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*Reunion – Sept. 28-Oct. 2
Minneapolis/St. Paul*

*Registration and tour
information on page 2.
Assn. financial report on page 4*



**WE GOOFED -
Sorry about
the late arrival
of the Nov.
edition of the
Newsletter.**



As home to Mall of America/and a close neighbor to Minneapolis and St. Paul/Bloomington offers visitors myriad possibilities

It's rare you'll find a metropolitan area elsewhere with two special cities so close together, offering up numerous things to do. However, it's even more rare you'll find three. Bloomington, a city as old as the state (officially recognized, along with Minnesota, in 1858), is a true partner to Minneapolis and St. Paul. Not only does it house the largest shopping mall in the nation – no tax on clothes or shoes! – but it also booms with business headquarters like Best Buy and Dairy Queen, flourishes with high-class restaurants and boasts mile upon square mile of reserved park land. And if that wasn't enough, with the Hiawatha Light Rail line departing from Mall of America and numerous bus routes, Bloomington makes it that much easier for visitors to experience the superb offerings of downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul as well.



The Mall of America Hotel's Location is Ideal

*From the Hotel's web site:-
If you're looking for hotels near the Minneapolis Airport or for Mall of America hotels, then look no further than the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Minneapolis Int'l Airport - Mall of America. No other hotels in Bloomington, MN are closer to both the airport and the mall.*

Few Minneapolis airport hotels provide guests with a free shuttle to the Mall of America like we do. After a day of shopping, why not spend an afternoon at the Minnesota Zoo or Science Museum of Minnesota? Sports fans can catch an NBA, NHL, NFL or MLB game while in the Twin Cities. Our hotel's location is across from the new Hiawatha Light Rail Station, making it quick and easy to get to the Guthrie, Grand Ave or Dinkytown.

Few hotels in Bloomington, MN cater to your needs

with perks like free wireless Internet access, a 24-hour free shuttle service to the MSP Airport and a 24-hour Business Center. We also have an 18,000-sq ft meeting facility.

Whether you're in town for business or fun, our Minneapolis airport hotel's amenities are a great value. The multi-million dollar renovation means upgraded rooms with HDTVs and a recreational facility that includes a Junior Olympic-size, indoor pool, arcade games and a 3,500-sq ft Fitness Center. A free shuttle to Mall of America and full-service dining are why we're the best among Mall of America hotels near the Minneapolis Airport.

**We are proud to announce our upgrading
to a Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites – The
Place To Meet – 1st Quarter 2011**

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From Our Association's Secretary



I hope this publication finds everyone enjoying the new year, despite those of you that have had to endure some record snow falls. I guess we all can't run south in the fall to escape those wintry months.

Sometime I wonder if everyone is receiving their copies of our quarterly newsletter. Despite continual requests for

volunteers for different positions and assistance we seldom get limited if any responses. Since the first of the year, we are now short three members on our Advisory Board. Just recently we changed the make-up of the board from three members from each association to any nine members. Should



we not fill these empty positions, we are in violation of our By-Laws. In addition, since

the passing of Ron Jared, noted elsewhere in this newsletter, we need a volunteer to assume the task he has been performing for the past year, which is attaching address labels and stamps to the printed matter and depositing them at your local Post Office. Hopefully, I will be contacted subsequent to you receiving this newsletter and you will opt to fill one of these vacant positions.

Here's hoping you all survive the ensuing months and the warmer weather will get you interested in making plans for our upcoming reunion in MN.
-Ron

★ ★ ★ **SEE TREASURER'S REPORT ON PAGE 4** ★ ★ ★

USE THE FOLLOWING AS A GUIDE WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS

USS Everglades, USS Currituck, Torpedoman's Assn. and any and all Crew members of USS Pine Island
Registration Form
Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota Reunion Sept. 28th -Oct. 2nd Bloomington (MSP)

First Name:	Last name:	Spouse:
Street:	City:	State & Zip:
Phone:	E-Mail:	Additional members in Party & Names:
Arrival Date	Departure Date	Note & Check your Dinner Selections

	Price	#	Total
Registration Fee: Includes: Saturday Dinner, Daily Breakfast Buffet and the Hospitality Room Beverages and Snacks	\$25 each	_____	_____
OPTIONAL TOURS			
Thursday 29th Sept. – 9:00 to Noon. City Tour by Charter Bus	\$30 each	_____	_____
Friday 30th Sept. – 10:00 am. Lunch Cruise & Transportation	\$55 each	_____	_____
Total Amount		_____	_____
\$25 Registration Fee Includes:			
Saturday Dinner • Daily Breakfast Buffet • Hospitality Room Beverages and Snacks <i>Hotel will provide coupons at check in for breakfast buffet in the Harvest Cafe</i>			
Saturday, 1st of Oct. (Choose ✓)			
The New Hotel Crowne Plaza will be offering plated dinners. All meals include tossed salad, choice dressing, potato and vegetable, rolls & butter, beverage and dessert.			
(1) Champagne Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Pork Loin <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Sliced Sirloin <input type="checkbox"/>			

For Registration Fees & Tours

Make Check payable to
COMBINED ASSOCIATION
mail to
132 San Benito Rd., Brisbane, CA 94005
Questions?? – Contact -
 Gary Adams at 415-467-6284 or
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Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza
Formerly the Holiday Inn Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport Hotel

3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425
1-800-65-4329
Ask for Combined Association rate of \$89 Dollars or Registration Code: COA

Hotel Provides Free Airport Shuttle & Shuttle to the Great Mall
 Light Rail system to downtown is across the street
 Including the Hotel there are 4 Restaurants in the Area and many in the Great Mall

Moving

Keeping us informed of your address is very important . . . to both of us!

- We want to ensure that our mail reaches you.
- We want to make sure you receive your copy of the "News."

Send all address changes to:

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SHIP'S STORE INFO

Please note that we usually have the items available for purchase from the Ship's Store listed on the last page of the Newsletter. This practice has been discontinued.



Since the last sale the availability of merchandise has been drastically reduced. Please contact Ron prior to ordering to ensure the item(s) you desire are still in stock.



Next Issue:

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Don't Forget

All dues payments and orders for merchandise are to be sent to DELL BANCROFT, Treas.

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REUNION INFO ???

Check With Our Reunion Coordinator Gary Adams (415) 467-6284

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A MYSTERY?? anybody??

A e-mail request to Gary Adams for info

Gary,

Could you shed any light on the fact that Lake Park, Florida has a bronze plaque from the USS Everglades.

Thanks, L. J. Parker, Archivist
Lake Park (Florida) Historical Society
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PLEASE READ

Four times a year some of your ship mates are involved in the production and mailing of this newsletter. Unfortunately Ron Jared, who served us our mailman has passed away.

His job was to receive the printed newsletters from the printer by FedEx. He would then attach address labels (supplied by Ron) and stamps to the printed material and mail them at the Post Office.

It is not a back breaking job and it would only require a couple of hours of time. So, how about it? Contact Ron and tell him you are ready to pitch in and give our Association a couple of hours, four times a year.



Rest in Peace

Currituck
William G. Spain
Roy Schmooch
Ronald Jared
Jack R. Long
Harry Getchell



Mail Call



Dear Ron . . .

We had a small sailboat aboard that the crew had bought some years back, maybe with Geedunk profits. Anyway, it was seldom used, and on our way to the Med in February, 1964, Captain Floyd said it just took up needed deck space, and should be sacrificed. It was set adrift and the various divisions formed teams, vying for a cake from the Captain's mess, to sink it with (were they 3"? 5"?) our guns. The ship steamed in a circle, each team taking its turn firing at the poor boat bobbling around, and no one striking a hit (other than killing some fish); as I recall, we pulled alongside and someone took an axe to it and it finally sank. Can anyone add to the story, or correct me, or whatever?

-Dan Stricker, '62/'64

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My mother asked me to forward a check to you as a donation to the Currituck Assn. in memory of my father Harry Getchell. Thank you for keeping her on the newsletter mailing list. It's a nice way for her to know my dad is being remembered.

-Frank Getchell



Volunteers!



We need to have a host for the 2012 Reunion.

We can't let the Saint Paul reunion be our last one.

Show off your area of our wonderful country!!

Lower East Coast is due

From the Association's Treasurer

Your Association is financially capable of meeting its objectives over the foreseeable future. Registration fees and tour transportation for the 2011 reunion will be subsidized so plan on joining in on another fun filled reunion.

As you can see from the attached balance sheet the Association's financial situation has remained neutral. Inventory was adjusted as of November 1, 2010 to reflect the projected sales value. The cash position (total current assets) are roughly the same year over year. The Advisory Board recommended subsidizing the reunion registration fees and the reunion tour transportation fees (SFO reunion) which resulted in the desired effect of reunion negative income. Cash balance year over year has remained relatively stable during my tenure as your Treasurer. The Association can expect to see a cash balance decline of 10 to 15% for the year ending December 31, 2011 due to the decline in membership and the smaller attendance at the reunions. Further discussion of the Association's finances will be open to the advisory board at the Minneapolis Reunion next September.



ATTENTION ON DECK NOW HEAR THIS . . .

Please make your checks payable to your association and **NOT** to your treasurer.

The bank may start returning checks made payable to "Dell Bancroft, treasurer" or made payable to "Combined Association." Make checks payable to: USS Currituck Association, USS Everglades Association or Torpedoman Mates Association.



Thanks, — *Dell*

USS CURRITUCK, USS EVERGLADES, TORPEDOMAN'S ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of December 31 2010

	Dec 31, 10	Dec 31, 09
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
BoFA Demand CD	20,325.09	20,267.62
PETTY CASH - NEWSLET	0.00	836.44
REGULAR CHECKING	12,495.56	8,417.88
REGULAR SAVINGS	0.00	128.28
Total Checking/Savings	32,820.65	29,650.22
Other Current Assets		
Inventory	651.83	1,112.63
REUNION ADVANCE	2,000.00	5,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	2,651.83	6,112.63
Total Current Assets	35,472.48	35,762.85
Fixed Assets		
Depreciation - Equipment	-2,229.16	-2,229.16
Equipment	2,229.16	2,229.16
Total Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	35,472.48	35,762.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	33,392.54	31,392.54
Retained Earnings	4,370.31	-3,655.71
Net Income	-2,290.37	8,026.02
Total Equity	35,472.48	35,762.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	35,472.48	35,762.85

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