

USS MAHAN ASSOCIATION

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Greetings Shipmates.

Here's hoping each and every one of you had a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year will be prosperous for all.

An older man and his wife went out shopping and it seems that the woman was picked up for shoplifting. When she went before the judge he asked, "Madam, what did you steal?" She replied "I took a can of peaches." "And how many peaches were there in the can?" asked the judge. "There were six" replied the woman. The judge replied "Then I will give you six days in jail". At this the woman's husband asked, "May I say something your honor?" "Go ahead" said the judge. The husband then said, "She also stole a can of peas"

Our 2009 reunion in Tucson was a pretty good time. All in all we had a good representation. Seems once again DLG 11 was the most represented.

If a trophy was given for the one who traveled the greatest distance it would have had to go to Craig Bailey of the DDG 42, he traveled from his home in Belgium.

On day one we toured the city, University of Arizona, a historic block of old Tucson with restored buildings of 1800 vintage. We then went outside the city to Mission San Xavier del Bac. This mission is often referred to as the Sistine Chapel of the southwest. We stopped for lunch at an outdoor Mexican restaurant, "El Charo Café".

Day two was a tour of the PIMA Air and Space Museum which contains planes from the hundred years of American aviation. We also toured the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group which is an outdoor storage area for Davis- Monthan Air Force Base with nearly 4200 aircraft in outdoor storage. Some planes could fly tomorrow, some are for parts and others are for scrap.

Day three was a visit to the Arizona Desert Museum which is created in the natural Sonoran Desert landscape.

After an afternoon of meetings of the Board of Directors we had our annual sit down and dress up banquet. Being as the banquet was Halloween night, we tried to encourage everyone to come in costume but most of us thought we were ugly enough, so just came natural.

My wife dressed up as a nun and our president and his date came as Robin Hood and Maid Marion.

After the banquet we had our annual meeting at which we discussed where to hold the 2010 reunion. The board of directors had recommendations of Philadelphia, Washington DC area and Newport. It was decided that we would find some place in the DC area. Dates will be

established in the future, so everyone think about it and make plans to attend.

A message from our President:

Greetings.

I want to update you on the Mahan Scholarship. The Navy League told me there were no applications for the Mahan Scholarship. Since there were no candidates, they went to the pool of general scholarship candidates and awarded it to Jim Ensz of Siebert, CO who is attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. Midn Ensz completed his first trimester with a 3.73 GPA and was selected as a representative of his class of 300 on the student governing board. Midn. Ensz is very grateful for the scholarship and said in his thank you letter it was a key to his success his first trimester. I wish him all the best in his next four years at Kings Point.

Mary Ellen Fox and I were married New Years Eve. The wedding and reception were wonderful even if only a handful of reception guests made it to midnight to ring in the New Year.

I am working with Military Reunion Planners for our reunion in Washington, DC. Two of the stops will be the new Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and a tour of the Naval Academy. We are still working on the rest of the details but this promises to be a spectacular get-together.

*All the best,
Jeff*

From Jeff's statement that no one from the Mahan had applied for the scholarships I would recommend if anyone has a child or grandchild who would like to apply, get the information from the Navy League and get the paperwork turned in. I don't begrudge Midn Ensz the scholarship but I would rather it went to someone with Mahan connections.

Since the last newsletter we have had 26 new members.

Robert L. Heydt DLG 11	Jeff Roberts DDG 42	Joe Wilson DDG 42
Benigno Hooker DDG 72	Steven Gullette DDG 42	Jon C. Jones DDG 42
Steven Frye DLG 11	Charles Smith DDG 42	Herbert Karlinsey DDG 42
Michael Firsdon DLG 11	James Grimaldi DLG 11	William Berendt DDG 42
Brad Schriver DDG 42	Rick Eledge DDG 42	Chris Smith DDG 42
Robert Keys DLG 11	Clayton Lindberg DLG 11	Anthony Lopez DDG 42
Claude Smith DLG 11	Derrick Neace DDG 42	Jerry Self DLG 11
Mike Stimson DDG 42	John Brown DDG 72	Bill Morrison DLG 11
Robert Beamenderfer DDG 42	Robert Byram DLG 11	

Let me take this opportunity to say to each and everyone, if I can be of assistance in any way, please let me know at ussmahandlg11@yahoo.com or 406-373-6254.

At the banquet there were 6 members who were unable to answer muster.

William Burke EM3	DLG 11	27 Aug 2009
Captain Thomas Elsworth	DLG 11	Dec 16 2007
Jack "Smitty" Smith	DLG 11	4 Sept 2008
Willard Fellows PNCM	DLG 11	20 April 2009
Billy Fyffe CY	DD364	23 April 2009
Margarito Gamboa SN 1/C	DD 364	17 Nov 2009.

May they rest in peace.

After the reunion in Tucson, my wife and I made a trip to Florida to visit our daughter and son in law. We were driving down I75 when the cell phone rang. When my wife answered it, on the other end was Joe Permatteo DD 364, calling from his home in Holiday FL to wish a good Thanksgiving. So we just happened to drop in and visit with him. He wanted to say a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Our association ship's store is cranking up with some real nice merchandise. Latest is an association coffee mug. It is real nice and everyone would enjoy having one. Get in touch with the ships store by contacting Russ Owens, at mahanshipstore@aol.com or 12314 Woods Rd. Franklin, WI. 53123-1369 or calling him at 414-425-0213 for T shirts, Polo Shirts, Ships' patches, and Caps for all ships.



Once again it is that time of the year for donations to the Association. Everyone should remember that we are a non-profit organization and cannot charge dues. Therefore we operate on donations. All donations should be sent to Gary White. 10534 Rippling Fields Dr. Houston, TX. 77064-4298. Please remember, no donation is too small. Also you can still make donations to the Mahan Scholarship Fund in care of the Navy League. You can contact Gary or get in touch with our President Jeff Sweet.

I had planned on including another story from some of our older members of their Mahan experiences but haven't received any so will have to wait for next time. Anyone that would like to include anything please let me know.

I just received word from Dick Hallowell, our webmaster, that the updated Association Roster as of Dec. 2009 is now available. You can get it from Dick at 2dickhall@cox.net over the internet or you can get a printed copy from me at ussmahandlg11@yahoo.com.

Let me close with a prayer for all our members, their families and for all our sisters and brothers in uniform, no matter where they are, that they are safe and return home as soon as possible.

Smooth sailing to all.
Jerry