

**USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68 ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
JULY 2010**

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Membership in The USS The Sullivans Association is open to all who have served on USS THE SULLIVANS DD537 or USS THE SULLIVANS DDG 68. To join the Association please complete this form and mail to:

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USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68 ASSN.
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Fill out this Membership Application and mail it with your check for \$25 to **TIN CAN SAILORS, INC., P.O. BOX 100, SOMERSET, MA. 02726-0100.**

USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68 ASSN.
OFFICERS ROSTER 2009-2011

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PAUL FANT (43/45) deceased
 CHARLES McCARTY (44/45) deceased
 ROBERT SANDER (43/45) deceased

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USS THE SULLIVANS (DD537)
FIELD DAY

AUGUST 19-22, 2010

Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park
 Buffalo, New York

Cost: \$35.00

Includes three meals on Friday and Saturday
 & Sunday breakfast.

Make checks payable to:

Buffalo Naval Park

Mail your check and the coupon to

Buffalo Naval Park

1 Naval Park Cove

Buffalo, NY 14202

Bring your own sleeping bag, towels, etc.

All can now sleep on board DD537

CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 11, 2010

USS THE SULLIVANS DD537 FIELD DAY AUGUST 19-22, 2010 at Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park in Buffalo, NY. Ron Glessner and Ron Black will once again host this event. A Field Day is a working weekend aboard a museum/memorial destroyer. All are welcome, but especially needed are electricians, plumbers, welders, carpenters, etc. Others can paint or clean or do other tasks that always need to be done. Please bring your own tools, if possible. They will be kept in a safe place aboard ship. **Please bring a sleeping bag and your own towels.**

Last year our Field Day brought **38** Tin Can Sailors and friends to the ship to work. **8** workers were former crewmembers of DD537. Let's make that number grow more this year! Enroll now and help make YOUR ship an exceptional place for visitors to enjoy.

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NEW MEMBERS

ANGLIN, JESSE DONALD (55/59), 518-A West County Line Rd, Springdale, AR 72764-8004
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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"WE STICK TOGETHER"

REMOVE FROM ACTIVE ROSTER*These members have been removed because their mail cannot be delivered or forwarded. If anyone knows of their whereabouts please notify the secretary.*

ALLEN, ANNA (widow of WILLIE 43/45)
BRITT, JASON (DDG68 99/06)
DEXHEIMER, FRANK (53/54)
HILDRED, KAY (widow of RADM JAMES 43/45)
HUDSON, VELMA (widow of LEWIS 57/60)
JOHNSTON, LCDR M. SHAWN (XO DDG68)
JULAGAY, DAM (63/65)...05-28-2009
KELLER, WILL (61/62)
RECKEMMER, ENS MAT (DDG68)
SABOGAL V/R LTJG, ALBERTO H. (DDG68)



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SHAW, RICHARD F. (61/63)...dshaw39@maine.rr.com

USS THE SULLIVANS DD 537

DECEASED

BRENNECKE, CHARLES N. (51/53)...11-15-2009
CONNER, JOHN (43/45)...1-04-2009
DAILEY, JEANNE (widow of Robert C. (52/53)
DENNISON, RICHARD (59/64)...11-23-2007
DUNNE, NANCY (wife of JAMES R. (52/54)...10-11-2009
FOSTER, GENE (43/45)...06-28-2010
GARNER, NATHAN C. (DDG68 95/98)...05/26/2010
GINDA, ANDREW M. (59/61)...10-20-2007
HAJINIAN, NAZAR (43/45)...10-28-2009
HOFMANN, STEVEN W. (59/61)...7-16-2007
HOLMGREN, FRANK (USS Juneau survivor)...05-11-2009
LABRANCHE, NANCY (wife of PAUL JIM (61/64)...5-24-09
MERGANTHAL, DENNIE (wife of Claude (43/45)...12-04-09
PETER, THONUS (55/57)...2-28-2010
SCHAEFER, DAVID R. (61/63)...06-21-2010
STARLING, YOKO (widow of EDWARD G. 52/54)...9-07-09

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U.S.S. THE SULLIVANS DDG68 MISSION ON 2010 DEPLOYMENT IS TO PROTECT IRAQ'S AL BASRAH OIL TERMINAL (ABOT) IN THE NORTH ARABIAN GULF (NAG). THEY HAVE ALSO HOSTED IMPORTANT VISITORS. Manama, Bahrain. Arleigh-Burke class guided missile destroyer USS The Sullivans DDG68 is part of a defense group whose primary mission is to guard Iraq's Al Basrah Oil Terminal (ABOT) in the North Arabian Gulf (NAG). In addition to focusing on this task during their first month on station, The Sullivans has been able to participate in joint training with coalition forces and act as the reception platform and host of several groups of distinguished visitors.

USS The Sullivans, which arrived in April, centers its mission on protecting ABOT, where massive tankers moor alongside to fill their ships with crude oil meant for world-wide distribution. The oil that flows through ABOT accounts for approximately 80 percent of Iraq's gross domestic product and is a vital asset to the stability of the country's economy.

Additionally, the destroyer is also called upon to provide a ready flight deck and small-boat transport for the defense group's personnel and distinguished visitors transiting to and from the terminal. The Sullivans deck division and engineering department have already performed more than 30 flight hours and 120 small-boat operations at this early point in their deployment.

"The focus and preparation of our Sailors has been outstanding," said The Sullivans Commanding Officer CMDR Neil Funtanilla. "Executing these operations for a sustained period requires strict discipline. The success of The Sullivans lies in the dedication of our personnel and leadership to execute the mission time and time again."

The U.S. military Coast Guard and coalition forces have worked with Iraqi Maritime Forces to provide defense and security to ABOT since 2004. The Sullivans, Coalition Forces and Iraqi Maritime Forces participate in training exercises each week that focus on defending the platform, deterring an attack and transitioning to Iraqi control.

USS The Sullivans operates under Combined Task Force 50 in the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command area of responsibility. We Stick Together! (From Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Public Affairs. Submitted by ENS Keri M. Weniger)

U.S.S. THE SULLIVANS DDG68 SAILOR CELEBRATES REENLISTMENT WITH HELO RIDE.

USS THE SULLIVANS at Sea. On Tuesday May 4 2010, CTT2 (SW) Nicholas Hummel strapped into AGILE 74, an Army helicopter on the deck of USS THE SULLIVANS. Shortly after, Hummel and the Army crew took off and circled THE SULLIVANS, currently operating in the Northern Arabian Gulf. While in flight, CWO3 Sheri Lung, one of Hummel's mentors, performed the reenlistment ceremony and CTTC (SW) Garrett Warner, Hummel's Leading Chief Petty Officer, snapped numerous photographs. The hundred feet high ceremony was complete with headsets and helmets to commemorate Hummel's commitment.

"I actually joined the navy to fly," Hummel said, "I had never been in a "helo" before and thought it would be an awesome idea." Hummel first enlisted in the Navy in May 2006. "I joined the Navy to see the world, Hummel said. Since being on THE SULLIVANS, Hummel has traveled to over 30 different countries.

As a Cryptological Technician Technical, CTT2 (SW) Hummel is a vital asset to THE SULLIVANS air defense. His primary mission is anti-ship missile defense. His daily routine includes standing watch in the Combat Information Center, looking for radars that might be adversary to Coalition forces in the Arabian Gulf.

From USS The Sullivans Public Affairs on May 4th, Hummel took a break from watch standing and reenlisted for another 6-year term, extending his commitment to 2016. Although unable to celebrate with his family at home, Hummel made the most of his commitment by taking a ride he will remember for a lifetime. We Stick Together! (Submitted by ENS. Alexander Brush USS The Sullivans Public Affairs Officer.)

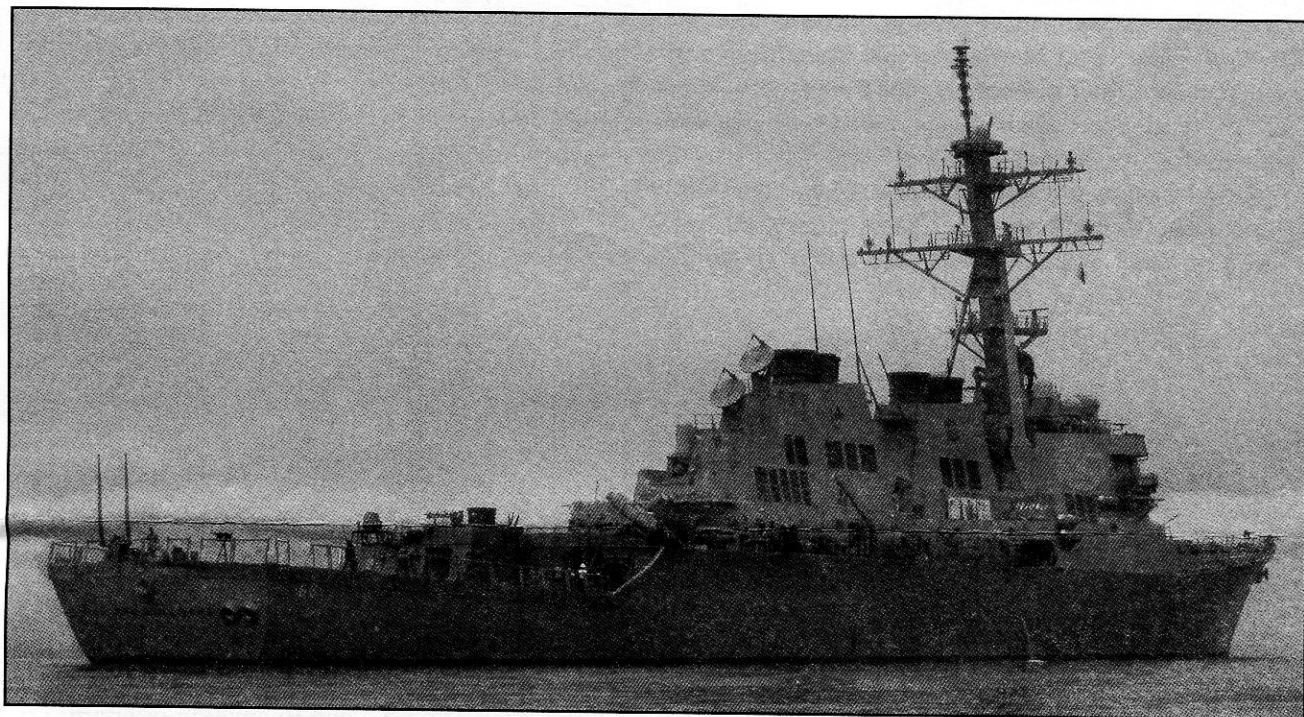
USS THE SULLIVANS DDG68 HAS UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT AT THE PORT OF MANAMA IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

The Sullivans DDG68 was proceeding into the port of Manama in the Persian Gulf on March 20, 2010 when it struck a buoy mooring chain. The incident was first reported as a Class A mishap, meaning it involved at least \$1 million worth of damage, although it was later downgraded to a Class B, involving between \$200,000 and \$1 million. A spokesman for the Naval Surface Forces Atlantic said he didn't have more information about damage to The Sullivans and could not say whether it had required major repairs. He would not say whether The Sullivans was still in Manama, only that it is in the 5th Fleet area of operations. However, on June 16 in Bahrain, Navy divers of the Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit and the Naval Special Warfare Unit were preparing to change damaged blades on DDG68's controllable pitch propeller, according to the Navy News Service. As a result of this incident, a change of command for DDG68 has taken place. The temporary C.O. is CMDR Robert Cepak, who's last assignment was Surface Operations Officer for C.T.F. 50. (Compiled from Navy Times, Navy News Service, and News4 Jax).

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THE 24th REUNION OF THE USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68 ASSOCIATION will be held in Waterloo, Iowa. Tentative dates are Sept. 21-25, 2011. Mike Magee, an Honorary Member of the Association and its Historian, was elected Chairperson for the reunion. Lonnie Elmore and the staff of the Waterloo Convention & Business Bureau will help with arrangements. Please mark your calendars for this important event. We hope to have more information in the fall newsletter.

KEN PALMERSHEIM DD537 (63) IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF ANY ACTUAL PARANORMAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED ABOARD USS THE SULLIVANS DD537. If you have personally experienced anything unusual when aboard the ship, at any time period, please relay it to him at his email address (kpalmersheim@comcast.net).



USS The Sullivans DDG68 stands ready to defend the Al Basrah Oil Terminal in the Northern Arabian Gulf.



CTTC (SW) Garrett Warner and CTT2 (SW) Nicholas Hummel pose for a photo in front of AGILE 74, the Army helicopter used for Hummel's reenlistment ceremony high above USS The Sullivans DDG68.