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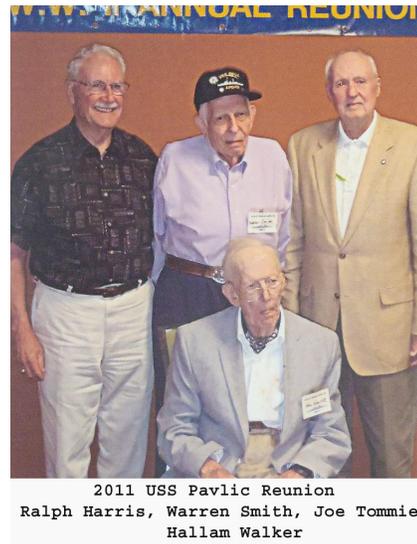
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Hal and Cathie Walker's daughter, Susan, has been exploring our group's interest in a 2012 USS Pavlic Association reunion in Pennsylvania. While we do not yet know whether or not it will be feasible, I think I'll proceed with putting out an edition now and follow up with reunion information later.

RECAP OF THE 2011 REUNION

Attendees: Hallam and Cathie Walker, Susan Walker, Warren Smith, Bruce and Joyce Smith, Kim Smith Eble, Doris Koppenhaver, Joan Leedom, Nicole Leedom, Trudy Weaver, Ken Kissam, Joe Tommie and Louise Ayer Tommie, Ralph Harris, Kiten Burton, Jean Adams and Judy Brown.

The Good Times in Chattanooga: We could not have had nicer arrangements than Joe and Louise Ayer Tommie set up for our Chattanooga reunion. The Fairfield Inn (Marriott) was comfortable, well-situated for the places we wanted to visit, they provided a nice buffet breakfast and reasonable room rates.



On our first day, Thursday, we visited the Tennessee Aquarium where we spent an hour and a half going through two large 6-8 story buildings. In the first building, we started from the top of the building at natural habitats for the beginning of the Tennessee River and follow its course down stream through downhill ramps to other natural habitats with their fish, frogs, otters etc., all the way to the Mississippi delta. They also have the fish and wildlife there for many of the other large rivers from all over the globe. It was fascinating. I have never seen another aquarium where the fish, turtles, otters, penguins, etc. were all so actively swimming around. The second building was for oceans. In much the same way you descend from the top of the building and view habitats from ocean locations all around the world--beautifully done.

We next visited Rock City, atop Lookout Mountain, an unusual rock garden where you walk along rock-walled trails through a large variety of plants shrubs and trees in the midst of huge boulders and near steep drop-offs, sheer cliffs. You get great views of Chattanooga and the valleys 3,000 feet below.

We then rode our big bus down the steep switch-back road to the bottom of the mountain to board the Lookout Mountain Incline railway for a trip up to the top and back, a really steep ride. It makes you wonder what it would be like if the cables broke.

To top off the day, we got aboard the Southern Belle Riverboat for a dinner and sightseeing cruise up the Tennessee River. We had a delicious dinner, but by the time I had finished dinner and visiting with people, I found that the sightseeing was pretty much missing because it was getting dark. However it was a beautiful warm evening and the lights along the shore were nice.

Friday morning started off with a bang with a guided tour of the Civil War Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park. I'd never seen this done before, but we had a Park Ranger come aboard our bus and he guided our driver through the battle field while he gave us a detailed account of how the battle developed at various points along our route. He was a really knowledgeable historian and gave great detail on how and why each side acted as they did. I was impressed!

Lunch was at Bea's Family Style Restaurant at round tables where perhaps eight people would help themselves to southern cooking from a large "lazy Susan" in the middle of the table. A bit different than the usual restaurant, but very good.

Our next stop was at the International Towing Museum where they had a great variety of beautifully restored antique tow trucks. There I found out that Joe Tommie knows a whole lot more about tow trucks than I do.

After some free time at the motel we rode downtown to an elegant restored railroad station building, The Chattanooga Choo Choo, which houses a number of restaurants, shops, and a large hotel. We had dinner at The Station House Restaurant which featured singing waiters and waitresses and a stage with a combo and more singers. I'm not used to listening to music that loud, but the food was good. I'll probably never live down my embarrassment when a comely singing waitress with a microphone squeezed in close beside me to sing to me while all the group laughed and took pictures to send home to my wife. I think I was set up!

Saturday we stopped at The Battle of Chattanooga Museum where we got a good grounding in how the "Battle above the Clouds" was fought. Then, out in the open there on the top of Lookout Mountain, the same ranger historian that we had the day before, pointed out on the actual topography how that battle for Lookout Mountain took place. Again he did a great job. It was a clear morning so everything was very visible.

Back at the hotel we had a little time to relax and have our Pavlic Association business meeting. Later the reunion banquet was held in the hotel banquet room. The menu included an old fashion Southern dinner. After a reading of Jack Boland's letter about the role the Pavlic played in the occupation of Japan. Announcements were made, group pictures were taken, and good byes were said. All of us left for home, looking forward to another successful reunion next year, if at all possible.

Business meeting

1. Warren Smith was elected President for 2011-2012. Ralph Harris will serve as Secretary-Treasurer and reporter. Joe Tommie will assist Ralph in his duties. It was decided that the wives of the Pavlic Association members will remain honorary members of the association.
2. Hal and Cathie Walker, and their daughter, Susan, will explore possible sites for next year's reunion and notify members and family of the dates and place.
3. Annual dues will remain at \$15.00 and should be sent to Joe Tommie at 249 Eden View Drive, Hoover. AL 35244. Joe can be reached on (205) 428-9652.
4. Pavlic Booklets. As agreed at the 2010 reunion, Ralph Harris has printed 50 revised September 2011 copies of our USS Pavlic booklet. It has the same narrative material as the 2007 revision which was 74 pages long. The September 2011 revision has 96 pages so as to include pictures of crewmen as they appeared in 1945, who had not been in the earlier edition: Joe Sauter, Eugene Fellers, Bill Reaves, Stanley Ney, Martin Miller, Quintin Weaver, A.J. Meoni, Robert Daniels, Frank Massey, Rocco Rossi, Glen Moungey, Phillip Gerald, Carl Norden, William "Doc" Burton and Nick Milisaljevich.

The revised edition also contains a list of officers, their rank and primary duties, plus a list of all crew members, their service numbers, and their ratings when they were at Okinawa. The final page has color photos of everyone attending our 2007 reunion at Savannah, Georgia.

The booklets are available for \$10 plus postage. A single copy mailed in an envelope is \$12.50. Two copies in an envelope is \$ 23.00. Larger orders will be filled by combining these envelopes to fill the order without special packaging. If you'd like one or more send your request plus appropriate check to Ralph Harris, 3512 Ashley Drive NE, Olympia, WA 98506. While hardly a best seller, we have already sold 27 of the 50 new September 2011 edition booklets.

***NOTE:** For any of you whose husband, father or grandfather were on the Pavlic and who haven't yet been identified in the photo album of the Pavlic web site, www.usspavlic.org , please e-mail me a photo of them as they were in 1945 and I'll see if we can add it in our next web site revision. Ralph Harris 360 459-7383 ralph.harris1@comcast.net*

Reading Material

I recently read "Little Ship, Big War" by Edward P. Stafford, a history of the USS Abercrombie, DE 343, in WW II, which very closely parallels the path and preparations that the Pavlic took en route to Okinawa and our radar and sonar screening duties in the picket lines. It's a good story of what DE's were all about.

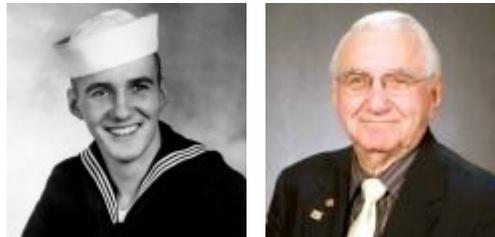
I was interested to note that on May 27, 1945 in Pavlic's ship's log is the note from Ens. George Miller, " 2015 commenced firing on Bogie on starboard side. 2019 Bogie claimed splashed. Confirmed by USS Abercrombie (DE 343)." That's the only reference to the Abercrombie in our ship's log and there is no mention of the Pavlic in their book. That was the same night that we both gave assistance to the USS Rednour (APD 102) who was hit by a kamikaze about 3 hours later that night.

Another book which gives excellent data on the Buckley class DE's and APD's like Pavlic is "The Buckley-Class Destroyer Escorts" by Bruce Hampton Franklin. It notes how fast a destroyer escort could be built. Fieberling, (DE 640) was laid down at the Bethlehem-San Francisco shipyard on March 19, 1944, and commissioned a mere 24 days later on April 11. It contains a photo of the Pavlic being launched as the DE-669.

Taps for two shipmates we will greatly miss...

Victor Perman

Vic Perman, passed away at age 85, in Roseville, MN. on December 11, 2011. He was born January 28, 1926 to Daniel and Julia Perman and raised on the family dairy farm near Greenwood, Wisconsin. Survived by his beloved wife, Virginia (Ginny), of 61 years; daughters, Lauri Perman (Tom Ryan), Joan (Jim) Bertelsen, Jean (Steve) Olson, Karen (Tim) Borgert; grandchildren, Nate Ryan, Erick and Katie Bertelsen, Kyle and Ryan Olson, Jessica, Christopher, and Marissa Borgert.



A 1943 graduate of Greenwood High School, he enlisted in the [United States Navy](#) in 1944 and served on the USS Pavlic which saw duty in the Pacific Theatre. After his father's death in 1946, the Navy discharged him to help his mother on the family farm. Victor saw his farming profits eroded by veterinary bills and decided to become a veterinarian, using his GI bill to enroll in college at the University of Minnesota. He entered the pre-vet program at the age of 24. The following year he married Virginia June Awe on June 10th, 1950.

He continued his education earning his B.S. and D.V.M in 1955 while providing for his growing family of 4 daughters. He completed his PhD degree in 1962 based on his research at Brookhaven National Laboratory. A fifth daughter, Karen, born in 1963, followed in his footsteps, also earning her DVM. A pioneer in the field of veterinary clinical pathology and a former president of the American Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathologists, Dr. Perman received its lifetime achievement award in 2002 for his contributions to veterinary clinical pathology and for developing the use of cytology as a

rapid and reliable diagnostic technique. Also elected a distinguished member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

He received two Gaines "Fido" Awards, one from the American Veterinary Medical Association and one from the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) as well as the AAHA's Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Perman, author of *Cytology of the Dog and Cat*, was a sought-after speaker who developed an international reputation presenting hundreds of workshops and lectures including travels to South Africa, Japan and Europe. Recipient of the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Perman taught University of Minnesota DVM students clinical pathology for more than 40 years, from 1955 through 1998. In his long tenure at the Veterinary College,

He enjoyed gardening, canning, hunting, fishing, a good book, time with his family and friends around good food. Vic would want us all to care for those less fortunate than ourselves as we continue our journey without him by our side. Memorial service was held at ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. Roseville, MN. Interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Hallam Walker



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Hallam Walker, 90, of Davidson, died Jan. 12, 2012, at The Pines at Davidson.

He was born on May 23, 1921, in Newark, N.J., to the late William Alexander and Marion Hallam Walker. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Lt. JG.

He earned his Ph.D. in French literature from Princeton University. Professor Walker taught French at Washington & Lee University, Duke University and Davidson College, from which he retired in 1985.

He was an avid sailor and served as commodore of the Lake Norman Yacht Club and the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association and was a certified judge for US Sailing. He also was president of the Flying Scot Sailing Association. He coached the Davidson College and Duke University sailing teams.

Prof. Walker was a Boy Scout leader for many years in Davidson. He had many hobbies including vacationing at the beach, sailing, skiing, bird watching, hiking, camping, traveling and volunteering at the Carolina Raptor Center and Habitat for Humanity. He was a great supporter of nature conservancy and was a life long learner in every way.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Niemitz Walker; daughter Susan Walker of Cornelius; daughter-in-law Joanne Walker of Benicia, Calif.; grandchildren Amy and Katie Wood and Robert and Anna Walker. He was preceded in death by his son Steven Walker.

Memorials may be made to The Pines Residence Support Fund, 400 Avinger Ln. Davidson, NC 28036 or the Carolina Raptor Center, 6000 Sample Rd., Huntersville, NC 28078.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 PM Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at Davidson United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Jody Seymour and Rev. Berta Spencer officiating. Visitation will follow in the fellowship hall. The family will also receive friends Tuesday from 7-8:30 PM in the Marshall Room at The Pines.