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LEGER LINES



The President's Message

Greetings,

Well, our reunion is approaching quickly and it looks to be the biggest one yet. Reservations are over the top and advance registration forms are working perfectly. If you haven't filled out your registration form yet, please do so ASAP. The hotel is still taking our registrations even though we are well over our allotted numbers. Make your reservations quickly and if you can't get into the hotel, give me a shout.

The spouse luncheon on Thursday is turning into a big success. This luncheon will give the ladies a chance to meet each other and plan other events for the future. Thanks to all who have worked so hard on this endeavor. The cost will be \$30.00.

We are still looking at Midwest for 2006. Many of our members come from there, so we will probably be going to Louisville, Kentucky for this reunion. It's a centrally located area and has easy access from all over the east and midwest.

We are also looking at the 2005 reunion in Norfolk, Virginia. I now have a few hotels battling for our business, so may the best deal win. I'm trying to get it a little later in April to ensure warmer weather for all.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in June. This is shaping up to be our biggest reunion yet. And as our numbers grow, so will the dedication by the officers to make your reunions more fun-filled and eventful.

Bob Leketa

A Message from Ralph Aurillo

I was one of the guest speakers (with Stew Jackson, Former Musician Second Class and MUCM John Gattuso, USN Retired) at the Navy School of Music Building Dedication ceremony honoring Capt. J D McDonald, USNR, the former CO of the school of music, on April 25, 2004, in Norfolk, VA. J D had a special place in his heart for arrangers and I mentioned several amusing and compelling events in my speech. The Navy Band played Robert Jager's "Esprit de Corps" and in my speech I told of the incident when J D listened to one of Jager's arrangements and immediately requested that I place him on the staff at the music school.

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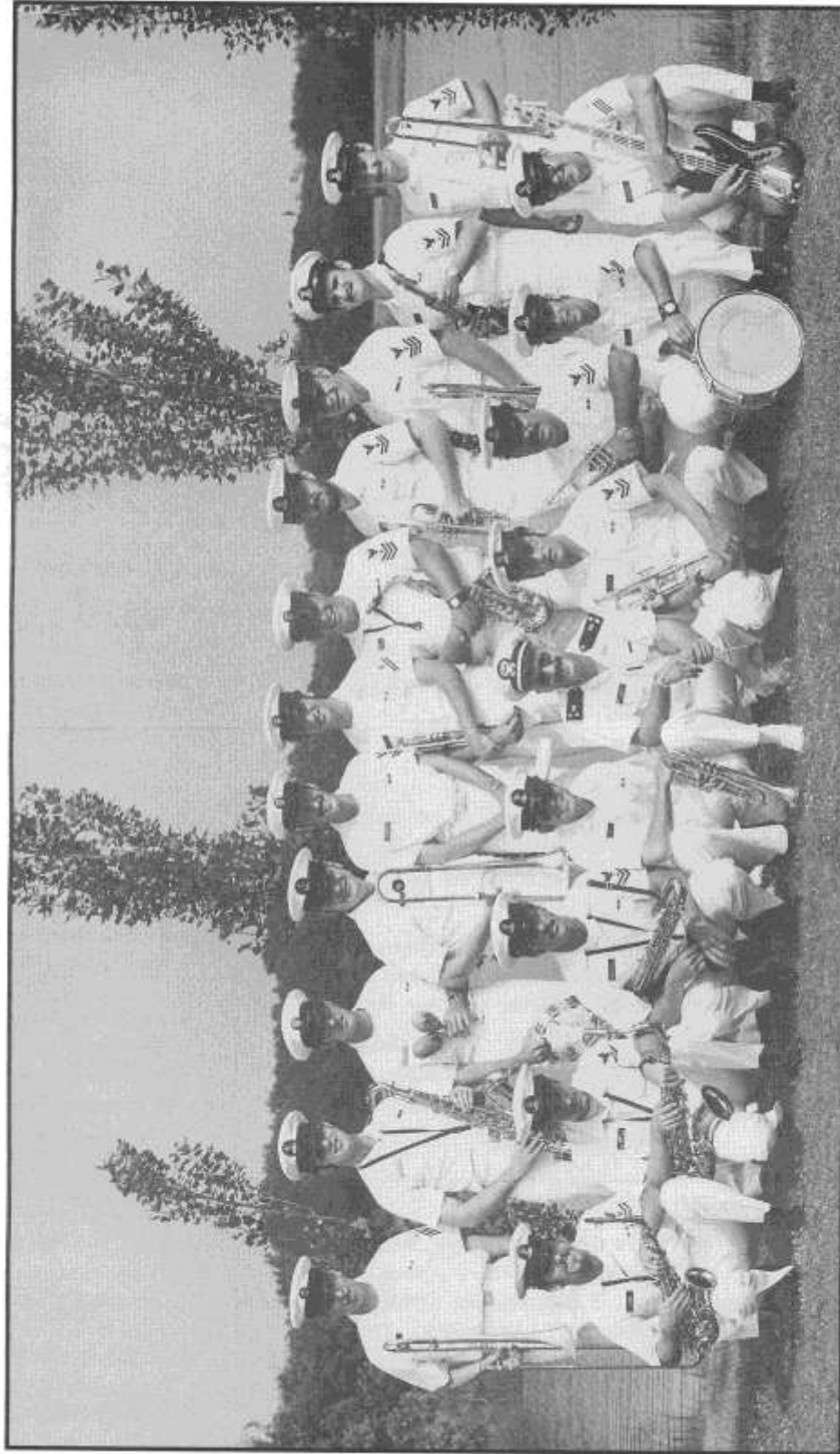
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The U S Navy Show Band at Azalea Gardens, Norfolk, VA (1973)

Front Row: A Luna, J Fort, G Rackley, W Estrada, CWO J Fluck, L Nemyin, J Solano, G Griswold, T Disney

Back Row: S Levy, D Schiff, D Kurilla, T Waldron, F Hanner, L Hopkins, T Chesson, H Gravely, P Sipe, M Gaspari, B Smith (Photo courtesy of B Smith)

This picture appeared in the Spring 2004 issue and had every name wrong. Bruce supplied the names correctly—I just have trouble follow directions!!

Thank you, G Sandidge, D Bouchard, and T Chesson (Terry actually sent me the picture with every name but one written on the sailor). Several others made me aware of the error. Thanks !!!

NMA Reunion Schedule for Orlando 2004

Tuesday - June 22, 2004

1300 - 1600 - Registration Desk Open
 1300 - 1600 - Dance Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee I - Numbers Permitting)
 1300 - 1600 - Combo in Lounge
 1600 - 1800 - Dinner Break
 1800 - 2100 - Dance Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee I - Numbers Permitting)
 1800 - ???? - Combo in Lounge

Wednesday - 23 June 2004

0900 - 1600 - Registration Desk Open
 0900 - 1130 - Dance Band Rehearsals (Okeechobee I & II)
 1130 - 1300 - Lunch Break
 1300 - 1600 - Dance Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee I)
 1300 - 1600 - Gun Tub Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee II)
 1300 - 1600 - Combo in Lounge
 1300 - 1600 - Gun Tub Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee II)
 1300 - 1600 - Gun Tub Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee II)

1600 - 1800 - Dinner Break
 1800 - 2100 - ? Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee I)
 1800 - 2100 - ? Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee II)
 1800 - ???? - Combo in Lounge

Thursday - 24 June 2004

0900 - 1600 - Registration Desk Open
 0900 - 1130 - Dance Band Rehearsals (Okeechobee I & II)
 1130 - 1300 - Lunch Break
 1300 - 1600 - Concert Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee II)
 1300 - 1600 - Combo in Lounge
 1600 - 1800 - Dinner Break
 1800 - 2100 - OOMPAH/GUNTUB Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee II)
 1800 - 2100 - Dance Band Rehearsal (Okeechobee I)
 1800 - ???? - Combo in Lounge

Friday - 25 June 2004

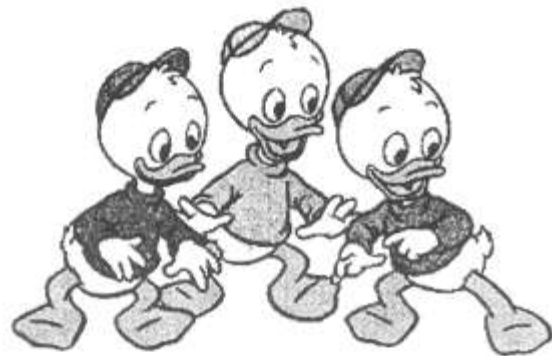
0900 - 1200 - Registration Desk Open
 1300 - 1600 - Combo in Lounge
 1400 - Set up Ballroom for Friday Night Bash (Florida I, II, III)
 1830 - ???? - Reunion Bands Perform in Ballroom (Florida (I, II, III))
 2100 - ???? - Combo in Lounge

Saturday - 26 June 2004

0830 - 1000 - Breakfast Breakout outside Ballroom
 1000 - 1200 - NMA General Membership Meeting (Ballroom)
 1200 - Set up bands for Banquet
 1800 - 1930 - Cocktails (Outside Ballroom)
 1930 - 2330 - NMA Reunion Banquet
 2000 - ???? - Combo in Lounge

Sunday - 27 June 2004

Checkout



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**FROM ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:**

As you leave the airport, follow the signs to Route 528/WEST/Beeline Expressway (Tampa Area Attractions). You will take Route 528/Beeline Expressway WEST for approximately 10-15 minutes. There will be two toll booths (cost .75 and .50 cents). Take Exit #1—International Drive (Sea World/Convention Center Exit). When you come to the traffic light at International Drive, turn Left and go under the bridge to the traffic light. Sheraton World will be on your right (the first intersection/Westwood Boulevard and International Drive). Turn right onto Westwood Boulevard. Registration is in the Main Lobby which faces Westwood Boulevard.

FROM ATLANTA, GA AREA:

Take I-75 South to Wildwood, Florida. Take the Florida Turnpike South to Interstate 4 WEST exit (Disney World). Take Interstate 4 WEST (approximately 5 miles) to Exit #72 (Cape Canaveral/Orlando International Airport/528 East/Beeline Expressway). Drive approximately 1/4 mile to Exit #1 (Sea World/Convention Center). When you get off at this exit, the Sheraton World is through the first intersection (Westwood Boulevard and International Drive) on your left. Registration is in the Main Lobby which faces Westwood Boulevard.

FROM INTERSTATE 95 SOUTH:

Take Interstate 4 WEST to Exit #72 (Cape Canaveral /528 East/Beeline Expressway). Drive approximately 1/4 mile to Exit #1 (Sea World/Convention Center). When you get off at this exit, the Sheraton World is through the first intersection on your left (Westwood Boulevard and International Drive). Registration is in the Main Lobby which faces Westwood Boulevard.

FROM THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE:

Take Interstate 10 to Interstate 75 South to Wildwood, Florida. Take The Florida Turnpike South to Interstate 4 West exit (Disney World). Take Interstate 4 West (approximately 5 miles) to Exit #72 (Cape Canaveral/Orlando International Airport/528 East/Beeline Expressway). Drive approximately 1/4 mile to Exit #1 (Sea World/Convention Center). When you get off at this exit, the Sheraton World is through the first intersection (Westwood Boulevard and International Drive) on your left. Registration is in the Main Lobby which faces Westwood Boulevard.

FROM MIAMI AREA:

Take the Florida Turnpike NORTH to Interstate 4 WEST exit (Disney World). Take Interstate 4 WEST (approximately 5 miles) to Exit #72 (Cape Canaveral/Orlando International Airport/528 East/Beeline Expressway). Drive approximately 1/4 mile to Exit #1 (Sea World/Convention Center). When you get off at this exit, the Sheraton World is through the first intersection (Westwood Boulevard and International Drive) on your left. Registration is in the Main Lobby which faces Westwood Boulevard.

SHERATON WORLD RESORT

WALT DISNEY WORLD THEME PARKS SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL FOR ALL THEME PARKS
8:20AM, 10:20AM, 12:20PM

DEPARTURE FROM SELECT THEME PARK

(RETURN TRIP TO HOTEL)

please re-confirm return trip times & bus lane #'s with bus driver

MAGIC KINGDOM

Bus Lane #27

3:35PM, 5:35PM, 7:35PM, 9:35PM, 11:30PM

EPCOT

Bus Lane #27

3:50PM, 5:50PM, 7:50PM, 9:50PM

MGM STUDIOS

Bus Lane #27

4:05PM, 6:05PM, 8:05PM, 10:05PM

ANIMAL KINGDOM

Bus Lane #43

4:20PM, 6:20PM

- ◆ SHUTTLES MAY RUN 5 TO 10 MINUTES LATE DUE TO TRAFFIC OR WEATHER CONDITIONS, PLEASE BE PATIENT
- ◆ NO FOOD, DRINKS, OR LUGGAGE ALLOWED ON THE SHUTTLES
 - ◆ GROUPS OF 12 OR MORE MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE
- ◆ NEITHER THE HOTEL OR TOWN & COUNTRY WILL REIMBURSE GUESTS WHO USE ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION
- ◆ PLEASE RE-CONFIRM RETURN TRIP TIMES & BUS LANE #'s WITH DRIVER
 - ◆ PLEASE CALL 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY TOWN & COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION
(407) 828-3035

shuttle times are subject to change

From the Treasurer

The NMA remains in good financial condition, and a full report will be given at the reunion in Orlando. Sixty-one (61) members have not paid dues for 2004 and this is approximately 10% of the membership. Everyone was sent an invoice for 2004 dues before the end of 2003, so I have to assume those unpaid are not interested in continuing their membership in NMA. Those still unpaid on June 30, 2004 will be removed from the rolls.

I have received many advance registrations for the reunion and am looking forward to seeing all of you there.



Reunion Update from E Benge

A schedule of rehearsals for the various bands at the reunion will be posted at the registration desk.

A number of people have expressed interest in rehearsing the scheduled bands and this can be accomplished with a "sign up sheet" at the desk.

If you are so moved, please indicate the rehearsal time and date that you will be available and add your name and hotel room number as well.

Everyone is invited to play on any and all of the bands. Directors will insure that anyone who wants to play gets the opportunity.

Members provide all the music for the concerts and the dinner dance on Saturday evening.

From the Editor

I need pictures/stories to include in the next newsletter. Please dig in your albums, and find pictures to share.

If you change your address, PLEASE notify the LL office and/or Cecil.

Bill Allen

TAPS

Claude W. Kowalski



COM CRU DIV 3 Combo at a non-union pay gig in Hong Kong in October 1953.

Pictured Left to Right: Wurzberger, Marcus, Conners, Chanoux and Swishers. (Picture courtesy of Bud Wurzberger)

**COM. 6TH FLEET (BAND)
 MEDITERRANEAN SEA
 APRIL 1953 - GIBRALTER
 U. S. S. SALEM**



FIRST ROW L TO R.

**CHIEF GEORGE MERRINAC, DON (PHIL) PHILLIPS, NORRIS (NELS) DURRELL, FRED
 (HERM) KOETTGEN, GLEN WEIR, DICK (PUSSY CAT) LAYMAN, DAVE (LOONEY) AULT.**

SECOND ROW L TO R.

**CHARLIE NIEHOFF, BRUNO D'AMBROGI, RODNEY JACQUAY, MARVIN RINKER,
 STU DUBBS, BOB BUSCHMANN, JIM (JIMMER) SPRATT, BUD CAPPUCCIO, SCOTTY LINSKOTT.**

OTHER BAND MEMBERS.

**JIM (BUFFA) CUTLER, JOHN FLYNN, DICK TALBOT,
 JOHN LANNI, BILL BRYANT, LARRY GOLDSTEIN, SAM CALIO, TOM KLINKO.**

Photograph courtesy of Bob Buschmann



Unit Band 151 U S NAVAL AIR STATION, KODIAK, ALASKA (May 1961)

Front Row: Griffith, Miller, Tucker, Blossfield, Brown

Back Row: Knop, Reedy, Miller, Adams, Teuber, Cigna, Morris, Frey, Chief Stute, Shaver (Picture courtesy of B A Knop)

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