



THE HELM

Summer 2007

Published for members of the USCGC Duane Association

Get ready for the Portland reunion

By Stan Barnes, President

The first thing on the agenda for this issue of *The Helm* is this year's reunion in South Portland, September 13–15 at the Merry Manor. Call this number to make your reservations directly (207) 774-6151. The cost is \$89.00 per night. The banquet on Saturday is \$23.11 per person and the Sunday farewell buffet breakfast (8–11) is \$9.00 per person. You can send your checks for these events directly to Jeanne Haviland, (Bob's wife who has graciously offered to stay onboard as our secretary/treasurer) at 7 Squirrel Hill Lane, Hingham, Mass. 02043.

The banquet will be a buffet dinner on Saturday evening consisting of 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 Sunday farewell breakfast will have chilled juices, scrambled eggs, bacon/sausage, cold cereals, fruited muffins, toast, home fries, coffee, (decaf & regular) and milk. If you have a special diet, please let us know in advance.

As you can see from the "Plan of the Day," this event has been left somewhat open for you to do as you wish. As many of you live in the greater Portland area, it would be difficult to have enough people to take a tour of an area that you are well acquainted with. It is too expensive to hire a bus for guided tours so I figured that people could car-pool and go wherever you would like.

We will have brochures available in the hospitality room for your convenience. Once I know where you would like to go for dinner on Thursday and Friday evenings, I will call and make the reservations. The hospitality room will be open on our return from dinner. You are encouraged to bring any memorabilia for show. Your reservations must be in by August 30th.

Last year in Hull, we held our first auction rather than a raffle. It was well received and we all had an enjoyable time watching people try to out bid each other and sometimes even trying to outbid themselves. (Ask Tony C. and Stew G. about that.) We will have many very nice items to go up for bid this year. I came back from Florida with a vanload of over \$300.00 worth of nautical items that the Association bought. Everyone is asked to bring a nautical item. The Lighthouse Museum on Route 1 in Wells, Maine has everything you could imagine. This is a great location just to browse. They always provide a gift at no cost to the reunion.



On May 16–21 of this year, Jim Orrock and I spent another week on the *Taney* in Baltimore. We did a lot of deck work and painting of rails. We awoke on morning to find "Tiger Paws" painted on the bulkhead by the gangway. How they got there no one knows. Funny a couple of *Duane* sailors were onboard. I foresee us going back to Baltimore to work on the *Taney* the week of October 8–14. If any-

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Old Sailor's Poem

Author Unknown

Old sailors sit and chew the fat 'bout how things used to be of the things they've seen and places they've been when they ventured out to sea.

They remember friends from long ago and the times they had back then of the money they've spilled and the beer they've swilled in their days as sailing men.

Their lives are lived in days gone by with thoughts that forever last of cracker-jack hats and bell-bottom blues and the good times in their past.

They recall long nights with a moon so bright far out on a lonely sea and the thoughts they had as youthful lads when their lives were unbridled and free.

They know so well how their hearts would swell when the flag fluttered proud and free and the stars and the stripes made such beautiful sights as they plowed through an angry sea.

They talk of the bread ole' cookie would bake and the shrill of the boatsun's pipe and how the salt spray fell like sparks out of hell when a storm struck in the night.

They remember mates already gone who forever hold a spot in the stories of old when sailors were bold and lubbers were a pitiful lot.

They rode their ships through many a storm when the sea was showing its might. And the mighty waves might be digging their graves as they sailed on through the night.

They speak of nights in a bawdy house somewhere on a foreign shore and the beer they'd down as they gathered around cracking jokes with a busty whore.

Their sailing days are gone away never more will they cross the brow. But they have no regrets for they know they've been blessed 'cause they honored their sacred vow.

Their numbers grow less with each passing day as their chits in this life are called in. But they've nothing to lose for they've all paid their dues and they'll sail with their shipmates again.

I've heard them say before getting underway that there's still some sailin' to do and they'll exclaim with a grin that their ship has come in and the Lord is commanding the crew.

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

<http://home.comcast.net/~whhec33>

You can download a membership application and PDF copies of this newsletter.

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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:

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

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

Coast Guard Heritage Museum

By George Washburn

We at the museum are having our annual membership drive and would like to invite all of the members of the Duane Association to become members of our Coast Guard Heritage museum. We have on display a hand-crafted model of the Duane, donated by George Washburn and Bill Harbaugh. You might remember that it was displayed at the Baltimore reunion. The model now resides in a case at the museum. We have a display case that is made from wood from the Duane's bridge. The display depicts a shore search and rescue operation. We also have a large engineering drawing of the Duane displayed with other 327 drawings.

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

<http://members.aol.com/lighthos3/myhomepage/photo.html>

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Notes from the Acting Treasurer

Jeanne Haviland

In the Spring issue of "The Helm" there was a notice of my husband, Bob's, death. There was also a request to send your 2007 dues to Bob Haviland, and I don't blame you for being confused. The reality of the situation is that I am filling in for the rest of his term, and I have been doing a lot of the "grunt" work since he became so sick. So send your dues checks to USCGC Duane Association at 7 Squirrel Hill Lane, Hingham, MA 02043.

And speaking of dues, we are way behind this year with only 60 paid members for 2007, so if your name isn't on the list, grab your checkbook and a pen, and send along that \$25 now. Thanks.

Paid members for 2007

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

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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)

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

<http://www.lighthouseantiques.net>

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one would like to join us, please let me know and I will make the arrangements. We stay onboard at no cost staying in the CPO's or Officer's Country.

Now I want to talk about next year's reunion. As you should know by now, we are anticipating going to Williamsburg, VA. I am now working on locating a place in that area for next year's reunion.

2009 Reunion

I have already booked our 2009 reunion in Branson, MO. I know that Branson is not a seaport or even near the sea but is considered the military reunion capital of the United States. Go online to check out Branson and the Settle Inn where we will be staying. Branson is a fantastic place and I am positive everyone will have a terrific time. The shows, food and most of all the hospitality are exceptional.

We will be there November 9-12, 2009. The reason for the later date is because it is Veterans Day week and they honor veterans as no other place I have seen. We have been invited to ride a float in the Veterans Day parade. Everything for veterans is at a discount rate and each show has a segment dedicated to the veterans. It is also the start of their Christmas season so Christmas shows will be available.

If you have any questions concerning Branson, please let me know. If I don't already have an answer, I will get them for you.

We have been to all the areas that are affordable as a group and need to start seeking other places. We will start losing members by constantly visiting the same areas over and over. Why not visit new and attractive places? I am looking at the Great Lakes area, Texas, and New Orleans for future reunions. Would anyone be interested in Las Vegas, Reno or Laughlin, Nevada? Hotels in these cities run about \$24 per night.

As this issue of *The Helm* goes to press, I want to inform you that your Association is working with Ocean Divers, The Chamber of Commerce of

Key Largo and Indiana University (keepers of the *Duane*) to create two plaques. These plaques will be placed on the *Duane* and at the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce in memory of the *Duane* and all who served onboard. One will be placed on the *Duane* near the stack where divers first come aboard and can be easily seen. The other will be placed at the Chamber of Commerce where over 70,000 visitors per year will view it. All permits are in place so the only remaining item is to have the plaques made. I am inquiring as to the best material to be used for underwater placement and the size. The people at Indiana University will mount the plaque on the *Duane* at no cost as they dive the *Duane* several times a year.

I am requesting you, the crew, for your cooperation and generosity in this project and contribute what you can in support. At present we have raised \$200 of the \$1500 goal. You can send your contributions to either Jeanne or myself. State "PLAQUE" on your check so it does not get confused with dues or reunion money. I would like to thank you in advance for your contributions.

Lastly, I have obtained a ship's bell for the "Across the Bar" portion of our reunion when we remember all who have crossed. We have not used one in the past, which belongs to the Association. The cost of the bell and engraved plaque will cost me about \$120. If anyone would like to help defer my cost, I would appreciate it. I believe this is an item we have needed for a long time.

I wish you all fair winds and a following sea and hope to see you all in South Portland in September.

Crossed the Bar

Bruno Vendramin June 6, 2007
Jack Gardner



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MYSTERIOUS TIGER PAW PRINTS APPEAR ON THE TANNEY

By Jim Orrock



27 June 2007, Baltimore Harbor aboard the former Coast Guard Cutter *Taney*.

In the early morning hours that Sunday, this vessel had a visitor from an earlier era. When the tour guides reported aboard to their duties they notice that some strange paw prints were going along the deckhouse up to the 01 deck in front of the brow. One of these paw prints had a 33 in the middle. Could this have been the Tiger of The Seas paying a visit to the *Taney*? On board this weekend was a volunteer work detail from the Duane Association.

One of the volunteers came up with the idea, however we did not know if the *Taney* had already been printed. Sneaking into the ship's office, we were able to go on line to Fred's Place and check the Nam cruise book. The *Taney* was not on the list. Well that had to change. Skillfully making a stencil from the print in the cruise book, we were lucky and found a stencil for the 33 that fit the paw. Early in the morning, the former Duane crewmen proceeded to the main deck by the prow. The four prints were stenciled on the deck house as if the tiger was climbing up onto the 01 deck.

Management of the *Taney* reported aboard Monday morning. One comment was that "the prints gotta go." However since the *Duane* is about the only 327 association that supplies volunteers, I have a feeling they will be there when we return in October. If not, I saved the stencil.

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:

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Hingham, MA 02043

True Sea Stories

By Jay Schmidt

Iwo Jima

One of the *Duane* radiomen had been stationed previously at the USCG Loran Station on Iwo Jima in the mid-1960s. It was complete isolation. He told me that they were told not to hike or to go up on Mount Suribachi because of all the unexploded ordnance.

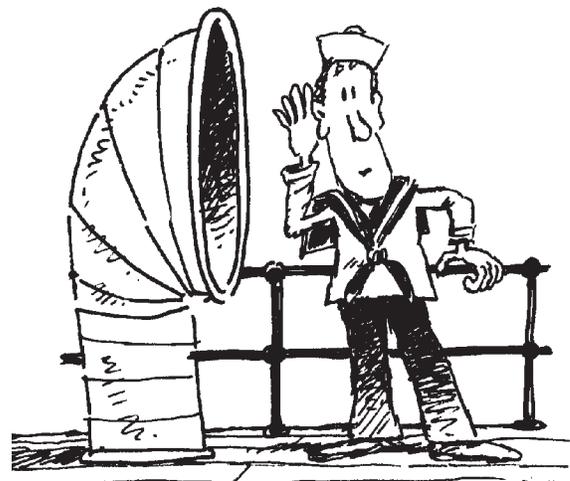
He said, "At night we often heard explosions on the mountain. We didn't know if a rabbit or something stepped on a mine, or a shell just cooked off."

Greenland

An ex-Coast Guard HM3 had been stationed at the Thule, Greenland, USCG Loran Station which was about 50 miles from the US Air Force base.

He said, "When the Air Force guys at Thule got R&R they were sent to the states."

When the coasties got R&R they were sent (you guessed it) to Thule Air Force Base.



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