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## Boot Camp Reunion

### Planning - Planning - And More Planning

Chicago can grab your breath, hold it tight, and stagger you with excitement while you try to inhale all the sights: the skyline, the buildings, the art, the museums, the theaters, the restaurants. Chicago is a city alive all day and all night, full of character, history and controversy that will undisputedly confound your interest and conversation. It is a city of diverse culture; indeed, a city of diverse everything.

Lisle and Naperville, known also as the Magnificent Miles West of Chicago and situated about 20 miles west of downtown Chicago and Midway Airport are easily traversed along six major Illinois highways. The Hilton hotel rests on pristinely landscaped acres in central Lisle.

Both Lisle and Naperville have their own identity and pizzazz when it comes

#### **OBTAINING BOOT CAMP REUNION FORMS AND MORE INFORMATION...**

Need a registration form - go to [www.ussmanleydd940.org/reunions/reunionregistrationform.pdf](http://www.ussmanleydd940.org/reunions/reunionregistrationform.pdf) and print it out.

Or, you can register online at - [www.ussmanleydd940.org/reunions/register.asp](http://www.ussmanleydd940.org/reunions/register.asp) and submit your payment using your credit card and Pay Pal.

Want to make hotel room reservations - go to [www.ussmanleydd940.org/reunions/bootcamp.htm](http://www.ussmanleydd940.org/reunions/bootcamp.htm) and follow the link to **HILTON**. Or call **1-800-445-8667** and be sure to mention **USS Manley Reunion**

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to things to do. Great restaurants and entertainment spots abound. Naperville Village for one is a must-visit on your own attraction.

Anticipating that a number of attendees will travel by air into Midway Airport, discussions are progressing to provide discount van transportation to the hotel on Thursday and return on Monday. A final announcement should be released not later than August or September. Also, talks are ongoing with Southwest Airlines to allow for easier flight arrangements.

Plans are ongoing to offer golf at one of the area's premier golf courses on Sunday morning if interest warrants.

Those planning to attend who have not made hotel room reservations are reminded that only a limited number of rooms are available on Tuesday and Wednesday before and on Monday night after the reunion. Ninety rooms are available during the core reunion dates. Once these are sold, rooms will be made available on a space-available basis at the going market rate. The prudent ones will make their room reservations early using a credit card to guarantee a hold on a room.

The graduation ceremony at the NSTC, Great Lakes on Friday also has limited availability and will not be confirmed until after the first of the year. Obviously, planning is a bit daunting but you can be certain that every effort is being made to assure that all who sign up will be on the coaches heading north to boot camp on Friday morning.

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Alexander Calder's *Flamingo*



Don Tersigni - The Voice Chameleon



Appearing at the Association Grand Banquet



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### *Welcome Aboard*

Elliot Torres - SN - 73-75  
Lamar Traffanstedt - SN - 67-68  
Greg Butler - LT - 76-79  
Paul Infanti - SN - 72-73  
Jim Morin - MS3 - 81-83  
Leslie Forrester - PC3 - 70-74  
Dan Violette - OS3 - 72-74  
Grover Fewox - SN - 61-62  
Robert Desrosiers - STG3 - 65-67  
Paul E. Shileikis - FTG2 - 82-83  
Larry Thomas - BM3 - 66-68

### *In Memoriam*

Al Wicks - LTJG - 66-68  
Howard Cruise - SMC - 57-64



## The Crew's Voice

This letter was received from Katie Oldham.....

2/17/08

Dear Joe,  
I'm sorry its taken me so long to get this check to you. I've been intending for a very long time to tell you of my husband, Bob Oldham's condition.

He has an illness called Picks Disease that affects the brain and causes dementia. He has been in a nursing home for three years this month. He is only 67 years old.

Bob served on the Manley for his first tour of duty in the Navy. He was a gunnery officer from 1962-1965.

Bob's condition is declining and he is receiving hospice care.

One of our last trips together before his disease took hold was the reunion in Daytona Beach in September 2003. I remember you and your lovely wife well. I have many happy memories of that reunion. We had a great time! Bob played golf with some of the guys - a tournament maybe? We joined the group for the St. Augustine tour.

Bob was very proud to be a member of the USS Manley Association and I want to keep his name on the list. Bob spent his last four years of his career at the Great Lakes NTC. I know he would love to be back there for the April '09 reunion!

Joe, I was sorry to read in the Dec 07 newsletter that you had serious health problems last Spring, but I'm happy that you are feeling so good now.

God bless you and your family. With warm regards,

.....Katie Oldham

## Mining Operations

Do you notice the new members over there to the your left as you read this? It doesn't come easy, baby!  
We would like to make contact with every former crew member but that's improbable. But, we conduct mining operations wherever we can - military.com; destroyers.org, classmates.com. You can help. Look for former shipmates everywhere and anywhere- recruiting is an all hands evolution.

## Tom Young Resigns

This email was received from Association President Tom Young on May 25, 2008.

"It is with considerable sadness that I must inform everyone that I am resigning my post as President of the Association effective June 1, 2008.

Certain personal events have occurred in the past five months that make it extremely difficult for me to devote the required time and attention to the organization that it requires and deserves.

I have provided Joe Dennison with all the details that have led to my decision, and he is free to share them with you if he deems appropriate.

I sincerely thank all of you for entrusting me with the office of presidency, and also trust that you understand my decision. I intend to remain a member of the Association and be an active participant in as many upcoming functions as possible."

....Thomas Young

Dan Brewster assumed the President's chair and control of the Association. Joe Dennison remains Treasurer; Mike Haynes continues to hold down the Secretary's office, and Bill Gowan continues as our webmaster. The office of the vice-president will remain vacant until elections are conducted at the Boot Camp Reunion.

## What Shipmates Are Saying

Received from H. Larry Thomas now a resident of Round Rock, Texas...

"I served aboard Manley as a BM3 from September '66 until my transfer in January '68. Its been a lot of years. I still remember Manley and her crew as well as Captain W. C. Graham. Of all the ships I sailed, Manley was the best! I tell my grandkids about this ship and her crew. If I could serve again in Manley and with the same crew, I would be first in the chow line."

## LT Al Wicks Second Division - '66-'68



Albert J. Wicks, 67, a former assistant U.S. attorney who prosecuted some of Philadelphia's biggest mobsters in

the 1980s and '90s, died suddenly and unexpectedly on January 9 while on vacation in Hawaii.

Born in Woodstock, Illinois, Mr. Wicks graduated from the University of Illinois and served two tours of duty in Vietnam while serving in the USS Manley (DD-940) as the second division officer and fire control officer from 1966 until 1968.

After leaving the naval service in March, 1970, Al attended law school and became a successful and highly regarded federal prosecutor. In 1974, Wicks began his 21-year career in Philadelphia as a federal prosecutor on the Organized Crime Strike Force. "For more than 20 years, I valued his advice and hard work," said Joel Friedman, chief of the Organized Crime Office during the Wicks tenure. "He was a leader in our office and contributed greatly in our successes. Society benefited from his tireless efforts."

The USS Manley Association also benefited in having this courageous man in attendance during our Homeport Reunion in Norfolk, Virginia. Lieutenant Wicks was highly respected, a very engaging person who treasured his time with many of his shipmates and embraced the Manley Association.

Al's many shipmates, friends and family members are saddened by his loss.

## Zumwalt Class Destroyers

The Navy has exercised contract modifications for the construction of the dual lead ships of the Zumwalt class (DDG 1000) to General Dynamics Bath Iron Works and Northrup Grumman Shipbuilding. DDG 1000 and DDG 1001 are the lead ships of a class of next-generation multi-mission surface combatants tailored for land-attack and littoral dominance.

"When you look at DDG 1000, the technology is extraordinary," said Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Gary Roughead. "It is unique in that we have never tried to bring online so many new technologies, but the steps that have been taken and the investments that have been made have reduced the risk is normally associated with new technology. The Zumwalt-class of ships is really quite impressive."



DDG 1000 has been in design, development and demonstration for almost six years. The ship's detail design effort is also on cost and on schedule for delivery in 2013. The number of ships to be constructed is between eight and 12.

DDG 1000 will have a "tumblehome" hull form, i.e. a design in which hull slopes inward from above the waterline. This significantly reduces radar cross section since a slope returns a much less defined radar image rather than a more hard-angled hull form.

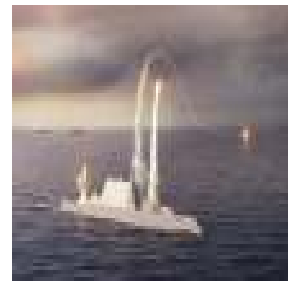
The ship design includes two landing spots for helicopters. The DDG 1000 will have a sensor and weapons suite optimized for littoral warfare and for network-centric warfare. Northrup Grumman, BAE Systems Land and Armaments, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon have been awarded contracts for weapons design and development.

DDG 1000 missile systems under consideration include Tactical Tomahawk, SM-3 and the ESSM. It will be equipped with two 155mm guns capable of fire up to

100nm at a sustained rate of 12 rounds a minute. Its weapons inventory will also include 900 rounds of GPS-guided Long Range Land Attack Projectiles.

The ship's close-in gun system will be the BAE Systems Land and Armaments 57mm Mk 110 naval gun that has a firing rate of 220 rounds a minute and a range of nine miles.

Rolls Royce has been selected to provide the gas turbine generators to power the Integrated Power System. The MT30 is regarded as the most powerful marine gas turbine in the world.



**DDG 1000 Zumwalt has a Peripherical Vertical Launch System (PVLS), which consists of 20 four-cell PVLS situated round the perimeter of the deck.**

## Historical Plate Located

Gene Gavaletz, a shipfitter from the 56-58 Manley crew recently came across an ancient plate once displayed conspicuously on the ship until she entered the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for repairs following a damaging storm off the Azores. "I have had it since 1958. Thought you might like to have it and add it to whatever Manley items you might have," Gene wrote. The plate has been cleaned and will be displayed on the "pride" table at the upcoming reunion outside of Chicago.



The plate is inscribed: "USS Manley - DD - 74 Commissioned: 15 October, 1917 Re-numbered AG-28 - then APO-1 - during world war II Decommissioned: 9 November, 1945. Presented to USS Manley DD-940 BY Mrs. Arleigh Burke, Sponser"

Interestingly, "sponser" is misspelled.

**2008 Enlisted Pay Chart**

	< 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14
E-9							4254.60	4350.90	4472.40
E-8						3482.70	3636.90	3732.30	3846.60
E-7	2421.00	2642.40	2743.50	2877.90	2982.30	3162.00	3263.10	3443.10	3592.50
E-6	2094.00	2304.00	2405.70	2504.40	2607.60	2840.10	2930.40	3105.00	3158.70
E-5	1918.80	2047.20	2145.90	2247.30	2405.10	2570.70	2705.40	2722.20	2722.20
E-4	1758.90	1848.90	1949.10	2047.80	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10
E-3	1587.90	1687.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80
E-2	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90
E-1	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00
*E-1 With less than 4 Months =1245.90									
	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26	Over 30	Over 34	Over 38
E-9	4615.60	4759.30	4990.40	5185.70	5391.50	5705.70	5991.10	6290.70	6605.30
E-8	3970.10	4193.60	4306.90	4499.50	4606.30	4869.60	4967.10	4967.10	4967.10
E-7	3694.60	3803.00	3845.50	3986.80	4062.60	4351.30	4351.30	4351.30	4351.30
E-6	3197.80	3243.20	3243.20	3243.20	3243.20	3243.20	3243.20	3243.20	3243.20
E-5	2722.20	2722.20	2722.20	2722.20	2722.20	2722.20	2722.20	2722.20	2722.20
E-4	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10	2135.10
E-3	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80	1789.80
E-2	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90	1509.90
E-1	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00	1347.00

The above pay charts do not include special or incentive compensation. When an E-9 (Master Chief Petty Officer) retires after serving thirty years, his military retirement check will amount to \$53,920 annually...for the rest of his/her life. Was E-9 a poor example? Okay, let's try E-7, Chief Petty Officer over 20. \$23,073. Over 30 - \$39,161. Anyone motivated to enlist?

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For your entertainment, Fantasia - one of the most popular orchestras in the West Chicago area will be on the stage Sunday evening for the Association's Grand Banquet. A special comedian-impressionist - The Voice Chameleon, otherwise known as Don Tersigni, will perform his one-of-a-kind act. Don is also a navy veteran and some of you may have served with him.

Your planner is having to contend with a number of hurdles that cause planning for this reunion to be more challenging like no other, even when we met soon after nine-eleven outside of DC. The strains of the economy are being felt by everyone. You need no reminding of fuel costs and all the other costs draining your pockets. You are living with it daily, and the Manley Association is paralyzed to offer solutions. We find some relief in that the

cost of the rooms, tours and catered meals were locked-in many months ago at market prices then in existence. Your planner continues to look at all options available to cut your costs. While he jumps these hurdles, it remains imperative that you mail in your registrations and make room reservations. Solid early numbers - concrete reunion registration numbers and concrete room reservation numbers - give us power in our ongoing negotiations with the vendors that may provide us with support services.

The linking of room reservations with reunion registrations cannot be avoided even though both transactions are kept separate. The limited availability of hotel rooms on Tuesday, Wednesday and Monday, and the limited space available at the much demanded graduation ceremony requires that priority be as-

signed to reunion registrations and guarantee fairness to all registrants.

Each reunion registration is assigned a number when received with the minimum installment payment. These registrations are then matched with hotel reservations to verify that the all registrants have made room reservations and those making room reservations have submitted a valid registration. If there is a difference between the two, the individual will be notified. A little common sense goes a long way in assisting in the planning procedures.

HELP is always needed at our reunions. The registration desk - hospitality room - raffle ticket sales - ship's store - general assistance all require people to keep things going smoothly. You can step forward by sending your email to manleydd940@cfl.rr.com or calling 386-767-8068.

## Ink No Replacement For Oil

Gasoline is not cheap and we cry with the pain at the pump but thank goodness we haven't found a way to convert any of these to quality fuel.

Lipton Ice Tea - \$1.19 for 16 ounces, or \$9.52 a gallon.

Gatorade is \$1.59 for 20 ounces and that equates to \$10.17 a gallon.

And it gets worse.

Brake fluid for your SUV is \$3.15 for a 12 ounce can. Don't buy a gallon - its \$33.60.

How about Vick's Nyquill - \$178.13 a gallon. That'll put you to sleep for a long while.

Water isn't cheap either. A gallon of Evian will take \$21.19 out of your budget.

Ever ask yourself why your inkjet printer was so cheap or free? Think slowly over this....a gallon of ink for your inkjet printer will set you back a second mortgage - or, \$5,200 a gallon.

Different people have different opinions about gas prices. The vast majority jump on the Texas oil barons but are they really the one's who are responsible for the high prices? Or have we in the United States had it too soft for too long? Do we, the consumers, share any of the blame?

Let's hear your opinions at [manleydd940@cfl.rr.com](mailto:manleydd940@cfl.rr.com) and perhaps we'll run a story on the responses.

## Isn't This YOUR Association?

Talk the Talk but do you walk the walk? We are halfway through the 2008 year and quite a few of our members have forgot to send in their dues - \$15.00. I think they become confused when we mail membership cards before we have received their payment.

Every effort is made to conserve funds. So, we mail membership cards to those who paid dues in the past 24 months

## Eighth Grade Final Exam

So, you pride yourself on your smarts. This is part of an eighth grade final exam in 1895. Let's see how smart you really are.

Grammar...Give nine rules for the use of the use of capital letters...Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications...Define verse, stanza and paragraph...

Arithmetic...A wagon box is 2 ft deep, 10 ft long, and 3 ft wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?...Find the cost of 6,720 lbs of coal at \$6.00 a ton...Write a bank check, a promissory note, and a receipt...

US History...Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus...Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War...

Geography...Describe the mountains of North America...Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each...Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers...

Orthography...What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication?...What are elementary sounds? How are they classified?...Give two rules for spelling words with final "e." Name two exceptions under each rule.

Too much for you? Hand it over to your grandson and he will ace it! Hmm! Maybe not!

## A Different Exam

I had prostate surgery two months ago. Checked into the hospital at 7:30AM and was on the operating table thirty minutes later. I was amazed when at noon the surgeon came into my room and cleared me to go home.



Last week, my hapless beagle, Bo, required the same prostate surgery. I took him to the veterinarian at the precise prescribed time - noon, and was prepared

to sit around the tiny waiting room to take him home in a few hours. I asked the vet what time he thought Bo would be ready. "Oh, we'll keep Bo overnight and watch him carefully," the vet surprised me with his response. Then I quickly let him know that I was out of the hospital in only a few hours after having the same surgery.

"But Bo isn't on Medicare," the vet

## Government Issue

"Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries."

- Douglas Casey, Bill Clinton classmate

"Government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem....if no one among us is capable of governing himself, then who among us has the capacity to govern someone else?"

- Ronald Reagan, Jan 20,

"Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

- John Adams (1814)

"Politicians are the same all over: they promise to build a bridge even where there is no river."

- Nikita Khrushchev (1960)

## You And Your Spam

Almost all E-mails asking you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of E-mail is, is a way to get names and “cookie” tracking information for telemarketers and spammers - to validate active E-mail accounts for their own purposes.

Anytime you see an E-mail that says *forward this on* to “10” of your friends to sign this petition, or you’ll get bad luck, or whatever - it has either an E-mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-mail of those folks you forward it to. The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of “active” E-mails to use in SPAM E-mails, or sell to others that do.

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favor by sharing this information with them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-mails in the future.

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name to those type of listings regardless how inviting they might sound. You think you are supporting a very good cause, but you are NOT in the long run. Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later in life!

## Association Forums

A few of you have posted comments on the Association’s forums page at the web site regarding several errors and omissions in the history of the USS Manley (DD-940). As you know, the Department of the Navy does not support our organization nor does it provide us any historical information. We are left to our own resources in managing the various departments of the Association.

The history will be updated in coming months and posted on the web. In the meantime, if anyone would volunteer to take over the job of historian, your services would be greatly appreciated.

## Chuck Hunter Hunts License Plates



In a 10x12 shed behind his home in Tacoma, Washington, former Manley Gunners Mate Chuck Hunter maintains walls decorated with his proud treasure of nearly 400 license plates from all over the Country and if that isn’t enough, he has cabinet drawers filled with more plates waiting for available space.

Unusual hobby, you say.

Perhaps, but more popular than you may think and not without a cost. The plates are valued to the collector anywhere from several dollars to hundreds of dollars and many come accompanied with history.

Notice the Iowa plates beginning with 40-133. Chuck has a license plate from the first year Iowa had a plate for vehicles - 1911, and has them in his collection through the 50s. In the bottom right corner of the photograph to the reader’s right, is a plate only slightly visible - F66512, used by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Roosevelt Plate

Chuck has not limited his collection to civilian license plates. The Iowa 40-133 plate was his National Guard plate, division 133. But the shed is stuffed with more than license plates. Flags, a corn planter, and even his purple heart are on display for visitors to admire. There is a six foot “snake” made from the yucca plant from New Mexico where he was born that was given to Chuck by a lady who baby sat him. The “Old Salt” plaque was a gift to Hunter by his wife’s nephew, now a retired navy chief.

Chuck Hunter suffers from Parkinson’s disease and has had to curtail his collection activities but he enjoys reminiscing and telling stories. His purple heart was earned after injuries sustained in the gun mount 53 explosion while off the coast of Vietnam in March, 1968.