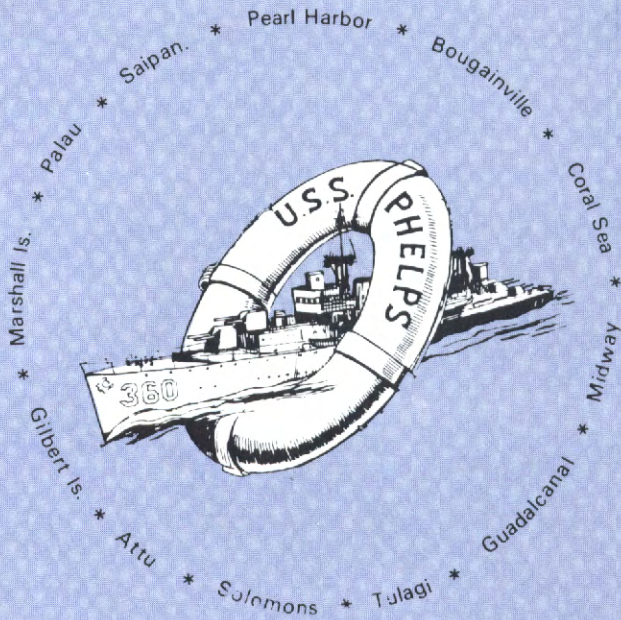


**“Pacific-Northwest”
Banquet**

Beaverton, Oregon
Saturday, September 1, 1990



*“There remains the shadow
of a great name . . .”*

**11th Reunion
U.S.S. Phelps Shipmates**

PHELPS

Thomas Stowell Phelps was born in Buckfield, Maine, 2 November 1822. He served the Navy from 1840 to 1884, attaining the rank of Captain in 1872 and Rear Admiral in 1884. He served in the Mediterranean, the Atlantic, and the Pacific, and commanded *Juniata* during the capture of Fort Fisher in January 1865. He died in New York City in 1901.

(DD-360: dp. 1,805; l. 380'6"; b. 36'2"; dr. 10'3"; s. 37 k.; cpl. 276; a. 8 5", 8 21" tt.; cl. *Porter*)

Phelps (DD-360) was laid down 2 January 1934 by Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Quincy, Mass.; launched 18 July 1935; sponsored by Mrs. Richard A. Kearny; and commissioned 26 February 1936, Comdr. Albert H. Rooks in command.

Following peacetime duty in the Pacific, *Phelps* shot down one enemy plane at Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941. She aided the carrier *Lexington* in air battles against the Japanese near Port Moresby, New Guinea, in February and March 1942.

Suffering no casualties in the Battle of the Coral Sea 4 to 8 May, she helped to sink *Lexington* (CV-2) on 8 May to prevent enemy capture of that carrier.

In June 1942 she protected the American carriers that dealt a heavy blow to the Japanese Navy in the Battle of Midway. In August 1942 she guarded forces invading Guadalcanal. After a visit to the west coast in October, she participated in landings upon Attu, Alaska, in May 1943. After bombarding Kiska, Alaska, she provided gunfire support for landings at Makin Atoll in November 1943. In the Marshall Islands campaign in February 1944, she bombarded Kwajalein and Eniwetok. In March she guarded tankers during a strike on the Palau Islands. In June she bombarded Saipan to protect American forces that had landed there on the 15th.

Following duty at Saipan, she steamed via the Panama Canal to Charleston, S.C., for armament alterations, arriving 2 August. Department Norfolk Va., in November, she escorted a convoy to Mers-el-Kebir, Algeria. After three more convoy escort voyages to the Mediterranean in 1945, she arrived at New York 10 June.

Decommissioned 6 November 1945, she was struck from the Naval Vessel Register 28 January 1947, and scrapped by Northern Metals Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Phelps received twelve battle stars for World War II service.

This Reunion and Program are Dedicated

to

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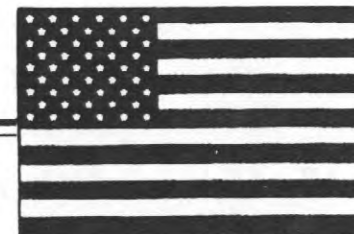


Twenty-one years ago today (September 1, 1969), the shipmates of the USS Phelps held their first reunion in Houston, Texas. Our keynote speaker for that special night was Rear Admiral John Edwards.

It was a most memorable event and now, after all those years, Gloria and I are pleased to welcome you to our 11th reunion.

The roster of Phelps shipmates is gradually decreasing, so for those of us who are still around, let's make the most of this reunion by having a most enjoyable time.

We welcome you to the Pacific-Northwest and will be looking forward to seeing all of you again in 1992.



Past Reunions

First	1969	Houston, Texas
Second	1972	Denver, Colorado
Third	1974	Los Angeles, California
Fourth	1976	St. Louis, Missouri
Fifth	1978	Greensboro, North Carolina
Sixth	1980	San Diego, California
Seventh	1982	Nashville, Tennessee
Eighth	1984	San Francisco, California
Ninth	1986	Charleston, South Carolina
Tenth	1988	Chicago, Illinois
Eleventh	1990	Beaverton, Oregon

“Pacific-Northwest” Banquet Program

Master of Ceremonies

Hal Looper - Radarman 2/C

Posting of Colors

Color Guard from The United States Naval Sea Cadets

Pledge of Allegiance

All Hands

Sounding of the Ship's Bell

Cullen French - Chief Boatswain Mate

Taps for Departed Shipmates

Reading of Deceased Shipmates Since Last Reunion

Welcome Address

Harrell Looper - RDM 2/C

Invocation

Dr. Max Rosenfeld - RDM 3/C

Seating for Banquet Dinner

Head Table Introductions

Master of Ceremony - Hal Looper

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Master of Ceremony - Hal Looper

Keynote Address “US”

Lt. Thomas Harrison

Special Presentations and Recognitions

Harold Placette - RDM 1/C

Remarks and Closing

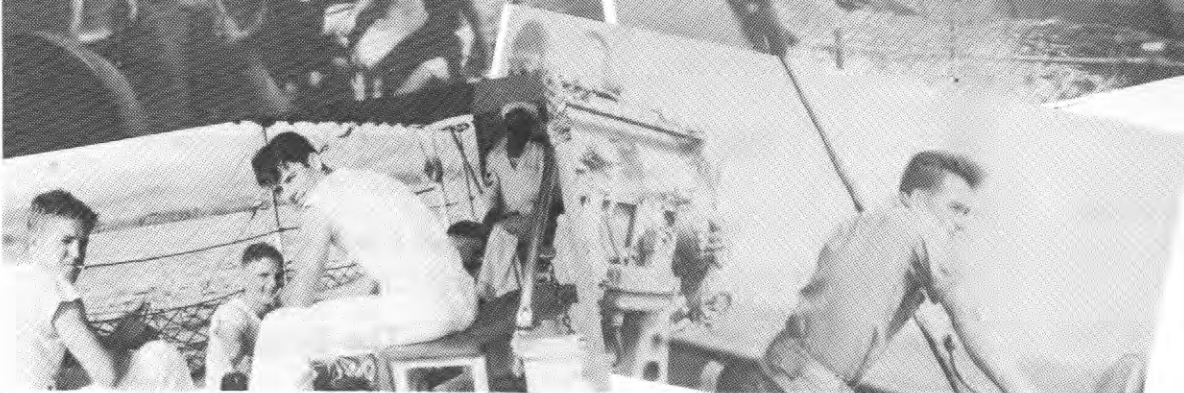
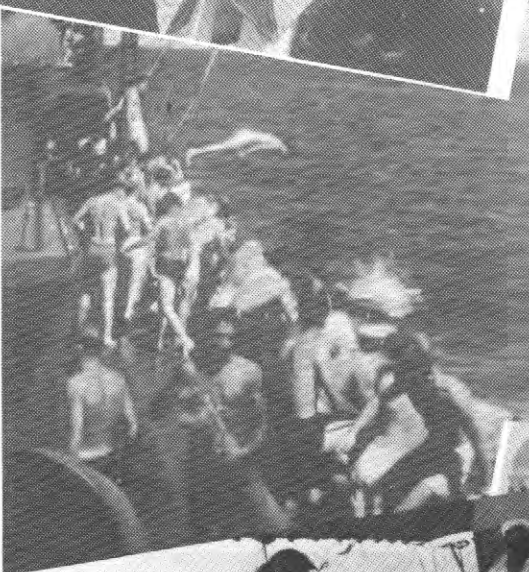
Harold Placette - Radarman First Class - President & Founder

Singing of “America The Beautiful”

All Hands



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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



A Special Thanks to Gwen

*What a beautiful person the shipmates have in Gwen Brown.
And how fortunate we are that Leo concurs and gives his
support in her involvement with the Phelps reunions and other
associated duties.*

*It would be most difficult for us to put on these reunions
without her dedicated efficient and able assistance.*

*In addition to the many tasks which she performs, she and Leo
subsidize the entire postage cost for the mail-out of the pre-
registration packets which she prepares.*

*For all of this work responsibility and much more, the
shipmates are most indebted to Gwen.*

*It's this type of involvement that contributes to the success of
our reunions.*

WE THANK YOU GWEN!

**Banquet
Master of Ceremonies
Hal Looper - Radarman 3/C**



Harrell "Hal" Looper served in the USS Phelps from 1942-1945. He was a radarman third class.

Hal has the distinction of being one of the caretakers of the Phelps after she was sold for scrap in 1945. On his last day of duty and when he was walking the gangplank for the last time, he "borrowed" the Phelps' commissioning plaque off the starboard bulkhead.

This memorabilia of the Phelps was on display in the hospitality room for this reunion.

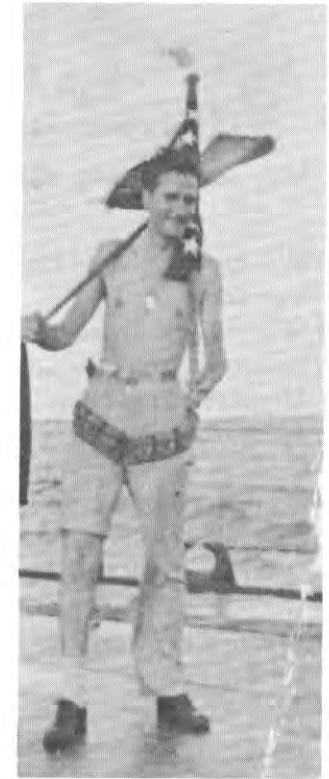
After the Navy and a short stay in Arkansas, he and Helen headed out west to California where he eventually obtained work as an electrician.

Some years later, they bought 90 acres of land in Eddyville, Oregon and Hal still was doing electrical work. After settling down in Toledo, Oregon, Hal operated his own electrical contracting business.

Hal and Helen were married in 1946 and have three children.



**Banquet Keynote Speaker
Lt. Tom Harrison**

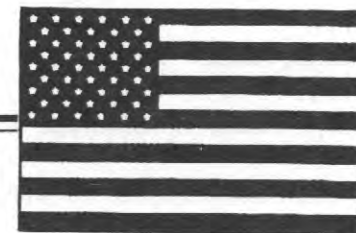


Tom Harrison was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy in 1942. He went through Officer's Training at Harvard.

In 1943, he reported for duty aboard the USS Phelps at Pearl Harbor. He completed his Navy duty assignment as a full Lieutenant in 1945.

After the war, Tom returned to his career with Eastern Liberty Federal Savings & Loan and in 1972 became Chairman of the Board after being the President since 1964.

Tom and Kathleen were married in 1941 and have two children.



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 Majoro 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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A Tribute to George

Without the generous assistance from George and June Parness, there probably would not be a *Bull-Horn*.

George still finds the time in his busy personal schedule as owner of Pronto Press and as the Mayor of Suffern, New York, to provide the USS Phelps shipmates a service as Editor of the *Bull-Horn*.

We are all very grateful to him and, of course, also to June, who is very supportive of George's service for us.

The shipmates thank you, George, for carrying out the duties as the editor of the *Bull-Horn*.

We sincerely appreciate the personal time and effort which you give of yourself in publishing the best Navy Newsletter on the market.

Harold Placette

President & Founder



Destroyer Phelps on shakedown after refurbishing at Charleston, S.C. Navy Yard. The superstructure had a remarkable change. The Phelps had sustained damage at Saipan after receiving several salvos from shore batteries. (Circa 1944)