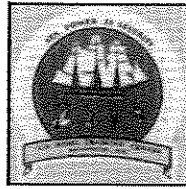


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MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

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From the President

Greetings Fellow Shipmates...

Several important items in this issue require your attention. First, I apologize for the lateness of this issue however I wanted the news regarding the Bainbridge Naval Training Center Historical Association (BNTCHA) update. As you remember there were questions posed at the 2006 Reunion Business Meeting. A correspondence committee wrote a letter listing the questions our membership had posed. We have received a response from BNTCHA and will share that information with you later in this issue. Be sure to read the section entitled "An Association Official Report.

Second, I ask that you be patient with my getting your membership cards to you. They will come however the transition of receiving the materials needed to make the membership viable has taken longer than planned. I am presently having membership cards printed and shortly will begin the process of printing them and mailing them to you.

Lastly, Bob Cahillane and I have been busily getting the 2007 Reunion events planned. The May/June issue will have the Call To Reunion so please make plans to attend this event. I know you will not be disappointed.

In continuing service...*Arline* Member #150

**2007 Memberships
\$20.00**

**Mail to: USNTC Bainbridge Association
Membership
C/O Arline Caliger
PO Box 147
Harrison, TN 37341-0147**

Don't miss out on future Newsline issues...?

NEWS YOU CAN USE...

Wal-Mart - Generic Drugs for Veterans

Fran Harriman Member # 547 submitted the following information she found in a VFW Magazine.

Veterans can purchase more than 300 different generic prescriptions drugs at most Wal-Mart stores nationwide for as low as \$4 per prescription for a 30 day supply. That is half the cost of filling a 30 day prescription at the Veterans Administration Pharmacy.

According to Wal-Mart, "The program is available at all Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and Neighborhood Market Pharmacies (except in North Dakota where Wal-Mart does not operate its own pharmacies, but instead leases space to 3rd party providers."

The Wal-Mart program began as a pilot in Tampa, Florida in September 2006. The program quickly expanded and is now in 27 states. Approximately one dozen other large regional and national retail pharmacies are offering similar services.

Fully aware of the difference in cost, the Veterans Health Administration has convened a work group to examine options for making generic drug co-payments more affordable to veterans.

For more information - including a list of all qualifying drugs, visit: www.walmart.com/pharmacy and access "Generic Drug Program."

For those who use the program let the editor know where it works and where it does not. We in turn will keep the membership informed of the process.

Remember to send address changes to Membership office: USNTC Bainbridge Association, c/o Arline Caliger, PO Box 147, Harrison, TN 37341-0147

Or E-Mail at kali8824z@aol.com

Some Memories of Bainbridge...

We have received some articles reminiscing about those years in the past when time was spent at USNTC Bainbridge. Enjoy the following with a look to meeting some of these folks at the upcoming Reunion.

STARTING OUT IN THE NAVY

Submitted by Bob Cahillane Member # 60

On July 4, 1957 myself and a hundred other guys joined the Navy at the BIG E, aka the Eastern States Exposition. The Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon, Bishop of Springfield, Massachusetts gave the benediction. Other guests were Lt. John Flanagan USNR, Military aide to Gov. Foster Furcolo; J. Loring Brooks, Chairman Eastern States Exposition; my father James Cahillane, Mayor of Northampton; as well as the Mayor of Springfield; Chairman West Springfield Selectman, and many other dignitaries. Rear Admiral Claude V. Ricketts was the principle speaker. Immediately following the induction ceremony the group, aka Greater Springfield Honor Guard was bussed to the Union Station, where they boarded two special cars on a train bound for Bainbridge, Maryland.

We were told that we would pick up sleeper cars in New York City, some of the first information which was not true – we sat up the whole way and were dragging when we arrived. I had gone out the night before and was slightly hung over which the train ride did not improve. Upon arrival at Bainbridge we were introduced to our Company Commander Kenneth Hagan, HM1, who worked hard trying to get us into shape.

On one of his first days he gave us all assignments, I worked for the Drill Master Bob Oliveira, for the Choir master (it turned out he was Hagen's nephew.) Others went to Battalion Hqtrs., Regimental Hqtrs. and other places on the command. Each evening after dinner we were called into Hagan's Office to fill him in on the events of the day. He was an excellent drill instructor – which we did a lot of. We won just about every flag we could. He had one command "LEFT BY THE RIGHT FLANK, DOUBLE TO THE REAR, WITH A SLIGHT HESITATION, HUT" which when you get a hundred guys doing the command it becomes a real crowd pleaser. Basically we complete a circle and took off marching forward.

Did I screw up? Yes, on more than on occasion. One day Ken was trying to teach us the Semaphore – the alphabet with flags. I could recite Alpha, Bravo, etc. down to Whisky where I would stop. He made me do it several more times and he finally asked me what my problem was. I told him I could not associate whisky

with the alphabet at which time he tossed a rock at me thereby ending the test. We were about to graduate and I did not want a hair cut to look like a boot, so I walked around the building not realizing someone was inside counting. He put me in front of Battalion Hqtrs. for hours pushing a piece. My shoulders still hurt from that one.

On graduation I told Ken that my dad told me the Lt. Governor Bob Murphy was coming down for our graduation – with that said – in a few hours I found myself sitting in front of some navy commander saying "tell me again about the Governor coming." It created quite a fuss within the command and as it turned out not only the Lt. Governor but also my mom, dad, and my sister Maureen showed up. Due to the fog they were late in arriving which caused us to stand on the grinder for over an hour. Needless to say I was cussed out by all my fellow sailors.

On to the BIG E – the navy flew us back to Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, MA to once again see our families. We had to report to the Fair for the next ten days to provide Color Guard and Honor Guard for the Governors of the six New England states and to march each afternoon in the parade. Upon completion of these duties and following thirty days leave we all headed out to schools. I went on to Norman, Oklahoma, then to San Diego, CA. Next to NAS Barber's Point, Hawaii where I joined the Security Department and ended up being Assistant to the Provost Marshal. After two years of this hitch I went aboard the *USS Lexington* for several months. Not happy I got myself transferred to GRMGRU #1 in Oxnard, CA. When I finished up projects there I was transferred to VX-5 in China Lake, CA where I helped write the books for the new aircraft for Vietnam and finished my tour of duty, with no regrets. I have many friends from Texas, Florida, Indiana, Wisconsin and around the country who fifty years later I still keep in touch with.

More Memories of Bainbridge...

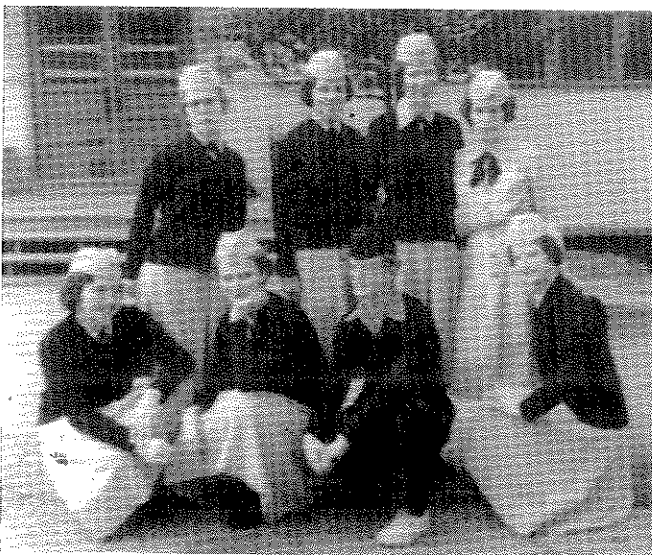
Submitted by Doris Stever NonMember

I have so many memories but can't write them all. The following is what I wish to share. I and five other young women arrived at USNTC Bainbridge in a late evening in January 1961.

At the start we were not sure of our choice. We were left off a train onto a desolate little platform in exactly the middle of nowhere. It seemed to us that we had gone as far East as was possible without dropping off into the ocean. Someone even remarked that they could smell it so it must be close by. There was a little one room building sitting on a concrete slab, it was locked so there was nowhere to settle. The train tracks ran from east to west and there was a one lane paved road running from

north to south. We looked around at the landscape. No houses, no life, no movement except the wind blowing through distant tree tops. It was cold, overcast and lonely. Then a voice said, "I wonder if they know we're here?" Someone else chimed in, "They should, we joined didn't we? A small amount of time passed and someone said, "What if they forgot and nobody comes. What will we do?" "We can't stay here all night!" Another piped in, "They'll come, somebody has to come." Awhile later another spoke up, "Maybe we should start walking." The immediate answer came back, "Which way?" We were there for almost forty-five cold and damp minutes and panic was beginning to set in. Some of us huddled against the building out of the wind. First lesson learned at RTW: Hurry up and wait! "Look" a finger pointed north and there was a rickety gray bus rattling down the road and turning toward us. "Thank God, they remembered." It was a very relieved group of women that bounced around on that bus and watched the brown landscape go by as we rattled toward RTW and our navy future. We became a part of Company 3 of January 1961.

(see page 6 for photo legends)



More Memories of Bainbridge...

Submitted by Manny Ratner Member # 556

This treasure was found while Manny was cleaning house and came across an "All Hands" 1953 issue.

HOW DID IT START

NTC Bainbridge

To meet the Navy's need for trained personnel back in the early years of World War II, President Roosevelt authorized the purchase of 1132 acres of land which was later to become the U.S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. The name "Bainbridge" was chosen in honor of Commodore William Bainbridge, one-time commander of the immortal USS *Constitution* ("Old Ironsides") and founder of one of the Navy's first training schools at Charlestown Navy Yard (now Boston Navy Yard).

Construction of the Center began on 19 May 1942. In October it was placed in commission and on the 10th of that month the first recruit reported for training.

During World War II, Bainbridge performed as a vital "assembly line" for the Navy. After sending more than a quarter of a million men to the Fleet, the Center was decommissioned (temporarily, as it turned out) on 31 June 1947.

When the Korean crisis once more brought about a demand for more recruits, the big Center was reactivated. The first group of recruits arrived 2 Apr 1951—13 of them. Bainbridge was back in business.

By the end of its first year of reactivation, Bainbridge had graduated more than 17,000 recruits. The year 1951 also saw the first Waves arrive for training at the Center, which is now the Navy's only Wave recruit training activity. The first group came aboard November 1951.

Last year an even greater expansion of the Center came about with the establishment of a Service School Command. The first service schools—those for yeoman, personnel man, quartermaster, fire control man, radioman and teleman—were all in operation by March 1952.

Since then, gunner's mate, hospital corpsman, dental technician and dental prosthetics technician schools have been added to the nautical campus. The Naval Preparatory School, "Little Annapolis" is also located at the Center.

Today, Bainbridge is a smoothly functioning establishment which each week sends about 1000 young men and women to advanced schools or out to the Fleet.

An Association Official Report

The recent received response to our questions regarding the Bainbridge Naval Training Center Historical Association (BNTCHA).

Our membership was and continues to be concerned about the museum becoming a reality. As you are aware there has been little communication or representation from the BNTCHA group. Our members have faithfully given memorabilia and funds to the dream of creating the Bainbridge Museum. In addition our Association has given a share of money from each membership fee. In the past two years there has not been any BNTCHA presence at the Annual Reunion Banquet where the membership money has been presented to the BNTCHA President. It had also come to my attention that members have given memorabilia from their past navy life and money to the museum group to carry on their legacy without a thank you or acknowledgment of receipt.

It is with regret that I must share with you the response we received from BNTCHA regarding the questions raised at the 2006 Reunion Business Meeting. The BNTCHA Board of Directors have voted to discontinue association with USNTC Bainbridge Association and become a membership based organization.

The questions asked of BNTCHA regarding the "Trust" and "Trustees" as published to our Membership in the *Newsline* is a misnomer. In actuality the "Trust" is their checking account which is paying the day to day expenses of operation and the "Trustees" are the Board of Directors. It is not clear who approves disbursement from the account.

It is important to point out to our membership that any items or funds you give to the BNTCHA group are at RISK of either loss or waste. The "Trust" is not a true Trust nor is the "Trust" controlled by independent Trustees.

BNTCHA also did not remit a financial report demonstrating how the funds our Association has

given to date - \$9,000.00 was utilized.

At this point the actions USNTC Bainbridge Association is taking is to continue our quest for a Bainbridge Museum. We will continue to annually deposit money based on the established membership ratio into an interest bearing vehicle or fund for that express purpose. Also the Association will discontinue bearing costs of publicizing BNTCHA in our Quarterly *Newsline* and on the web site. We will also discontinue supplying complimentary copies of the *Newsline* to the BNTCHA Board members.

In addition we will no longer bear the cost of showcasing the BNTCHA collection at the Annual Reunions.

We have notified BNTCHA by letter of our regret regarding their decision and direction they have chosen in regards to the future enterprise of a Bainbridge Museum. Both of our Associations were working in tandem to the day ground would be broken and the first wall erected to record the history of USNTC Bainbridge and its place in Maryland and Military history. All of us share in that legacy and in that vein we have kept the door open if BNTCHA decides to again work together to achieve that goal.

All the correspondence will be available at the upcoming Reunion for your perusal.

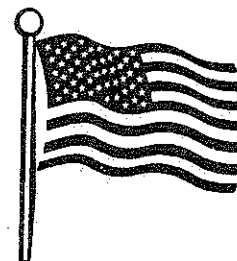
Shipmates who have transferred to Heaven's Fleet:

CWO4 Loma Bridenstine member #1090 Feb. 2007

Editor's Note:

Please pass any decedent information to the Recording Secretary at the following address so names may be added to the USNTC Bainbridge Memorial Roll Call:

USNTC Bainbridge Association
Recording Secretary - Death Notification
PO Box 2313
Westminster, MD 21158



Reunion Notices

The National Chief Petty Officers' Association

The National Chief Petty Officers' Association will hold their 2007 NCPOA Convention in Charleston, SC from October 10 through 14 at the Town & Country Inn and Conference Center, 2008 Savannah Highway. Many events are planned. For more information contact:

Jerry L. Sweeney V. Pres, NCPOA
6 St. Thomas court
Stafford, VA 22556

Or:

Marjorie L. Hays Treasurer NCPOA
1014 Ronald Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78412-3548

The Destroyer Escort Sailors Association

The Destroyer Escort Sailors Association, Old Dominion Chapter will hold their 2007 Annual Business Meeting and Reunion May 20 throughj 23. The Reunion will be at the Colonial Inn, 2809 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia. For more information contact

Walter Alexander, President
2311 Idavere Road
Roanoke, VA 24015
(540) 345-5826
E-mail: DE585@cox.net

The Destroyer Leader Association

The Destroyer Leader Association is looking for former shipmates from *USS Norfolk, DL-1; USS Mitscher, DL-2/DDG-35; USS John S. McCain, DL-3/DDG-36; USS Willis A. Lee, DL-4; and USS Wilkinson, DL-5*. The Association will meet in Charleston, SC October 4 through 7 for their 11th annual combined reunion.

For more information contact:

Walter Alexander
2311 Idavere Road, SW
Roanoke, VA 24015-3903
(540) 345-5826
E-mail: DestroyerLeader1@cox.net

The USS Huse DE-145 Annual Reunion

The *USS Huse DE-145* will hold their annual reunion October 7 through 10 in Branson, Missouri. For more information contact:

David Perlstein
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Boca Raton, FL 33433
(561) 368-7167
E-mail: dlp14@hotmail.com

Reunion History...How many did you make?

1999...Aberdeen, MD - USNTC Bainbridge visit
2000...Wilmington, DE- USNTC Bainbridge visit
2001...Milwaukee, WI - Maritime Museum of WI
2002...Aberdeen, MD - USS New Jersey visit
2003...Columbia, MD - Navy Memorial & Navy Yard
2004...Aberdeen, MD - Farewell tour of USNTC Bainbridge
2005...Charleston, SC - USS Yorktown & CSS Hunley
2006...Gaithersburg, MD - World War II Memorial
2007...Springfield, MA - Joint Venture with w/CO125-1957
2008 - To be determined by membership

Association Business 2007

Keeping the above chart of Reunion History in mind tell us where you would like to go in 2008 and 2009.

The following suggestions have been made:

- Norfolk, Va- the homeport of the *USS Bainbridge DDG-96*
- Cape May, New Jersey *USCG*
- Branson, MO
- *NAS Pensacola, FL*



Remember to send all articles and news to the
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for the next issue by COB on 30 April 2007

Treasurer Annual Report

December 2006

Our Association Books are on Cash Basis Accounting which means that all cash received and paid out is reported as of this date.

Cash 12/31/05	Operating Account	5,133.18
	Money Market	15,226.04
	Total	20,359.22
Income	Dues & Donations	4,465.00
	Reunion 2006	3,996.00
	Small Stores Sales	747.50
	Total	9,208.50
Total	Cost of Goods sold	-1,914.00
	Gross Profit Total	7,294.50
Expenses	Contributions	100.00
	PO Box Rental	115.00
	Printing & Postage	4,015.80
	Web Site Maint.	636.48
	Recruiting, Pub/Post	393.81
	Reunion 2005	90.18
	Reunion 2006	9,041.86
	Other Expenses	254.41
	Uncategorized	-2,528.29
	Total	12,119.25
Net Ordinary Income		-4,824.75
Other Income-MM Int.		275.77
Other Expense		-249.50
Net Other Income		26.27
Net Income		-4,798.48

Note: The Net Income loss is based on Reunion Expenses. It is more costly for Hotels and Meals than in the past years. Also Postage and Printing expenses have increased. The Board will meet at the upcoming Reunion to discuss future Membership and Reunion Fees based on numbers registered this year.

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 Position please contact the
 Association President.

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Treasurer Richard Roberts
 56 Linda Lane
 Selma, NC 27576-6484
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Please do not hesitate to contact an Association officer for any assistance you may need.

Photo legends from article on page 3:

Photo 1: Polishing boondockers in the head.
 L to R: Elaine MacLeod, Diana Slattery and
 Dona Nix.

Photo 2: Remember the "gray seersuckers"
 Front row: Phyllis Bean, Kay Eubanks,
 Dianna Daniel, Shirley Brown,

Back row: Vickie Evans, Judith Forbes
 Merlyn Barrett, Elaine MacLeod

Photo 3: Company 3 MUSTER! In front of
 Wave Barracks.

Photo 4: Remember those Recruit Patches???
 L to R: Martha Pruitt, Lou Oakes, Doris Glass

SMALL STORES

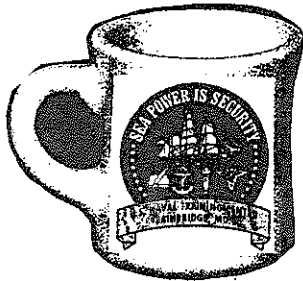
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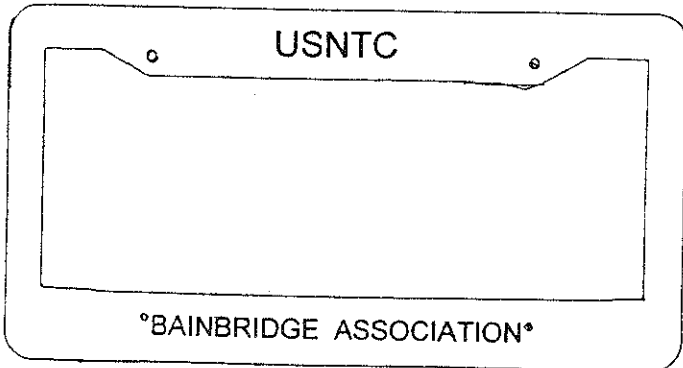
Ball Cap \$19.00 includes S&H
(standard navy blue ball cap with gold/yellow lettering)



Assn. Mug (shown)
\$13.50 includes S&H



License Plate Frame \$ 8.00 includes S&H
(as shown, black plastic w/ white letters)



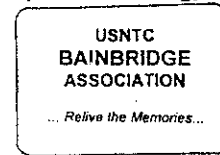
USNTC Bainbridge Patch \$ 8.00 includes S&H
(as shown, blue background with blk, gold & white)



USNTC Bainbridge Decal \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.
(as Patch, size and color)

USNTC Bainbridge Lapel Pin \$ 6.00 includes S&H
(as shown above, Cloisonné, 1 inch dia.)

Magnetic Address Book \$ 6.00 includes S&H
(as shown, gold matte finish
w/navy blue lettering)



Letter Opener \$ 5.00 includes S&H
(shown below, blue plastic w/ silver lettering)



Paper Weight \$12.00 includes S&H
(Silver on marble base)



Wall Clock 10" diameter w/ Bainbridge Logo \$21.00 w/ S&H

Clothing Items available:

T-Shirts - \$15.00 includes S&H

Golf Shirts - \$24.00 includes S&H

Windbreaker Jackets \$30.00 includes S&H
(all in Navy Blue with gold/yellow lettering)

Sizes: small, medium, large and X large are available.

Note: Sizes XXL and XXXL are special order items, add \$5.00 to above prices.

Wrist Watch w/ USNTC Logo on face \$35.00 includes S&H
Black or Brown leather band

To order any items forward a check in purchase amount made out to: USNTC Bainbridge Association and mail to:

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