

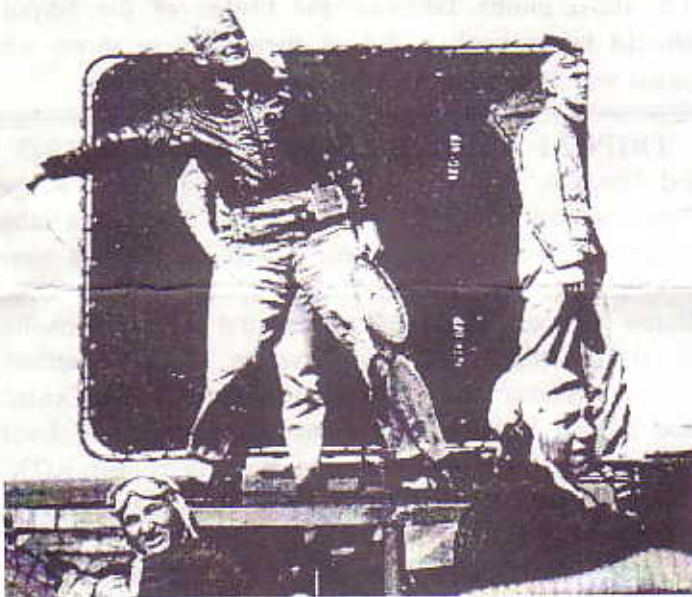


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First Tripoli L.S.O. flags in plane aboard the "T" in 1944

LtJg Rex Daugherty, of Chelsea, Ok. is shown above flagging in a plane landing on the Tripoli in 1944. Rex was the first Landing Signal Officer, assigned to the "T", and reported aboard on Feb. 16, 1944. Aircraft assigned to the Tripoli, during WWII, included Grumman Avenger Torpedo Bombers, Curtiss Helldiver Dive Bombers, Grumman F4F Wildcat Fighters, and Corsair Fighters. Clockwork precision between the L.S.O. and Plane Handlers had the landing planes stowed and the deck cleared for the next landing within 40 seconds. Rex is a member of our Tripoli Group. He left the Navy in 1946, graduated from Medical School, and has served as an M.D., in Oklahoma, for 44 years.

FOUR SETS OF BROTHERS SERVED TOGETHER ON TRIPOLI IN EARLY '50's

When the five Sullivan brothers went down with the Cruiser Juneau in a sea battle off Guadalcanal in World War II, the navy ruled that henceforth brothers could not serve on the same ship. The WWII ruling was relaxed, in the early 50's, to allow brothers to serve together if they requested the assignment. One result of the relaxation of the restriction was that four sets of brothers served together, on the Tripoli, at that time. Raymond and Joseph Keough, of North Wildwood, N.J., Joseph and Gabriel Giovanni, of Pawtucket, R.I., Harold and Donald Korb, of Evansville, Ind., and Wiley and Richard Dummich, of Indianapolis, Ind. served aboard the "Travelling T" after her re-commissioning during 1952 and '53.

TRIPOLI '99 REUNION PROMISES LARGEST TURNOUT TO DATE

The 9/30 to 10/2/99 Reunion of the Tripoli Group, at Lake George, N.Y., will be the largest one to date. See details on activities and reservations info inside this issue.

U.S.S. Tripoli - CVE-64, TCVU-64
Traveling "T"
WELCOME



THE AFT LOOKOUT

By Paul "Fighting Father" Long

I guess the world changes, even if I don't. I hesitate to tell young folks that I was in the Old Navy. They are apt to say "I was in the Old Navy last week, too." They have great buys on jeans, don't they? Well, shipmates, I can tell you that the New Navy and the Old Navy just ain't the same, anymore. When I was laying some point-by-point gems of wisdom on my sons (both of whom are Navy Veterans), I itemized them by saying "Able, Baker, Charlie, Dog----" I noticed their furrowed brows, and one of them spoke up--"Hey Dad, you mean Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, don't you?" I felt as if a full week of training, at Great Lakes, -----forty eight years ago--had gone down the drain. When the Travelling "T" Crew visited the Norfolk Navy Base, during a recent reunion, I saw a Swabbie (I guess they still call them that) running around with work dungarees and a Baseball Cap on his head. I resisted the temptation to shout "Hey Sailor! Get a regulation style cover for your head!" Then I noticed that they were all wearing baseball caps. I remember back in the days when my sleeve was relatively chevron-less. What a pain in the neck I considered a Chief Petty Officer to be. (Note--if any readers are former CPO's, I am, of course, not referring to you.) Now they have 3 levels of plain, ordinary Chiefs, plus 3 others--(MCPON, F/MC, and C/MC), the latter three of whom can apparently earn that rank only if they can walk on the water to the shore without taking the Liberty Launch. Anyhow, I determined that I would educate myself on just what has happened to my Navy since that day it was unfortunate enough to lose me. I knew of only two ways to do this. First, I could re-enlist. (I visited a Recruitment Officer and told him I was ready to go back in. He said, "When we take the likes of you in, I will be ready to go out!") I reverted to my second plan and purchased a copy of the Bluejackets Manual (22nd Edition-1998). So armed, in future "Aft Lookout" columns, I will be prepared to share with you (if you care to read them) some of the things that have changed (and those that haven't) since our happy days aboard the CVE-64. Don't miss them....if you can.



The above photo, taken on the bridge of the Tripoli, should bring back a lot of memories to those who stood watch here through her many miles at sea.

TRIPOLI NEWS ITEMS -- DECEMBER 1943

Ed Jameson, Y1c, who hails from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, met no less than seven other shipmates from his home state. Included in the list were Edison Crews and Eatel Herald of the XO's Office, Ralph Cooper, Dennis Zirkle, and Arthur Umholtz, Radar Strikers of V-3 Division, Charles Warthan, Yeoman Striker of the Air Combat Intelligence Center, and Melvin Wiles of the Captain's Office. Air Dept. shipmates, at that time, included William Hunter, RD3c from Billings, Mont., Walter Howard, RT3c from Colorado Springs, Colo., Harold Kitchen from St. Louis, Mo., Willard Cosnell from Fla., Eirum Watson from Fla., Bernard Nickerson from W.Va., Donie Planto from Manchester, N.H., and Bernard Lulay from Baltimore, Md.

S-1 Division News -- June, 1954

(By Moffa)--During our short stay in Frisco, we had a few transfers and one discharge. Esquerra and Romen, both SD3's, were transferred to the Sitko Bay. Collet, SHSN, was transferred to shore duty. Ferry, the kid from Maine, was sent to Treasure Island for discharge. Elliot, SH1, says that we should start looking for new barbers, as the two we have aboard will be leaving the ship in New York. Larry Sporn, SH3, is now sporting a mustache.

MOVIES ABOARD THE TRIPOLI - JULY, 1954

"On Borrowed Time", Lionel Barrymore, "Plymouth Adventure" Spencer Tracy, "A Perilous Journey", Vera Ralston, "It Happens Every Thursday", Loretta Young, "Highly Dangerous", Dane Clark, "Last of the Commaches", Broderick Crawford,



The Tripoli Reunion, at Lake George in September, will be our largest one to date. Our Tripoli Group continues to grow, and we are pleased to hear that our activities have brought back some wonderful memories for all of you. We would like to extend our appreciation to you for the many contributions of information, photos, and activity suggestions that have made our organization so enjoyable for everyone. Looking forward to your continued support in the future.

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Tripoli Reunion --- 9/30 to 10/2/99

Lake George, N.Y. --Thur., Sept. 30th to Sat., Oct. 2, 1999
Surfside Motel, 400 Canada St., Lake George, N.Y., 12845
Reservations--- 800-342-9795 or 518-668-2442

Total price for 3 nights accommodations, 3 Breakfast Buffets, Banquet Dinner, Luncheon Cruise, taxes & gratuities is \$139.20 Per Person / Double Occupancy, and \$175.00 Per Person / Single Occupancy. Additional Nights = \$21.40 Per Person / Double Occupancy. Mention that you are with the Tripoli Group when calling. A Reservation will require only one nights Room Deposit. You can cancel up to 10 days before the scheduled dates without penalty. We have also scheduled a Bus Tour to Fort Ticonderoga, with a stop at Basin Harbor Club, on Lake Champlain, in Vergennes Vermont, for a Buffet Luncheon. The cost for this trip is \$47.00 Per Person, which includes the bus fare, Admission and Guided Tour of Fort Ticonderoga., and the Luncheon Buffet.

The Motel will provide information on bus transportation from Albany Airport, or the Rensselaer Amtrack Station when you call. Also, advise them of your meal selections for the Reunion Banquet (Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Fresh Catch).

Activities Summary:

Thur., Sept. 30 -- Arrivals --- Hospitality Room open

Fri., Oct. 1 -- Bus Trip to Fort Ticonderoga, Lunch at Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, Vermont, on Lake Champlain, foliage tour---8:45 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

----- Evening---Luther's hilarious gag-gift Auction in the Hospitality Room. (Bring a gag-gift for this Auction)

Sat., October 2 -- Luncheon Cruise around Lake George---
-----Time to be announced.

-----Evening-----Reunion Banquet.

Sun., Oct. 3 ---Departure

NOTE: For those staying in Campers, or at Campgrounds at the Reunion, the cost for meals only will be \$65.00 per person (this includes 3 breakfast buffets, 1 Banquet Dinner, and a Luncheon Cruise.) The cost of \$47.00 per person for the Bus Tour will also apply.

TRIPOLI CHANGE OF COMMAND - JULY '53

■ Captain Carlton C. Lucas relieved Captain Forsyth Massey as Commanding Officer of the Tripoli on July 7, 1953, in a ceremony on the flight deck, while the ship was docked in Mobile, Alabama. ■ Captain Lucas had previously served as a Bureau of Aeronautics Representative at Bethpage, L.I. Capt. Massey was transferred to Strike Force South -Naples.

**Division Rosters --Last Trip of the "T"
9/17 to 11/4/58**

(Continued from last Issue)

V-Div. -- Sammy C. Guercio, SN, Walter J. Halpin, SN, Richard D. Hardin, BM3, David N. Lowder, SR, Glenn R. Matson, SA, Richard L. Moore, SN, Robert L. Meade Jr., SN, Jack H. Klees, BM3, Howard J. Rome, SN, James N. Sayer, SN, Louis N. Simmons, SN, Irvin C. Spencer, BM1, Lester Smith, SN, Robert L. Smith, SA, Herbert D. Storey, FR, Walter E. Transue, BM1, Peter D. Ulmen, SA, Edward A. Wickkiser, SN,
E-Div. ---Ens. L. I. Haines, Donald R. Blose, EM3, Gerald F. Brandt, FN, James A. Clifton, EMFN, Kenneth E. Cooper, Jr FN, Joseph J. Hans, EMC, Frank J. Hutter EMR2, Russell M. Kennedy, SN, Mason H. King, EM3, Frederick C. Kratz, EM3, John F. Mahoney, FN, Donald E. Masten EMFN, C.R. Richardson, ICC, John B. Romprey, IC1, David J. Rowe, EMP2, Benny G. Speaker, FN, Michael C. Turrell, EMFN, Raymond J. Zoglmann, EM3.

(Ed. Note-----List will continue in next Issue. Notify Bill Atkinson, 11172 Pioneer Rd., Portland, Mi., 48875-9514 of any corrections or shipmate info).

REMINDER

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

- 1 -- Don Poffenbaugh
- 4 -- Jerome Ziemski
- 8 -- Raymond Clow
- 11 -Edward Banish
- 11 -Howard Walter Jr.
- 11 -John B. Wagner
- 12 -Victor C. Fleegle
- 13 -Joseph Ringhoffer
- 15 -Phillip H. Mercurio
- 17 -Paul A. Petry
- 31 -Ronald Midcap



AUGUST

- 6 -- Glenn Longsworth
- 7 -- Rodney Franklin
- 13 -James Schofield
- 15 -Edward Cowles
- 15 -James Eaton
- 18 -Francis Stahl
- 19 -Donald Korb
- 19 -Billy Arnett
- 20 -John G. Moors
- 27 -Francis Scelzo
- 28 -Donald Connell
- 29 -Kenneth D. Mack
- 29 -William M. Light
- 29 -Luther Royds

"T" DIVISION NEWS HIGHLIGHTS -- JUNE, 1953

V-Div.---The V-Dales were hard at work painting the stacks, in preparation for the next trip. After two years and two months of hard work and study, Kentucky Hewitt finally made A N. Shannahan, former First Class Airdale Boatswains Mate, then a first class civilian, came aboard ship for a visit.

2nd Div.---Chief O. Navo, 2nd Division reporter, was being transferred. As usual, the fantail was the scene of the 2nd Division's work, while in port, with Olson, BM3, and his right hand men, Norene and Mac Donald supervising.

1st. Div. --The First Division, a common sight on the forcastle of the ship, was usually under the supervision of Dobson, BM1, with Terry and Emmerson as leading SN's. Haynes was appointed the new 1st Division Reporter.

N Div. --The highlight of the "N" Div. news was the departure of "Shakey" Hilyard, Poffenbaugh, and "Gil" Hodges. With Hodges gone, EEP Pierce became the new leading P.O. A new addition to the Division was Baker, QMSN, who had just returned from 16 weeks of Q M School at Bainbridge, MD.

Aboard the Tripoli -- May, 1956

Commanding Officer -----Capt. E. R. Eastwold
Executive Officer ----- CDR. M. R. Clark
Tripolitan Officer Advisor -----CHPCLK R. P. Graham
Tripolitan Editor ----- J. Z. Goldstein
Tripolitan Tech. Advisor ----- S. J. Tannish

B-Div. News--(By R. A. Frankl'a, BT1)-- Joining B-Div.

during the last stay in Mobile were W.F. George and R.L. Yaros. P.G. Kotsabogan, BT2, and R.T. Bruce recently re-enlisted. Educational Petty Officer, J. H. Rogers, BT1 left for 30 days leave at his home in Mobile. April 16th, six Bravo Division members were advanced to Petty Officer---R.M. Bruce, R.C. Christer, J. T. Longworth D. R. McGillivray, G.W. Shedden, and D.R. Tritt.

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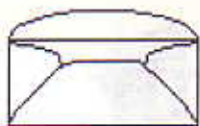
- 8 -- Robert E. Delahoy
- 10 -John Tokanel
- 13 -Phillip F. Breher
- 15 -Homer W. Thurston
- 25-Richard D. Leach
- 27 -Marvin L. Credle
- 27 -Wesley T. Dean
- 28 -David W. Nehrin



NEED YOUR HELP

Have received requests to publish information and pictures, related to the Tripoli's Air Squadrons during WWII. Please send related info and pictures for inclusion in future issues.

Bob Herlihy, Editor, Tripolitan



SHIPMATE NEWS

Ed. Note: This is the 4th in a series of articles by R. Warren Smith on his personal history, aboard the Tripoli, in WWII.

(Nov. 1943)---From Seattle, we headed south to Alameda NAS, in San Francisco Bay. This was a revelation for the uninitiated of our crew. Fewer than 10% had ever been to sea before. By now, it was mid-November and the weather was kicking up a bit. Three of our gang and some others were laying in the LSO's safety netting, with their arms hanging through, and hoping the end would come quickly. Being a TM2C, I had the port watch and three of these guys were on my crew. I delegated some others to be sure they had water and food and were ingesting it. By the time we arrived at the Golden Gate, they had all their sea legs. At Alameda NAS, we spent several days loading stores and some run out and wrecked aircraft that needed transport to NAS North Island, San Diego. (An omen of what was to come later?). Of course, we enjoyed some San Francisco liberty as well. We then proceeded to San Diego, and the NAS Carrier pier, to offload the ferried aircraft. We loaded more stores and ammunition and departed to sea, for our first carrier and gunnery operations, between the mainland and San Clemente Island. These operations were training for our flight deck and Gunnery Division personnel, as well as a shake-down of the on-board arresting and catapult equipment. The air crews and aircraft were from some CASU outfit on North Island. These training operations went on for several weeks while we waited for yard availability to have modifications made to our AA Battery Gun Tubs, and ammunition ready rooms, plus the installation of Flag Officer quarters. Yes, we were destined to become a flagship.

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One of the original Japanese one-man submarines was on display at the main gate of the Yokuska Naval Base when the Tripoli visited there in September of 1952.

Tripoli Welcomes New Staff Additions in June '52

During early June, of 1952, five new Ensigns were added to the Tripoli Staff. ENS. Anton ("A" Div. Officer), from Evanston, Ill., graduated from Northwestern University before entering OCS at Newport, R.I. ENS. Hopkins (Supply Dept.) was a SK1 with the Coast Guard in WWII. He later graduated from Armstrong College and Emery University Law School, and gained his commission in December of 1951. He served aboard the USS Rehoboth, AGS 50 for one year, prior to reporting to the Tripoli. ENS. Joffe (Operations Dept.), a native of Flatbush, graduated from Brooklyn College and also attended N.Y.U. He was commissioned after completing OCS the previous month. ENS. Shaver (E Div.) graduated from Georgia Tech and gained his commission through ROTC. ENS. Weinstein (Disbursing Officer) was born within the shadow of Ebbets Field, in Brooklyn. He considered New York City a suburb of Flatbush. Among his interests were the guitar, the piano, and foreign Capitals.

TRIPOLI PORTS OF CALL

JULY - 1944

1-15--NAS Quonset R.I.
16-17--NOB Norfolk, Va.
17-25--Portsmouth, Va.
25-28--NOB Norfolk, Va.
30--NOB Norfolk, Va.

AUGUST - 1944

1- NOB, Norfolk, Va.
13-22--Recife, Brazil

SEPTEMBER - 1944

11-13-Recife, Brazil

JULY - 1952

1-5--Copenhagen, Denmark
7-8--Bremerhaven, Germany
18-30--New York, N.Y.

AUGUST - 1952

13- Colon, Panama Canal
13-Balboa, Panama Canal
21- San Diego, Calif.

SEPTEMBER - 1952

5-10-Yokuska, Japan
22-30-San Diego, Calif.

TAPS



Walter R. Guinn-----6/4/99
Robert T. Buford-----12/10/64
Ralph B. Staples-----3/9/81
Luther D. Stephens-----1/22/76
George Clairborn-----10/19/66
Walter Young-----11/30/61
William Anderson-----2/12/73
Norman A. Meek-----8/4/83
William N. Davis
Ira L. Ohlstein-----6/24/79
Clifford Prendergast-----8/3/98





MUSTACHE CLUB ABOARD THE "T" IN THE '50S

Our thanks to Guy Shedden, of Millerton, Pa., for this picture of the "Mustache Club" aboard the Tripoli, in the late '50's. The 4th shipmate from the left (front row) is Huckaby and the 5th from the left is Guy Shedden. Let us know if you remember the others. Guy has advised us that he has contacted several of his old shipmates since joining the Tripoli Group. He served aboard the "T" from 12/54 to 9/58. Additional shipmates, who served aboard with Guy, include Rodney Franklin, Loren Scrivner, Richard Christer, Don Tritt, Darrel Taubel, Victor Hill, Sherrill King, and Robert Swainson.



Legion of Merit presented to "T" Skipper
Tripoli Skipper Captain Louis H. Hunte is pictured above receiving the Legion of Merit from RADM Henry S. Kendall, aboard the Tripoli in 1945. Captain Hunte, from Coronado, California, relieved Capt. Thayer Tucker, as Commanding Officer of the Tripoli in April of 1945 while the "T" was visiting Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The first Skipper of the "T" was Capt. W. G. Switzer.

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