



# USS PAVLIC PRESS 2011

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Ralph Harris, editor

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Chattanooga here we come! Our 2011 USS Pavlic Reunion will be held this year in Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 29th through October 2, 2011. We are hoping the location will make it easier for most everyone to attend. Joe and Louise Ayer Tommie, with their usual enthusiasm and skill in organizing, have a great program arranged for us, so I look forward to seeing everyone, including spouses, children, and grandchildren, on the 29th. (schedule attached)

## RECAP OF THE 2010 REUNION

We enjoyed our 2010 reunion in Branson, Missouri. We had a great time, but we missed several "regulars" who were not able to be there. Vic and Ginny Perman made excellent arrangements at the Grand Plaza Hotel where we had a daily breakfast buffet and a nice hospitality room provided. The entertainment included the six Hughes brothers, an amazing singing group, a neat show and dinner cruise on the Branson Belle Showboat, dinner at Montana Mike's Steakhouse, and numerous other shows from which you could pick and choose.

I flew Frontier Airlines from Seattle through Denver, and then to the new Branson Airport, a privately owned airport about a half hour from town. It seemed to be built on the top of a long, narrow hill with substantial drop-offs at the sides but I survived so I guess I have no complaints. I also found that the Ozark mountains are pretty much in town, so that if you went for a walk, it was always steep up or down hill.

**2010 Attendees:** Victor and Ginny Perman and daughter Jean Perman Harris, Warren Smith with son Bruce and wife Joyce Smith and their daughter Kim Smith Eble, Joe and Louise Ayer Tommie, Henry and Valerie Grimmer, Trudy Weaver and daughter Karen Kissam, Doris Koppenhaver and granddaughter Nicole Leedom, and Ralph Harris. We were sorry not to be able to see Hal and Cathie Walker (they'd never missed any of the reunions), Ray and Barbara Wildes, Claude and Jane Gentry, Kitten Burton and daughters #1, #2, & #3, Rodney and Dee Peterson and Andy and Vi Quinn--but we all know it gets harder and harder to travel.

## **Minutes of the 2010 Association Meeting:**

We met at the hotel, President Ralph Harris called the meeting to order. Members present were: Ralph Harris, Vic Perman, Warren Smith, Henry Grimmer, and Joe Tommie.

- Ralph gave a financial report as relayed by Ray Wildes.
- Pavlic history booklets are in short supply with only one left. It was determined that 50 more booklets be printed.
- The decision was made to combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, hence forth, the Secretary–Treasurer will be one.
- The web site was discussed and it was decided unanimously, to continue it indefinitely. Ralph will be in charge of the web site and will have full authority to request finances for the continuance of the web site from the Secretary–Treasurer whenever needed, without going before the membership.
- The Associations donations to various charities or organizations was discussed. It was the consensus of the members that this practice be discontinued because of minimal financial support. It was also suggested that all members of the Pavlic Association be notified by the Secretary-Treasurer of their membership standing and that they pay their dues so that the Association will remain solvent. All members present agreed with the suggestion.
- It was agreed that Ralph Harris will serve as acting President until the next reunion in 2011. Also, Ray Wildes will serve as acting Secretary-Treasurer for the same period. New officers will be elected in 2011.
- The next reunion is expected to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, possibly the last week in September or the first week in October.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.  
Joe Tommie, Acting Secretary

## **Taps**

### **Frank Massey passed away on March 5, 2011 at age 83.**

Frank was a member of one of the four Higgins boats crews that essentially distinguished an APD from a regular DE. He and other boat crew members had always been major supporters of the Pavlic reunions, and we miss him. To see a photo and full obituary, Google: "Frank E. Massey obituary".

### **Andy Quinn passed away on February 4, 2011.**

Andy will be sorely missed at our reunions....he rarely missed them. His son, Andy, Jr. wrote , "Of all of the memories that he shared with me, the Pavlic crew reunions were the most vivid and cherished. I was honored to be with Dad and Mom the last time that they were with you and the crew. Andy was interred at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida with a Navy honor guard providing the escort."

### **Carl Norden passed away October 31, 2010 at age 91.**

Many of us got to see Carl in Seattle at the 2009 reunion. Carl's son, John, writes, "He was in declining health and passed on peacefully with his family around him. I am a very proud son of a great father and a veteran of a war that changed the world we live in. All of you that served with him are hero's and I salute each and every one of you for your service, bravery and efforts during a tough time in our history. May God bless you all." Photo and full obit available online under "Carl R. Norden obituary".

### **Merle G. Ruh passed away December 20, 2010.**

Merle did not become aware of our reunions until 2 years ago when he found the Pavlic website. Unfortunately, poor health made it difficult for him to attend reunions. Merle had served both in World War II and the Korean War. After his service, he settled in California where he worked in the banking and title insurance industries.

### **Leonard R. Hughes passed away in 2007 at age 84.**

Although unable to attend reunions for health reasons, Leonard was a long time member of the Association and kept abreast of our activities. He lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The only information I have about his death comes from the Social Security Death Index.