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## Cleveland Reunion Deemed One of the Best

Comments overheard at the 28th reunion of the Allen M. Sumner May 1-4 in Cleveland, Ohio indicated it ranked right up there with some of the best get togethers of the association including Washington DC and meeting the the Chief of Naval Operations.

There were several instances during both the banquet speaker's presentation and the address at the USS Cod memorial services that tears were welling up.

By now, most shipmates know the success story came from planning by hosts Scotty and Linda Kopstein.

They now have a legacy which won't be forgotten although it may put pressure on future hosts.

And all the help by attendees (shipmates and wives) meant the total endeavor truly was the sum of its parts.

The only downside appeared to be a lot of sore throats caused by some mysterious virus which cropped up following the reunion.

Now that the "dishes" have been put away and the trash taken out, we can turn our attention to our next reunion - in Mayport, Fla. - the old homeport and the 50th anniversary of deployment to Vietnam.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Well, Reunion 2016 Cleveland has come and gone. I would rate this one as one of our best, thanks to our great hosts, Scotty and Linda Kopfstein. The accommodations were great and lots of sites to see in the Cleveland area. The actual Memorial Service at the USS Cod, SS-224 was Great! Even the weather that day was picture perfect. I am sure that was specially ordered by the Kopfsteins.



**Frank DiBello**

I wish to thank our Sumner Ladies for all their help in making our making our Reunion such a great Happening. I specially want to thank Louise Jasch for taking care of Bobby and Mary Moore and making sure that they had a successful Reunion with us and a safe trip to Cleveland. It was truly a miracle to have Bobby

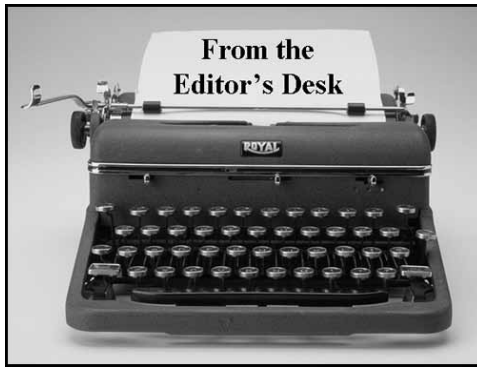
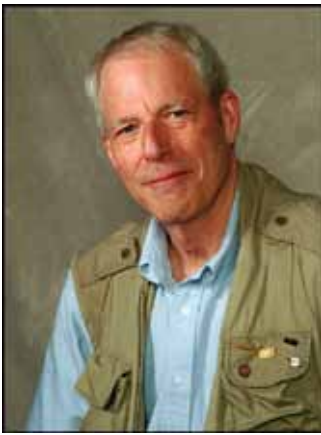
there!

Thanks Scotty, for getting our great speakers, our banquet speaker, David Taylor, Retired Colonel, Special Forces, U.S. Army Reserve and Memorial Service speaker, Mike Kovack, Retired Navy Commander, the use of the USS Cod, your Color and Honor Guards for a true military salute to our Fallen Shipmates. Thanks to Jim Frederickson for ringing our ship's bell.

Thank you Karen Harderer, Mary Moore, Gail Dromms and Connie for making the Registration desk run smoothly. Thank you Rita Hart and Gail Dromms for the Silent Auction and Ship's Store.

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By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

(I never would have made connections without it.)

I have had a lot of surgeries in the past couple of years including bladder cancer and two heart attacks, none of which required a lengthy stay in the hospital.

This one, however, required a six-day stint.

Anyone who has had to stay in a hospital more than a couple of days knows you don't get any sleep as nurses and aides are con-

tinually checking vital signs or otherwise poking you.

Reporting to the hospital at 5:30 a.m., the surgery lasted for five hours after which I was in ICU for 24 hours.

At first I was glad to get to a room until I discovered how inattentive nurses are - especially reluctant to empty things.

But the food was descent and Medicare will pick up most of the tab so the only thing left is about six weeks of home recovery.

Now I know - in a small way - what our chaplain Bobby Moore went through in his medical ordeal.

I guess part of my feeling not quite up-to-par for the Cleveland reunion was the knowledge that I was to undergo leg surgery to resection an aneurysm discovered a couple of years ago when I returned home.

I also abandoned my pride both to and from Cleveland by seeking wheelchair assistance from airline personnel.

**President  
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Thank you  
Linda Kopfstein, Dale  
Surber, Connie and

everyone else for keeping the Hospitality Room running smoothly.

Special Thanks to Pete & Gail Dromms. Without them we would not have our "material things" for the Reunion. They use their truck and trailer to haul all of the supplies needed for the Reunion, as well as the Ship's Store items and Silent Auction items, not to mention storing and keeping inventory on all of the items during the rest of the year. They even salvaged and recycled beverage containers to turn into income for the Sumner's treasury!

Congratulations to Fred Willshaw, our newly appointed Historian.

To 2nd Vice President Pete Hart, replacing George Aichele.

To Joe Drabick, director (expires 2019)

To Dale Surber, Shipmate Help Fund Committee

Thanks again to all that made this a great Reunion. If I forgot to mention anyone please accept my apologies. I have been under the weather since before the Reunion and learned a lesson to listen to your body; driving over 1,300 miles one way in two days wasn't smart, but doing it coming back home proved I am not 21 and bulletproof anymore.

Dave, you've got a great one to beat in Mayport, 2017, but knowing you and with all of us here to help you, we can make it happen! See all of you in Mayport!

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# Ladies Shine at the Cod Memorial Service

As has been the practice for a number of years, ladies of the Sumner Auxiliary have read the names of the men lost during the Kamakazi attack on the ship in the closing days of World War II,

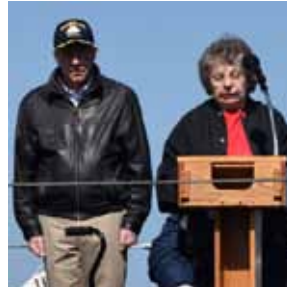
It is a moving experience and the real overriding reason for the reunions.

The readings, coupled with the passing of the

ceremonial wreath provide the highlight to the memorial service.

2016 was no exception as the ladies braved the cool and breezy temperatures from the bow of the submarine.

Jim Frederickson rang the bell for each name read..



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