



THE HELM

Spring 2007

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Back to Portland, Maine, this year

By Stan Barnes, President

Well, winter is over, and we now look forward to spring, summer and reunion season. This year's reunion will be September 13–15 at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn in South Portland, Maine. The cost per night is \$89.00. We will have our hospitality room and banquet as before in the banquet room of Governor's which is adjoining the hotel.

The banquet will be a buffet dinner on Saturday night consisting of tossed green salad, apple stuffed chicken, roast pork, baked haddock with lemon butter, baked potato, vegetable du jour, apple pie, lemon cake, chocolate cream pie, and ice cream. The dinner price is \$23.11 per person which includes tax. The extra \$.50 is for the ice cream.

On Sunday morning from 0800 till 1100 we will have a farewell buffet breakfast consisting of assorted chilled juices, scrambled eggs, bacon & sausage, cold cereals, fruited muffins and toast, home fries, coffee, tea, decaf and milk all for \$9.00 per person. Please see the "Plan of the Day" in this issue.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling The Merry Manor at 207-774-6151 and tell them you are signing onboard for the USCGC *Duane* reunion. Please drop me a line telling me that you have signed on so I can keep a record and have name tags and packets made up.

Don't forget the auction! You will be amazed at the items I have secured for you this year along with what you bring. If you have a meal requirement, please let me know or tell them when you make your reservations. This information will be posted again in our summer edition; so we hope you will not forget to sign up.

Last December 11, Jim Orrock and I were the invited guests of the USCGC *Taney* where we received

the award of volunteers of the year. We were both given a plaque promoting our work and diligence to maintaining the last surviving ship of Pearl Harbor. If at anytime any of you would like to go to Baltimore and put in a few days of fun hard work, please let me know and I will make the arrangements. Remember, you can stay onboard at no cost. Jim and I will be there from May 16th to May 21st. come join us!



I am working with Indiana University, the keepers of the *Duane* history to have a plaque made remembering her as one of the most outstanding seagoing vessels in Coast Guard history. They have, in over a period of two years, secured the *Duane* as a national

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landmark, and they dive on her several times a year to make sure all is well. If we can come up with \$1500.00 we can have a plaque made (text unsure at this time) and they will have it mounted on the bow at their expense. I feel, as do several others who are familiar with this project, that there is no better way to show our respect in her honor. All I am asking is that as many of you who can afford \$50.00 to send the money to me by July 1st so that we can have the plaque made and have it at the reunion. I will then send it to Indiana University so that they can have it mounted. We are looking for the text. If you have an idea, please send it to me. If we receive more money than what we need, the surplus will go into a kitty for future projects such as this.

By the time that you read this newsletter, Barbara and I will have gone and returned from Branson, Missouri, to check the area out for a possible reunion site. Branson is the military reunion capital of the world. They cater to all branches and there is an organization that does nothing but help plan military reunions for no cost. I have had some of the crew ask me how long is it going to take to run out of east coast locations. My answer was, we are almost there. Therefore, I think that in the foreseeable future, we need to branch out and hit some of the other areas that are home to crew members that can't make it to the east coast. I am considering someplace on the Great Lakes like Milwaukee, Cleveland, and Erie. Another suggestion was Pittsburgh. All these locations have Coast Guard bases. Yeah, I know that Branson does not, but with everything else they provide (like the shows), you won't complain. I have looked at the Gulf Coast and Texas. Both have some really nice areas, but we don't have many crew members who live in those areas. How about Las Vegas or Reno? Please let me know what you want, and I will follow up on any and all ideas.

Remember to send in your \$25.00 Yearly dues ASAP. Each mailing of *The Helm* runs the bankbook down.

If you are interested in Coast Guard or US Life-saving service books and memorabilia visit:

<http://www.lighthouseantiques.net>

Paid members for 2007

Acton, Baker, Berry, Billingham, Bing, Bogdan, Bunch, Burns, Cromwell, Dinsmore, Goodwin, Graham, Grant (Lee), Hall, Hamrick, Haviland, Hays, Hughey, Isherwood, Jordan, Keene, Kopcinski, Laib, Lester, Leyes, Lucas, Mason, Miller (Robert), Milstein, Murphy (Greg), Nagle, Olsson, Peverly, Quintiliani, Rosenfield, Sauder, Schmidt, Smith (Ray), Snow, Straub, Swansburg, Taylor, Teeven, Terbush, Watson, Weir, Whitney, Wilcox, Wolfe, Worthen, Yuscavitch, and Zinzer



USCGC Eastwind Reunion

June 15–17 at the Merry Manor in South Portland, Maine. Contact Lee Grant for information at 603-447-6040 or email at junelee.1@roadrunner.com.

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LITTLE KNOWN MARITIME FACTS

A number of primary schools were doing a project on "The Sea." Kids were asked to draw pictures or write about their experiences. Teachers got together to compare the results and put together some of the 'better' ones.

This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly age 6)

Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves to chargers. (Christopher age 7)

Oysters' balls are called pearls. (James age 6)

If you are surrounded by sea you are an island. If you don't have sea all around you, you are incontinent. (Wayne age 7)

I think sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend any more. (Kyle age 6)

A dolphin breathes through an asshole on the top of its head. (Billy age 8)

When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes, when the wind didn't blow the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would be better off eating beans. (William age 7)

I like mermaids. They are beautiful, and I like their shiny tails. How do mermaids get pregnant? (Helen age 6)



**SUPPORT THE SHIP'S STORE.
DUANE ITEMS MAKE GREAT GIFTS
FOR YOURSELF AND FOR
YOUR FAMILY.**

USCGC Duane Reunion September 12 – September 15 Plan of the day

Wednesday September 12

Check in early
1800 Dinner as a group at a local restaurant.
Mingle with the *Campbell* crew.

Thursday September 13

Check-in (welcome reception on the outside marquee) or at the Rusty Scupper at the Coast Guard base (to be determined).
1500 Hospitality Room will open till 2300.
Ship's store will be open.
Dinner on your own.

Friday September 14

0800 Breakfast at Governors.
0900 Trip to be determined with lunch.
Several trips available, you can decide which you would like to do. We can not afford a bus so car pooling is advised.
1600 Return to the Merry Manor.
1800 Dinner at a local restaurant.
Hospitality Room will open on your return.
Ship's Store will be open.

Saturday September 15

Breakfast on your own.
Free day.
0900 Golf Outing for those who would like to play at a local course.
1600 Business meeting in the hospitality room.
1800 Banquet clam/lobster bake/ prime rib-(cost?)
Guest speaker – auction.

Sunday September 16

0800–1100 Breakfast buffet at Governors \$9.00 pp.
Happy Trails 'till next year.
(Location will be in Williamsburg, VA)

Check out the new Duane Association web site created and hosted by Rick Bogdan.

<http://home.comcast.net/~whec33/>

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2007 Reunion Registration

Name:

Name of wife, partner or guest:

Your address:

Your phone number:

Your e-mail address:

Your rate, rank and years you were onboard:

Mail this completed form and yearly dues (\$25.00) to:

Bob Haviland, Treasurer, USCGC Duane Association
7 Squirrel Hill Lane
Hingham, MA 02043
781-749-0995

Important!! Registration must be returned by August 15th, 2007



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Ship's Store Order Form

Tee Shirts (Embroidered Tiger insignia)

Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

\$20.00 each

White or Navy Blue

Pocket T With round Duane Insignia \$22

Quantity_____Color _____ Size_____ \$_____

Polo Shirts

Size: S M L XL XXL

\$25 each

Off white

Quantity_____Color _____ Size_____ \$_____

Sweatshirts (Embroidered Tiger insignia)

Size: S M L XL XXL

\$28.00 each

Navy Blue

Quantity_____Color _____ Size_____ \$_____

Patches

Tiger or Search and Rescue \$10 each

Quantity_____ \$_____

Hats (Embroidered)

Tiger Insignia (Black with red trim)

\$18 each

Quantity_____ \$_____

Duane (Blue working ballcap)

\$18 each

Quantity_____ \$_____

Nylon windbreaker (Round gold insignia)

Size: L XL XXL

Navy blue/cotton lining

\$35

Quantity_____ Size _____ \$_____

Subtotal _____

Shipping \$6.00

Total amount enclosed \$_____

Make checks payable to: USCGC Duane Assn.

Name:

Street:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Phone number:

E-mail:

Rate/Rank while on board:

Years on board 19__ to 19__

Send to: USCGC Duane Ship's Store, c/o Stan Barnes, 381 Stage Rd., Sanbornton, NH 03269

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Not a member? Join the USCGC Duane Association

2007 Membership and Renewal Application USCGC Duane Association

Name

Spouse name

Your nickname (first name)

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

Years served on Duane: 19__ to 19__

Rank/rate while on board

2007 Membership Renewal New Member

Please send a check for \$25 made out to "USCGC Duane Association" to:

Bob Haviland, Treasurer
7 Squirrel Hill Lane
Hingham, MA 02043

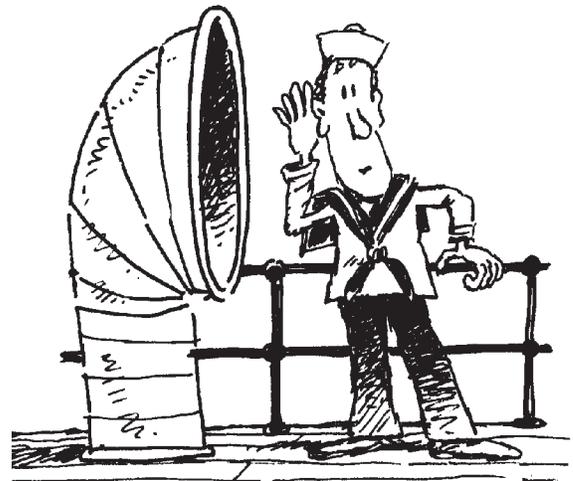
Crossed the Bar



We are sad to report that our secretary-treasurer Bob Haviland passed away on Wednesday, April 11 after a long battle with cancer. Bob was a Gunner's Mate in the early 1950s on the *Duane*.

Bob and his wife Jeanne spent countless hours helping this association with reunions, finances and keeping track of the membership,

Please remember the Haviland family in your prayers,.



Moving? Change of email address?

Please contact the secretary with any changes if you want to keep receiving newsletters. Remember to include your phone number and email address. If we do not have your correct mailing address we will not be able to get the newsletters to you. Thank you!