

THE FLYING DUTCHMAN

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF USS HOLLAND AS-32



Special Points of Interest

- Your President has some important information for you in his President's Message. Be sure ML&RS has your current e-mail address.
- Welcome Mat has forty-one new names for the mailing list. Welcome aboard! See page two for the names.
- Dick Gill has some information and pictures about the Battenburg Cup presentation. See Mail Call on page three and the pictures on page five.
- A preview of Cincinnati, OH, is on pages three and four. Be sure to fill out the survey and return it to ML&RS promptly.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ahoy there shipmates,
Welcome aboard for those who have joined us for the first time in reading this quarterly newsletter. My fellow Officers and myself would like to extend our most sincere welcome to you all. My staff and I are still working on the U.S.S. Holland by-laws as of this moment. We have been having a teleconference meeting every month to iron out the details. We will be having a officer's call meeting at the Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, just south of the river from Cincinnati, Ohio in the month of July 2005. As for the Official web site for our association, our webmasters have been turning two (getting busy) and we should have it up and sailing very soon. Go to

www.ussholland.org and see it still in dry dock.(under construction).

I have asked MLRS that the **next Flying Dutchman that will be coming out in September 2005 will be e-mailed.** This will save the Association lots of money when it comes to postage. What you need is the latest **Adobe Reader Version 6 or higher** installed in your computer. Go to www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.htm and upgrade this. It is free of charge. This is the only way that we will be e-mailing the newsletter. And also, **please include Karen Hoyle in your receiving end of your people e-mailing list, so it will not go to your spam bucket.** This is very important for us and you, if you want to still

receive the Flying Dutchman Newsletter. Please give Dina or anybody there at MLRS a call or e-mail them your correct e-mail address. If you do not have one, make sure that they have your correct mailing addresses. We have been getting some returned mail, and would like to decrease that situation. For those who have not joined our Association, we would like to encourage you to do so. The U.S.S. Holland AS-32 Association members will be publishing the Newsletter on our own and only the association members will be getting the quarterly newsletter. If you have any questions feel free to write to me at : Joe A. Garcia, 1313 East

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Until the next time, God Speed.

Fair Winds & Smooth Sailing

Joe A. Garcia, President
U.S.S. Holland AS-32 Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

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\$1072.24

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Submitted by:
Gary Stowe, USS Holland AS-32
Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

The cost of this issue is **\$377.00**.

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STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

This is the official publication of the USS Holland AS-32. From now on it will be published quarterly in March, June, September and December, *subject to receiving sufficient funding*. The Newsletter is funded by voluntary contributions from the membership. All members are encouraged to support the voice of the Holland. A financial statement will appear in each of the following issues. **Send contributions Gary Stowe, 909 W New St., Palmyra, MO 63461.**

The newsletter is intended to be a vehicle for the members to express opinions, make suggestions and especially share experiences.

Unless otherwise stated, the views and opinions printed in the newsletter are those of the article's writer, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the Association leadership or the Editor of the Newsletter.

All letters and stories submitted will be considered for publication, except unsigned letters will not be published. Letters requesting the writer's name be withheld will be honored, but published on a space available basis. Signed letters with no restrictions will be given priority.

Letters demeaning to another shipmate will not be printed; letters espousing a political position will not be printed.

ML&RS, Inc is not responsible for the accuracy of articles submitted for publication. It would be impossible to check each story. Therefore, we rely on the submitter to research each article.

The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conform to space limitations and grammar.

You are encouraged to actively participate in the newsletter family, by submitting your stories and suggestions.



WELCOME MAT

The following shipmates have been located since the last newsletter. Welcome aboard. We hope to see you at the next reunion. You are invited to become an active member of the USS Holland reunion group. Because of the large number of names, we will not be able to include addresses, but **if you see someone you know and would like his/her address, contact ML&RS, Inc.** and we will provide it to you.

W.H. Rawlins
Charles Lakovitch
Hubert Darnell (1963-64) FN/E-3 SFM
Dennis Doaty
Martin Osier (Comm-'65) ET2 W4 Div
James Vance
David Brandon (Comm-'65)
James Laroway SK3 (E-4)
Jerry Elm
M Pelletier
Terrence Flesh
Larry Majeres (1963-66) FTB3
David Seals
Joseph Coonce
Tom Brong
William Pless FTG3 Fire Control
Lloyd Granaas MM2
Richard Brege (1963-65) BM3
Edward Stepulitis
Frank Ferry
Gerald Kraskey
Jerry Lunsford (Comm-'64) ETR3 Weapons
Harold Comis
Arthur Lavoie
Theodore Shaffer
Donald Shelby
Willard Oja
Dennis Kuberry
David Dunajecz BM3
Harold Thomas ('63-64) Shipfitter 3 Pipe Shop
Michael Cherock (1963-66) RM2 O Div
John Pedgio (1970-71) TMC W-1
Armand Renauld (1962-72) Lcdr R-2
Gordon DuPuis (1964-67) BMC, EOD, 3rd
Louis Madrid (1979-81) PNCM Admin
Gene Dickerson (1976-78) EM1 E Div
Jeff Lewis (1985-92) EM1 M Div

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James Rutter (1966-67) BMC 3rd Div
 Gerald Cook (1963-64) MM1 Master
 of Arms
 Walt Magnus (1967-69) CDR Dental
 Steven Spickelmier TM2 Weapons



TAPS

The Holland Flying Dutchman has learned of the following deaths since the last newsletter. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families and friends of the deceased.

William Cheever
 Died 2004

Jose David ENC(SS)
 Died June 2003

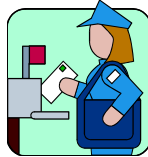
Stephen Minardi SHSN
 Died September 20, 1976

Tim Hipple (1976-77)
 Died 1977

Jovan Alba (1975-77)
 Died December 10, 1982

William Jones MM1
 Died May 4, 2000

Anyone who knows or learns of a shipmate's death, you are requested to notify the newsletter so that person can be listed in TAPS and also on the Honor Roll at the next reunion.



MAIL CALL

Jose,

First of all, congratulations on being selected as President of the Holland Association. I am sure you'll do a great job as you have as the coordinator.

Second, attached are some photos taken in 1978 of the presentation of the Battenburg Cup to Holland in Holy Loch, Scotland, when Holland was selected as the "best" of all the US Atlantic Fleet ships. **(See page five.)**

Lord Mountbatten physically presented the Battenburg Cup to Holland in the Holy Loch. Admiral Kidd, who was the Commander, USS Atlantic Fleet, was there also, and he was the one who had approved the award on behalf of the Navy after Holland's being selected. Admiral Kidd's signature is on the actual award.

Of note: Lord Mountbatten was assassinated by Thomas McMahan of the provisional IRA on August 27, 1979.

Captain Larry S. Wigley was the Commanding Officer of Holland at the time and Commander Gene Lindsey was the Executive Officer. Commander Lindsey was the one who gave Holland the title of the World's Greatest Tender (WGT).

God's speed,
 Dick Gill

Revolutionary War admirers of the Roman general Cincinnatus, who saved Rome in 458 BC and then returned to his small farm and refused to accept any reward or glory. Cincinnati quickly became an important supply point for pioneers heading west on flatboats and rafts, and its population skyrocketed with the establishment of a major steamboat riverport in 1811. Tens of thousands of German immigrants poured in during the 1830's. Today Cincinnati boasts Fountain Square, the prodigious Music and Exhibition Hall, a zoo, art museum, public library and the country's first professional baseball team. It is located within 500 miles of over 60% of the population of the United States, making it an easily accessible city. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how much you'll love this city.

ATTRACTIONS

CINCINNATI REDS HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM: "A Palace for the Fans!" This museum offers fans of the Reds, and of baseball, the first comprehensive look into the sport's heralded past. Nowhere else are fans able to see as complete a collection of artifacts from the first professional baseball team and its rich history in the major leagues. The facility features more than 16,000 square feet of exhibit space on two floors.

CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL: Built in 1933 to serve as a center for area rail travel, Union Terminal stands proudly as one of the most impressive examples of Art Deco architecture in the country. Restored to its original grandeur in 1990, the building is now home to Cincinnati Museum Center's three museums (Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and Science, the Cincinnati Historical Society Library and Museum and the Cinergy Children's Museum) and the OMNIMAX Theater.

CINCINNATI ZOO: This is the number one family attraction in

USS HOLLAND REUNION

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CINCINNATI, OH

PREVIEW OF CINCINNATI, OH

Cincinnati, OH, is a dynamic commercial metropolis with a definite European flavor and a sense of the South. The city was founded in 1788 at the point where a Native American trading route crossed the Ohio River. Its name comes from a group of

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town. The zoo was rated one of the top five zoos in the nation by Zagat Survey. It has also been recognized by *Child Magazine* as one of "The Ten Best Zoo for Kids." With over 500 animals and 3,000 plant species, it's easy to see why it has been recognized as one of the best.

RIVER DOWNS RACETRACK:

River Downs is a thoroughbred horse racing facility with two tracks. It has a warm and friendly atmosphere that complements its state-of-the-art wagering facility. River Downs hosts many of the state's biggest and most prestigious stakes events.

CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER:

The New York Times said of the building, "...the most important American building to be completed since the end of the cold war." In May 2003, the CAC moved into the new facility, but continues the tradition being dedicated to exhibiting contemporary art. The Center remains committed to programming that reflects "the art of the last five minutes," and to showcase art and artists that are relevant to diverse audiences. It has featured the work of now-famous artists early in their careers including Andy Warhol, Picasso and I.M. Pei. The Center is a non-collecting institution that focuses on new developments in painting, sculpture, photography, architecture, performance art and new media.

NEWPORT ON THE LEVEE:

Located on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River facing Cincinnati, Newport on the Levee is the centerpiece in the revitalization of the Southern region. This entertainment complex features the Newport Aquarium, restaurants, other entertainment sites, as well as a wide array of shopping options for everyone. You could spend a whole day here exploring all the entertainment choices.

RIVERBOAT CRUISE: Learn more about the history of the Ohio River, take in a magnificent meal, or dance under the stars while you are taken on an unbelievable journey along the river. See the city from a different perspective as you wander leisurely on either a lunch, dinner or mini cruise.

NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER:

This is the nation's newest monument to freedom which brings to life the importance and relevance of the struggles for freedom around the world and throughout history, including today. Its three buildings symbolize the cornerstones of freedom—courage, cooperation, and perseverance. In the 1800's, Cincinnati served as a major hub of activity on the Underground Railroad and its banks offered refuge to thousands seeking hope and a new way of life. Today, as the home of the Freedom Center, it acts as a beacon of light once more.

THE WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE:

Take a tour of the restored birthplace of the only man to serve as President and Chief Justice of the United States. The house Taft was born in has been restored to its original appearance, with four period rooms and exhibits highlighting Taft's life and career.

CITY TOUR OF CINCINNATI:

Take a riding tour of Cincinnati with a well informed guide to point out significant sites and give you a taste of the history of the city along the way. This is a good way to get to know the city from the comfort and ease of a modern motor coach.

Now, decide which of this activities you would like to participate in while visiting Cincinnati. Fill out the survey and return it to ML&RS, Inc. as soon as possible. We will use your surveys to help plan your reunion agenda.

USS HOLLAND 2006 REUNION SURVEY

In order to provide the kind of reunion you want, not what we "think" you'd like, please take a few minutes to look over, complete and return this survey to ML&RS, Inc. right away. The reunion agenda will be created from the responses and the chairman's input. Let your voice be heard. Mail surveys to:

Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.
P O Drawer 11399
Hickory, NC 28603-6402

Fax: 828-256-6559

Reunion format:

Do you want a welcome reception the first evening? yes no

Do you prefer breakfast all three mornings as a group?
 or just a farewell breakfast on Sunday?

Do you want entertainment after the Saturday night banquet ? yes no?

Activities: *Please indicate which activities you would like to see on your reunion agenda.*

- Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum
- Cincinnati Union Terminal
- Cincinnati Zoo
- River Downs Racetrack
- Contemporary Arts Center
- Newport on the Levee
- Riverboat Cruise
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- William Howard Taft National Historic Site
- City Tour of Cincinnati

REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL BE MAILED OUT APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REUNION.

PRESENTATION OF THE BATTENBURG CUP TO HOLLAND IN HOLY LOCH, SCTOLAND, 1978

