

FROM THE QUARTERDECK

JULY, 2006

I would like everyone to know how grateful, my wife Margot and I are on receiving all the thank you notes and calls from those attending the Washington D.C. reunion. All hands seemed to have an exceptional time.

Thursday our first day we visited the Philippine Embassy and received medals from the Major General assigned to the Embassy and a Cornet as well as the Ambassador himself. The Embassy then served us a meal made of several favorite Philippine dishes. These people are really a thankful and hospitable lot. We later walked down to the White house, only to be shoed away as Tony Blair was arriving.

Fri. our second day we made a visit to the Pentagon, we had a super young marine as our guide. We all learned a great deal about our military command and how it functions. Then on to the WWII Memorial which was, I think, more then everyone anticipated. Later that evening we visited the Washington D.C. Marine Barracks. We watched these young marines drill and march to the music of the Presidents Marine Band. These guys really looked smart in their dress blues. All of our women drooled. Sims got a little nervous, he thought he was losing his bride to a young marine.

Sat. our third day we made a visit to the Arlington cemetery, we viewed the Iwo Jima and Korean War memorial. We visited the J. F. K. grave site, as well as the Unknown Soldier grave with the Marching guards, it was a touching experience. We moved on to the US Navy memorial, we had a very nice reception and a speech given to the memory of the achievements made by our great ship, USS West Virginia. All of us viewed the plaque of the Wee Vee, placed on the memorial wall. We then returned to the hotel for the banquet and business meeting.

Sun. Our forth day we visited the George Washington estate at Mt. Vernon and from there we made a tour of the Annapolis Officers Training Center.

Mon. Our fifth day we took in the Navy Museum at the Washington Navy pier. Many memories came to life, a lot of pictures were taken around the 20 and 40 MM guns, the exhibits of navy history were outstanding. If you ever visit D.C. don't miss this museum, it is one of a kind. We then went on to the Steven Udvar-Hazy Center Air and Space Museum, developed by the Smithonian Institute a great display of aircraft from the first day of flight until present day aircraft, were on exhibit.

We will probably never have a busy reunion such as this again. But do you know you could spend a month in D.C. and you would have seen but a fraction of the sights. What a great town.

THE LAST ACTIONS: FROM TOKYO BAY TO THE SCRAP PILE

The proudest moment in the West Virginia's long career was now upon her; Japan was throwing in the towel on World War II and the men on board the Mountain State battleship would be there to see it. The "Wee Vee's" approach to the Home Islands was made without incident and at 1440 on August 27, 1945, she dropped anchor in her assigned berth at Sagami Wan near Atsugi. Joined with the Colorado into Special Fire Support Group Baker three days later, our dreadnought got up stream and proceeded a short distance to provide cover for troops of the 11th

Airborne Division being put ashore to secure Yokohama harbor and its adjoining air field. The landing was peacefully concluded late in the afternoon allowing the battleships to return to Sagami Wan anchorage.

On the morning of August 31, the West Virginia, leading the Idaho and Colorado, steamed through narrow Urago Channel into Tokyo Bay, becoming the first of the "old battleships" to anchor off the Japanese capital. On September 1, Admiral Sowell rejoined the "Wee Vee" and on the following day, the ship anchored a few miles from the USS Missouri. As General Mac Arthur staged the final act of the conflict, that brief but im-pressive surrender ceremony, Captain Holsinger and his crew had the satisfaction of knowing that their vessel, now often called "Old Task Force 48," was the only ship present bearing scars of the Pearl Harbor raid which had initiated the vast four year war.

Several days after the surrender, officers of the West Virginia had their first chance to go ashore. "We arranged to borrow a carryall," her skipper recalls, "and with the heads of departments, a couple cases of beer on ice, sandwiches, and a couple of bottles of spirits provided by the doctor, we visited Tokyo." There the men "did a little sightseeing, changed some money into 10 yen notes, which we autographed for each other, and bought a few souvenir sheets of stamps." On their tour, they received a first hand look at damages caused by US air raids and some came to appreciate, perhaps for the first time, the necessity for their airfields campaigns, especially Iwo Jima. "The damage observed in Yokohama and Yokasuka was awesome, block after block and mile after mile of burned out houses."

The end of the war in the Pacific did not mean termination of duty for the veteran battlewagon. There was more work to be done, beginning with the succor of American prisoners-of-war. As part of "Operation Spring-Em," the West Virginia received 180 former POW's from camps around the Tokyo Bay region. A pair of doctors and a chaplain, were also sent out to assist in the relief. The weary men were outfitted, given physical examinations, and fed. "The last was a problem," Holsinger admits. "The only meat we had resembling a soft diet was veal stew and most made such hogs of themselves that the couldn't keep it down." After an oral check on the newly liberated, many of whom were captured early in the war, Dentist Sines reported to his boss fears "that they would all lose their teeth in a very few years."

Shortly after V-J Day, the "Wee Vee" was assigned to "Operation Magic Carpet," the return of American service personnel to the states. Departing Japan on September 20 with 3,100 guests aboard, the dreadnought put into Okinawa and Pearl Harbor before arriving at San Diego on October 25. In California, she was met by an enthusiastic crowd at Navy Day festivities, where many recalled her victory at Surigao Strait exactly one year earlier. In San Diego, three great "bashes" were thrown for the "port watch, starboard watch, and colored" in order to use up as much of the ship's service profits as possible. A picture of the crew was taken and every man given a print. Some 600 ratings with sufficient points were then mustered on the dock and with appropriate pomp, all were promoted to the ranks of CPO, Seaman 1st, or Seaman 2nd. To make room for more "Magic Carpet" passengers, the captain next had the ship's air unit and Marine detachment transferred ashore. With 24 hours of the last party, all bills were paid and the West Virginia was heading out to sea enroute to Japan.

Averaging some 2,300 men a trip, the "Wee Vee" made three more trans-Pacific voyages through December 13, returning a total of 7,500 soldiers, sailors, and airmen to America. Captain Holsinger later recalled two episodes of interest during these trips:

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"On our 'Magic Carpet' trips, I was informed by the Army commander that we only had to serve two meals per day. I insisted on three and had some concern about being shorthanded. We called for volunteers from the passengers and were overwhelmed with assistance.

"The Exec warned me that I could expect a delegation complaining about the washroom and had to be open at odd hours. That was easy, I pointed out that 'Colored Only' meant that only colored could use it. They could also use any other head they wanted."

On December 30, 1945, the tired warrior was detached from her transport duties and sent to Bremerton to assume inactive status.

Before moving on, let us briefly recapitulate some service statistics. In the three years 1943-1945, the West Virginia steamed a total of 71,615 miles and from September 21, 1944 to September 6, 1945, spent a total of 223 days in various combat areas. She claimed one Japanese battleship sunk and eight planes shot down, with many other "assists." In those months of combat, she expended over three thousand 16 inch projectiles, about thirty thousand 5-inch shells, and over two hundred thousand rounds of smaller caliber shot for a total use of 5,500 tons of ammunition. During her year of service, she lost four men killed as a result of the Kamikaze hit on April 1, 1945, and four in observation planes, two in November 1944 and two in June 1945. Wounded totaled thirty-one with two men missing in action. The officers and enlisted men on board received a total of three Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals, one Silver Star, twenty-one Bronze Stars, ten letters of commendation, and many Purple Hearts. The ship herself was honored with seven Battle Stars: Pearl Harbor-; Leyte Operation: Sarigao Straits, Mindoro Isle, Luzon Operations: Iwo Jima Operation: and Okinawa Gunto Operation.

When the West Virginia reached Bremerton, Captain Holsinger turned her over to Commander Richard S. Andrews. Through the next six months as she lay tied up on the east side of the Puget Sound Navy Yard's Pier 90, her crew was mustered out and she was prepared for storage or "mothballing" as part of the Pacific Reserve Fleet. On June 18, 1946, one last well-attended ceremony was held aboard.

With the "Wee Vee's" skeleton crew standing in full dress and several hundred relatives seated in chairs on the quarterdeck, a formal inactivation function began on the starboard side of the main deck, near 16 inch Turret Three. Seattle Mayor William F. Devin spoke briefly, followed by Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, Commander of the 13th Naval District. The admiral's remarks were brief and noted that the West Virginia was the first major warship of the US Fleet to be retired. He closed with praise, "she acquitted herself admirably at all times," and then pulled a switch starting the last battery of dehumidifying machines. Commander Andrews came to the podium briefly and the ship's final skipper, turned her over to reserve supervisor Commander S.L. Ward, Jr. Half a year later when it became apparent that almost all of the Navy's battleships was laid up and that she had virtually no chance of ever going to sea again, the West Virginia was officially decommissioned on January 9, 1947."

Throughout the late 1940's and into the 1950's, the West Virginia lay in peaceful retirement at Bremerton. Her situation was not different from other battleships also inactivated there. One ship, the Indiana, attracted a number of visitors and reports concerning BB-58 could apply equally well to the "Wee Vee."

"There she lies, her guns sealed, her decks and magazines closed, her turrets actual bubbles of cellophane, her tremendous power plants buttered inches deep in the monder development of cosomoline. Only the heels of an occasional watch echo on her hollow plates."

On March 1, 1959, the Navy Department announced that, in an age of nuclear bombs, jet planes, and guided missiles, the battleships of the Colorado-class were no longer needed.

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Accordingly, the three sisters-Colorado, Maryland, and West Virginia were stricken from the Navy List and put up for sale. The "Wee Vee" was sold to the Union Minerals and Alloy Company on August 17 for \$781,289.89, some 40 percent of her original cost.

"It is sad to think that this great battleship is to be destroyed, although we know that it is of no further use in our national defense. It is even more sad, however, to walk along the empty decks, down the pitch-black ladders and passages of this famous ship. You feel a lump in your throat as you turn your flashlight around those musty wardrooms and galleys and into the gun turrets. The only sound that can be heard in this old ship is the cry of sea gulls and pigeons flying from their nests in the super structure." For the first time since 1903, no American warship officially represented our states."

The West Virginia was removed from the Puget Sound Navy Yard on January 3, 1961, and towed over to the Todd shipyard Seattle for scrapping. The big ship was immediately placed under the cutter's torch. "The battleships were great ships," commented Herbert I. Chatterton, Assistant to the General Manager of Todd "but their day is done." Rigger S. W. Tortorice added: "It seems sort of a shame to cut here up." To emphasize their point as the two stood talking with reporter Don Page, workmen lopped off her mainmast and began cutting into her bridge. When the job was finished a few months later, the "Wee Vee" passed into memory and her historic steel into new cars, machinery, and even beer cans."

Not all of the battleship disappeared in Seattle; a few mementos were saved for display in the Mountain State. In a December 7, 1959 ceremony of Charleston, The West Virginia DAR presented two plaques from the ship to Governor Cecil Underwood. One was the original tablet first given when the ship was authorized in 1918; the second was a large tablet placed aboard in 1946 recording her history from 1923 for visitors. Both now hang in the capital rotunda.

Patriotic members of the West Virginia University chapter of Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity managed to obtain the mast cut off in front of correspondent Page in 1961. It was shipped across country free of charge by several railroads to Morgantown where it remained two years in a field while a suitable memorial display was planned. Finally on May 11, 1963, Admiral Felix B. Stump and others officially dedicated the 55-foot, 6 ton spar before a large crowd on the main campus near Oglebay Hall.

On the occasion of Veteran's Day 1963, the "Wee Vee's" jackstaff was installed in the yard on the Main Street side of the Harrison County Courthouse in Clarksburg. An appropriate plaque was attached to the small boom marking its significance. In conjunction with the 35th anniversary of the ship's victory at Surigao Strait, the largest remaining piece of the "Wee Vee," here secondary con wheel, was dedicated as a public memorial and placed on display in the library at Salem College. It is the only large item from the 1923 commissioning period on exhibit in the Mountain State. Smaller relics are exhibited throughout the state, including the Science and Cultural Center museum in Charleston, while a few are yet retained by the Naval Historical Center in Washington and the US Naval Academy Museum at Annapolis.

It has been nearly two decades now since the West Virginia was dismantled and one wonders if she is recalled by many anymore. In her day, she was a symbol of US might and Mountain State pride and while she stood afloat, she was a proud reminder of American sea power even in an age that did not need her. Now that she is no more, her memory will never die if there are people willing to recall her proud deeds. In the words of John Adams: "Posterity you will never now how much it cost...to preserve your Freedom! I hope you will make good use of it."

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Embassy of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS

Guidelines for the Issuance of Philippine World War II Medals
(Year 2004-2006)

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Authority: of the Secretary of National Defense
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Forces which participated in the war against the Japanese Empire during the periods Dec. 7,
1941 and May 10, 1942 and October 1944 to July 4, 1945

Notice Life Members, we have blocks of the Wee Vee deck planking available. Each comes with
a plate attached stating life member USS West Virginia. There is no cost for these pieces except
for postage and packaging amounting to \$7.50 each piece. There is only 96 pieces available. For
those of you who have already paid for life member, please send us a check for \$7.50 for S&H
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is \$25 for membership and \$7.50 for S&H. Then it will be on a first come first served basis, till
the pieces are gone.

REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM:

Listed below are all registration, tour and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and the total amount. Send that amount payable to USS West Virginia Reunion in form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted) to: USS West Virginia Reunion, c/o Joseph Variot, 4564 Cedar River Rd, Mancelona, Michigan 49659-8694. Your canceled check will serve as your confirmation. All registrations forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 31, 2006. Keep or mail a copy of this form.

Date		Price p.p.	Num. People	Tot. Due
Wed. Sept 20, 7-9 p.m.	Welcome Aboard Party wine & cheese, compliments Eugene Hilton	0		0
Thurs. Sept. 21	Wildlife Safari-lunch on own Steelhead brewing company dinner For dinner, individual pay	\$35		
Fri. Sept 22	Oregon Dune Buggy Ride Lunch on own, sight seeing & Shopping in Florence	\$35		
Sat. Sept 23	Sat Market. Eugene, 2 blks. From hotel	0		0
Sat. 6 pm	Roast Prime Rib of beef	\$36		
Banquet	Honey Glazed Salmon	\$36		
Entertainment	Chicken Oscar Stuffed			
To follow	With crab meat.	\$36		
Sun. Sept. 24	Breakfast 8 am. Church service 9 am.			
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At our last meeting we voted to have a cruise on the agenda for the coming year. On the following page is a booking form. If interested you must have this back in the hands of the agent by Sept 24, 2006. Please understand the price listed is inclusive of room and all food consumed on the trip. The price works out to be very reasonable.

Some people may be concerned of getting seasick. These vessels are equipped with stabilizers, getting sick is almost unheard of. Schedule and prices listed are good until September 24, 2006.

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Variot World War II Reunion
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Passports will be required for 2007 travel
(unless the government postpones the current plan)

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Final payment due by 1/18/07

Dining option early- approximately 6:15 late-approximately 8:30 (comment from Joe-maybe an early dinner would be best and we can all eat together)

We can help with flights or travel insurance also.

Melanie at North Village Travel, 108 Northland Plaza, P.O. Box 2007, Kalkaska, Michigan 49646. (231) 358-4123 ----1-800-462-0501-----Fax (231) 258-4159

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Melanie also said that if Royal Caribbean does the air it will include transfers from air port to pier, and vise versa. If your airfare is done on your own. The cost of Transfers from air port to pier and vise versa will be \$90 PP round trip.



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ATTENTION:

ALL YOU WEST VIRGINIA BATTLESHIP MARINES,
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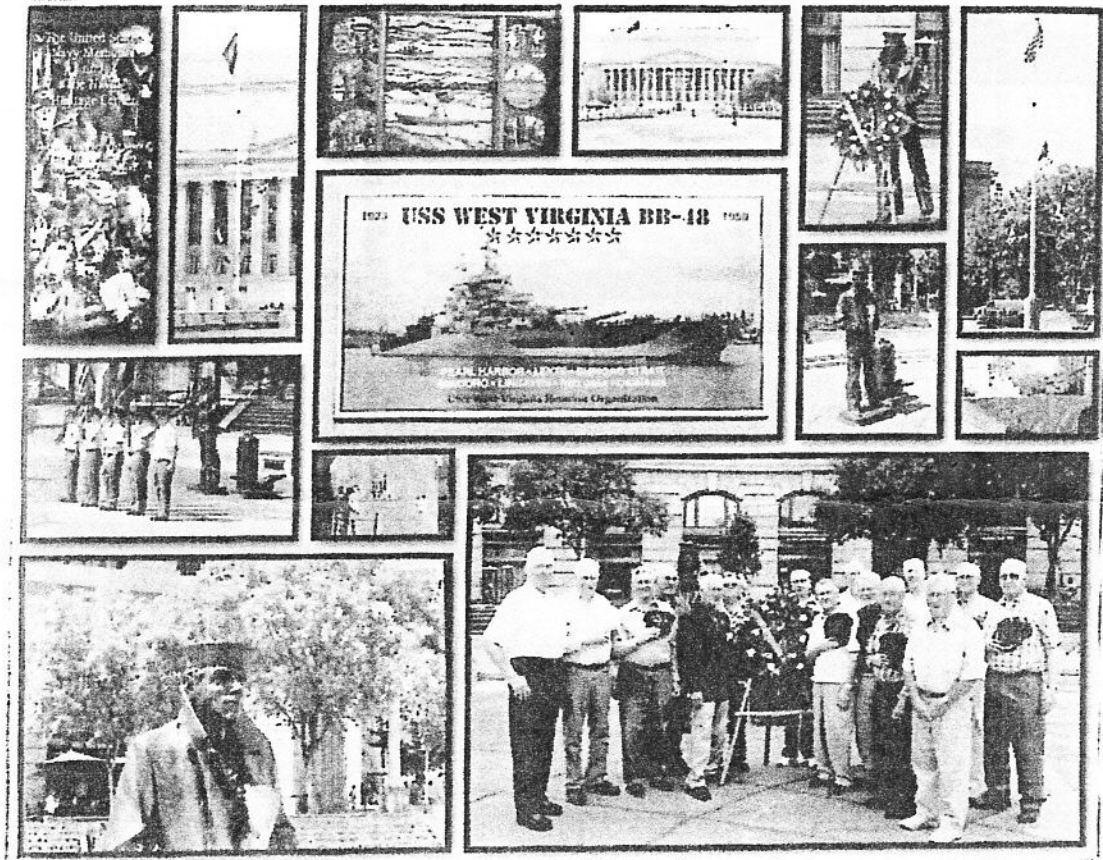
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PLEASE IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING OF INTEREST, PLEASE BRING IT TO EUGENE FOR OUR RAFFLE AT THE REUNION.

A DAY TO REMEMBER



This is a group picture that was taken at the WWII Memorial. The plaque in the center is a picture of the one that was dedicated and on the wall at the Memorial. Thanks to all the donations that helped pay for it. A replica of the plaque can be obtained for \$125 through the Memorial. If interested please contact Paul Haley, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Suite 123, Washington, D.C 20004-2608. Phone (202) 380-0760, Fax. (202) 737-2308, or 1- 800-821-8892, ext. 760

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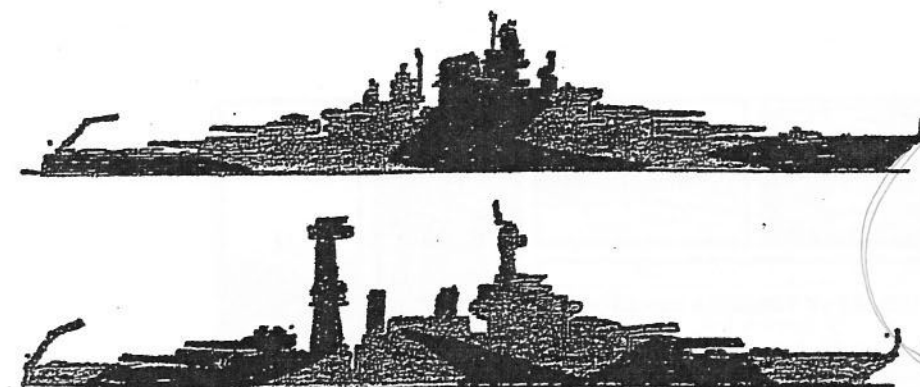
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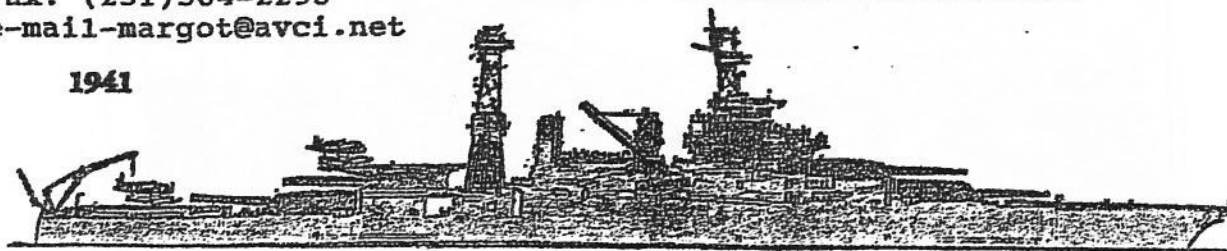


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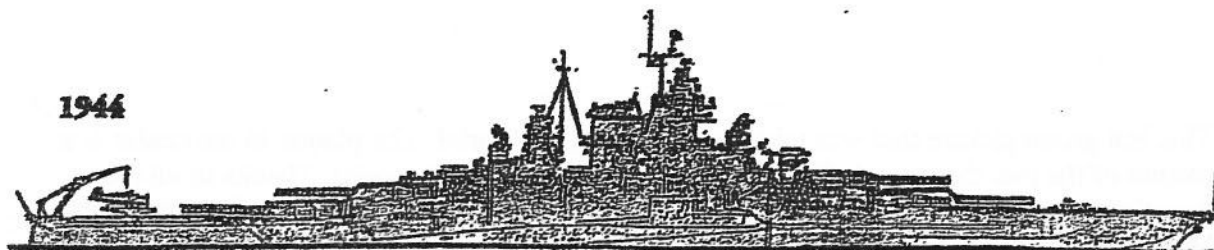
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AS OUTFITTED IN THE WINTER OF 1941

1941



1944



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AS OUTFITTED IN THE SUMMER OF 1944