



USS Muliphen AKA-61 Association

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Reunion 2007

Our twelfth reunion, at the Quality Inn Conference Center just outside Savannah, Georgia during April 26-29 was enjoyed by all attendees. The accommodations worked out well and provided a fine setting for the camaraderie, meals and drinks which reflected the hard work of the entire reunion committee. Savannah is certainly a grand city steeped in tradition with many old homes, squares and museums coupled with genuine southern hospitality and good food to make our visit very memorable. Several people mentioned they had never been more warmly received as tourists.

Special thanks is given to Dave Shingleton who was able to convince Major Dan from nearby Eighth Air Force Museum to join us at Saturday's banquet and bring us up to date on its activities.

Attendees and their years on the Muliphen follow:

Autry, 61-66	Keene, 44-46	Sharp, 63-66
Baer, 64-66	LaSante, 56-60	Shingleton, 60-62
Bieler, 63-66	Lose, 63-66	Spencer, 60-62
Boyd, 57-61	Lunn, 49-51	St James, 60-62
Cook, 58-60	Lyles, 60-62	Szabo, 61-63
Ellas, 59-62	Markley, 63-65	Szmanski, 57-60
Finley, 57-62	Martin, 61-64	Trejchel, 64-66
Glasco, 59-64	Means, 57-58	Wiant, 64-66
Gore, 61-62	Nixon, 63-66	Woodward, 59-61
Gross, 61-63	Robards, 60-61	Wotherspoon, 64-65
Hines, 51-54	Rodriguez, 58-59	Lathem, 60-64
Hollins, 66-68	Schroeder, 49-52	

By Laws of the USS Muliphen AKA-GI Association

At the reunions business meeting all hands approved the recently developed By Laws of the USS Muliphen AKA-GI Association. This is a requirement of all not for profit organizations such as ours, under section 501-C.3 of the U.S. Tax Laws. These by laws have in turn been submitted to the federal government and posted on our website

During the reunion several photographs of the Muliphen's involvement at Iwo Jima and the Bering Strait among activities were on display in the hospitality room. These pictures had been given to Ron Wiant by Mr. Grossman's granddaughter for inclusion in the Muliphen history book. Unfortunately, these photos somehow disappeared and could not be found. If anyone had them or knows where they are please return to Ron or let him know where they may be found – no-questions-asked.

Reunion 2008

The 2008 Muliphen Reunion will be held at:

The Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel
at Gateway Gettysburg
Intersection of U.S. 15 and U.S. 30
95 Presidential Circle
Gettysburg, PA 17325

This location is in close proximity to the following cities:

Harrisburg, PA (36 miles)
Baltimore, MD (54 miles)
Washington D.C. (78 miles)
Philadelphia, PA (118 miles)

Dates: April 27-30, 2008 (Sunday through Wednesday)

- Room Rate: \$109.00 (tax not included) per night – 2 person occupancy
- Complimentary parking on premises
- The Presidential Suite had been reserved for our hospitality area
- Telephone number: (717) 339-0020
- Fax number: (717) 334-0456
- E-mail: www.wyndhamgettysburg.com

Please make reservations directly with the hotel and mention “**Muliphen Reunion**” to ensure our negotiated rates.

Gateway Gettysburg was designed with a heightened appreciation of its historic setting. It is a wonderful shopping, dining and entertainment complex located on a pedestrian friendly 100 acre campus. Gateway Theaters 8 provides movie enthusiasts and Civil War historians with the most technologically advanced digital and sound experience in the United States. It is the new and exclusive home of “Fields of Freedom” and epic immersive Hollywood film produced by Greystone Films on the Battle of Gettysburg. You will witness the ferocity of the battle and anguish of its aftermath.

Tour 2008

We have arranged a Monday 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (muster at 8:45) private Gettysburg tour that will include the battlefield and other historically important aspects of the area. As you are aware, Gettysburg is one of the premier locals of the Civil War and the tour is set up to present its significance in an extremely interesting and entertaining manner. The all inclusive tour costs \$44.00 per person (including tip) and is based on a minimum of 50 attendees. **The absolute cutoff date for tour reservations is 28 February 2008.** Because this is a “morning” tour your afternoon will be available for many other attractions in the area. These include the Eisenhower Farm, the Eisenhower Museum and even a near-by shopping out-let.

Our traditional last reunion evening banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m., 29 April 2008.

Banquet Room: To be announced at reunion

Banquet Cost: \$40.00/person inclusive tax and gratuity

Banquet Meal: A custom Wyndham buffet including breast of chicken, cod fillet, tender roast beef, salad, vegetables, dessert and beverage

Banquet Feature: A most interesting guest speaker has been scheduled

Cutoff date for check receipts is February 28, 2008. Do to the hotel rules this year all reservations need to be in by the above date, no exceptions will be made for anyone. The hotel is a very popular in the Gettysburg area. Please make your checks payable to the USS Muliphen Association and mail to:

Ron Wiant
105 Sonant Drive
Newark, DE 19713

Please detach and complete the bottom section of the Newsletter and submit with check.

Ships Small Stores

As always, George Hollins will make available hats, shirts, jackets and other Muliphen memorabilia. He keeps coming up with new items which we will enjoy. As a reminder, all profits from the sale of this merchandise go to the Muliphen Association.

We ask that everyone will have pictures taken at the banquet regardless of your intention to purchase a yearbook. This helps serve as a record of attendance.

In the past few months Jerry Wotherspoon has done an outstanding job of developing and expanding our website www.ussmuliphen.com. It is quite easy to use and provides a wealth of updated information. The site contains a wide variety of visual and audio content spread over an array of index listings. It is hoped that this site will generate increased interest in and attendance at our annual reunions. I can't urge you enough to use it, contribute additional data to it and spread the word that it exists. Thanks again Jerry, you have opened new vistas for us all!

Miscellaneous

Over recent months you have done a much better job in submitting you annual dues for which we thank you. This participation is essential to cover ongoing expenses and to ensure our continuing association. Dues remain \$20.00 per year. Please make checks payable to USS Muliphen Association and mail to:

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As Jim Finley reminded us in Savannah, expenses to support our reunions continue to increase. The pre-reunion costs each year are well over \$1,100 which covers deposits, mailings and sale memorabilia. We are thankful to Mike Sabie who donate our letterhead and other paper items and to Linda Sharp and her church who copy, address and stuff and stamp envelopes each year.

The Association is extremely thankful to Ron Wiant (and Joan too!) for all the hard work and dedication which they have displayed at "The Helm" for so long. Ron has now made the decision to turn the leadership of the association to someone else. He'll be available to assist, in the event if he is asked, however personal considerations do not allow him to be the lead helmsman after the 2008 reunion. For this reason, we ask that you consider becoming more involved and/or encourage another to assume the leadership role in our organization.

This is the only notice scheduled before our April 27-30, 2008 reunion in Gettysburg. It promises to be an outstanding time and we sincerely hope you and yours will attend. If so inclined, please ask any of our shipmates who have not participated in the past to join us in April. In the event you have questions or concerns, please contact Ron Wiant, 105 Sonant Drive, Newark, DE 19713, telephone number (302) 737-1751.

DON'T FORGET DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY 2008 AND IS SLOWLY APPROACHING GET YOUR DUES IN EARLY

WARM WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HEALTHY 2008!!

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FILL IN THE BOXES, number of people and SUBMIT WITH CHECK

Name: _____

I will will not attend the banquet and there will be people in my party. \$40 pp

I will will not attend the private tour and there will be people in my party. \$44 pp

I am enclosing my dues or I have paid my 2008 dues already 2008 dues. \$20

Note: Hotel reservation made separately.

I am enclosing check # _____ for the amount of \$ _____ Date: _____