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To:

The Alaska Coastguardian Newsletter
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GRAND HAVEN REUNION DEADLINE 4/1/2008

PLEASE, if you've not yet reserved your room, please do so as our block is quite limited. We definitely will have lots of new faces at this fun fellowship event. I'm hearing from former shipmates all over the USA who are planning to be with us. There is room availability, so please book your rooms no later than April 1, 2008, as after that date our room block will be gone. Grand Haven hotels depend heavily on the Coast Guard Festival each year and need to have all their rooms rented.



GRAND HAVEN VIDEO

I recently purchased from the Coast Guard Channel their Volume II video, which has a wonderful section on the 2007 Grand Haven Michigan Festival. If you are planning to go or would like to be with us there I'd urge you to visit the site below as you'll be able to see a full overview as to what the Grand Haven events are like. After viewing this my wife and I feel it'd be wise if we bring our folding chairs to view their parade and many other ceremonies.

<http://www.coastguardchannel.com/index.shtml>

FOR THOSE CONCERNED

For those not sure whether or not they can be with us due to health or other reasons and are afraid to book their rooms, I strongly recommend you call the hotel and book now as you can later cancel if you find you can't participate. Check with the hotel to learn their policies regarding refunds. Phone Numbers: The Best Western (616) 842-4720 and Days Inn (616) 842-1919.

CROSSED OVER THE BAR

Adrian D. De Zeeuw – 11/13/2007
Erma, wife of Ray Ojennus – 10/29/2007
Janice, wife of Duane Klippel – 05/08/2007

MEMBER Notes and Communications

Stan Haraburda has served BSPAV as our Combat Veteran's Chairman in the past. Stan, now age 85, was in twenty-five D-Day invasions during WWII in the Pacific. He has donated much of his archives to the WWII

Museum in New Orleans. They lived in Florida for many years and, in January 2007, were in a terrible auto accident, broadsided. Both he and Ruth have been in rehab ever since, have sold their home in Florida and now live near their daughter in South Carolina recuperating. They are on the mend but their recovery likely won't be a full one, he says. They would love to be with us in Grand Haven; however they won't know for a while whether or not they will be able to travel. You can mail Stan and Ruth: 1023 Cranberry Circle; Ft. Mill, SC 29715 - Phone 803-802-7468

Rodney and Clara Burt were with us at the 50th Northwest Passage reunion in Reno. During our visit, I learned that they had been in a horrendous auto accident and were still on the mend. Incidentally, Rod was a Navy guy on the STORIS participating as part of the helicopter crew. Vice Admiral Papp made Rod an honorary member of the Coast Guard during one of his talks. Rod and Clara receive their mail at: 227 10th Ave., NE; Rochester MN 55906

Gary Conrad – A Special BSPAV Member and the editor of B.I. Scuttlebutt -The official newsletter of the USN/USCG BURTON ISLAND Association, recently wrote that he was on the last U.S. Navy crew aboard the icebreaker USS BURTON ISLAND when it was turned over to the U. S. Coast Guard in December 1966.

Bill Steel - Has some disc problem in his back and his PC is down for now, but hopes to get it back up soon. Says he'd like to make the Grand Haven event, as he knows it all happens there! His mail address is: 716 Lakewood Drive; Palm Harbor FL 34684

Tony Anthony – A former Chairman recently wrote: "Thank you for the letter and the application for the Grand Haven meeting. Much as I would like to be there medical reasons keep me from it. I wanted to get to the meeting in Seattle/Renton but my son was out of town and he has to drive me to events. I am glad that Dave Webb got to the meeting. He only lives a mile from here and we use to get together every once in awhile. Have not seen him for quite a while. We first met at a reunion in Santa Cruz, CA. I was Chairman of BSPAV in 1991 and was nominated by Morrie Kambarn. I think the name change is a good idea. It is getting back to the name we had for years. Originally only the ones that had sailed the Bering Sea could join. In 1938

I was a boot seaman on the ARIADNE not knowing what to expect. Boy did I learn. It was cold up there and wet. There are not too many still around from the start of the Bering Sea meetings. I think it was in the early fifty's that Hurlin Hurt and Ohmer Raye got the first meeting started. They lived in Santa Cruz CA and that is where the group started. Beside myself, Jake Ridley is still going and Ralph Hackerson. I will miss seeing the group but know it will be a great gathering as usual."

Dorothy Chiswell – "Thanks so much for the news of the Reunion at Grand Haven, Michigan. I have lots of pleasant memories of Grand Haven when Capt. Ben was skipper of the MACKINAW. The ship always attended the Festival for a couple of days and the CO was treated like the Grand Marshall. We rode in the parade and attended all the festivities. It was really great. Son Ben III also served on the MACKINAW as his first assignment out of the Academy in 1966."

Dan Baumbaugh - One time, I found myself at Shemya waiting for fog to lift at Attu or Adak so that the UF2G - Albatross, in which I was traveling, could take off for one of those locations. There was a crippled MATS plane arriving from Japan with a full load of civilian dependants, with an with engine out and with an urgent need to land, fog or no fog, right away. I had the opportunity to be present in the GCA shack and watched the ground controller talk the plane down to a safe landing. I could see the blips on the radar's glide path and recall the controller telling the pilot where he was and whether to come right or left or up or down a bit. My heart was in my mouth as I watched this and I recall the controller telling the pilot that he was 25 feet above the end of the runway (I think Shemya had a very long, perhaps 10,000 feet runway) and that he should be seeing the runway visually.....right.....NOW! I glanced out of the window of the shack right at that moment and saw that big bird touch down through the heavy fog, right where the controller said he was, with a brief puff of smoke from the tires touching the concrete. Boy, from then on I was never again afraid of landing in an airplane even in bad weather. At least at places that had GCA facilities. Juneau airport, at that time, did not and

I was always nervous landing there in bad weather.

BSPAV REUNION listings:

<http://www.trea.org/calendar/reunion.html#USCG>
Jul 30–Aug 3: Bering Sea Patrol – Alaska Veterans Reunion Association in Grand Haven, MI (Coast Guard Festival), POC: Dick Juge, 818, Gravier Street, #3A, New Orleans, LA 70112, 504–566–6008, DickJuge@aviosk.com, www.BSPAV.org

<http://www.coastguardchannel.com/news/reunions.shtml>
Bering Sea Patrol - Alaska Veterans Reunion
July 30 – August 3, 2008
Grand Haven, MI

<http://www.dav.org/> (Disabled American Veterans)
A reunion listing is in their newsletter

2008 DUES

If you've already sent your 2008 dues, please disregard this note. If not, please send your \$20 payable to BSP-AV % Clair Upton; 1865 Springcreek Dr.; Bountiful UT 84010-5327

NEW MEMBERS

William Bowen - CGC BURTON ISLAND 73-75
Dennis Morgan - CGC NORTHWIND 61-64, BITTERSWEET 66-69, POLAR STAR 75-78
Kenneth Bishop - CGC STORIS 67-69, MSO Anchorage AK. 69-72

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS

At our BSPAV Seattle/Renton reunion last September, my wife and I had the pleasure of meeting retired Captain Ken Bishop and his wife during a Boeing plant Museum tour. I was wearing a very loud U.S. Coast Guard Bering Sea Patrol pull-over, which got the attention of Karen Bishop and in short order she introduced me to her husband who had retired from the CG as a Captain and had also served aboard the STORIS. Better yet I learned that he was a participant in a local barbershop choral group that did nautical songs. Ken was a fantastic find as I had been recently creating special DVDs (see below and view the order form on our web

site) for BSPAV. I had been looking for more tunes to enhance these DVDs. A friend of mine in San Antonio had his choral group create the Coast Guard Anthem that I've used on several tapes, but Ken's group had also done the Anthem, but in a different key, so now I had two choices. Ken participates with the www.ShiftySailors.com and they make their music available on CDs. I urge you to go to their web site and order your own music. I guarantee you will love their music CDs.

PLEASE GO TO WWW.BSPAV.ORG

Our site has a LISTING OF BSPAV VIDEOS:

CG Cutters Around the Continent
CG STORIS Decommissioning Services in Kodiak
50th Anniversary STORIS, BRAMBLE & SPAR NWP
STORIS Decommissioning 2/8/2007
Bering Sea Patrol Association Photos 1995 – 2006
Bering Sea Patrol Association Photos 2007
Commemorative Northwest Passage CG STORIS
The Historic Northwest Passage Book Photos
USSN BURTON ISLAND 1955 Navy video
And others..

Ray Nicholson is handling the distribution of these DVDs. Please go to www.BSPAV.org for more details. Proceeds to cover expenses.

Also on our web has a listing of USEFUL LINKS:

- *255 CG Cutters
- *The Historic Northwest Passage
- *CGC STORIS Museum
- *Fred's Place
- *Coast Guard Flag Voices:
- *Coast Guard Magazine
- *Coast Guard News Channel
- *Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Association
- *Coast Guard Cutter' STORIS's Red Dog Story
- *Coast Guard video available
- *Coast Guard Visual Imagery Database
- *Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Association
- *Early Bird news clips
- *Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety
- *Maritime Safety
- *Military Com
- *Navy Times
- *Proceedings
- *The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)
- *The Reservist:
- *Seapower Magazine

FYI – We will continue to mail and email this newsletter to all. Not enough email volunteer participation to merit otherwise.

Bering Sea Patrol Financial Statement

November 30, 2007

	Assets
Cash - Deseret First Check	811.70
Cash - Deseret First Charity	555.27
Checking Acct - From Donations	8,551.02
Checking Savings	8,609.74

Total Current Assets	18,527.73

	Capital & Liabilities
Beginning Balance Equity	18,644.22
Net Income	(116.49)

Total Capital	18,527.73

Income statement

December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007

	Revenues
Charitable	5.00
Dues	4,970.00
Interest Income	207.58
Raffle Receipts	387.00
Reunion Revenue	7,148.00

Total Revenues	12,717.58

	Expenses
Miscellaneous	854.44
Postage	1,134.14
Printing	2,076.91
Supplies	96.60
Reunion Costs	8,618.98
Gifts	53.00

Total Expenses	12,834.07
Net Income	(116.49)

BUSINESS MEETING PROPOSALS

In this newsletter I am including two more new BSP-AV proposals for you to mull over during these next six months before our annual meeting. To be in keeping with our By-Laws I've decided to publish this February newsletter before the end of January so that you'll have these six months in advance of our meeting.

NEW PROPOSAL #3

One of these new proposals deals with making Life Time Memberships available to the general membership for those wishing to pay a one-time fee. The amount will be determined in Grand Haven.

NEW PROPOSAL #4

Another is for BSPAV to make any member age 85-95 or above automatically a lifetime member.

Both of these will be proposed at our member business meeting July 31, 2008 in Grand Haven.

As you might recall from our last newsletter there were two other proposals for this meeting from Dan Baumbaugh.

PREVIOUS NOTED PROPOSAL #1

Name of organization - change:

"United States Coast Guard Alaska Veterans Reunion Association"

PREVIOUS NOTED PROPOSAL #2

Making Honoray members of all former Chairmen and Clair Upton, our long time treasurer.

BOOKS AND READINGS

For you nautically inclined folks - books I've read recently include: Mayflower, by Nathan Philbrick. He recently visited New Orleans and his version of the Pilgrims and Indians vary greatly from that we learned in school. Shipmate Ken Fisher gave me the book Resolute, by Martin W. Sandler. It is a terrific story of the early explorers searching for the Northwest Passage. Most recently I've read Over the Edge of the World, by Laurence Bergreen. This book was an enlightening learning experience for me. Magellan's circumnavigation was quite a trying trip for him, his five ships and his crew. Now I better understand what these early explorers suffered. I'm into Allen Greenspan's book now.

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