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REUNION 1989 WERE YOU THERE?



PHOTO KEY:

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A	Master of Ceremonies, NCCS Tom Roff and Grand Prize Winner Pat Kazik	E	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Perkowitz "Cutting a Rug"
B	Past President Tom Joyce	F	Newly Elected Board Members Taking Oath of Office
C	Table of "Happy Campers"	G	Pat Gallagher and Pat Kazik
D	CNET Command Master Chief—Tommie Lee Connell	H	RTC Bluejacket Choir
		I	Neil Sherman and His Harmonica

REUNION 1990 — TICKET ORDER FORM INSIDE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by T. J. Ballowe

13 JULY 1990

The 1990 Reunion date has been set for Friday evening 21 September 1990 at the Chevy Chase Club House. This is the first time in several years we have scheduled an event at other than a military club. As mentioned in the last Bullhorn, this was necessary to allow us the freedom to conduct fund raising activities. A Friday was chosen in order to hold down the cost of the evening. A Saturday would have required a substantial additional charge for bar service. There is limited capacity in the room we were able to reserve. It has a maximum seating of 120. Tickets will be sold on a first come-first served basis. If enough tickets are sold early, and if the large room is still available, we may be able to guarantee a minimum of 150 for a much larger area and not have to be concerned about a maximum capacity limit. The ticket price includes a full course menu and the same musical entertainment we had last year. Please mail in your order not later than 15 August 1990 using the order form in the Bullhorn. Let's make this reunion one to set an attendance record. Bring your friends, neighbors, and we'll even allow you to bring your families too!

In order to preserve the evening for our social enjoyment, this year the election of new directors and other administrative business will take place at a separate annual business meeting of the membership which will be held immediately Prior to the reunion. Only the installation of new directors will take place during the evening's program. If you cannot attend early enough for this business meeting, please mail in your proxy ballot so we can count your vote for the new directors. You may also designate any of the current directors to cast a vote for you by in-

dicating their name on the mail in ballot in the appropriate location. The deadline for receipt of proxy ballots is 1 September 1990. Let's hear from you. This is your chance to elect your personal choice to the board of directors.

The Condon's have volunteered to be co-chairpersons of the program committee. This committee is intended to regenerate an interest in a variety of member activities such as social, educational and other issues that affect you and the Bluejackets. Pat Gallagher is a member of this committee and they would like to hear from you. Their initial area of concentration is on the social aspects, with particular interest in identifying shipmates who are members of various tennis, golf, or sailing organizations who could sponsor small groups of Bluejackets for a variety of activities. Tell them what you think. Tell them what you want. But tell them something! To make it easy we have devised a handy activities ballot/reply form that you can use and mail in. Add your interests to it, and get it to us now.

Our Letters To The Editor bin has not seen a lot of activity. We really need to hear from you about any issue. Send us your comments, ideas, or articles for publication. Take a hint from some of the articles in this edition of the Bullhorn. It can be as short as a one liner, or you can risk letting us do some rewriting for you. Send it in. Make your statement to the rest us us! If you know of an aspiring editor, send their name to Edwina Mroz or call at (708) 824-5809 and leave a message on the recorder. We are also in need of advertisers to hold down our publication costs. If you know of any prospects send in their names to Joe Condon or call Joe at (708) 317-1117.

Lastly, I WILL see you all at the Reunion.

UNIFORM

The white blazer patch worn on a dark blue jacket is the designated "Uniform" of the Bluejackets Association. Show your affiliation at all functions by wearing your patch. If the grid co-ordinates of your old patch are not known to you at this time, (it's lost), you can obtain a replacement (for a nominal cost) from Pat Gallagher. Pat has two styles of patches. Call for details (708) 336-9445.

U.S.S. CHICAGO

Rewritten from a narrative by Don Ryan

The U.S.S. Chicago was commissioned in 1933 as a heavy cruiser, with 8 inch guns and it was homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. I was on board on 6 Dec. 1941 when we departed Pearl Harbor around noon to escort two aircraft carriers, the U.S.S. Lexington, and the U.S.S. Yorktown. It was very fortunate that we left that day, or we would surely have lost those two carriers along with all of our battleships.

Our first encounter with the Japanese was on 7 May 1942 during the battle of the Coral Sea. Our ship wasn't damaged, but we lost two men who were killed by machine gun fire during a torpedo attack. Our next encounter was during the 7 Aug. 1942 landing on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. For two days all seemed to go well, but in the early morning hours on the 9th, the Japanese attacked swift and hard. They sank the cruisers U.S.S. Vincennes, Astoria, and Quincy, and the Australian heavy cruiser Canberra. We had about 80

feet of our bow blown off. Of the five cruisers in the battle, four were sunk and one was heavily damaged. All of that in just 30 minutes of fighting! It was a total disaster for the U.S. and for Australia. A false bow was installed in Sidney, Australia. An overhaul and extensive repairs were made in Mare Island, California in Dec. 1942. Here we had newer 20 mm and 40 mm guns added. On approximately 2 or 3 Jan. 1943 we departed Mare Island.

The Japanese were again encountered at Rennell Island near Guadalcanal on 29 Jan. 1943. It was evening when 12 torpedo planes attacked us from the starboard side. 10 of them, were shot down while attacking from our starboard side or while circling around our port side. The ship was hit by three torpedoes. We worked our tails off to correct a severe list to starboard. We used pumps and bucket brigades of everything imaginable. Unfortunately we lost 62 of the 1200 men on board. The U.S.S.

Louisville towed us all night then transferred tow lines to the Navajo, a Navy Tug. The next day another wave of "Bettys" (torpedo planes) attacked us at dusk. The tug was forced to cut lines. We shot down a few more planes, but we also took three more torpedo hits; and down to Davy Jones' went the ship.

The city of Chicago raised \$51 million dollars to put a new U.S.S. Chicago (CA-136) in service. Many of my former shipmates were in the commissioning crew of the new U.S.S. Chicago. This ship also had a part in World War II history as well. On 31 Mar. 46 as part of the post war scraping of Japanese war ships, she sunk the Japanese submarine I-58 during target practice off of Sasebo, Japan. This was the submarine that sank the U.S.S. Indianapolis, the ship that carried the 2 atom bombs from the United States to the Pacific Theater.

ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF THE BLUEJACKETS ASSN. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TUESDAY 29 MAY 1990

Chairman Quentin Krantz called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. at the Glenview NAS Officer's Club with 10 board members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Edwina Mroz said membership mailings are up-to-date. The minutes of the meeting of 21 September 1989 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: John Housiaux was absent. Terry Ballowe distributed his report, which was approved as printed.

President's Report: Terry Ballowe has talked to Wally Smith, National Director for Public Affairs, in Washington, D.C. He would like to start a D.C. BJA chapter. Wally and former board member Dick Szatkiewicz have attended Navy and Marine Corps Advisory Council meetings.

Awards: Quentin Krantz heads the Awards Committee. Terry is attempting to cut costs of presenting Gregg Awards.

Bullhorn: Terry said next issue will be eight pages long. It will include a flyer insert with information about the Annual Reunion. A tear-off sheet will be provided. Next issue will be mailed to membership about mid-July. First class was used last issue due to many types of membership letters included with the newsletter. Next issue will use our permit.

Annual Reunion: Date is set for 21 September. Mr. Rogers from the VA will speak. Location will be at a restaurant with perhaps a buffet or family-style dinner. Price will be about \$20.00/person.

Deadline Dates: 15 June: "Bullhorn" articles from officers. 15 July: "Bullhorn" mailed to membership. 15 August: Deadline for "Annual Reunion" responses.

Membership: At present BJA has 749 active members; however, membership is declining. Recruitment is a priority. Al suggested contacting life members for donations for treasury.

New Business:
Goals and Objectives: More Organization involvement a priority. Co-participation with other organizations, such as Navy League, a possibility. Officers must meet not less than three times per year.

Nominations: Board remains intact. Each officer's function will be discussed at next board meeting, to be held at Al Lipscher's.

Budget: Operating budget must be established after Annual Reunion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwina C. Mroz

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW NAUTICAL HISTORY?

1. What was the homeport of the U.S.S. Wolverine and the U.S.S. Sable?
2. In what year did the first class graduate from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy?
3. Where and when was the Navy's first carrier qualifications train-unit (CQTU) commissioned?
4. What does TAMORI represent?
5. During WWII what branch of the government operated the largest number of ships?
6. What is the average depth of Lake Erie?

ANSWERS:

1. Chicago
2. 1943
3. NAS Glenview, IL
4. The 6 branches of the CT Rate CQT, CTA, CTM, CTO, CTR, and CTR
5. U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps
6. Only 12 feet!

REUNION WATCH

TIN CAN SAILORS. Reunion 13-20 Aug. 1990, Baltimore, MD. Contact: Ed Ward, Executive Secy., Tin Can Sailors, Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA 02721.

U.S.S. KITKUN BAY (CVE-71) VC-5, VC-63, VC-91 Reunion 13-16 Sept. 1990, Minneapolis, MN. Contact H.A. "Swede" Londeen, 6112 Crescent Dr., Edina (MPLS), MN 55436 (612) 929-1918.

U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS (CA-36) Reunion: 3-6 Oct. 1990, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Glenn Stephens, 2455 Cheviot Dr., Ft. Collins, CO 80526

115th NAVAL CONST. BAT. WW II (21st Annual) Reunion 5-8 Sept. 1990, Waterfront Plaza Hotel, 2930 Waterfront Parkway W., Indianapolis, IN. 46214 (317) 299-8400. Contact: Edward C. Plummer, 5023 E. Naomi St., Indianapolis, IN 46203 (317) 359-6990

105th NAVAL CONST. BAT. WW II, Reunion 7-9 Sept. 1990. Greenbay, WI. Contact: Wayne Linton, W 818 Chrissie Circle, Shawano, WI 54166 (715) 745-2389.

U.S.S. SAINT PAUL (CA-73) (5th Biennial) Reunion 16-19 Oct. 1990. Sheraton Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, TX. Contact: Jim Gives, 3805 Francistown Rd., Richmond, VA 23294 (804) 270-3294.

U.S.S. THOMAS J. GARY (DE/DER-326) Reunion Aug. 1990, Lewisburg, W. VA. Contact Ron Day, Rt. 1, Box 82, Heuvelton, NY 13654 (315) 344-8823

U.S.S. CARD (CVE-11) Reunion 27-29 Sept. 1990, San Antonio, TX. Contact: Joe Macchia 8290 Melrose Rd., Melrose, FL (904) 475-1279.

U.S.S. LEXINGTON (CV-16) (13th Annual) Reunion 9-14 Oct 1990, Tucson, AZ. Contact: Al Rogers, 568 Kingswood, Eugene, OR 97405 (503) 485-4100.

U.S.S. BIDDLE (APA-8) Reunion 24-26 Sept 1990, Adams Mark Hotel, Kansas City, MO. Contact: Don Skouse, P. O. Box 1638, Independence, MO 64055 (816) 478-3403.

NAVAL CRYPTOLOGIC VETERANS ASSOC. Reunion 28-30 Sept 1990, Holiday Inn, Emerald Beach Hotel, Corpus Christi, TX. Contact: NCVA, 593 Clarmar Dr., NE, Salem, OR 97301.

U.S.S. FANSHAW BAY (CVE-70) 7th Reunion in New Orleans, LA. Dates in 1991 to be announced. Contact: Duane Iossi, 310 Edwards St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524 (303) 482-6237.

HAL-3 SPAWOLF ASSOCIATION - 3rd Reunion San Diego, CA, 14, 15 & 16 June 1991 Contact: Dan Smiley, 77 Hudson Ave., West Berlin, NJ 08091 (609) 768-1464.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following is an open letter to all Bluejackets Association members from our first president. (edited to fit available space.)

Many of you may not know me since I have been retired from the Naval Reserve since June 1983. At the time of my retirement I was the Command Master Chief of Cargo Handling Battalion 7 at Great Lakes, Illinois. On 1 April 1986, I also retired from the Chicago Police Department. After almost 2 years (and additional pounds) I decided to get some exercise and have been working as a process server for the Cook County Sheriff Department. All of my children are grown, with the youngest being 21-years-old. We have 2 grandchildren ages 5 and 3 in the area and we enjoy watching them grow.

I no longer hold an official office in the Bluejackets Association, but I am still active, and participate at board meetings as the Master-at-Arms. It is time for all of us to put our motto "Shipmates Stick Together" into action. We need each of your ideas on continuing to improve our organization. Especially in need are thoughts on membership and finances. Don't panic! We aren't broke, but we do need to establish a more

consistent source of funds to cover our expenses. Also very much in need are your thoughts on activities and programs. It may be time to have volunteers step forward to arrange and run a Saturday beer mess after the drills on both weekends. There are always times when everyone wants to simply kick back, relax and enjoy the company of your shipmates. Write to us regarding this.

A number of years ago my wife suggested I take our son to a golf outing. Boy did she ever make a mistake! I got bit, but good, and have been a regular golf-a-holic since. I play 2 to 3 times a week, and in April of this year I made a hole-in-one. Two weeks later I came within 8-10 inches of making another one! I may get lucky later this year and get another. Golf, even 9 holes after drill can provide a great way to unwind with your shipmates. We could use the Great Lakes course or another course nearby. We can play for prizes or for the fun of it. It can also be scheduled for a non-drill weekend if you want. Send me your thoughts on this idea.

Shipmates, the bottom line is that we need you to become involved. Let's hear from you about any of these ideas or about any others you have.

—Don Burch

NEWS OF SHIPMATES

On 16 April 1990, Past President Don Burch made a Hole-In-One at the Longwood Country Club, Steger, IL. He used a 7 wood to sink this ace on a 155 yard par 3 hole.

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On 17 April 1990, Program Co-chairman Joe Condon appoints Don Burch as the Official Golf Chairman.

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On 18 April Don began his vigil, anxiously awaiting your calls to set up a few foursomes. Why, he'll even take you if you don't play well at all! (312) 582-9776.

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Senior Chief and Mrs. Chief Roff have moved to DeKalb, IL. Senior Chief is attending Northern Illinois University and Chief runs a coffee shop.

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CW04 Mel Surdel has moved to Kenosha, WI and opened a sailing shop just north of the state line on Sheridan Road.

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Pat Dunham is on active duty in the Persian Gulf.

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Joe Condon and Pat Gallagher are actively participating in the Fort Sheridan Commission.

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John Bailey, a recent Joseph W. Gregg award winner, is currently a senior at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY. He is maintaining a 3.8 academic average on a 4.0 scale!

FORT SHERIDAN COMMISSION

STATE OF ILLINOIS

On December 28, 1988, pursuant to P.L. 100-526, Fiscal Year 1989, Defense Authorization Amendments, Base Closure and Realignment Act, the Secretary of Defense's Commission on Base Realignment and Closure recommended the closure of Fort Sheridan Army installation. The closure of Fort Sheridan must be initiated no later than September 30, 1991. All activities associated with Fort Sheridan's closure must be completed by September 30, 1995.

In its report to the Secretary of Defense, the Commission recommended Fort Sheridan for closure because the Commission believed that its location in a heavily urbanized, high-cost area provided little potential for future military growth. The Commission estimated that the closure would yield \$40.8 million in annual savings, and have minimal environmental and economic impacts.

Aside from other social and economic problems that may accompany the closure of the base, there is an immediate need to consider the reuse of base property during and after the removal of Army personnel and equipment from the base. Under the base closing law, the Secretary of Defense is delegated all authority to dispose of excess and surplus property that becomes available as a result of base closings. Available land will be screened first by other departments within the Defense Department and then by all federal agencies to determine whether there is any federal interest in the land.

If no federal justifiable need and plan is presented to the Secretary, he can declare the land surplus to the federal government and offer it to local, state or qualified non-profit organizations for acquisition. The property can be disposed of by public benefit conveyance, negotiated sale, or competitive bid. If no local consensus plan is put forth, the Secretary has the authority to offer the land to private parties by public sale.

The Fort Sheridan Commission has been formed to determine potential reuse of the base and to coordinate community efforts which are aimed at mitigating the effects of a base closure.

The organization of the Fort Sheridan Commission is designed to ensure an open and highly participatory process and to serve as a single point of contact regarding base closure issues. Its organization allows it to serve as a clearinghouse of information and a forum for debate to ensure that all community interests are fairly and openly considered.

The Fort Sheridan Commission has an Executive Committee comprised of key decision-makers who will ultimately affect the realignment process. Because the base is surrounded by ~~Highland Park, Highwood and Lake Forest, and falls under the jurisdiction of Lake County and the State of Illinois, there is representative memberships from these bodies.~~ There is also representation from the Governor of ~~Illinois Office~~ and the Fort Sheridan Post Commander.

In addition to these public officials, a series of advisory panels have been set up as an integral part of the Commission's work. The goal of these advisory panels is concentrating on specific areas of concern surrounding the closure and recommend to the executive committee their findings and proposals. The advisory panels are responsible for formulating policy decisions to be approved by the executive committee.

Public participation is necessary to represent the citizen and community interests of the local municipalities, offer financial or development incentives, and provide planning and engineering technical assistance. The assistance can be provided by local government staff which can serve as members of the advisory panels and advisors to the elected officials.

The advisory panels enables all local citizens and interest groups the opportunity to participate in the Commission's work. The panels focus on issues which include historic preservation, education, recreation and open space, transportation, utilities, infrastructure, veterans services, planning and land use, and business and commercial opportunities.

The Fort Sheridan Commission is constituted as a not-for-profit organization. It is organized for this project and intended for these purposes

only. One of the benefits to this arrangement is that the resources and capabilities of each sector, while generally separate, are combined under the Fort Sheridan Commission to reach a consensus plan.

The coordinator, is a professional manager and planner and is the Fort Sheridan Commission's chief administrative officer. He is responsible for the daily management of the Commission, including staffing, budget and other clerical requirements.

The coordinator is the official point of contact for federal, state and local action relative to the Army closure of Fort Sheridan, and collects, analyzes, reviews and disseminates information related to community impact from the base closure.

The time frame of the work of the Commission cannot be predicted. The Army Corps of Engineers has already begun the process of obtaining an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the closure of the Fort. The EIS will act as one guide to be used by the Department of Defense in disposing of the land in a way best suited to mitigate negative and environmental impacts and enhance positive ones.

The Commission has engaged a consultant to conduct a study designed to identify impacts of the closure and work with the communities and the Commission in fitting a reuse plan into those finds. Because the Fort Sheridan Commission is a representative group, final decisions must be made by the legal entities — the cities, county and state. It is hoped, however, that since the Executive Committee includes the mayors of Highland Park, Highwood and Lake Forest, the Chairman and local members of the Lake County Board, State Representatives and Senators serving the Fort Sheridan area, and the Governor's Office, recommendations and proposals approved by the Commission will be able to be implemented by the local public policy-making bodies.

Resources for the Commission are available from three primary sources: the Department of Defense, the Governor of Illinois, Lake County and municipal bodies.

MAIL-IN ACTIVITIES BALLOT — PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(or call Joe Condon at (708) 317-1117 or Pat Gallagher at (708) 336-9445)

Vote for those activities in which you would participate. Don't plan on coming alone! Bring a spouse or a friend or two. Get involved with your fellow shipmates. DO IT NOW!

SOCIAL:

<input type="checkbox"/> Dinners	<input type="checkbox"/> Beer Mess	<input type="checkbox"/> Concerts	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Concerts
<input type="checkbox"/> Luncheons	<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner-Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnics	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Races	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Restaurants
<input type="checkbox"/> Sky Diving	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Square Dances	<input type="checkbox"/> Submarine Races
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Races	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

EDUCATIONAL:

<input type="checkbox"/> Speakers (specify Topics)	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		

TRAVEL:

<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing
<input type="checkbox"/> Local One-day Outings	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

Boat Cruises:

<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Geneva	<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicago River
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox River	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Calumet
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Sea	<input type="checkbox"/> Persian Gulf
<input type="checkbox"/> Ross Ice Shelf	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

OTHER:

<input type="checkbox"/> Sea Power Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Community Issues
<input type="checkbox"/> National Political Issues	
<input type="checkbox"/> National Veteran's Issues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	

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DEADLINE: 10 SEP. 1990

MAIL-IN PROXY BALLOT — NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Cast my vote for the below listed four (4) new directors with terms expiring in 1993.

I do not plan on attending the annual meeting, but I designate the following member to vote for me.

<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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