

USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68 ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

BYLAWS OF THE USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68 ASSOCIATION... Article 1, Section 5 reads:
Members are encouraged to make an annual contribution of \$10.00. Notice of dues will be included in the first newsletter each year. There are no mandatory dues.

You will find included with this newsletter a printed card with information on one side about 'dues' and on the reverse side information as to what is contained in the Association files on each member or friend of The Sullivans Association. Moreover, an envelope addressed to The Sullivans Assn. **Treasurer, Jim Rauth**, is provided for your use. While it is hoped that many members will send a check of \$10.00 some will be able to be more generous and mail a check for a greater amount, and others will find it difficult to mail any amount. Regardless, we hope that you will review the information that is now in The Sullivans Association files as recorded on the enclosed card, make any corrections and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Many thanks in advance for your help and cooperation.

The shipmates of the United States Navy Destroyers, THE SULLIVANS, join together:
To: Promote the memory of **George, Francis, Madison, Joseph and Albert**, the five Sullivan Brothers who died when their ship, **USS Juneau (CL52)** sank after being torpedoed by a Japanese submarine during the battle of Guadalcanal on November 13, 1942: **To:** Continue the spirit and unity that lived and continues to live among the crews of these gallant ships. **USS THE SULLIVANS (DD537)** and **USS THE SULLIVANS (DDG68)** during their years of service to our nation: **To:** Promote and foster fellowship, camaraderie and communication among our members and their families: **To:** Pledge our continued loyalty to our great country: and **To:** Honor the memory of our departed shipmates.

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

CURRENT OFFICERS

PRESIDENT-----BRUCE KAHLER(62/64)
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FOUNDERS

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

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



It is not too early to start making plans to attend the annual Field Day for upkeep & repairs of USS The Sullivans DD537. Save the dates. Aug. 19-22, 2010.

NAME _____			
ADDRESS _____			
CITY _____	ST _____	ZIP _____	
YEARS ON BOARD _____	SHIP _____		
SPOUSE _____	PHONE _____		
EMAIL _____			

Please mail this form or email the secretary any changes to your current mailing address. It is very important that we keep our roster information up-to-date.

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:

HARRY E. NELSON, Secretary
USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68 ASSN.
P.O. BOX 1196, CHARLESTOWN, NH 03603-1196
 Or email to hendd537@msn.com

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

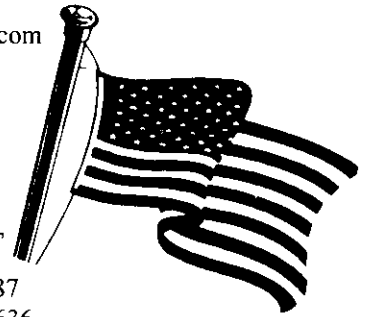
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NEW MEMBERS

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"WE STICK TOGETHER"



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DRAPER, DONNA (widow of C. WILLIAM 43/45), Cedarwood Assisted Living, 828 22nd St., #110, Fairbury, NE 68352-1211
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KING, ELEANOR (widow of DONALD L. 53/54), 949 N. County Rd 23 E., Berthoud, CO 80513-9636
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SHUMILLA, RICHARD D. (62/63), 939-A Heritage Village, Southbury, CT 06488-1352
TILLOTSON, CDR RYAN (former CO DDG68), 422 Langley St., Colorado Springs, CO 80916-5248
TULLIS, RUSSELL A. (51/55), 785 Henry Benefield Rd., Nashville, GA 31639-7820
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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.*

BOUQUARD, ISABELLE (widow of THOMAS 51/55)
BROWN, CDR RICHARD (DDG68 03/04)
DOWDY, GEORGE (59/61)
ELLIS, HARRY S. (60/60)
KOLB, LTJG JAMES P. (DDG68)
NOWELL, JR., CDR JOHN B. (DDG68 97/2000)
SMITH, STEPHANIE (DDG68 95/98)
WARD, CP0 SW KENNETH (DDG68)
WEATHERHEAD, ENS DOUG (DDG68)



USS THE SULLIVANS DD 537

EMAIL CHANGES

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DECEASED

BERNHARD, SR., PAUL (Webmaster for USS The Sullivans Website)...11-07-2009

TIN CAN SAILORS, INC.

The Tin Can Sailors 2007 grant to USS THE SULLIVANS DD537 was \$19,000. The 2008 donation was \$8,000. Since 1992, Tin Can Sailors has given the ship a total of \$276,750. All of these funds came from memberships in Tin Can Sailors. Also the Reunion Group supplemental grants program donated \$18,796 for a grand total of \$295,546.

The USS THE SULLIVANS ASSOCIATION has about 600 members who served aboard DD537, but only 160 of us belong to Tin Can Sailors. If you are one of the many who DON'T belong, now is the time to join.

You can't go wrong. You will get free admission to seven museum ships. a 40-page quarterly newsletter full of interesting articles. your name will never be given or sold to any commercial firms: and if you ever decide it was a mistake to become a member. Tin Can Sailors guarantees that it will refund your membership contribution. in full. without question. But BEST OF ALL, you contribute to the preservation of THE SULLIVANS DD537 and the other museum ships.

ALL OF THIS FOR ONLY \$25 PER YEAR.

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.

TIN CAN SAILORS, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ TEL. _____

SHIP: USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68

DATES ON BOARD _____

HIGHEST RANK OR RATE _____

Recruited by USS THE SULLIVANS DD537/DDG68 ASSN.

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USS THE SULLIVANS DDG68 LEAVES MAYPORT, FL FOR 7+ MONTH DEPLOYMENT. On February 19th, USS THE SULLIVANS departed as the first Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) capable ship home-ported in the Mayport basin. This historic first deployment as a BMD deployer holds many adventures for the crew. Aside from taking on the numerous tasks normally assigned to 5th and 6th Fleet area of responsibility ships, THE SULLIVANS will be asked to take on the brunt of missile defense for that region as well. As the world stage continues to highlight the need for ballistic missile defense, THE SULLIVANS stands ready to take action. After successfully completing a highly condensed 10-month turn around from her last deployment, THE SULLIVANS is again ready for mission tasking. Summer 2009 was filled with the BMD installation as well as numerous other system upgrades. The ship's restricted availability (SRA) made THE SULLIVANS a much more powerful asset to the Fleet. In the last 5 months, THE SULLIVANS' Sailors have worked hard to complete all basic, intermediate, and advanced training requirements and successfully attain deployment ready certification. SERMC and ATG Mayport have played major roles in ensuring the highest state of maintenance and training readiness with no delay in deployment date. When the day arrived, numerous family and friends lined the pier as THE SULLIVANS took in all lines and pulled out for her 7 plus month BMD deployment. Hugs and tears were shared before getting underway. As it is always difficult to leave loved ones, THE SULLIVANS will have a strong support system at home. Apryl Woods and Sarah Otto, the Ombudsmen for THE SULLIVANS, provide excellent care for families. As some of the best Ombudsmen in the Fleet, Apryl and Sarah are an integral part of THE SULLIVANS' team. Their job ranges from sending email updates to going to the hospital with a Sailor's sick child or helping a young mom deal with the stress of new found responsibilities. Thanks to their hard work, Sailors can know they are leaving their families in good hands. As THE SULLIVANS crosses the ocean, the crew anxiously awaits what missions will come. The BMD mission centers on the ability of AEGIS capable ships like THE SULLIVANS to provide forward defense and mobility. Look for updates as THE SULLIVANS heads to the fight and plays its role on the world scene. We Stick Together! (By Ensign Kari Weniger, USS THE SULLIVANS Public Affairs. (Provided by ENS Kari Weniger, PAO USS The Sullivans DDG68.)

2nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE SULLIVANS BROTHERS IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM. NOV. 2010. This event will be called "MASH Operation: Show Time." It will be themed after a Korean War USO Show and will feature the temporary exhibit MASH: On the Frontlines of Medicine. There will be more information in next newsletter.. (Submitted by Shelby Sitzman, Grout Museum.)

TIM HURLEY, MAYOR OF WATERLOO IOWA VISITS USS THE SULLIVANS DDG68. The mayor and his wife, Kathy, visited the ship on Monday December 28, 2009. Meeting the crew and touring the ship allowed the Mayor to explore the Iowa town's heritage. The crew enjoyed another opportunity to create a link with the past. "Having Mayor Hurley and Kathy onboard reminded us of our continuing desire to honor the Sullivan family," said Cmdr. Neil Funtanilla, Commanding Officer of USS THE SULLIVANS. "The Sullivan's and Waterloo represent the fighting spirit our ship strives to maintain. Their visit instilled great pride in both the crew and me. We look forward to upholding that tradition throughout our upcoming deployment."



After serving 6 years as Waterloo's mayor, Mayor Hurley is extremely aware of the impact and importance of the Sullivan family. Hurley is coming up on his last year of service to the city and visiting USS THE SULLIVANS provided a perfect cap to a long career of public service. THE SULLIVANS wishes Mayor Hurley and Kathy all the best in their future. We Stick Together!

Cmdr. Neil Funtanilla, Commanding Officer of USS THE SULLIVANS DDG68, welcomes Tim Hurley, Mayor of Waterloo, Iowa, and his wife, Kathy, onboard.

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TIN CAN SAILORS NEWS LETTER FEATURES USS THE SULLIVANS DDG68. The most recent issue of the Tin Can Sailors, Inc. Newsletter featured a nice article about Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD). This article is similar to the story on the adjacent page, but has some nice color photos of the ship, etc. If you are not a member of Tin Can Sailors this may be a good time to join. If you join before April 1st, they will send you this edition of the Tin Can Sailors newsletter.

USS THE SULLIVANS DD537 MED CRUISE. MAY TO AUGUST 1955. We left Newport about May 2, 1955. Arrived Londonderry, N. Ireland May 20. Departed June 7. Lots of warm beer, but we got used to it! Crew and officers on watch got an "eyeful" looking at City Park area with a long glass! About half the crew was AWOL the last night because the ship moved during the day to refuel, and there was confusion about the time the last bus left Londonderry to the refueling area. XO LCDR Hine conducted the Captain's Mast in the mess hall. Arrived Gibraltar June 8. Departed June 10th. Lots of little "monkeys" running around. Arrived Naples June 12 (approx.). Departed June 20 (approx.). You had to keep your watch high up under your sleeve and your cigarettes inside your socks. Someone found a canned ham "lying around." After those on watch in the fire & engine room got their fill over the side it went. Arrive St. Raphael, France July 1. Departed July 15. Big celebration on Bastille Day (July 14). One of the crew celebrated too much and was chased by the shore patrol across several pleasure boats! Arrived Tripoli, Libya July 22. Departed July 28. Safest place around was Wheeler Air Force Base with cold American beer and real "hamburgers!" Arrived Athens August 5. Departed Aug. 13. I had photo taken at the Acropolis and my brother took it to school to show it off and lost it! Arrived Palma De Mallorca, Spain August 14. Departed August 16. If you have seen one bull fight you have seen them all! They probably say that about football! A lot of the crew got some kind of a flu here! Arrived Newport, RI August 26 with lots of memories. Your editor put this together with help on dates, etc. from postcards he sent home that were saved. Additions or corrections will be noted in next newsletter.

NEEDED: DIFFERENT PHOTOS OF DD537. We try to have a different photo of both DD537 and DDG68 in each newsletter. We have exhausted our source of different scenes of DD537. If anyone has a photo that they haven't seen in print before we would appreciate knowing about it. Please send us a photocopy or a copy can be sent by the internet to rksdd537@mass.rr.com.



USS THE SULLIVANS DD 537 Somewhere in the Pacific during WWII.

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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. There will be more information in the summer newsletter.

NEWS FROM THE BUFFALO NAVAL PARK. As I write this, I'm finding it hard to believe that we are less than a month away from opening the park for our thirty second season. The entire crew who were furloughed for the first six weeks of the year are working hard to get everything ready. In case you're wondering cash flow problems resulting from delayed reimbursement payment from New York State necessitated this layoff. THE SULLIVANS DD537 came through the winter so far with no problems whatsoever. I may have mentioned previously that we purchased bubblers to prevent ice building up around the hull and they have proven to be very successful in keeping ice away from the ship. A December storm did cause substantial damage to the brow leading to LITTLE ROCK and that is currently out for \$10,600 worth of repairs. Fortunately insurance will cover all but \$2,500 of the cost. In April the television show "Ghost Busters" plans to film a segment aboard your ship and three different paranormal groups have also scheduled research sessions this spring. For some reason suddenly there is renewed interest in looking for ghost activity aboard DD537. We charge more than our normal admission fees for them to go aboard and it gets us some free publicity. I encourage you to come for the Tin Can Sailors Field Day in August or at some other time during the year to observe for yourself the work that we are doing. *(Respectfully submitted, Patrick J. Cunningham, Colonel, USA Retired. Executive Director.)*

REAR ADM EDWARD S. HEBNER, 2ND CO OF USS THE SULLIVANS DDG68 FROM SEPT. 4, 1998 TO FEB. 12, 2000 GOES TO NEW COMMAND. His New assignment is Commander of Naval Mine & Anti-Submarine Warfare Command in San Diego, CA. We wish him and his family Fair Winds and Following Seas.

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF PAUL BERNHARD, SR. LONG TIME WEBMASTER FOR THE DD537/DDG68 WEBSITE. Paul passed away on November 7, 2009 at age 78. He lived in West Seneca, NY. He originated our website and did a great job managing it for several years. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and children.



Photo of Boiler Tenders from 1956 Cruise Book.

First row, left to right: T. Anderson, M. Rue, L. Hurrell, W. Parker, M. Gay, N. Shultis. Standing: E. Hooks, K. Cole, W. Gladman, A. Esposito, C. Johnson, J. Clark, J. Schrecengost and J. Helms. Several of these shipmates have attended our recent reunions.

NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER EXPENSES

Print 900 letters	495.00
General postage.....	339.65
Mail to DDG68.....	11.95
Early Mailing.....	10.80
Ink Cartridge.....	35.00
Labels.....	25.00
Stamps on Hand.....	17.60
Total ..	935.00

MEMBERSHIP LISTS. The policy of the Executive Board is not to send out a complete membership list because of privacy and the expense and work involved in sending over 800 lists to members. However, if you mail or email a list of shipmates (maximum 12) to the secretary we will inform you if any are members. Also we can email a list of crewmembers' emails that we have compiled.