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AV12  
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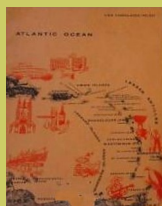
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ALL HANDS

This is E-Mail Version of our NEWS LETTER . Last months E-Mail version was over 11 pages Long and featured an article that was courtesy of the MMA group who provided some of the Technical expertise for the article. The Author was Tom Jones Yes that is Astronaut Tom Jones The Article was featured in Air & Space Smithsonian Magazine. You can Check it out at [www.AstronautTomJones.com](http://www.AstronautTomJones.com) or at the complete Article at the following link. <http://www.airspacemag.com/military-aviation/cold-war-marlin-pilots-180960970/>

Note the good looking Color Logo of the USS Pine Island AV12 that was sent to us by Bob & Judith Gadd and Ed Thurston. See page 4 for other versions. Please send your hand drawn or pirated pictures or suggestions to me, Same address as the Hats.

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR E\_MAIL ADDRESS YOU MAY NOT BE RECEIVING THIS MONTHS NEWS LETTER, SO PLEASE ADVISE. **Raise your hand if your absent. :)**

Do not forget your NAME BADGES and Lanyards for the Reunion.

Searching on the web ? Check out the <http://www.navsourc.org/> It probably has more photos and ships than any other sites I have seen.

*Gary Adams*

**Please Advise us if you change your Home Address or E-Mail Address so we can forward you a copy of our News Let-**



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Second Quarter 2017 Dues of \$25.00 are due for Currituck AV7

Third Quarter Dues due for Pine Island AV12

Crew Members dues should be sent to:

Tom Cetnarowski at 348 Yeoman Ct. Nekoosa WI. 54457

Combined Association AD24, AV7, AV12 and TPM  
**Branson, Missouri Reunion September 13-17, 2017**

Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th
 <p>Check in at  <b>THE RADISSON HOTEL</b>  <b>\$105.00 per room per night plus tax including breakfast</b></p> <p>417-335-5767</p> <p>Noon Registration and Hospitality Room Open</p> <p>Bring your auction items!</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>9:30 a.m.  <b>AREA TOUR MEMORIAL SERVICE &amp; THE SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE</b>                      Lunch, Show and Cruise  <b>\$69.00 per person</b>                      Hospitality Room Open</p> <p>Board Meeting                      Time 3:00 Location TBA</p>  <p>8:00 p.m.  <b>NEW JERSEY NIGHTS</b>                      "tribute to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons"  <b>\$42.00 per person</b></p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>1:30 a.m.  <b>TOP OF THE ROCKS</b>                      Nature Trail and Cave Tour                      "driving your own golf cart"  <b>\$55.00 per person</b></p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p>7:30 p.m.  <b>THE CLAY COOPER SHOW</b>                      "voted Entertainer of the Year"  <b>\$38.00 per person</b></p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 a.m.                      All Hands Business MEETING</p>  <p>2:00 p.m.                      #1 HITS OF THE 60's and 50's SHOW  <b>\$38.00 per person</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m.                      PHOTOS</p> <p>6:15 p.m.                      CASH BAR</p>  <p>6:15 p.m.  <b>BANQUET DINNER</b>                      Table Rock Room  <b>\$45.00 per person</b></p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p> <p>Memorial Bell Ringing                      8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Goodbye until next year</p> <p>Be sure and mention you are with the Combined Association Reunion to get the special group rate of <b>\$105.00</b> plus tax. That rate is good 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion, based on hotel availability. Rooms not reserved 30 days prior to the reunion will be released from the group block.</p> <p><b>HOST HOTEL: RADISSON HOTEL FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS</b>  <b>CALL: 417-335-5767</b></p> <p>Mail Registration Form and Check To: <b>GATHERINGS PLUS 3000 Green Mountain Drive, Ste. 107-204 Branson, Missouri 65616 417-338-4048</b>  <a href="http://www.ReunionPro.com">www.ReunionPro.com</a></p>

NAME (for name badge) \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERVED aboard circle one AD24, AV7, AV12 or TPM or \_\_\_\_\_

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**REUNION ACTIVITIES**

Tour/Memorial/Lunch Show & Cruise # of attendees x \$69.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 The New Jersey Nights # of attendees x \$42.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Top of the Rocks Tour # of attendees x \$55.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clay Cooper Show # of attendees x \$38.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 #1 Hits of the 60's & 50's Show # of attendees x \$38.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Banquet # of attendees x \$45.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Medallions \_\_\_\_\_ Pecan Crusted Tilapia \_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE:**  
 Admin & Hospitality Room Expenses # of attendees x \$35.00 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**FLYING THIS YEAR TO BRANSON ? SEE BELOW FOR HELPFUL INFORMATIONJ**

**Getting there is some times half the fun.**

Typically in the past our reunions have been held next to the local airports or train stations.

Yes Branson has a Airport but is serviced by two commuter air lines only.

I Understand they have direct flights from and to Branson from Austin, Denver, Houston & New Orleans

Note: The Taxi Ride from Branson Airport (BKG) to Hotel is proximally \$25 for 2 occupants.

**THE BEST BET IS SPRINGFIELD MO.** It is 55 Miles North of Branson and has number of major airlines United , American, Allegany that service the Springfield Airport. You can charter a Shuttle at a special rate of \$72 each way (Springfield Airport to Hotel) The \$72 is good for 1-2 People. Call 417-332-2227 Advise the Shuttle agent you special rate CODE = GP17

Note: There will be additional \$10 for any additional persons max of 4 per vehicle, so if you have other guest or crew members that will be flying to Springfield get a shuttle together :)

AMTRACK No Direct Service. Closest you can get is Poplar Bluff Mo. (South Eastern corner of Missouri)  
GRAYHOUND Does Service Branson.

[www.flybranson.com](http://www.flybranson.com) (Check out the Flight info.) [www.Flyspringfield.com](http://www.Flyspringfield.com) (Check out the Flight info)

**2017 TAPS**

- WWII Wentworth Prentiss AV12, Phoenix Az.
- Pat O'Toole AV12 M Div 48-49 Montgomery IL
- John McDaniels AV7 45-47 AMM2 Escondido Ca.
- Thomas C. Messina AD24 51-52 FC. Ny.
- WWII Elwin S. Mank AV12 Rockport Me.
- Donald L.Repsher AV7 BT2 51-54 Conesus Ny.
- James F. Russel AD24 LTJG 52-53, Tn.
- Robert A. Cote AV7 ADAQM -V1 NorthPoint, Fl
- WWII Ray F. Boehmer TPM2n Linenin , Ne.
- Ernest Kidwell AD24 SN 54, Hastings, Ne.
- John B. Frasier AV12 V1 Div Osceola, Mo.
- Robert L. Claus AV7 SN 55 Summersville Mo.
- Donald Andruska AV7 AM2 51-54 V2 Div IL
- Philip P. Buchholz AD24 LT/Eng 60-61 R-Div Va.
- Carlos H. Van Orden AV7, Te1 OC Div. 51-55 Ks.

May their ships always sail smooth water and may they have fair winds and following Seas.  
They will always be in our hearts and memories.

**LAST CALL for HATS >>**

**Robert Dunlap is one of the Reunion Fund Benefactors . His tour of service aboard the Everglades was a memorable one and The funds he has provided will go a long way to Help the Association to keep the Association running for years to come.**

**Roberts Comment: "What a wonderful way to come of age".**

**My Thanks to Robert Dunlap** *Gary Adams*



- Hat Inventory
- Blank Scrambled 2
  - AV7 Plank 1
  - AV7 Scrambled 4
  - AV7 Enlisted 1
  - TPM Enlisted 12
  - AD24 Plank 5

\$10 with shipping  
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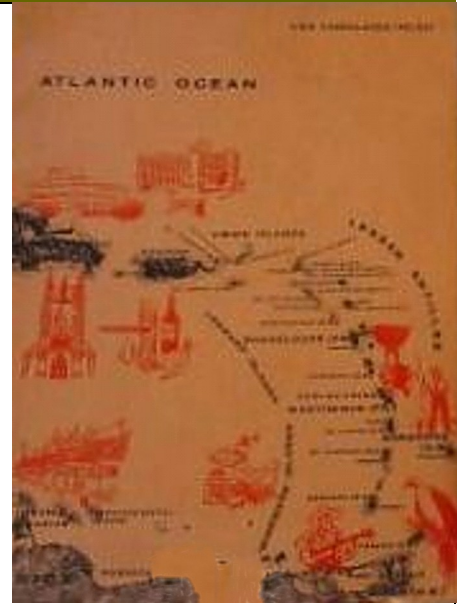




### USS EVERGLADES (AD-24)

#### Cruise Book

Tan paper cover with black printing, black chart of Caribbean Islands and red sketches of liberty scenes and landmarks.  
(Exercise SPRINGBOARD 1958)  
Please Advise AD24 Ships Historian  
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# USS Pine Island

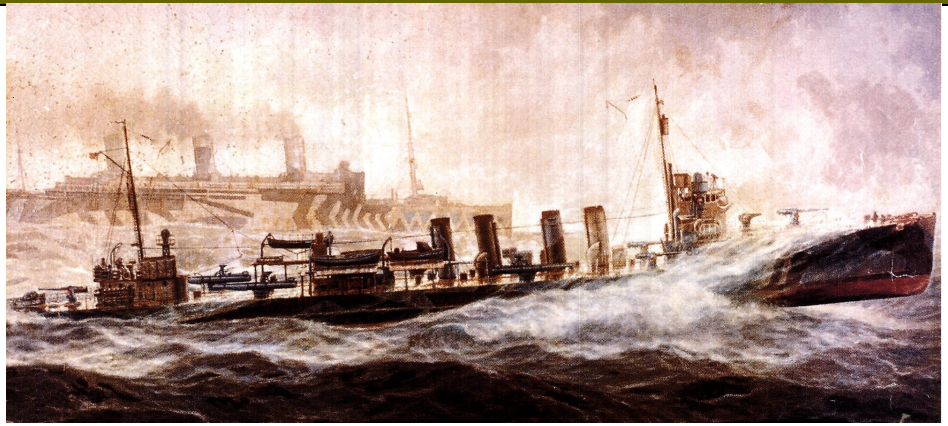


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## A Fight to the Death: The USS Borie, 31 October to 2 November 1943

As Ships Historian I occasionally receive Ship memorabilia, mostly Photos, but this one time I received a ashtray from (Ken Pivak Ca.) from the USS BORIE DD704. So I commenced to look up some Crew mem-



bers to pass this item on to. To my surprise I found that there were two BORIE's. This story is about USS BORIE DD215 who took on two U-Boats in the Atlantic. This was surprising as she was a 4 Stacker that was Very old and tired in 1943. She had been designed for an earlier war I. Launched in 1919, the USS *Borie* had been the ultimate in destroyer design. She was fast – capable of up to 35 knots (40 mph) and well armed for the time with four 4" guns, a bank of 21" torpedo tubes and depth charges. By 1943, though, she was showing her age. *Borie* and her sisters could keep up with the new Fast Carriers in terms of speed but little else. She was assigned as a carrier escort, and part of a hunter-killer task group, centered around the USS *Card*, an escort carrier. The escort carrier concept arose to fill in gaps in air coverage for convoys crossing the U-Boat-infested Atlantic. Unlike their larger and more glamorous kin, the escort carriers (CVE) were built on merchant or tanker hulls with a flight deck and a small "island" structure nailed on top. They usually carried 21 aircraft: nine or ten "Widcat" fighters and a dozen or so "Avenger" torpedo bombers rigged to carry depth-charges. Running flat out, with everything open but the toolbox, a CVE could make about 20 knots. On Halloween night 1943 found the *Borie*, under the command of Lieutenant Charles H. Hutchins, chasing one of these "guesses" that had already proven correct. One of *Card's* Avengers had caught a pair of U-Boats on the surface conducting a re-supply operation and sent *U-584* to the bottom. The other boat, *U-91*, escaped and since it was late in the day and the *Card* would have to shut down flight operations. *Borie* was sent to deal with the German. *U-91* fled the scene but at 2000 hours (8PM) *Borie* got a radar fix on yet another German the *U-256* which she open fire upon. *U-256* was observed to go down rapidly and the sound men reported an underwater explosion. An oil slick and debris seemed to confirm the kill. Hutchins jauntily signaled *Card*, "Scratch one pig-boat!" Despite heavy damage, though, *U-256* returned to port but never sailed again.

At 0145 on 1 November, a radar contact revealed the presence of yet another U-Boat at 8000 yards. The boat dove as the range closed but *Borie's* sonarmen were up to the challenge and regained the contact at 2200 yards. Hutchins swung his ship toward the contact for a depth-charge run. As *Borie* passed over the contact a mechanical failure caused all of the charges on one rack to roll into the sea. The resulting explosions literally blew *U-405* under *Korvettenkapitan* Rolf-Heinrich Hopman to the surface and that began one of the wildest sea fights in American naval history.

**The Rest of the Story can be found at number of web sites or just link on this one <http://destroyerhistory.org/flushdeck/ussborie/>**

*Gary Adams*