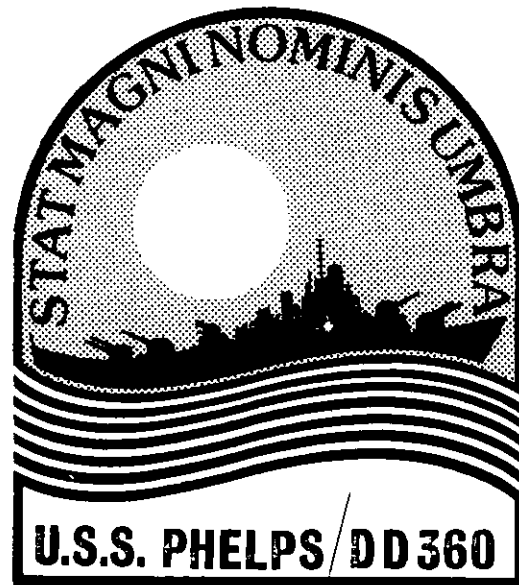


"HOME AGAIN"
BANQUET

Charleston, South Carolina

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1986



*"There remains the shadow
of a great name..."*

9th Reunion
U.S.S. Phelps Shipmates

OCTOBER 2-5, 1986

*This Reunion and program
are dedicated . . .*

To the past Captains of the Phelps

A.H. Rooks — 1936–1938
H. Bieseneier — 1938–1940
A.M. Bledsoe — June, 1940–August, 1941
W. Nyquist — August, 1941–December, 1941
E.L. Beck — December, 1941–November, 1942
B.E.S. Trippensee — November, 1942–March, 1943
J.E. Edwards — March, 1943–December, 1943
D.L. Martineau — December, 1943–August, 1944
R.B. Erly — August, 1944–November, 1945

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A warm greeting . . .



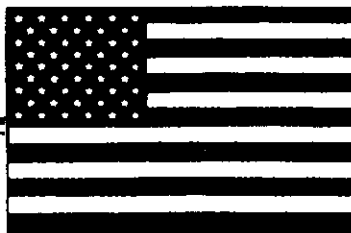
Forty-two years ago, on August 2, 1944, the destroyer PHELPS sailed quietly into the Charleston harbor with a crew that was bone-weary after almost three years of war-time Pacific duty. Many of you here today were a part of that crew. In the 3 months that followed, there was an emotional sense of being 'home', with an opportunity to visit families and friends, and to enjoy the gracious hospitality of this historic Southern city.

Now, in this year of 1986, we are happy to return 'home again', and to once more share the memories of those days with those who joined the ship here, and at other ports, and all those who were aboard PHELPS much earlier. We are mindful of those who could not come for this reunion, and of the families of those who have departed from our midst.

It is good to be together again, and to derive pleasure from the brotherhood created while aboard the U.S.S. PHELPS. It is something that can never be taken away from us, and, most surely, not given to any others. Let us cherish it always, and know it is ours alone.

To those wives, families, and friends who have joined us, may I give a heartfelt "Welcome", as I do to all of you who were my shipmates. Let us meet again, and again, with the thought that it is a very special blessing that has been given us, as U.S.S. PHELPS Shipmates . . .

*Harold Placette
President & Founder*



Reunion Activity Schedule

THURSDAY—OCTOBER 2

- 9:00 a.m. • Arrivals and registration
- All Day • Refreshments in Hospitality Room
- 9:30 a.m. • Shuttle bus from hotel to Patriots Point Navy Museum
- All Day • Memorabilia on display
- 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. • “Home Again” Poolside Party—Hosted by Pat Christen, Gordon Bestul, Phil Newsome, Gil Allan, John Lawhon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:00 a.m. • Earlybird coffee in Hospitality Room
- 9:00 a.m. • Continue with registration
- 1:30 p.m. • Reunion movies by Joe White in Hospitality Room
- 4:00 p.m. • Director’s meeting
- 6:30 p.m. • Informal buffet
- 8:30 p.m. • Ship’s Dance—Bill Duanes Band

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8:00 a.m. • Hospitality Room opened
- 9:30 a.m. • Ladies & guest bus tour of city
- 10:30 a.m. • Shipmates business meeting
- 6:00 p.m. • Group picture of shipmates
- 7:30 p.m. • Shipmates “Home Again” Banquet

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 5

- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. • Uniform Breakfast—Farewells

“See you in 1988!”

"Home Again Banquet"
Program

Master of Ceremonies

Gil Allan—Y 1/C

Posting of Colors

Color Guard from Charleston Navy Base

Pledge of Allegiance

All Hands

Sounding of Ship's Bell

Cullen French—CBM

Taps for Departed Shipmates

Recording by Joe White—RM 1/C

Reading of Deceased Shipmates Since Last Reunion

Gil Allan—Y 1/C

Welcome Address

Pat Christen—CMM

Invocation

Max Rosenfeld—RDM 3/C

Banquet Dinner

Introductions

Gil Allan—Master of Ceremonies

Keynote Address—"PHELPS' Atlantic Experience"

Max Rosenfeld—RDM 3/C

Remarks and Closing

Harold Placette—RDM 1/C

President & Founder

Raffle Awards and Auction

Mack Miller, GM 1/C

Closing

Singing of "America the Beautiful"

All Hands

I hear Americans singing . . .

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see
By the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd
At the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Thru the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there,
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free,
And the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key

America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Katherine Lee Bates



Comments by Rear Admiral Daniel Carlson Former Executive Officer of PHELPS

*D*uring the month of May, 1939, while on duty as War Plans Officer, 13th Naval District, Hdqtrs. Seattle, Washington. I received orders to the USS Phelps DD360 as Gunnery Officer. Surprised, yes! I fully expected to be ordered to submarine duty as I had qualified for sub duty and was recommended to command a sub while at Pearl Harbor before going to my first shore duty. However, the lack of billets for such duty at that time was due to the lack of boats. The S-boats were being replaced by fleet type boats under construction. Submariners, like myself, were being ordered to destroyers.

I reported for duty on board the USS Phelps on 7 June, 1939, and was immediately ordered to Gunnery School for prospective gunnery officer for the Destroyer Leader type ships. This proved to be very useful for me since my gunnery experience was in battleships New Mexico, Idaho and Nevada and the USS S-28, all hot shooting ships. Study of new fully automatic fire control systems was necessary and I welcomed it. Gunnery school firing exercises were a valuable experience and prepared me to face my new responsibilities with confidence.

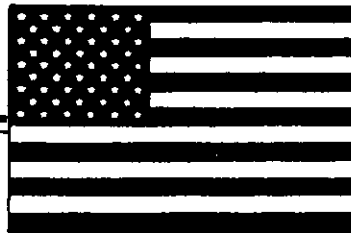
My first trip to sea aboard was a visit to the San Pedro-Long Beach and return to San Diego. It was quickly followed by our departure to Pearl Harbor with the Hawaiian Detachment consisting of three cruisers and two destroyer squadrons. Being a watch standard, I quickly became acquainted with underway procedures and a feel of control and performance of the ship underway.

Upon arrival off the entrance to Pearl Harbor, the Phelps was the first to enter port. Short of the channel entrance buoy we stopped to pick up the harbor pilot. When he reached the bridge, Captain Besemeier asked me if I would like to take the Phelps into port. My reply was a quick affirmative. Two years of doing it with the USS S-28, I was familiar with local conditions. The only guidance I received from the harbor pilot was our berth assignment.

It was a real thrill for me to bring the USS Phelps into port and to a pier opposite the submarine which was my home for two years. Coaching the helmsman, we eased the Phelps alongside the pier and the lines went out and the ship was breasted in and only required a one bell landing to back the outboard propeller. At that point I noticed the captain was on the deck below the bridges. I was told later by a member of the squadron staff that he left the bridge while we were passing the Navy Yard. My reaction was I had found a wonderful new home in an old location.

From that day forward until the day I was detached to be the gunnery officer of the cruiser Cleveland that was at that time under construction, my personal goal was to make the USS Phelps number one in her class. I thank God for the opportunity to have served with you all in the defense of our beloved country.

Dan



Banquet Master-of-Ceremonies

Gilbert "Gil" Allan has accepted the invitation to be the Master of Ceremonies at the Phelps 9th Reunion Banquet to be held in Charleston, S.C., Oct. 2-5, 1986.

Gil joined the Navy ten days after Pearl Harbor. On January 17, 1942, he reported aboard Phelps for duty and the ship became his home for almost four years. He was discharged in 1945 as Yeoman, First Class and served on the Phelps Decommissioning Party Committee. While aboard the Phelps, he served under Captains Edward Beck, B.E.S. Trippensee, John Edwards, Dave Martineau and Robert Erly.

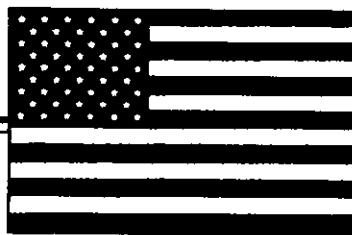
Born in Los Angeles, he graduated from high school in June, 1941, and worked for the Navajo Freight Lines prior to joining the navy.

While the Phelps was in Charleston, S.C. in 1945, Gil met and married Dorothy, from nearby Summerville, where he found employment with the Southern Mill Supply Company. Currently he is the Operations Coordinator for the parent company, Charleston Supply Company, and is responsible for getting into operation a new computer system for their twelve locations.

Gil has served on his Country Club's Board of Directors, is a Past President of the Summerville Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member in his Church, serving on the Board of Trustees and is a member of the choir.

After Dorothy passed away (1984) square dancing became an important part of his life. They have a "square" in his immediate family and dance twice weekly. Gil is the current President of the Stallville Strutters in Summerville.

Gil has twin sons, Patrick and Michael, and two daughters, Ann and Bonnie, and seven grandchildren.



Banquet Keynote Speaker

Max Rosenfeld

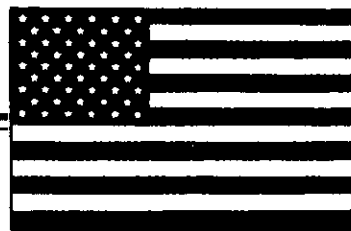
Max joined the Navy in August, 1943, and received his Boot Camp training at Bainbridge, Md. He attended a Navy school in Mississippi and was then sent to Radar School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was here that he met Stan Parker and both reported for duty aboard Phelps in Charleston on September 16, 1944. Max was discharged as a radarman third class.

Born in Philadelphia, he grew up in Washington, D.C. and graduated from Eastern High School and then attended Wilson Teachers College. While waiting for an appointment in his field of education, Max worked in the Southwest Attic of the Library of Congress and the Civil Service Commission as an Occupational Coder in 1940.

After the war he returned to teaching and also attended George Washington University in D.C. where he obtained his Master of Arts degree. On weekends he taught at the Washington Hebrew Congregation Religious School and later on became Principal—where he held that position for 21 years. In 1968 he received his Doctorate in Educational Administration.

He is active in Professional organizations and was elected president of the Elementary Classroom Teachers Association and became a faculty member of the Teachers College as a supervisor of student teaching.

After 33 years of service in the D.C. school system he retired and enjoys his free time traveling. Max and Maxine were married in April, 1941 and have 2 daughters and four grandchildren.





To my PHELPS' Shipmates:

“ It's a hard to believe that it's been nearly 43 years since I had the honor and privilege of taking command of the PHELPS in Pearl Harbor shortly before the commencement of the Marshall Island campaign. The nine months that followed with that great and gallant ship certainly marked one of the finest experiences of my life. The PHELPS already had achieved an outstanding record with its participation in every important Pacific campaign from Pearl Harbor up to the time I came aboard. During the nine months that followed, we added further luster to PHELPS' already outstanding reputation by our achievements in the Marshall Islands, Palau, and Saipan campaigns.

I regret that I cannot be with you again at this ninth reunion being held in Charleston; but I would like to tell you again for the record that my experience during that period as your commanding officer marks an unparalleled time in my life. It provided all of us who served on that wonderful ship with a lasting sense of meaningful camaraderie as well as the opportunity of serving our country with honor and distinction.

My warmest wishes are with each of you at the time of this ninth reunion. I look forward to being with you at the next one. ”

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral David L. Martineau

Old Sailors Never Die—They Just Get A Little Dinghy

“ No, we do not have a dinghy of any kind yet, but I do have a t-shirt with that saying on it. I sincerely hope none of us will be needing “that little dinghy” for a long, long time. It's so wonderful seeing old shipmates and their families, just wish many more could be with us. ”

Most sincerely,

Admiral Jack Edwards

Adm. Erly Salutes Our Return to Charleston

“ Charleston is a most appropriate place for Phelps' shipmates ninth reunion. For it was here:

- That Phelps repaired her Pacific battle damage.
- That Phelps was modernized to meet the demands of air warfare
- That Phelps war weary crew enjoyed leave, liberty and recreation

On a personal note it was here as a young, thirty year, lieutenant commander I assumed my first command. An awesome responsibility to which I made a personal pledge to guard the lives of my crew—to lose no man needlessly—but to go in “harms way” well trained and well prepared. This we did.

All Phelps shipmates can be proud of their contribution to Phelps illustrious record in naval history. She will always remain enshrined in our hearts. ”

Shipmates, I salute you.

Rear Admiral Robert Erly

USS PHELPS DD360
Memorial Roster of Deceased Shipmates

(as of 27 July)

IN MEMORIAM

“They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows, the embracing vines. They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or storm, each in the windowless place of rest . . .”

Robert Ingersoll—1833-99

— A —

Robert Allison
Frank Alves*
Bernard J. Alvey
Rufus L. Anderson

— B —

John S. Barleon
E. R. Barnett
Clifford Bean
Edward Beck*
A. J. Bergeron
Harold Bieseimer
A. M. Bledsoe
Al Blythe
S. B. Brewer
Milton Brown

— C —

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W. H. Carnes
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A. R. Early
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R. L. Eichberger
C. Dallas Emory
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— G —

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— H —

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D. L. Kling
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John A. Logan
Theodore L. Lovett
M. F. Lyman

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William Medich
P. V. Mercer
Bain D. Merrell
James B. Morgan*
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Hubert F. Mullins

— N —

C. A. Neilsen
J. W. (Tex) Norris*
Walfred Nyquist

— O —

Robert Ogden
Ronald Oliver

— P —

Curtis Patterson
William N. Payton
M. V. Perry
Norman F. Pierce

— R —

Jake Raspet
Darwin A. Reardon
Donald H. Reardon
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John M. Roman

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St. Jean
Harry C. Schad*
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Earl E. Scull
Al Seruntine*
Christopher Shea
Basil Simpson
Frank Slesinski
Syd Smart

Lyman Staples
E. A. Steinmann
Anton G. Stich
E. J. Sturtz*
Michael Suchar

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R. C. Tegeler
B. E. S. Trippensee

— V —

Paul Van Doren

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Home Wadhams
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Hayden Wells
James Wheat, Jr.
John A. Whitver
M. C. Wiesand
John Walker
E. R. Wetherhall
Ralph W. White
Eugene W. White



Stat Magni Nominis Umbra

(There remains the shadow of a great name . . .)

The following are some of the highlights in the short but illustrious career of the USS PHELPS (DD 360)

- ★ Was the first ship of Destroyer-Leader class and was equipped with special new armament.
- ★ Was the first destroyer with Turrent Captains in her turrents.
- ★ Set world's record for distance and speed in her class—1936 New York to Montevideo in 12 days (escorting President Roosevelt to the Inter-American Peace Conference).
- ★ Greatest number of miles steamed in 30 days.
- ★ Carried President Roosevelt on board during visit to Victoria, British Columbia (30 September 1937).
- ★ Was one of only two ships to participate in every major Pacific battle action—December 1941 to June 1942 (USS MINNEAPOLIS was the other).
- ★ Was first U.S. Navy ship to anchor in pre-war Japanese waters—Kwajalein Atoll.
- ★ After receiving two direct hits and damage at Saipan, was able to continue firing guns, load ammunition and get repaired simultaneously while alongside USS PHAON ARE-3.
- ★ Has most complete, present-day roster of men who served aboard of any Navy ship (1022).
- ★ Was awarded twelve battle stars for action in the Asiatic—Pacific area during World War II. These included the following:

Pearl Harbor—Midway—7 December 1941
Air action off Bougainville—20 February 1942
Salamaua—Lae raid—10 March 1942
Coral Sea Battle—4-8 May 1942
Midway Battle—3-6 June 1942
Guadalcanal—Tulagi Landings (including first Savo)—7-9 August 1942
Eastern Solomons (Stewart Island)—23-25 August 1942
Aleutians Operation (Attu Occupation)—11 May-2 June 1943
Gilbert Islands Operation—20 November-8 December 1943
Marshall Islands Operation—Occupation of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls 31 January-5 February 1944
Anti-Submarine Assessment, Pacific—16 February-2 March 1944
Mili Atoll—18 March 1944
Asiatic-Pacific Raids—1944—Palau, Yap, Ulithi and Woleai raid 30 March-1 April 1944
Marianas Operation—Capture and occupation of Saipan—15-22 June 1944
Occupation of Eniwetok Atoll—17 February-2 March 1944

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*Destroyer Phelps, a Veteran of
13 Campaigns, Comes Home*

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