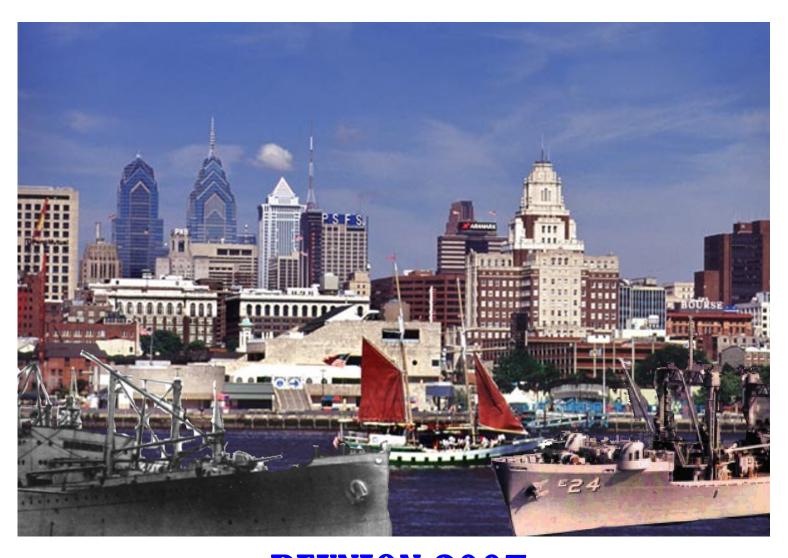
# USS Pyro Association Saw yah in Philly!



REUNION 2007
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
MAY 2~6, 2007

## **Seen in Philly**

### Participating members and guests

Charles G. Batten **Bill and Jane Burgert Jared Cameron and Susan Scanlan Billy and Myra Eckstine Loyd and Mary Ellis Frank Fanning Bailey George Gary and Helen Golay Clyde and Suzanne Griffith Al and Shirley Hansen Bob Hauge Don Hunt Bill Hogan and Linda Fox Gary and Ruby Jaeger Robert and Bernice Kelly Bob Mahan and Marge Knapp** Don and Jo Ann McClura **Lud and Anne Miller Tom and Carol Moulton** Joe and Ruth Ann Nalle **Tom Ryan Tom and Marianne Sanborn Larry Sheipline** Robert W. Smiley, Jr. Jasper and Lavonne Strunk Don and Lynn Sullivan **Ed Stone** Glen and Barbara Trostle **Rick and Rita Tully** John Wichtrich **Doug and Linda Wisher Vance and Beverly Worrell** 



CHARLES G. BATTEN (AE-24)



BILL AND JANE BURGERT (AE-1)



**JARED CAMERON AND SUSAN** SCANLAN (AE-24)



MYRA AND BILLY ECKSTINE (AE-24)



MARY AND LOYD ELLIS (AE-24)



FRANK FANNING AND JOHN WICHTRICH (AE-24)



BAILEY GEORGE (AE-24)



**HELEN AND GARY GOLAY (AE-24)** 



CLYDE AND SUSANNE GRIFFITH (AE-24)



SHIRLEY AND AL HANSEN (AE-24)



BOB HAUGE (AE-1)



Don Hunt (AE-1)



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Tom and Carol Moulton (AE-24)



TOM RYAN (AE-1)



LARRY SHEIPLINE (AE-24)



LUD AND ANN MILLER (AE-24)



RUTH ANN AND JOE NALLE (AE-1)



Tom and Marianne Sanborn (AE-24)



BOB SMILEY (AE-24)



JASPER AND LAVONNE STRUNK (AE-24)



ED STONE (AE-1) (L) WITH JANE BURGERT AND TOM RYAN



RICK AND RITA TULLY (AE-24)



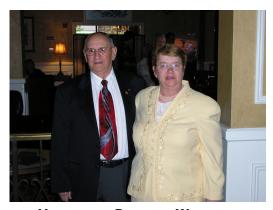
DON AND LYNN SULLIVAN (AE-24)



GLEN AND BARBARA TROSTLE
GUESTS OF THE WORRELLS



LINDA AND DOUG WISHER (AE-24)



VANCE AND BEVERLY WORRELL (AE-24)

## Plan of the day(s)

#### Wednesday, May 2, 2007

**Afternoon:** Arrive and check-in; rooms available at 4:00 PM

3:30 - Reunion Registration Desk open in Betsy Ross Room

4:30-6:00 - Hospitality Reception in Betsy Ross Room off hotel lounge with locally brewed Yuengling beer, chips, hard & soft pretzels and lemonade.

**Evening**: Dinner on your own at one of the many area restaurants within walking distance. Executive Committee Meeting

#### **May 3, 2007, Thursday**

Complimentary Breakfast in hotel dining room

**9:00 AM:** Period-attired guides will meet us at hotel to begin a three-hour walking tour of the "... most historic square mile in the United States," including Liberty Bell, Carpenters' Hall, Franklin Court, Betsy Ross house, Christ Church and Elfreth's Alley.

After lunch break at area food court in a historic building, we will tour Independence Hall and Congress Hall, with pre-arranged admission tickets.

Remainder of afternoon free to visit the Liberty Bell Pavilion, U.S. Mint or other sites in the National Historical Park area.

**Evening**: Dinner on your own at one of many area restaurants within walking distance.

#### May 4, 2007, Friday

Complimentary Breakfast in hotel dinning room

**9:00 AM:** Approximately 2 ½ hour Orientation Tour of Philadelphia area in Motor Coach equipped with rest room. Return to hotel area for lunch.

**1:30 PM, Friday Afternoon**– Motor Coach picks us up at the hotel and transports us across Delaware River to bow of Battleship New Jersey

- USS Pyro Memorial Service on deck with seating, PA speaker and biodegradable wreath to honor our deceased shipmates [Memorial Service Subsidized]
- o Guided tour of top-side spaces and gun turret

Motor coach returns us to hotel about 5:00 PM

**Evening**: Dinner on your own at one of many area restaurants

### Saturday, May 5, 2007

Complimentary Breakfast in hotel dining room

**9:00 AM** – Association Business Meeting in hotel meeting room

Remainder of day free for sightseeing, shopping or visiting with association members.

**6:30-7:15 PM** – Cocktails and photographs

**7:30-8:45 PM** – Banquet Dinner and Association

**8:45-11:15 PM** – Music for dancing and socializing {Music cost subsidized}

### May 6, 2007, Sunday Morning

Complimentary Breakfast in hotel dining room Homeward bound



# SALUTING THE MAN WHO MADE IT HAPPEN

h, the joys of serving as a reunion chairman! Everyone has advice and non-negotiable demands, but it's you who deal with vendors, makes the decisions, gets the bus at the hotel on time, get everyone on the bus — and you take the heat if everything goes doesn't go as smooth as clockwork.

Gee, that's pretty much like serving as the disbursing officer, mess cook master and supply guy on the USS Pyro. That's what 2007 Reunion Chairman Larry Sheipline did on AE-24 and before and during this gathering.

Larry Sheipline overcame adversity, handled a hotel under construction, guides, caterers... the list goes on and on... with skill, aplomb and careful competence that made *See Yuh in Philly* a reunion to remember!



Someone once said that volunteers deliver 30 percent of their promises and demand twice the praise they deserve. Mr. Sheipline delivered all he promised and much more — even volunteering to head up the association's upcoming membership drive! Bravo Zulu, Larry, on a job well done!





















# A Yuengling and pretzel welcome





**MARY ELLIS OFFERS A TOAST** 



**COUSINS BEV WORRELL AND GLEN TROSTLE** 



**BILLY ECKSTINE AND LINDA MOULTON** 



LINDA FOX, BILL HOGAN AND LAVONNE STRUNK



**'TWILIGHT SAILORS' TOM RYAN AND ED STONE** 



LUD MILLER, LOYD ELLIS, TOM MOULTON AND DON McClurg



**BOB HAUGE** 



Jo Ann McClurg, Ruth Ann Nalle and Ann Miller



LYNN AND DON SULLIVAN



BEV WORRELL, LAVONNE STRUNK, GARY GOLAY, AL HANSEN, LINDA FOX AND HELEN GOLAY



GARY JAEGER, RICK TULLY AND JASPER STRUNK





BOB HAUGE, DOUG WISHER, BILL HOGAN AND BILLY ECKSTINE



VANCE WORELL; RUTH AND JOE NALLE; LINDA FOX;
MYRA ECKSTINE; BILL HOGAN



VANCE WORRELL, BOB HAUGE, LOYD ELLIS, MARGE KNAPP, BOB MAHAN AND LAVONNE STRUNK



JOE NALLE WITH BOB AND BERNICE KELLY



**BAILEY GEORGE CHECKS IN WITH HOME** 



## **Yuh see Philly**











OFF TO SEE THE CITY: SHEIPLINE (TOP LEFT) CHECKS HIS LIST AS SANBORN MUSTERS THE TROOPS AND THEN IT'S OFF TO THE LIBERTY BELL...

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In the shadow of Constitution Hall: The group visits Betsy Ross's house and sees the city with a guide garbed in colonial costume.













WALKING THROUGH AMERICAN HISTORY

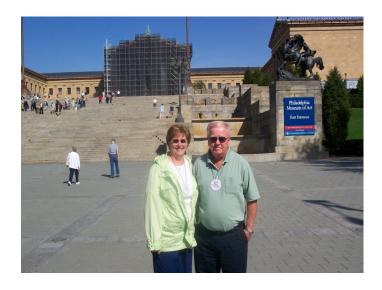












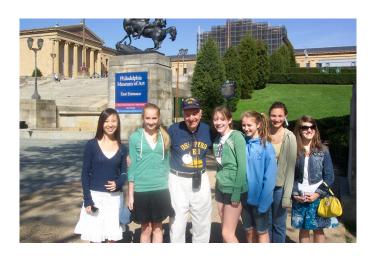
If we wanted to walk, we'd have joined the Army...Taking a break; the 'boys on the bus;' Bill Hogan and Linda Fox along with Lynn and Don Sullivan at the Philadelphia Museum.









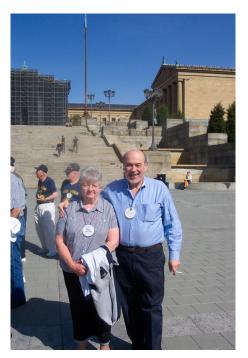




WHERE'S ROCKY? DON AND JO ANN McClurg; Mary and Loyd Ellis; Ann Miller and Mary Ellis; Ed Stone and Larry Sheipline; Ed Stone and youthful admirers; Marge Knapp and Bob Mahan at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.







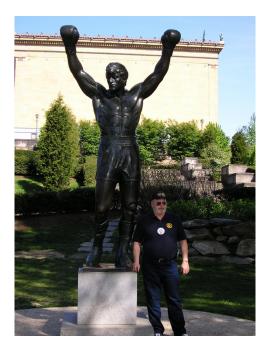






Stone, Ryan and Cameron on the museum steps; Sheipline, Sanborn and Eckstines depart hotel; Ann Miller and Cameron; the group enters the Friends National Park; Wichtrich and Griffith lead the pack; Al Hansen at Friends Park.









Tom Moulton 'Relaxes' at Rocky's feet; Bailey George with Rocky; Hunt, Nalle and Hauge set off; the Sullivans and McClurgs synchronize watches(?).

## **Touring the Battleship New Jersey**











PYRO MEETS NEW JERSEY: THE GROUP PREPARES TO BOARD THE BATTLESHIP.











PREPARING FOR BOARDING; THE NALLES CLIMB THE LADDER; OUR BB GUIDE, THE TULLYS AND BAILEY GEORGE CHECK OUT THE HELICOPTER; BATTLESHIP SAILOR CRUISES PYRO BABES; AND THE VIEW FROM THE B DECK.













THE SNIPES HEADED FOR THE BOILER ROOMS; THE QUARTERMASTERS CHECKED OUT THE BRIDGE; THE GUIDE TALKED ABOUT GUNS AND SHOWED OFF THE SHIP'S SILVERWARE.





WISER MINDS WATCHED A VIDEO IN THE LOUNGE; HELEN GOLAY TRIES OUT A SAILOR'S BUNK; (FRONT ROW) SHEIPLINE, WICHTRICH, ECKSTINE, STONE AND SANBORN POSE IN FRONT OF GHOSTLY IMAGES OF (R-L) STRUNK, CAMERON, MOULTON, WISHER, HANSEN, GOLAY AND GRIFFITH.

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OUR GUIDE EXPLAINS HOW THE GUNS WORK WHILE WICHTRICH AND CAMERON CONTEMPLATE THEIR RETURN TO DRY LAND.

# Honoring fallen comrades

SS Pyro Association reunions are about many things. For many members, the annual reunions serve as a vacation at fun locales with good food, tours and the camaraderie of spending time with old shipmates.

But reunions serve another, larger purpose: To honor and give life to the memory of those who have departed. Again in 2007, the association honored shipmates who gave their lives on distant battlefields as well as sailors and spouses who passed away since the 2006 gathering.





CHAPLAIN WORRELL
OPENS THE SERVICE
(TOP); THE GROUP
WATCHES REVERENTLY;
AND THEN SHARES A
HAPPY REMINISCENCE
OF DEPARTED COMRADES







BRINGING IN THE WREATH...

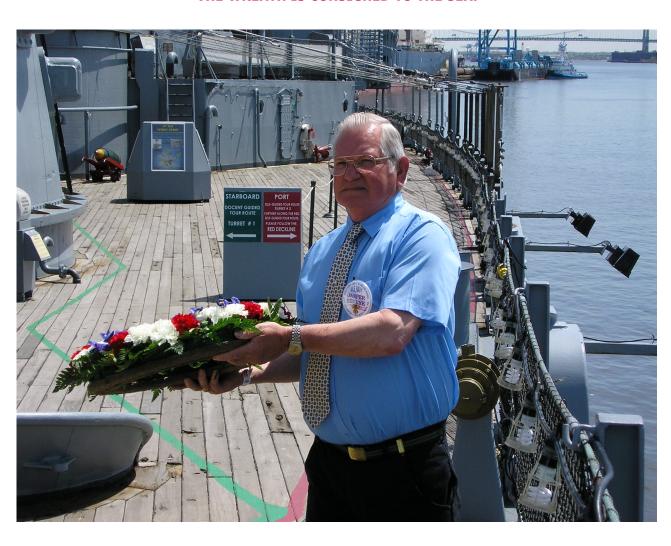




THE MOULTONS WATCH AS RICK TULLY RINGS THE BELL IN REMEMBRANCE

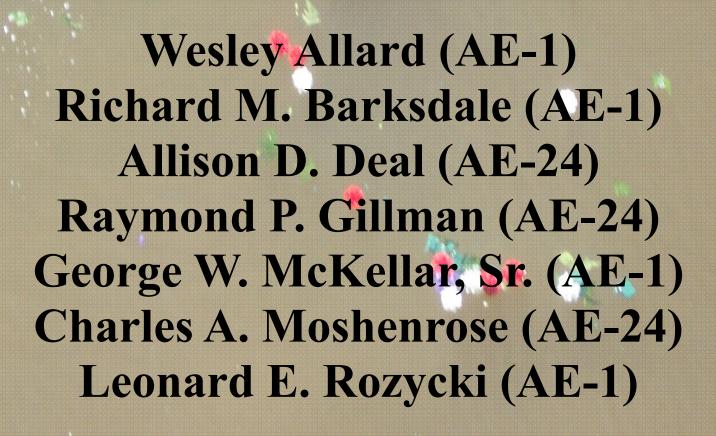


THE WREATH IS CONSIGNED TO THE SEA.



## IN MEMORY





### **Bob Hauge remembers The Three Musketeers**

The USS Pyro AE-1 Three Musketeers are a tradition that commenced on the decks of the AE-1 during WW2. The 'musketeers' were made up of the following crew members: Leonard Rozycki, Irv Palm and Bob Hauge.

As WW2 came to an end with the surrender of Japan while AE-1 was serving the fleet in the Southwest Pacific, Navy personnel with the required 56 points were transferred back to the States for discharge. Hauge also had the required points, as Rozycki reminded him over and over, but Hauge was Regular Navy and still had three remaining years to serve on his then-current hitch, which eventually became a twenty year term.

Thus, Rozycki & Palm cheerfully deserted Hauge who remained on the ship to clean up the messes all those reserves had left from the war.

This broke up the Three Musketeers for thirty-eight years. Irv Palm became a successful jeweler with a store in Red Oak, Iowa. Rozycki, thanks to the damage control experience on the AE-1, became a Chicago, IL, fire fighter, retiring as a lieutenant. The junior third musketeer made a career in the Navy, retiring after twenty years and was then employed by Lockheed Missile & Space Company for twenty-seven years.

In 1983, a group of ex-AE-1 sailors who had previously met in small groups yearly while raising their families decided to go for the big one: That year the first USS Pyro AE-1 reunion gathered with some 100 sailors and spouses in attendance.. This original group scrounged the whole country for prospective AE-1 sailors – mind you, this was way before the days of computers and Rags Gillman.

Rozycki had the most difficult task to perform: To locate third musketeer, Hauge, tracing his whereabouts from California to South Carolina through his daughter, Bobbie, in Texas.

The musketeers were reunited and the renewed friendship twenty five years.

Then – as they had in 1945 – the two elder musketeers sadly made sudden departures. This was the final breakup of the musketeers as ill health took its toll. First Palm and then Rozycki once again bailed out, leaving the 'kid,' Hauge, to carry on the musketeer tradition by attending the USS Pyro reunions.

At the recent Philly Reunion, Hauge had mixed emotions about attending future reunions. Finally, he realized that he must carry on the Three Musketeers' reunion tradition and not give up the ship: Once a Pyroman always a Pyroman! Damn the excuses. He decided to make the yearly reunions on behalf of the Rozycki and Palm, who are no doubt looking down on earth wondering if their old shipmate and comrade is still trying to sing *Anchors Aweigh* and *Bell Bottoms Drawers*—off key, as usual, natch!

As the daily tides roll in and out, Hauge sheds AE-1 tears for his two best shipmates and friends, men he had the very good fortune of personally knowing for SIXTY-FIVE YEARS.

Farewell, Rozycki and Palm! Smooth sailing and calm seas wherever you venture. Hauge is now running up those bar bills in ya'll's names, but now you're not around to bail him out! So be it as we bid 'Sayonara' until we once again come together as the Three Musketeers in the big blue sky way, way up yonder.

The third musketeer could not be located by the Rozycki family for notification of his departure as Hauge had once more relocated, this time from Florida to Texas where he was belatedly made aware of Rozycki's departure by a Chicago Tribune obituary.

However, Hauge believes he made amends by saying a few emotional words in behalf of Rozycki during the memorial service on the deck of the battleship USS New Jersey during the Philly Reunion. All in attendance joined with their individual thoughts prayers in remembrance of Leonard E. Rozycki. Last but not least Hauge wore an ID picture around his neck of Rozycki and him taken at the 1983 reunion throughout the reunion events. Certainly a fitting farewell remembrance for a lifelong, everlasting shipmate. —**Bob Hauge** 





## Membership meeting









ASSOCIATION BYLAWS REQUIRE A MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT EVERY REUNION AND A MEMBERSHIP MEETING THERE WAS.

(TOP LEFT) PRESIDENT CAMERON CALLS THE GATHERING TO ORDER AS VANCE WORRELL PREPARES TO GIVE THE BENEDICTION; (CENTER ROW) ALL IN OUR PLACES WITH BRIGHT, SHINY FACES: THE MEMBERS; (RIGHT) THE OFFICERS FIELD QUESTIONS.











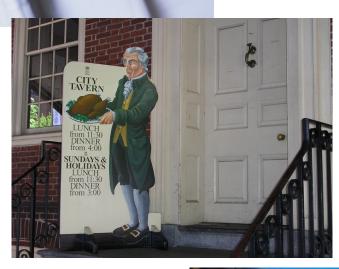


Introductions, discussions, give-and-take and adjournment.



## Out and about town



























LEFT TO RIGHT AND TOP TO BOTTOM: THE WISHERS AND NALLES; SUSAN SCANLAN; THE GOLAYS AND ECKSTINES; SULLIVANS AND MCCLURGS; ANNE MILLER, AL HANSENS; AND AGAIN THE WISHERS CHECK OUT PHILLY CHEESE STEAKS.













**DINING OUT AT BOOKBINDERS AND CUBA LIBRE** 













SAMPLING THE CUISINE OF PHILADELPHIA













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**COLONIA-STYLE DINING AT THE CITY TAVERN** 











MORE VIEWS OF THE CITY TAVERN EXPERIENCE

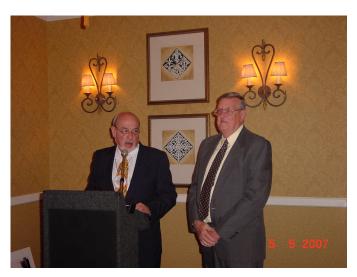
# **Awards Ceremony**



THE BENEDICTION



**BOB SMILEY** 



**DOUG WISHER** 



**TOM SANBORN** 



**BOB HAUGE** 



**LARRY SHEIPLINE** 



**BOB HAUGE** 

wards are the USS Pyro Association's way of saying 'thank you' to people who make contributions to our group that are above and beyond the call of duty. You could say that everyone who attends reunions — even each association member and each spouse — deserves an award because everyone plays an important role in the association. And you'd be right. But exceptional service merits exceptional recognition and in 2007, six 'heroes' earned special rewards for their exceptional service.



**DOUG WISHER** 

#### Lifetime Achievement Awards

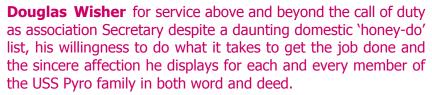
**Robert L. Hauge** in grateful recognition of his valued service as association secretary, *Scuttlebutt* editor, proofreader *par excellence*, AE-1's unofficial historian and our association's goto guy when something needs to be done now and done right. **Robert W. Smiley, Jr.**, for founding and financing the USS Pyro website that bridges generations and makes certain that the USS Pyro *lives on in the hearts and minds of those who served on her*, for conceiving and executing a recruitment drive together with the late Chief Ray Gillman that brought many of us to the Association and assured its continuing viability despite the ravages of time and demographics; and for being a superb shipmate whose birthday and anniversary greetings are the bane of postmen and a blessing to his friends.



**BOB SMILEY** 

### Certificates of Appreciation

**Larry L. Sheipline** in grateful recognition of his exceptional service as 2007 'See yuh in Philly' Reunion Chairman in organizing and overseeing meticulous arrangements for a reunion to remember in a healthy, smoke-free environment.



**Tom Sanborn** for service above and beyond the call of duty as reunion chairman for not one, but two reunions in Branson as well as at sea aboard the Carnival *Celebration* that defined the term *prolific planning* for all future association gatherings and caused one and all to believe — at least for a moment — that snipes can actually do something that doesn't involve crawling in boilers.





**TOM SANBORN** 



LISA MICHAEL



LARRY SHEIPLINE

# Banquet













Tom Sanborn visits with the Worrells; Jasper Strunk prepares to take a picture of people taking picture of him; Bob Hauge enters; Bob Smiley and Charlie Batten share a laugh; Clyde and Susanne Griffith share a moment; Frank Fanning and John Wichtrich share a table.













ED STONE STRUTS WHILE BILL BURGERT TUNES UP; GARY JAEGER, BAILEY GEORGE AND TOM RYAN; JOHN WICHTRICH AND CLYDE GRIFFITH; SHIRLEY HANSEN, PEARL JAEGER, AL HANSEN AND GARY JAEGER; ROBERT AND BERNICE KELLY; TOM AND MARIANNE SANBORN

### Dancing the night away



BILL BURGERT OF THE AE-1 PYROMANIACS ON THE SAX...



AT THE SATURDAY DANCE, HEAR THE CROWDED THE FLOOR: FOLKS STARTED OUT DANCING WITH THE 'ONES WHAT BROUGHT 'EM..' KNAPP AND MAHAN; THE MOULTONS; THE GOLAYS; AND THE WISHERS.



I'LL KEEP CHANGING PARTNERS 'TIL I'M IN YOUR ARMS AGAIN...THE ECKSTINES; JANE BURGERT AND ED STONE; TOM SANBORN AND HELEN GOLAY; TOM RYAN AND SUSAN SCANLAN; SUSAN SCANLAN AND TOM MOULTON; BOB SMILEY AND HELEN GOLAY; BILLY ECKSTINE AND HELEN GOLAY.



I SAW A MAN, HE DANCED WITH HIS WIFE...THE MOULTONS; BILLY ECKSTINE; SUSAN SCANLAN AND FRANK FANNING; TOM RYAN AND HELEN GOLAY; AL AND SHIRLEY HANSEN; DOUG AND LINDA WISHER; BOB MAHAN AND MARY ELLIS; HELEN GOLAY AND JASPER STRUNK

...and the band played on







You've danced through the night and everything seemed so right... 'Twilight Sailors' cut rugs until the wee, small hours of the morning, Tom Sanborn proves that even North Vietnamese shrapnel can't keep a born hoofer down and dancing diva Helen Golay — like Ginger Rogers before her —

## Burgert's bands: 1941-2007



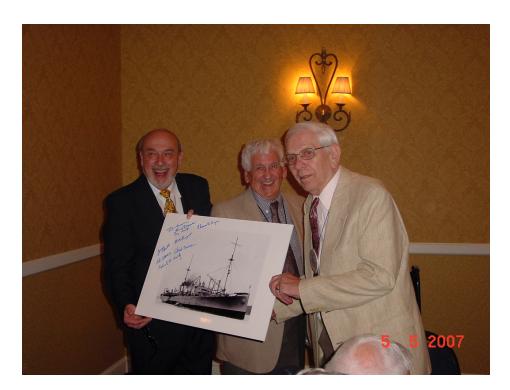
## Twilight sailors















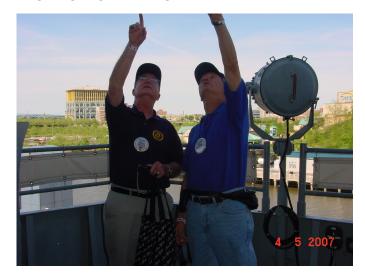
# Outtakes

MINE'S BLANK. WHAT ABOUT YOURS? LACKING SPOUSES TO EXPLAIN THE NUANCES OF NAME BADGES, LARRY SHEIPLINE AND JOHN WICHTRICH CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY NO NAME APPEARS IN THE VISIBLE PORTION OF THEIR IDS.





PORT IS LEFT...HAVING MASTERED 'PORT AND STARBOARD,' TULLY AND MOULTON (BELOW) WORK ON 'UP AND DOWN.'





ONCE MORE WITH FEELING... FRANK FANNING AND MYRA ECKSTINE: EMOTION IN MOTION.



LEVERAGED BUYOUT OR HOSTILE TAKEOVER?
FINANCIER BOB SMILEY 'DANCES' WITH SUSAN
SCANLAN AND HELEN GOLAY.



This USS Pyro Association Saw Yah in Philly Memory Book was edited by Jared Cameron who is solely, if reluctantly, responsible for all miscaptioned photos, incorrectly spelled names and mismatched spouses. Photos were taken by volunteers including Billy Eckstine, Doug Wisher, Tom Moulton, Ed Stone, John Wichtrich and Jared Cameron. We 'shot 'em like they saw 'em' — often with a cup of cheer in hand. Married photographers tended to snap more shots of their wives than your wives out of longstanding affection, a desire to assemble background material for post-reunion deportment critiques and the hope of surviving to attend future reunions.

The editor and photographers are not responsible for odd expressions, excessive gyrations of nether parts inspired about by Bill Burgert's music, dubious deportment brought about by reunions with bad role models from your youth, dress inappropriate to traditional gender roles, silly head coverings or pounds added since your salad days of Naval service. We believe we included at least one photo of every participant, but if we missed you (or your best angle), we apologize abjectly.



Sincerely,

The editor