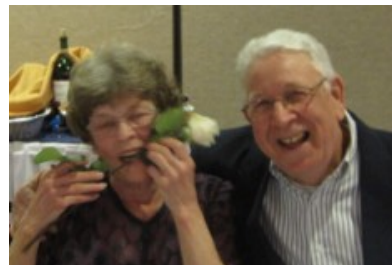


*As always, our reunion was immensely enjoyed by all. If you think I'm kidding just ask Grant & Priscilla Cummings. They may have missed our 1<sup>st</sup> reunion but have been having a lot of fun at every other reunion.*



*Our smaller reunion group created a more intimate atmosphere that gave us the opportunity to spend more time with each other. However, our philosophy remains the same, 'the more the merrier'. Basically the economy, hurricane Irene and also our venue accessibility seemed to be the culprits of our smaller turnout. A bus load of us had a grand time.*

*I can tell you that weather concerns were completely unwarranted. We had absolutely perfect weather throughout our reunion. As for Mystic's accessibility, just ask Martin. Martin actually went home for a meeting and returned the following day. Does this qualify him as going to an additional Perry reunion? Incidentally, AMTRAK was just a few blocks from the hotel and I guess reasonably near to Martin's home. Very likely there is a station near you that can bring you to our next reunion.*

*Here is something for us all to consider. Martin accepted an AMTRAK Master Card that I think contained 30,000 travel points or miles. Whatever, Martin has been having fun using his card religiously for travel and has hardly exhausted any of his miles or points.*

*Economic concerns were also far fetched. Our Perry Assn. simply filed for stimulus funds based on our ability to hire new employees. In turn we were given \$50,000,000 which we divided among our 25 shipmates attending the reunion. Do the math, not bad for a bunch of old swabbies.*

*Please welcome our Associations TWO new hire's as required by our stimulus agreement.*



*Coming aboard as Vice President is CDR. John Conte who will be working on building and energizing our membership. LT Dale Macintosh will be working in our Financial Division extending his efforts toward acquiring tax exempt status for our Association. As a side line he will be feeling out interest in having a Perry golf outing and possibly holding a San Diego reunion. Any golfers out there? For our next reunion we will also be considering venues in Savannah, New Orleans, Chicago, etc.*

*Martin Deeney accepted the Perry helm as our Associations President and Media Director. As always, Martin's video presentation of our Navy and Children of the World was superb.*



*I'm also pleased to announce the election of one of Perry's finest to the Tin Can Sailor Board of Directors.*

*Lets all give Lou Guariniello a big hand. The TCS Association is a very worthy organization so please*

*signup at your earliest convenience. Lou is looking for someone to Chair*

*the New Jersey TCS Bull Session and is more than willing to lend a helping hand. Remember, NJ is Lou's original home port and he likes to get back every now and then. Any takers???????*

*Have you ever met a shipmate in an unusual place? Well Joe Jurewicz traveling from Elmhurst, IL and Gerald Schnoblen driving from Sterling Heights, MI did just that. They bumped into each other at a Bloomsburg PA hotel, which I guess as the saying goes, was 'any port in a storm'. Where the heck is Bloomsburg PA and what are the odds of meeting a friend there? Because the Hotel was still suffering the after effects of Hurricane Irene, Joe & Carol assumed all of the East Coast would be the same and decided to terminate their trip and drive home. Considering the circumstances and Joe's philanthropic support of our Perry Association his perfect attendance record will remain unblemished. Joe, in the future please promise to keep your daughter abreast of unusual circumstances, you had her worried stiff.*



*We were all happy Chief Gerald Schnoblen decided to weather the storm and 'cruise' on to Mystic. Especially delighted to see Gerald was Dick Mucciario his Perry buddy of yesteryear. While this was Dick's 1<sup>st</sup> reunion I was assured we'll be seeing more of these shipmates at future reunions.*

*Chief Boatswain Gerald Schnoblen also delighted the crowd at our final banquet as he piped aboard CDR John Conte and his beautiful wife Susan. Susan was presented a beautiful bouquet of roses while our 'side boys' presented a single white rose to all our other beautiful ladies. This spiffy group of 'side boys' included: Mike Rogers, Andy Marchese, Dave James, Bob Schmidt, Tom Lobue & Dick Mucciario.*



*I would truly be remiss if I didn't mention another unusual coincidence. Mike Rodgers who happened to be wearing his TSC tie clasp at a church function happened to meet a young lady who said her dad Capt. Gavin, had the same tie clasp and was a founder and 1<sup>st</sup> President of the Tin Can Sailor Assn. Ms. Gavin was truly delighted when Ski read Capt. Gavin's most impressive biography at our banquet.*

*As always, our Banquet was excellent and our Awards Ceremony went off without a hitch. Our 1<sup>st</sup> time Reunion Attendees John Sigler, Dale Macintosh, Carroll 'BO' Bolick, Dick Mucciario and Ted Musco ended up with a more mementoes than expected while their ladies received 'I love My Sailor' pins.*



*Jim Archer received the first award pin for being a Perry Plank Owner. Paul Kiesel received his pin for traveling the longest distance. Martin Deeney, Lou Guariniello and Bob Noroski receives pins for attending all our reunions. Plaques were then presented to Bob Noroski, Joan Guariniello and Ken Annino for services rendered to our Association.*

*The highlight of our award ceremony was our Challenge Coin presentation which was inspired by Admiral Hare when he presented Challenge Coins to several shipmates at our Philly Reunion. This Coin, given with a handshake, is a symbol of membership and friendship. The history of the challenge coin can be read on the internet. More importantly, be sure to have your coin with you at all times. When meeting a fellow Perry shipmate, failure to produce your Coin when challenged obligates you to pay for the libations.*



*Our Challenge Coins were all individually presented with a handshake. When Lt. C. J. Bolick, better known as 'BO' received his coin it sparked an event aboard the Perry that Bob Hales related to us all. Basically, BO taught Bob an important lesson of 'duty and responsibility' that Bob has never forgotten and also inspired him throughout his career. You can check out the story by going to our website and clicking our **Sea Story***

**button link.**



*The history and traditions of the Challenge Coin can be viewed on the internet. Just the other day I exchanged challenge coins with a 'very, very' young friend who was pinned Chief. While I missed his ceremony because of our reunion, I did get to see a Chief pinning ceremony at the sub base during our reunion tour. I'm sure you all have special friends that would more than pleased to receive a challenge coin from you. Additional Coins can be purchased from our ship's store for \$8 each. Please send your payment to Bob Hales, USS Perry Reunion Assn., PO Box 26613, Tampa, FL 33623. Our Challenge Coin specs can be viewed at our websites ship's store by clicking our **Ship's Store***

**link.**





**Sharing a beautiful note just received by Bob.** *'How very thoughtful of you to send Chuck the coin, and your lovely note. We truly do miss the Perry reunions. Just wish they were closer to us--traveling any distance is just too much for Chuck. He uses a walker when he is "out and about", or a four-pronged cane at home for balance, and has slowed down considerably. Of course, at 91, I guess he can't be faulted. We did celebrate our SEVENTIETH wedding anniversary in June, and his ninety-first birthday Sept 17th. Know we are blessed that we are still in our own home, relatively independent, and I still drive locally. We are close to our son and his wife, who are wonderful to us, so feel we couldn't be in a better place than we are. Please give our best to Steve Silk also--we too have lots of fond memories of our reunions and friendships. Sincerely, Chuck and Dorothy Lishman*



*Our Hospitality Room was well suited for our group and was always well stocked. It appeared our Reunion Chairman Ken Annino, CM3 was promoted to Chief by the way his crew efficiently took care of our hospitality requirements. Bob Schmidt, Dave James, Tom Lobue and Andy Marchese made sure we were never without cold refreshments and other goodies. Do you think Ken was trying to impress his old Perry boss, Chief Ed Spivey?*

*Our tours were simply super. I think Ernie Boerner probably should be writing this article because he saw more of the tours than any of us running around on his scooter. He was always ahead of the pack with poor Peggy was straggling behind with the rest of us poor souls. I don't understand why he was driving because Peggy said he never has problem dancing or singing. The singing I knew about, but the dancing is another story. No kidding, if Ernie wasn't in the Navy he probably would have been an Opera singer. When he calls attention on deck at our meetings the sea stories immediately end and biz begins.*



*Although we explored Mystic on our own, we were always having fun bumping in to one another and talking about the things we saw and planned to do. It was like being with a group exploring a museum. A large group of us also cruised the seaport on one of the oldest wooden, coal-fired steamboats still in operation which was perfect for me. Our younger and more adventurous shipmate John Sigler and his 1<sup>st</sup> Mate Sharon explored Mystic aboard a 110 ft sailing ship. We also went aboard the Charles Morgan, an old whaling sailing ship that is being refurbished and is planned to launch on 2014, the 173 anniversary of its commissioning. Many of us had lunch at several excellent outdoor pubs while some of our shipmates had lunch at a 4star oyster restaurant. In spite of my insistence regarding the powers of oysters we missed that 4star oyster restaurant. I guess she just isn't fond of oysters.*

*Our guided tour of the Cost Guard Academy campus given by several Cadets was most impressive. We also enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Officers dining room. These kids really know how to live. The Chateaubriand and a bottle of 1997 Rothschild Lafite we enjoyed with the Kiesel's was simply wonderful. It's easy to see why recruiting is never a problem. What, you didn't enjoy the same menu as we, better talk to Ken and ask Bob for a refund.*



*We also saw the midshipmen of the Merchant Marine Academy set up a high line transfer in what I'd call record time. Most impressive was the lady midshipwomen being transferred in the bucket seat. Is midshipwomen the correct term? I once remember a transfer between the Perry and USS Saratoga and boy was I glad it wasn't me. Whoever it was got his butt wetter than a ducks a \_\_ a number of times.*



*Visiting the sub base and going aboard the Nautilus was more than interesting. We learned a lot about subs and what it takes to become a submariner. Following a very interesting movie, we had a question and answer session period with a very young sailor that already had 20 years of sub duty under his belt. After telling us his sub had once been submerged for 75 days my Cathy asked if I would consider doing the same in the near future. I wonder what she meant!*

*There wasn't a question this sailor couldn't answer. Today I believe we have 58 subs in commission. What a long way we have come from the **USS Alligator built in 1862**. Our Ohio Class Subs have a length of 560 feet and 42 feet beam and carry a crew of 15 Officers and 140 Enlisted men. Do you remember, our Perry's length was only 390 feet with a crew of 17 officers and 257 men? Question, why do subs need almost as many Officers to manage far less men than the Perry required?*



*'Gone but never to be forgotten' is the slogan we adopted for our shipmates that have taken their Final Voyage since our last reunion. Following a beautiful invocation given by 'Ski' Noroski, the names of our departed shipmates were recalled by Steve Silk while Jim Archer rang our ships bell in their honor. Our service was concluded with our flag folding service. Ski read the importance of our 12 folds while Chief Ed Spivey and*

*Bob Schmidt performed the folds.*



*Here's our bus driver! At first I didn't think she was old enough to drive. Then we met her 10 year old son Jaycee who was simply wonderful. He was always there ushering us aboard the bus, helping us off and looking out for us on the tours. I think he hi-fived just about everyone of us. Jaycee was overjoyed when we unanimously voted him into our Perry Assn. as our official Mascot and presented him a Perry lanyard and reunion pin. With our permission, Jaycee and his mom (single parent) were with us during all our tours. It turned out good for us when at the last minute Crystal's found herself unable to leave Jaycee with anyone.*



*During our final bus ride back to the hotel, you could see how sad Jaycee had become. He knew the tours had ended and his shipmates were leaving him behind. He was especially broken hearted over leaving Bob Hales with whom he bonded as father and son. As the saying goes, you had to see it to believe it, he and Bob were like glue. Hopefully Jaycee's future will become more promising as a result of his USS Perry Reunion Association membership. Wouldn't it be special if one day Jaycee attended a Perry Reunion as Midshipman Jaycee Park.*

*Jaycee personally invited the entire Mystic Reunion Crew to his birthday party on January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make the party I'm sure Jaycee would appreciate your present. It would be nice to include a Mystic reunion photo with your present. Presents can be sent to **Crystle & Jaycee Park, P.O. Box 671, Mystic, CT 06355 - 860-701-8563***

*You can also elect to send a few bucks to our Assn. and the Perry will consolidate the funds for his present. Please do it now while fresh in your mind. Send your Jaycee payment to **USS Perry Reunion Assn., Jaycee Christmas Fund, PO Box 26613, Tampa, FL 33623***

*Lets all plan to get together as soon as possible. A good number of our contingency meets at the Florida Bull Session run by our own Lou Guariniello. The event generally takes place sometime in February.*

*Dale will also be working on putting together a Spring/Summer golf outing. You need not be a golfer to enjoy the camaraderie of your shipmates at this event. I think Bob Hales is planning to caddy for one his sons who is a scratch golfer.*

*Let me apologize for the errors and omissions of this newsletter. At this stage of my life I can't even remember what they say about the minds of people at my age. Oops, I just remembered, thank you Andy for remembering my Reunion cigar. It was excellent and well appreciated. Special thanks are extended to all our Honor Roll supporters. Their help and enthusiasm is the engine behind all we do. Our Honor Roll supporters can be viewed on our website by clicking the **Ships Crew button link**.*



*You can Email me your Reunion photos and I'll gladly create a photo slide show and post the show to our website. The many individual photos and slide shows of past reunions can be viewed on our website by clicking the **Reunions & Events button link**.*

*In closing, I thank you all for attending the reunion and hope the good Lord take a liking to us and will watch over us until we meet again at our next gathering. We'll keep you posted as events unfold.*



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*'Long after the ships are gone their crews remember'*