



## The Editor's Mailbag

Al Eisenbraun (SH3 63-67) always wears Hubbard gear when volunteering at the Navy Relief Thrift Store and that is how he met new shipmate (see page 5) Richard M. Schamp. Hubbard was his first ship, where he was in the MM gang, later retired as a warrant officer. . . MM2 Jon Howard Meliza (page 4) discovered Haight Ashbury in the 60's and stayed as an artist and a free clinic volunteer. He was known as Black Jon, to distinguish him from the six other people named John/Jon, also given colors in their names, in his circle of friends, volunteers and housemates. . . Some of the shipmates Al has located served very briefly aboard ship prior to the 1949 or 1969 decommissionings. We will put them on the mailing list if they request. . . The sonarmen from the late 60's are planning on getting together in Seattle. They were a particularly closeknit group, standing watch two at a time in the small compartment forward below the waterline. . . On page 8 are the stories of how Rick Dias (MR3, 65-67) and Al Eisenbraun separately tracked down Dorman Kompsi. Share and coordinate your tracking efforts with Al. He has extensive files on his efforts but can always use more info in his quest to track down every man who ever served on the ship. . . This issue is full and I have not gotten around to the Man Overboard story from 1957. Next time for sure.

## URGENT NOTICE

We are sending this newsletter out by two methods. It costs us a dollar to print and mail a paper copy to your home address. We will do this unless we can verify that you have received and can read it okay on your computer at our webpage [dd748.org](http://dd748.org). If you are reading this on your computer before **July 1**, stop what you are doing right now and let Dick know by sending him an email with the codeword **Eureka!** The email address to send it to is [dd748@mac.com](mailto:dd748@mac.com) On July 1 I will begin mailing printed copies to those without computers and to those who missed this notice. Thanks.  
*Dick Oliver*

## Branson Wraps up, Seabags Packed

### For the May 2012 Seattle Reunion

It was a bit of an unusual reunion as 40 shipmates and 36 wives, guests and associate members braved tornadoes and floodwaters to journey to Branson, Missouri for four days of shows and good cheer. Flying through St. Louis or driving through Alabama one saw evidence of the tornadoes and arrivals from the East saw evidence of the rising Mississippi floodwaters. Intrepid travelers included FP3 Bill Kanipe (53-57) on a 2005 Honda Gold Wing trike. Think of a cross between a tricycle and a motorcycle, in yellow, with a living room chair for a seat. As the 24<sup>th</sup> annual reunion ended those heading east faced bridge closures over the Mississippi on I-40 at Memphis, I-155 into Tennessee and US-60 between SE Missouri and Illinois/Kentucky.

The shows were great. Clay Cooper and Pierce Arrow combined music, comedy and dancing. Clay Cooper singled out Charles (GM2, 45) and Luetta Hall for a bit of banter and serenaded Luetta, drawing out of her the story of how she was an 18-year-old grocery store clerk before she and Charles wed. She says Charles sings Mexican songs to her.

There were a number of first time attendees as Al Eisenbraun continues to mine the microfilm lists for new members. You will find the attendees, new members and memorial lists elsewhere in the newsletter.

Jim Minard (ET2 66-68) promises a great reunion in downtown Seattle by the Space Needle for 2012. The dates are **May 16-20**. Information will be posted on the website as details are finalized and printed in the next **HUBBARD HERALD**, February 2012. Some of us will be continuing on afterward for a week's cruise to Alaska in and out of Seattle on Holland America's MS Oosterdaam.

I am making arrangements for the 2013 reunion in Norfolk. Norfolk is putting in a rail link to downtown, where the waterfront has been revamped much like Baltimore. The battleship USS Wisconsin is open for visitors. Boats provide tours of the harbor and close-up views of the fleet at the Norfolk Naval Operating Base. Great seafood in both Norfolk and Seattle and you'll never find such an amiable group of people anywhere as the Hubbard shipmates and their friends.

The roster continues to grow with the microfilm project. If you want Al to locate one of your old buddies, let him know. He is currently working on 1957-1960 listing but soon we will start on other years. Our mailing list is growing by leaps and bounds as Al locates shipmates. Help us save on mailing and printing costs by viewing the newsletter on line at [dd748.org](http://dd748.org) *Dick Oliver*

## USS Harry E. Hubbard & Agent Orange Issues: Da Nang, December 9, 1965

Rick Dias (MR3, 65-67) writes: The military flew me around the Far East trying to catch up with the USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD-748), which was to be my first ship after graduating from boot camp in Great Lakes September 1965. A bunch of us were passengers on a C-130 cargo plane flight from Clark AFB in the Philippines to Da Nang. On December 9, 1965, Hubbard entered the harbor there and circled about 500 yards inside the mouth of the harbor without dropping anchor. I heard later that Captain Bush was concerned about shore batteries firing on the ship. He wanted to be ready to haul butt out of there. There were about 23 of us that went from the Da Nang airfield to the waterfront on a bus with a Marine guard escort. They put us on a large landing craft. It hauled us down the river to the bay where the Hubbard was circling. The boat ride was about 10 minutes. Peter Lush (STG3, 65-67) recalls also coming aboard then. I have a letter from him that I used for my VA benefits and Agent Orange Registry. Izzy (Al Eisenbraun, SH3, 63-67) also signed a letter, as did Larry Vail (DC3, 63-67) and my two division officers, LTs (John P.) Duffy (64-67) and (Thomas) Griepentrog (65-67). All that documentation supported the Veterans Administration (VA) adding my name to the Agent Orange Registry. Da Nang harbor is considered continental Vietnam for Agent Orange related purposes. All one has to do is to set foot on land or be in Da Nang Bay to qualify. Two rivers drain into the bay.



All supporting documentation of Agent Orange contact in harbors and rivers or land must be submitted to the local Veteran Administration office and the Agent Orange clinic. They will make an appointment for a chest x-ray and a blood test. Then they will schedule an appointment with the VA Agent Orange Doctor. The Doctor reviews the vet's evidence and decides whether to add his/her name to the registry. That will qualify a vet for Agent Orange VA medical benefits should anyone develop any of the Agent Orange related and approved diseases listed online at the VA website. Presently approved VA Agent Orange illnesses including kidney problems, prostate and respiratory cancers, diabetes and many more. Specific diseases include: peripheral neuropathy, AL amyloidosis, chloracne, B-cell leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, ischemic heart disease, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, porphyria cutanea tarda and some types of soft tissue sarcomas. If you were aboard Hubbard 12-9-65 or in Vietnam for any amount of time at all, then you may qualify for the Agent Orange Registry at VA.

You need to prove to VA that you were there. Then you may qualify for free care from the VA and free medication as well as disability compensation. Now is the time to get qualified for AO benefits. God forbid you ever get any of the AO related illnesses -- you may not feel up to it then. I have been acquainted with several Vets who started to get qualified but it was way too late. If you have problems qualifying you can get a local VSO (Veterans Service Officer) to assist you. They do not work for VA but are certified & trained by VA to help Vets. They are free help. To find your nearest VSO Phone: 800-827-1000 (Cleveland) to get regional office and local name of VSO.

**The first thing to do is get a copy of your NAVY service record. Check the form for the address of other military branches if you have Vietnam service in another military branch.**

1. The Standard Form 180, **Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF180)**, is used to **request** information.

[www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf](http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf) - Send the request to:

**The National Personnel Records Center  
(Military Personnel Records)  
9700 Page Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

2. Apply for your VA Health Benefit card. Then ask to have VA provide a Primary Care Doctor. Having insurance, or too much income, does not prevent you from getting these benefits. This article is by: **Rick Dias (MR3, 65-67) email: rickdias1@cox.net or tel: (619) 449-0650** He will be happy to discuss the procedures with you.

**Note from the Editor:** A request is being made to National Archives for the deck logs of the ship for December 8, 9 and 10 1965. Copies will be made available to those who need them. If there are other instances like this, let me know. I can request deck logs for specific dates but it is too expensive to make a large general request at 75 cents per page. Being on a ship off the Vietnamese coast has so far not been accepted by the government as being evidence of exposure to Agent Orange. So far I have not been able to get computerized personnel lists from National Archives, only microfilmed pages. A box of microfilm has been costing \$120 but covers an entire year. I could order microfilm for 1965 and 1967 but I have no way to make copies of the information on the microfilm. A better solution is to request your individual record as noted above. This note is from: **Dick Oliver (Ensign, 68-69) email: dd748@mac.com Tel: (727) 363-3059**

## Shipmate Locating Program Big Success in Expanding Roster

We began the program of obtaining microfilmed records from National Archives in College Park, Md. with an order in December 2010 for the personnel muster rolls for 1968 and 1969. This netted the names and dates of service of the officers and men aboard USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD-748) those two years. Al Eisenbraun (SH3 63-67) then commenced tracking the shipmates down. He generates names and phone numbers and then calls to see if they are the right men or close relatives. When he does find a shipmate, they sometimes know of other shipmates with whom they have kept in touch. It helps if he has a general idea of where they were from or where they might have moved to after leaving the Navy. You have seen the success in the last newsletter and now in this newsletter (Page 5, Welcome Aboard, and Page 4, Taps). Some of the men on the 1969 list unfortunately were those ordered to the ship just as it was headed toward decommissioning and so had such short time aboard that they were not interested in participating in our group.

With that success, we decided to expand to more years. With some seed money from Al Romans (PN1, 58-60), we ordered computer-accessible files from National Archives for 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960. Unfortunately the Archives people sent us more microfilm rather than the computerized version. I wrote an angry letter but went ahead visiting the local library and using their microfilm reader and my laptop computer to painfully copy the blurry names from the microfilm. I spent about one hundred hours on it. For the four years there were 42 officers and 836 enlisted men. The lists are divided into an officer section and an enlisted section. Each section consists of daily personnel entries prepared by the ship and sent to higher authority plus the feedback automated lists generated from those reports, probably with then state-of-the-art IBM punch cards. The lists show the date the person reported aboard but only the ship personnel daily entries show the date of transfer.

The list to the right is only a small portion of the 18 pages of records obtained. The names in Bold are on our roster or memorial pages. The names in Italics are on the Memorial Pages. F=From, T=To

Dick Oliver

Name	First Name	Rate	F	T
<b>Abbott</b>	Walter H.	GMGSN	59	63
Adams	Michael F.	MMFN	59	59
Adcox, Jr.	Paul J.	FN	60	
<b>Albridge</b>	Frederic H.	RM3	59	61
Alegre	Manuel R.	MM3	58	59
Alexander	Clifford E.	FT2	58	
	Harry N.			
<b>Alexander</b>	(Nick)	BTC	56	59
<b>Alexis</b>	Frederick M.	FN	59	59
Alferes	Primitivo	SD2	56	60
<b>Alfonso</b>	Lawrence A.	EM3	59	61
<b>Allen</b>	Burney E.	BT2	54	57
<b>Allinson</b>	Billy D.	GM3	60	60
Anderes	LeRoy M.	SN	60	
<b>Andersen, Jr.</b>	Maurice W.	RM1	58	60
<b>Anderson</b>	Allen V.	GM3	55	58
Aquirre	Frank Y.	SN	58	58
Archer	Hartwell S.	GM2	59	60
Arias	Raymundo	SN	58	60
Asher	David W.	SN	59	
Atkinson	William A.	SK3	59	60
Austin	Jerry L.	MR3	58	
Austin, Jr.	Edward T.	SR	59	60
Autobee	John C.	SN	59	
<b>Aylesworth</b>	Rex B.	SOSN	58	60
Bacani	Alberto	SD2	57	57
Baese	Donald E.	SN	57	
Bailey	Aubrey G.	EM3	59	60
Bailey	Herschel L.	BT2	55	58
Bailey	Roy Nathan	SFM2	58	59
<b>Baker</b>	Carlton R.	SN	58	60
Baker	Forrest E.	FN	60	
Baker	Lowell W.	RMSA	60	
Baker	Ralph C.	SN	56	
Ball	Delbert R.	CSC	59	60
Banks	Bruce L.	SOGSN	60	
	Robert N.			
<b>Baptist</b>	(John)	QMSN	58	59
<b>Barham</b>	Adyal W.	EM3	59	61
Barrett	Robert D.	SN	58	60
Barron	Rodolfo	ME2	57	58
Bartlett	Alfred C.	GM1	59	59
Batson	Ralph S.	GM1	60	
Baucom	Robert O.	SMC	57	59
<b>Baughman</b>	Paul D.	SO2	55	58
<b>Baumdraher</b>	John I.	SFP3	58	60
Beck	Ronald R.	GM3	59	60
Bederio	Leonardo	SK1	59	60
Beebe	Frank D.	SOG3	59	

## Taps

EM3 Adyal Wayne Barham (59-61) 11/17/10 Bell Buckle, Tennessee; RD2 Charles E. (Chuck) Brand (61-63) Bakersfield, California; BTC John E. Branthoover (50-53) 12/27/09 San Diego, California; LCDR John G. Carpenter, XO (59-60) 10/7/98 Redondo Beach, California; GMCS Raleigh C. Cates 10/12/01 Ada, Oklahoma; TE3 Jack C. (Pappy) Chapman (56-58) 9/5/05 Bristow, Oklahoma; CS3 Terrance S. Clem (56-57, 60-66) 2/14/77 El Dorado, California; ET1 Josiah A. Cope (54-57) 6/12/08 San Diego, California; MM2 Gerald D. Coddington (59-62) 4/26/09 Yakima, Washington; MMC Charles B. Conway (MM2, 50-52) 3/30/10 West Berlin, Wisconsin; BM3 Aime Cusson (56-57) 3/31/02 Huntley, Montana; FT2 Gerald A. Denhardt (55-57) 2/24/06 Vandalia, Ohio; FT3 Richard Deputy (55-57) 8/10/2000 Kirkland, Washington; Plankowner GM Albert J. DiVagno (44-45) 1/12/11 Dunnellon, Florida; BT3 Bollen C. Dool (56-61) 8/3/03 Vancouver, Washington; MM2 Larenza A. (Sonny) Easley (59-62) 10/26/97 Marion, Kentucky; FT2 Glen I. Exum (59-60) 3/28/96 Amarillo, Texas; FN Robert E. Francisco (58-59) 4/16/08 Gering, Nebraska; SN Francis Frassa (59-60) 3/26/97 Bridgeport, Connecticut; TM1 Glen M. Frederick (1960-?) 10/7/94 Pensacola, Florida; SKC Manford Frichette (SK1, 1960-?) 2/1/73 Tacoma, Washington; GM1 Joseph M. Herman (50-51) 3/5/11 Van Meter, Iowa; BM3 Delford R. Johnson (55-56) 6/29/92 Port Orchard, Washington; MM2 Richard J. Manns (67-69) 9/7/84 Tucson, Arizona; Plankowner GM2 Ernest Martinez (44-45) 12/12/04 Tucson, Arizona; BMSN Larry McMillan (64-67) 2/5/09 Elmendorf, Texas; MM2 Jon Howard Meliza (66-68) 11/23/2001 San Francisco, California; GM3 Francis J. (Frank) Papin (1960-1962) St. Genevieve, Missouri; MMFN Robert W. Satterwhite (60-61) 4/23/62 El Paso, Texas; ST1 George Stille (66-68) 4/6/10 Hemet, California; William David Thomas (54-55) 7/31/09 Winter Haven, Florida; GMT1 Raymond L. Thomson (GM3, 57-60) 5/12/96 Salem, Arkansas; TMC Nolan Tusing (TM2, 67-68) 5/23/2002 Atlantic Beach, Florida; SN Thomas G. Vanderpoel (57-59) 9/12/10 Minneapolis, Minnesota; FN Larry Kent Wingate (59-63) 11/20/08 Independence, Missouri; Plankowner LTJG Norman Witte (44-46) 6/3/10 Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The names of our departed shipmates are posted on the Memorial Pages on our main website ([www.dd748.org](http://www.dd748.org)) and are then read at the Memorial Ceremony during the next annual reunion. The website is maintained by Al Eisenbraun (SH3 63-67). Our newsletter is also posted on the website.

[www.hubbarddd748.com](http://www.hubbarddd748.com) is the website set up by Bob Tate (PN1 58-59) with input from Gary Bowles (RM2 64-66). It features pictures of reunions from past years.

[Locate a shipmate, get a roster of men you served with, ask about a buddy?](#) Contact:

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Thanks to the following for recent donations to the research fund and/or the newsletter:

ME2 Richard Carbert (53-57); EN3 Bob Chapman (59-64); FCS2 Bob Couchman (50-52); MM1 Ed Dudley (MM2, 66-69); Capt. Edward A. Hamilton (CDR, XO, 65-66); Capt. Ed Mulhern (Ens, 68-69); QM3 William H. Pollok (50-53); and SKC Elliott Stuart (57-59).

Donations can also be made to the host of the reunion for those who would like to buy a round for their shipmates at the reunion (page 7).

This issue discussed Agent Orange issues. Next issue will consider the question of asbestosis & lung diseases. Your input is welcome. Dick

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License plate holders are white plastic with the ship name and DD-748 in blue and flags in red, white and blue. Cutouts at top for display of renewal decals on license plate \$3

Shipping: \$4 small order, \$6.50 medium order, \$10 large order

## Welcome Aboard

EM2 Lawrence Alfonso (59-61) Pueblo, Colorado; S02 Rex Aylesworth (SOSN) (58-60) West Jordan, Utah; CSC Carlton R. Baker (SN, 58-60) Hensley, Arkansas; SFP3 John I. Baumdraher (58-60) Huntington Beach, California; TN Percy Burnley (55-58) Los Angeles, California; GMSN Doug Byrd (57-58) McGregor, Texas; FA Thomas Carlisle (1960) Kansas City, Missouri; LTjg Frank R. Cepel (57-58) Los Angeles, California; SFP3 Robert R. Chavez (66-69) Downey, California; SK1 David P. Clark (66-69) Edmond, Oklahoma; MM3 Terry J. Cloud (MMFN, 57-59) Las Vegas, Nevada; GMM2 Claud A. Cluster (GMM3, 59-60) Eugene, Oregon; SN Cleonard C. Conner (60-61) Colmesneil, Texas; SN Leonard B. Conner (60-61) Colmesneil, Texas; FCS2 Robert (Bob) Couchman, Jr. (50-52) Menomonee Falls Wisconsin; BT2 Warren F. Crosby (1959) Redding, California; BM3 Bobby D. Crosswhite (59-61) Daleville, Alabama; SFP3 Gerald W. (Jerry) Deflores (66-68) Rio Vista, California; GM3 Billy Denham (54-57) Corona del Mar, California; EM3 Leonard Fears (67-68) Tulsa, Oklahoma; IC2 Henry B. Fishel (57-60) Modesto, California; LCDR August Foreman (BT2, 66-68) Spring Hill, Florida; GMSN Larry Fowler (59-61) Loudonville, Ohio; MM1 Lynn A. Hoekstra (FN, 67-68) Portland, Oregon; MM3 Dale D. Hurley (59-61) Toledo, Washington; EM2 Verne L. Irvin (66-69) Chino, California; BTC James W. Irwin (BT1, 67-69) San Diego, California; CDR Jay W. Lamb (LTjg, 60-61) Alameda, California; SK1 David F. Majeski (SN, 67-68) Stillwater, Minnesota; MM2 Alvin Lee Maudlin (61-64) Houghton Lake, Michigan; EN2 Bill Orton (65-67) Topeka, Kansas; RM2 Ismael D. Pantoja (68-69) Albuquerque, New Mexico; BT3 Derl Parsons (50-54) Keizer, Oregon; BMSN Leonard J. Peterson (67-69) Hampshire, Illinois; EM2 Don Rosenbaum (EM3, 67-68) Pennsylvania Furnace, Pennsylvania; SK3 Wallace (Dizzy) Rudziewicz (66-69) Manalapan, New Jersey; MM1 Lynn F. Satterwhite (60-62) Fernandina Beach, Florida; WO2 Richard Schamp (FN, 59-61) Lake Stevens, Washington; MM2 Hank Schleider (67-69) Corpus Christi, Texas; RD3 Richard Shafer (65-68) Bluffton, South Carolina; GMG2 Edward O. Shannon (60-64) Flora Vista, New Mexico; GMG3 Lonnie A. Shannon (57-61) Vermillion, Kansas; LTjg John C. Shoe (57-58) Lincoln, California; CS2 Joseph E. Temple (66-69) Las Vegas, Nevada; MM2 James M. Torkelson (61-64) St. Francis, Minnesota; TM3 Robert L. (Bob) Trisler (67-68) Tulsa, Oklahoma; BMSN Albert J. Trotta (67-68) Fairmont, West Virginia; CS1 Frank N. Vaughan (64-69) Yucca Valley, California; BT2 James W. Wickliffe Jr. (66-69) Los Angeles, California; ETN2 James J. Zeman (66-69) Ludington, Michigan; CDR Terry Ziemann (LTjg, 55-57) La Crosse, Wisconsin

## The Passing of a Sailor

*This is the poem read by Charlene Brock at the Memorial Service at the Branson Reunion May 6, 2011. Author unknown.*

He was getting old and paunchy,  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion,  
Telling stories from the past.

Of a war that he once fought in  
And the deeds that he had done.  
In his exploits with his buddies,  
They were heroes every one.

'Tho sometimes to his neighbors  
His tales became a joke  
All his buddies listened quietly  
For they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For old Bob has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer  
For a Sailor died today.

He won't be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife,  
For he lived an ordinary  
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,  
Going quietly on his way.  
The world won't note his passing,  
'Tho a Sailor died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing  
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories  
From the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a Sailor  
Goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution  
To the welfare of our land,  
Someone who breaks his promise  
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow  
Who in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve his country  
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend  
And the style in which he lives  
Are often disproportionate  
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Sailor  
Who offered up his all  
Is paid off with a medal  
And perhaps a pension small.

It is not the politicians  
With their compromise and ploys  
Who won for us the freedom  
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
With your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out  
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Sailor --  
His home, his country, his kin --  
Just a common Sailor  
Who would fight until the end?

He was just a common Sailor,  
And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict  
We find the Sailor's part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor  
While he's hear to hear the praise  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline  
In the paper that might say:  
OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
A SAILOR DIED TODAY.

I received another poem, this one from the ship's newsletter, sent to me by GM3 Caleb Wells (51-54). It is *Humphrey Says*. Can anyone tell me who Humphrey was?

## Business Meeting May 6, 2011

The business meeting followed the Memorial Service, conducted by FT2 Otto Brock (56-57) and GMCM Mike Peters (GMG2, 60-66), both conducted in the Hospitality Room. The two-bell service was used. The poem, "The Passing of a Sailor," was read by Otto's wife Charlene and is printed above. Reunion host RM2 (SS) John Kraft (SN, 66-67) conducted the business meeting using "Roger's Rules of Order," or occasionally Robert's Rules of Order. Dick Oliver gave the treasurer's report and read the figures sent in by Joyce Davis for the ship's store, both of which are on page 7. Sherry Miller, wife of LTjg Russ Miller (65-67), suggested flowers for Gladys Eisenbraun, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. LTjg Ed Blanchard (64-67) indicated he would take care of the flowers. Several volunteered to help Sherry get cards and have them signed for ailing shipmates: plankowner GM2 Irv Sisler (44-46), MM3 Art Starring (50-54), TM3 Jim Hicks (50-54) and his wife Jean, BTFN Charles Roach (50-54) and Eloise Drummond, widow of GM1 Ed Drummond (50-51).

Proposals for 2013 reunion were considered. The cities mentioned included St. Petersburg/Tampa (FL), Springfield (IL), Charleston (SC), Waukegan (IL), Eugene (OR) and Savannah (GA). Shipmates voted for the proposal by Dick Oliver for Norfolk for May 2013. The numerous Navy and maritime attractions of the area include the battleship USS Wisconsin, the harbor boat tour, the Norfolk Navy Base and the Newport News Maritime Museum. Norfolk is developing a rail transport system that will take people from outlying hotels to the downtown waterfront.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by John Kraft. Minutes by Dick Oliver.

## Attendees 2011 Reunion

MM1 Jim & Betty Bezzerides (51-54) Missouri and daughter Janet; LTjg Ed Blanchard (64-67) New Hampshire; FT2 Otto & Charlene Brock (56-57) New Mexico; HMCS Jack & Sonja Cole (HM1, 63-65) Tennessee; EM3 Jesse & Phyllis Crim, Jr. (66-69) Georgia; IC2 Dennis Ditsch (68-69) Kansas and Diana Stanton; FP2 Norm & Sally Eldridge (52-55) California; ME3 Vern Fairchild (56-57) Nebraska and Carolyn Wren; SN John & Susan Fried (59-61) Florida; GM2 Charles & Luetta Hall (1945) Illinois & Florida; SMSN Ed Hayden (46-47) Kentucky; YN3 Ed & Diane Jackymack (56-58) Michigan; FP3 Bill Kanipe (53-57) North Carolina; QM1 Bill Kelly (68-69) Colorado & Irene Henning; SOG2 Gene & Margaret Hyde (57-60) Texas; LTjg Gerald & Beverly Kitchen (63-65) Missouri; RM2 (SS) John & Darlene Kraft (SN, 66-67) Wisconsin; MM3 Ed & Terry Kuzma (64-68) California; MM2 Doug & Dorothy Leland (66-69) Missouri; FCS3 Don & Ginny Lorimer (50-51) Michigan; RM3 Bob McConaughy (66-67) Colorado; LTjg Russ & Sherry Miller (65-67) Nebraska; ETN2 Jim Minard (66-68) Washington; ET1 Ernest Moore (50-51) New Jersey & Kay Pierpoint; SN Bill & Grace Obedoza (60-62) Minnesota; LT Dick & Natalie Oliver (Ens 68-69) Florida; BT2 John & Marilyn Orren (66-67) Tennessee; ET1 Billy & Joyce Parker (54-57) Tennessee; GMCM Mike Peters (GMG2, 60-66) New Mexico; SM1 Ron & Patty Petrie (67-69) Rhode Island; Kathryn Randecker, widow of Bill Randecker (FTSN 50-54) Illinois; IC1 Alex (Sandy) Reid (50-52) Missouri; PN1 Al & Nora Romans (58-60) Texas; DK3 Otto & June Safranek (56-59) Illinois; ET2 Ken & Bev Satterlee (56-59) California; MM2 Hank & Carlene Schleider (67-69) Texas; RD1 Charles Shook (54-57) North Carolina & Betty Carney; EM2 Don & Bernadene Smith (54-57) California; Marie Trotman, widow of FT2 Henry Trotman (51-54), Alabama & her sister Nell Martin; BT3 Charles & Betty Watts (50-52) Ohio; MM3 George & Cherry Young (62-66) Georgia; and, BT3 Fran Zanoth (66-68) New Mexico.

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Balance March Newsletter	\$5,452.57
Newsletter printing	-\$298.23
Newsletter postage	-\$88.00
Envelopes	-\$95.77
National Archives microfilm	-\$375.00
Microfilm project donations	\$235.00
Newsletter donations	\$245.00
Balance 2/13/11	\$5,075.57

Stamps on hand \$50.90

## Ship's Store Financial Report

Balance report in previous newsletter: \$716.68

Expenses: shipping etc. \$11.25, merchandise \$258

Sales: \$91. Balance: \$538.53

**Addendum:** Ship store merchandise sold at the Branson reunion was \$297 and will be credited to the ship store sales and deposited in the general fund as will the Branson surplus of \$429.78

## Branson Reunion Finances

<b>Income</b>	
Individual donations	\$310.00
Hospitality room jar	\$134.00
Silent Auction	\$361.00
Registrations (\$3 ea)	\$222.00
Banquet profit	\$740.00
Tour profit	\$407.00
	<b>\$2,174.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Band	\$725.00
Gratuities	\$271.00
Pins & badges	\$185.66
Liquor, beer, wine	\$282.58
Less sale of leftovers	( <b>\$81.20</b> )
Snacks, soda, etc.	\$361.18
	<b>\$1,744.22</b>
Net	<b>\$429.78</b>

Thanks to the following for donations at the reunion: Jack & Sonja Cole, Norm & Sally Eldridge and Sandy Reid. LT Jim & Tippy Carmody (LTjg 67-69) couldn't attend and contributed by mail.

**Memories . . .** Send in a recollection of your time on the Hubbard, or an update on what you've been doing. We will print all for which we have room, editing as necessary. Don't worry about grammar or spelling.

**ME2 Richard Carbert (53-57)** When the ship was in Japan, we kept the shipfitter shop coffee pot filled with sake. One time the morning we got underway the sailor making coffee noted the leftover sake and just added water and ground coffee. We were visited by the Captain, Cdr. Carl Bower, and the Chaplain. The CO took a sip of the coffee and frowned but the Chaplain pronounced it the best coffee he had ever had. No more was said. We also made wine using copper tubing and whatever scraps we could find. The shipfitters would have to go out to check darken ship and one night we found a LTjg on the bridge smoking a cigarette, refusing to put it out. The shipfitter knocked on the CO's sea cabin and the CO came out and gave the junior officer a decided kick in the butt. We made soundings looking for leaks but never found much except for the chain locker, which we frequently had to pump out. We got cinnamon rolls from the duty baker early in the morning but one night he refused. The next night we cut off his steam. We got a call. "I don't have any steam." "We don't have any cinnamon rolls." A long pause. "I can take care of that."

**MR3 Rick Dias (65-67)** Dorman Kompsi bunked with the gunners mates right outside Hubbard's machine shop where I worked. His bunk was near the foot of the ladder. So I soon learned he was from Mackinac Island Michigan. I said I was also born on an island, the island of Flores in the Azores. We laughed! So he and I hit it off quite well when I came aboard. Dorman said the Mackinac Island fudge was famous. He asked his relatives to send us some. It really was great fudge. We had a great time in Hong Kong. (Ed. Note: Story omitted as this is a family publication). So in the late 90's I was quite unaware of where all our shipmates were and I set out to find Dorman. I finally wrote to the St. Ignace News/Mackinac Island Town Crier but editor Wes Maurer said that unfortunately they had published his obituary and he had died in Fresno, CA. He gave me a family contact, an uncle Joe Kompsi in Florida. I called



him and he had a few more details. **SH3 Al Eisenbraun (63-67)** I used to take Dorman to Bakersfield with me. When I got married in July 1965 he hung out with my brother-in-law. Dorman was from Michigan and I tried locating him there. Finally I found out that he was in Fresno, California. I checked and found out that he married a Fresno television reporter. He was feeling ill and went to the VA hospital. They checked him out, said he was OK. He walked out of the hospital and must have gotten weak, so he sat down on the curb and died right there. Born July 6, 1946, died Sept. 19, 1994. He was a great guy and a lot of fun to be around.

**SN Darrell Vincent (54-56)** I was a seaman (three stripes) having been freshly kicked out of communication tech school in San Diego for screwing up a little. After I was aboard Hubbard six months my brother Ronald Vincent joined us at Subic Bay and was aboard for one and a half years. You all may remember that we spoke French to each other and the crew normally called us "Frenchie." Bill Kanipe and I were pretty good friends, although he had a habit of getting in trouble. He came to visit me in Louisiana a couple of times. I remember the Holden brothers, Charles Shook and a lot of faces but hard pressed for names. When I left the Navy in 1957 I went to work for the U.S. Postal Service and retired with 38 years service. I was postmaster in Abbeville, Louisiana, but retired in Lafayette.

**FCS2 Bob Couchman (50-52)** When the Herald showed up in our mail on Monday, we were really intrigued and waded right in. Thanks for putting me on the mailing list. Your timing was amazing. We had had a visitor an hour before you [Al] called. I was showing him pictures from a recent trip I made to the Pacific War Museum in the Austin, Texas area with my two sons. It was wonderful for this old Fire Controlman to be able to show my sons a fire control room lifted from a destroyer the age of the Hubbard. . .For many years I sailed the Pacific during WWII and Korea. Then our traveling took us to various places in the world as missionaries. We are no longer traveling but my years in the Navy are deep in my consciousness. My sons have never allowed me to forget, and my wife and I are reading all the history we can find on that period . . .right up to the present.

**QMC Bill Huesman (50-51)** I am 93 years old – retired from Navy 8 years active and 22 Reserve time. Remember keenly when the USS Walke was hit and we dropped depth charges afterwards. I cannot attend reunions due to my health but enjoy the many interesting articles in the newsletter.