Wall” at the Nedlands Yacht Club. Houston’s picture is clearly seen near the middle of the photo.
WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?
By Joe and Marlene Morris McCain

The story of life aboard the USS Houston would be incomplete without remembering the ship’s band because they were such an important part of each day’s events. Rightly considered to be the best in the fleet, the Houston band played for noontime concerts and in the evenings before shipboard movies were shown. They often provided an orchestra for special occasions at the Manila Polo Club and the Army/Navy Club. When the war started, these events were discontinued, of course, and the band members were assigned to battle stations as ammunition handlers and also as part of the searchlight crews.

The often-published picture from the Cruiser Houston Collection in the University of Houston Library shows a portion of the Houston’s band practicing on the ship’s quarterdeck but does not include the names of the men. A second picture, apparently taken the same day, has recently surfaced and it is now possible to name at least some of the bandsmen in the two photographs. Also, we can positively date the two photos as having been taken between late March 1941 and mid-September 1941. How this was done is an interesting side note and is based on three crewmembers (Zeramby, Kelley & Morris) that appear in these photos.

Band members Albert “Hap” Kelley and Edgar Morris reported for duty aboard the Houston together on March 29, 1941 while the ship was in the Philippines. The bandmaster who is shown in both images, S.M. “Ski” Zeramby was transferred back to the United States on September 19, 1941. The new bandmaster, George Galyean, came aboard along with five new band members around the first of October 1941.

So, who are those guys in the pictures? In the photo from the Cruiser Houston Collection, “Hap” Kelley is on the left with his trombone and was identified by a member of his family. The tall man beside him is believed to be Savaryn (known as “Steve” to his friends) Dymanowski and next, in the center of the picture, is Walter Schneck with Bandmaster Zeramby in the foreground. In the second photo, Eddie Morris is at the left edge and the man seated next to him with his back to the camera is possibly Vernon Koelling. “Ski” Zeramby is facing the camera and we have a much better image of this well-liked bandleader.

When the Houston was lost, only seven of the eighteen band members aboard managed to reach shore. Of these, just five were able to somehow survive the harsh conditions of Japanese captivity to come home: continued on page 16
George Galyean, "Hap" Kelley, Eddie Morris, John Porter and Walter Schneck. "Hap" Kelley, remembered by many for his brilliant work with the concert parties while at Changi Prison in Singapore, chose to stay in the Navy and eventually retired as a Chief Musician having served as Band Leader for the DESLANT (Destroyer, Atlantic) Band. Eddie Morris was the last living member of the Houston’s band (he passed away in January 1993) and the second picture shown here was among his possessions.

If anyone reading this can identify other band members from these photos or offer corrections to what is stated above, the authors would certainly welcome any correspondence.

National POW Museum

Did you know that there is a National POW Museum? It is located near Americus, GA, on the grounds of the Andersonville National Historic Site where the Civil War POW Camp Sumter was located. The placard located near the entrance to the museum reads: “This building is a memorial to all Americans held as prisoners of war. Through exhibits and video presentations, the museum is a reminder that America’s freedoms can come at great cost. The museum's architecture is not based on a specific place but is meant to evoke prison guard towers and stockades in general. Development of this landmark resulted from a partnership of many different individuals and groups, including the American Ex-Prisoners of War and the Friends of Andersonville.” If you have never visited the museum, it is well worth a trip!
A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Do you recognize anyone in this picture? Their names are listed in the box below.

![Liberated American POWs](image)

**File Number: 701006**

Released September 19, 1945

SIXTEEN LIBERATED POWS ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON

Fifteen survivors of the ill-fated cruiser USS HOUSTON which had been missing since the attack on the Battle of Java Sea February 27, 1942, and one still captured when Corregidor fell, are shown upon their arrival in Washington September 14, 1945, via the Army's Air Transport Command on a flight which began in Karachi, India, soon after their liberation. Left to right (kneeling): George Chapman, Gunner's Mate third class, of Marcellus, Ill.; Bernard Kocher, Seaman First Class, of 814 Baker St., Toledo, O.; Russell Fitzgerald, Fireman Second Class, of Andrews, Tex.; Melvin H. Mahlant, Fire Controlman First Class, of Carlyle, Ill.; William Lagrim, Seaman Second Class of 1215 E. Congress Ave., Springfield, Ill.; and Harold Vinje, Fireman Second Class of Davenport, Ia. Standing, left to right: Walter Schneek, Musician Second Class, of 305 Riverside Drive, Waterloo, Iowa; Alex Woer, Seaman First Class, 2538 Cortez St., Chicago, Ill.; Griff Douglas,_seated,: Pharmacist's Mate Third Class of 1301 N.J. St., Fort Worth, Texas; Chu Lin Tsao, Mess Attendant First Class of Wei Wei, China; Chester An;..; seated,: Seamen First Class of Van Alene, Wis.; Arnold W. Rumbeck, Chief Yeoman, 303 Richings St., Charles City, Iowa; Elmer F. McFadden, Gunner's Mate Second Class, of 701 80 Ave. B., Washington, Iowa; Richard Schulz, Signalman Third Class, 345 No. Crosby Ave., Fremont, Nebraska; John Shamsak, Machinist's Mate Second Class of 833 Boston St., Brockville, Indiana; and Ernest Goddard, Water tender First Class of 48 Lucas St., New Bedford, Mass. The Corridor survivor is Yeoman Numbers.
REGISTRATION FORM
71st Anniversary USS Houston Memorial Service/Reunion
March 14-16, 2013
Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown
Hotel room reservations MUST be made by YOU either by calling 888-421-1442 or 402-592-6464 or online at https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USSHOUCA30
Reservation Line: 888-421-1442 or 402-592-6464

DEADLINE – MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 7, 2013

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LIST THE NAME OF EACH PERSON INCLUDED IN THIS REGISTRATION (Use the back of this form if necessary)

Name(s): __________________________________________________________
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Address: __________________________________________________________
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Phone: ____________________________________________________________
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Email: ____________________________________________________________

Name of crew member you are honoring and relationship (or state you are a friend). Please include branch of service: __________________________________________________________

Anticipated date and time of arrival: _________________________________

Friday Dinner – 6:30 PM (please select your choice of entree)
  Chicken Marsala                  #____ x $33.00 =  $________
  Vegetable Lasagna               #____ x $33.00 =  $________

Saturday Brunch – 10:30 AM      #____ x $22.00 =  $________

Registration                   #____ x $40 per person =  $________

Late Registration              #____ x $15 per person =  $________
(Received after February 7, 2013)

Total Enclosed: $________

Reception at the University of Houston (Friday)     #____
Bus seat need to U of H                        #____
Handicapped Access #____

Please include a check for the total cost made payable to: USS Houston-Next Generations (your check is your receipt). Payment is non-refundable.

Mail registration to: Pam Foster, 370 Lilac Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648
**USS HOUSTON (CA-30) SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION**
**AND THE NEXT GENERATIONS**

**Tentative 2013 Reunion Schedule of Events**
**March 14-16, 2013**

**THURSDAY (March 14) - REUNION BEGINS**
Registration & Hospitality room 6 PM  Arboretum 2-3 (2nd floor)
Scholarship Committee Meeting 4 PM  Arboretum 1 (2nd floor)

**FRIDAY (March 15)**
Hospitality & registration 8 AM – 11:30 PM  Arboretum 2-3 (2nd floor)
** ** Hospitality Room is closed during meals
Annual Member Meeting 10 AM  Arboretum 1 (2nd floor)
Board of Managers Meeting 11 AM  Arboretum 1 (2nd floor)

Thursday Dinner and Friday Lunch on your own – List of eateries is available at concierge desk. Please
double check when the restaurants will be open!

University of Houston Reception 12:30 PM – 3:45 PM
12:30PM-12:45PM - Gather in hotel lobby to check-in prior to boarding bus.
1:00 PM – SHARP - Bus departs for U. of Houston.
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM – U of Houston Staff
3:15 PM – SHARP - Bus departs for the return to the Hyatt Hotel.

Dinner 6:30 PM  Arboretum 4-5 (2nd floor)
• Speaker: Executive Director's Year-end Report and Announcement of Scholarship Winner
• Special presentation: appearance related to a recent PBS documentary entitled
  ‘Everyday is a Holiday’

**SATURDAY (March 16)**
Hospitality** 8 AM – 11:30 AM  Arboretum 2-3 (2nd floor)
** ** Hospitality Room closed during meals & Memorial Service
Brunch 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  Arboretum 4-5 (2nd floor)
Speaker: Houston Maritime Museum
Memorial Service setup Time: TBD Location: TBD
71st Anniversary Memorial Service 2012 Time: TBD Location: TBD

Dinner on your own.
Meet your …

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Welcome Aboard!

We extend a hearty welcome to those who have recently joined the Association.

Carol Kathleen Coughtry
sister of William Wright Stevens, Jr.
Carol Ann Hess
niece of William W. Stevens, Jr.
Jon Henley
grt nephew of William W. Stevens, Jr.
Jennifer Muller
grt niece of William W. Stevens, Jr.
Garrett Muller
grt grt nephew of William W. Stevens, Jr.
Trenton Muller
grt grt nephew of William W. Stevens, Jr.
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grt nephew of William W. Stevens, Jr.
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grt niece of William W. Stevens, Jr.
Jon Henley, Jr.
grt grt nephew of William W. Stevens, Jr.
Ava Henley
grt grt niece of William W. Stevens, Jr.
Debbie Rebernick
daughter of Joseph Schertz

Membership
Our USS Houston “family” continues to grow weekly as more and more folks are wanting to know about the gallant crew of USS Houston CA-30. Members do not have yearly dues. However we do operate based on the generosity of our membership. Annual donations are gratefully accepted. We invite you to join us. Click on http://www.usshouston.org/memberform.pdf, fill it out and send it in.

Association Websites:
USSHouston.org
Our primary website
USSHouston.blogspot.com

Also... check out our Facebook group page at
USS Houston CA30
The Mailbag with the latest news from our Houston family and friends:

For your consideration and to provoke conversation, Fred Seiker writes in regard to whether or not we should forgive the Japanese military for its “unimaginable terror regime”: "It is not my right to forgive in the name of the many who perished. They were my friends then, they are my friends still. They have a voice no more."

Financial Report
by Pam Foster, Treasurer
July 20 – November 17, 2012

Scholarship Fund
Beginning Balance $12,604.59
Receipts 501.27
Expenses 0.00
Ending Balance $13,105.86

General Fund
Beginning Balance $8,078.01
Receipts 1,550.17
Expenses -456.06
Ending Balance $9,172.12

Thank you
...on behalf of the Association to those who have made donations, as follows: Trudy Schwarz, William Lynch, John and Sue Kreutzer, Billie Marie Johnson, Carol Ann Hess, and Kathleen Coughtry

Giving Gifts
As the end of the year draws nigh and holiday celebrations abound, many people think of giving special gifts. Would you consider a gift to the USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association and Next Generations in your year-end planning? You may donate to either the Scholarship Fund or General Fund. See “Now Hear This” on page 1 for more information. Or, go to the website at http://www.usshouston.org/news.html then scroll down and click on the DONATE button. Also, your employer may match your gift so be sure to inquire about it. THANKS!

Happy Holidays to you all!

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