



USS Farragut (DLG 6/DDG 37) Association, INC.

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The Word from Our President is...

Time has passed quickly since we gathered at the last reunion in Charleston. The members of the board have worked diligently to improve our Association and increase the membership, which now stands at 68. Interest in the commissioning of the newest Farragut has also created more interest in the Association. The launch of our web site by vice president Tony Gagliano has given the Association a wonderful vehicle for passing information to shipmates and members. We had 61

Farragut shipmates at the christening of the USS Farragut DDG 99 in Bath last July.

We are fast approaching the next reunion in Jacksonville in June and the commissioning of DDG 99 in Mayport. If you have not already made plans to be there, please do so now by contacting shipmate secretary Tom Randall for information.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Jacksonville for another great reunion. Best regards to all Farragut shipmates.



Tommy Anderson, SM, 61-63 and our President with CDR Deidre McLay, P.C.O. PCU Farragut, on 23 July 2005 at Bath, Iron Works, Maine.

(Photo by Dave Paulson)

Farragut Refuses To Go Gently Into That Good Night

According to tugboat captain Paul Haugen of TECO Transport, Farragut left INACTSHIPS Philadelphia, PA on or about 6 February 2006 bound for Brownsville, TX and the shipbreaker's gas ax. Two days later the tugboat blew a main engine and had to tie up at Tampa where Cap'n Paul's tugboat assisted to get her pier-side where she will wait for the tug to be fixed or replaced. Even in the end of her life, Farragut will not go quietly.

I picked three pictures for you and she looks rough but ready. And look, no hull numbers! That is what inspired me to think of a possible new motto for our Association "Two Hull

Numbers, One Proud Crew!" (Maybe someday we can become "Five Great Ships, One Proud Crew".)

The last report was from Tommy Anderson, our President, on the 16th of February. He forwarded to me an E-mail from Cap'n Paul Haugen, the tugboat captain I told you all about: "DDG37 LEFT TAMPA TODAY FOR BROWNSVILLE TEXAS. I TRIED TO GET ON BOARD, BUT WAS TOLD DDG37 BELONGS TO THE NAVY TILL SHE IS BROKEN. THE TOW WILL BE SLOW SO I DONT THINK SHE WILL ARRIVE FOR AT LEAST 5-6 DAYS."

Here's how she looked:



(Photo by Paul Haugen)

Submitted by Tom Randall, Editor of the *Farragut Flash* and MM, 1976-80



Sue and Tony Gagliano at Bath Iron Works 23 July 2003
(Photo by a great photographer)

"We have a lot to be proud about -We have great ships, top quality aircraft and better ones on the way. We have people deployed all over the world and I can tell you from my last job that they are doing a super job. We have men and women, and families too, who are so dedicated that they are willing to sacrifice for their Navy and nation and all the good things we stand for. We have great leaders at all levels of the chain of command, officers and enlisted leaders who really do care about their people and prove it each and every day. I could go on and on but I'll cut it short by saying again...we have a great Navy, I am proud to be a part of it, you should be proud too."

ADM Mike Boorda (1939-1996); message to the fleet as CNO on 23 APR 1994; here he is as Farragut's CO 1977:



The Word From Our Webmaster And Vice-President Is...

As Web Master of our Farragut Association Web Page, I'd like to inform all who own or have access to on line computers. We now have up and running a Farragut Association web site dedicated to all Farragut ex-shipmates whether you served aboard the DLG-6, DDG-37 or if you are lucky enough to be stationed aboard the very new and Christened USS Farragut DDG-99. Our web address is: www.farragutassociation.org and I promise it is a web site you can be proud of. We have a guest book where we encourage all to sign in and leave any comments relating to your Farragut days on board or even to find old shipmates. We also have a forum that we invite all to sign in and have conversations about the good ole days aboard this fine vessel. Also available are tons of photos of the DLG-6, DDG-37, as well as the DDG-99, which is an Arleigh Burke class destroyer, and the most modern in the fleet today. Available too are many photos of old shipmates as well as "Then and Now Photos", reunion photos, and christening photos of the new Farragut recently christened in Bath Maine

last summer. We also have a links page to many Navy related sites as well as a link to the new Farragut web site. There is also a page where any shipmate has the opportunity to write about past experiences aboard the Farragut. The web site will always have updated news and newsletters as well as upcoming reunions that we try to have as often as we can. We'll be getting close to a year since the web site was published and as of now we have gotten over 3,000 hits which I feel is impressive but I will always try to make the web site better to encourage people to always check in on the web site for news from time to time. Although I designed and published this web site, it is dedicated and belongs to everyone who served aboard the Farragut. This is your web site and I urge everyone to take part in it and to contribute stories and photos so I can update it as much as possible. Photos can be sent to me at: Sioux@capital.net or if you prefer to send me photos by US mail you can e-mail me for my address and I will have

your photos scanned and published and send them back to you at no charge. We are planning to have a Ship's Store on our web site further down the road. This will be a place where you can order anything Farragut related such as Farragut T-Shirts, Ball Caps, Patches, etc. We are also looking into having a DLG-6/DDG-37 Challenge Coin made in which we can all be proud to have and own. We will be putting together a Ship's Roster where anyone can find an old shipmate to communicate with once again. Many old shipmates have already gotten in touch with each other through our Association. These are all sailors that haven't kept in touch in 20 or 30 years and are all happy they did so. I'm confident that we will have much more to offer in the future as the interest in getting together with old shipmates keeps growing. So send me what you can and I will be sure to have what you sent published as quickly as possible. Tony Gagliano BT3/Oil King – 1966-68 Vice President of the Farragut Association and Web Master

Our Home Page is <http://www.farragutassociation.org>

From our Original Treasurer

THE WORD FROM OUR TREASURER

Dear Farragut Shipmates: As recently as five or six years ago, when a couple of shipmates and I found one another, we had no idea of what was to come, or what this reunion thing would grow into. How times change, and how happy we are! Today, thanks to the efforts of many, we have held two successful reunions, plus a wreath laying ceremony for our beloved ship, in Philadelphia. This past July, we were honored to attend the christening of the next Farragut (DDG-99) in Maine. As you

know, our '06 reunion in Mayport is centered around the "99" as well. As Treasurer (and regular member) of the USS Farragut Association, I thank all of you for your continued support and encourage you to seek out and find former shipmates wherever they may be. It is a real pleasure to be reconnected with all of you!
Dave Paulson, MM, 64-67, Treasurer

PS: Send Money. Donations are always welcome, and it will go to a good cause.

Editor's Note: Official Association records show that 72 Farragut shipmates have paid memberships. Please consider sending your 2007-2008 dues (\$30) to Dave before the Reunion.



Association Treasurer Dave Paulson and Gene Jennings, Plankowner President on 23 July 2005 at Bath, Iron Works. They are enjoying the fresh air and sunlight, something these former MMs hardly saw aboard DLG 6. (Photo by Tony Gagliano)

2006 Bi-Annual Reunion is "Full Speed Ahead"

Shipmates, we are full speed ahead for the Third Bi-Annual USS Farragut Reunion. Your Farragut Reunion Committee includes Tommy Anderson (61-63), Tony Gagliano (66-68), Russ Kauffman (61-64), Dave Paulson (64-67), Sandy Mock (77-79), Joe Ponder, Chuck Ritzel, and myself, Tom Randall (76-80), as its Chairman. I want to thank all of them here and now for their contributions to this event.

We have not always agreed, and we sincerely hope that you will be

pleased with what we have contracted for on your behalf.

First of all, the hotel still has rooms available, if we need more, we contract for more. Call 1-800-333-3333 for reservations and answer these questions:

What City?
Jacksonville, FL.
What property?
Radisson Riverwalk
What nights?
At least 8-11 June 2006, check in Thursday and check out Sunday (stay as long as you like.)

Are you with a convention or group? USS Farragut.

Room rate is \$75/night + 13% room tax. Any problems with reservations? Contact Tom Randall @ 757-570-3181 or E-mail him: tr1957nyc@cox.net.

Once you check in, ask the Radisson where we have our meeting rooms. When you do join the crew, please take a moment to see Tom Randall and let him update the Muster Report with your latest contact information.

"The Radisson Riverwalk Hotel ~ Jacksonville... offers a comfortable and quiet setting, with a variety of restaurants within a short walk of the hotel, your reunion attendees will enjoy our great location and will agree that you have selected a great hotel to host your event." Bob Meyer, Senior Sales Manager Radisson Riverwalk June 6, 2005

Reunion Events Thursday June 8th and Friday June 9th



The first order of business is a complimentary Welcome Reception given by the Radisson where we can meet and greet our shipmates. We will start our Silent Auction and open the Ship's Store. Volunteers are requested to man those stations and there are other functions we will need help with at the reunion. Please let Tom Randall know or sign up when we all get there.

Friday June 9th we have our Association Meeting at 0800 at the hotel. We will conduct all business matters, elect or re-elect officers, and discuss all things Farragut. Please bring your dues, currently \$15/year, and payable two years in advance, if you please.

At 1000 guest speaker Robert Washington, Junior of the

Fleet Reserve Association has offered to visit us and bring us the latest on veterans' affairs from Washington, D.C. This is at no cost or obligation to any of us, and the FRA want us to have the facts about things like Veteran's Benefits including health and education and the rest.

At 1100, we will break for lunch and go aboard a river cruise provided by Active Tours, INC. We will walk to the boat for pier-side boarding. Wheelchair access is minimal, we are sorry. Motorized wheelchairs cannot be accommodated and those in wheelchairs will find difficulty using the heads, excuse me the rest rooms.

As we travel the river, a three-course lunch complete with lunch and beverages, but the bar service is pay-as-you. The two-hour cruise will

be narrated and get all of us underway again, if only up and down the St. John's River.

The cost for the lunch cruise is \$40 per person, and it will substitute for an Association banquet since there are other events in the evenings. Please sign up and prepay for this on the form provided.

Friday after lunch, time was left open for you to enjoy with your significant others or your shipmates. The meeting rooms will be open and in the evening, we expect to continue our Bull Session.

In addition, Friday evening is the Captain's Reception for USS Farragut (DDG 99). The C.O. of PCU Farragut invited your Association Officers to represent you at that event and we hope you will excuse us while we represent all of you at that affair.

"Please fill out the enclosed or attached form and fill it out and return it to Tom Randall tr1957nyc@cox.net or 34 Earl Drive, Williamsburg, VA 213185-6210 at your earliest convenience."



A self-portrait by Shipmate Tom Randall September 2004

Commissioning Day, Saturday June 10th

Our official invitations to the Commissioning Ceremony for USS Farragut (DDG 99) will arrive soon. In the meantime, we contracted for two 55-person coach busses to make the round trip from the hotel to Mayport Naval Station. One more is in standby if we need it. We apologize but the busses are *not* handicapped accessible. The price per person is \$30 for the roundtrip -We leave at 0900 from the hotel and we will return at the end of the day's activities at Mayport Naval Station. Please sign up and prepay on the form provided

Everyone going to the ceremony must have a photo ID and Tom Randall

(tr1957nyc@cox.net, 757-570-3181) must have the name, address and phone number for *all* attendees affiliated with our association (Bus *and* POV drivers and riders) far in advance. Please fill out the form provided and return it at your first opportunity. With 200 shipmates names on the invitation list you can imagine the size of this task.

If you plan to go to Mayport in your POV, please consider these factors. Even if you have a DOD sticker, there may not be parking available. If you do not have a DOD sticker, you need a Visitor's Pass and an active Navy sponsor. Please consider riding the bus.

We need your full cooperation to get the Access List submitted by the deadline. If we muster more people that we have on that list, someone is going to turned away from the Naval Station. Tom Randall wants no one left out of these events on his account.

Saturday's events after the Commissioning Ceremony are TBD. We have not yet received a final schedule of events from PCU Farragut. We know that a reception will follow and we are hoping for a tour of the ship. The busses will return us to the hotel at the end of the day.

From The Desk of PCU Farragut's Command Master Chief

Let me start off by thanking your fine association for giving me the honor of addressing its outstanding members. I consider this a pleasure and look forward to meeting each one of you in the months ahead. I must say that I'm quite impressed with the quality of FARRAGUT Sailors that we've received during the manning phase. Each and every one of them are true professionals and it's a blessing to have them as part of the FARRAGUT Team. It's an honest statement when I say that I've never seen such a fine crew wrapped into one hull during my 24 years of naval service. You can be rest assured when I say we will build on the outstanding reputation, success and legacy you, Our Namesakes, have brought to our great Navy. The ship completed Super Trials just before the holiday season. What was once three separate four day underway periods is now one all-inclusive testing period. There was an exhaustive amount of maintenance, system operability checks, and ship's drawing verifications that had to be performed prior to getting underway. The four-day underway period focused

on all aspects of ship operations. There are too many system verifications to list separately, but FARRAGUT and her Sailors performed superbly. One specific accomplishment that must be shared was Farragut's first missile shot at an incoming "drone". (A "drone" is a simulated missile that targets the ship to allow us to test our equipment in detecting and neutralizing the threat.) Although three "drones" left the rail, only one actually made it out to FARRAGUT and she fired one Standard Missile (SM-2) to record her first "skin to skin" direct hit! It was later determined that the remaining "drones" splashed to the water in a state of fear. We have now entered the phase of assuming responsibility for the spaces onboard FARRAGUT with the load-out of supplies to follow. Although still in the early stages, it's quite evident that the newest FARRAGUT will be "Prepared for Battle". As we close in on our day of commissioning, the crew of FARRAGUT looks very much forward to meeting the members of your association. In saying this, the Sailors and our local Navy League would like to

extend an invitation to the Farragut Association to attend the Crews Party. The party will be on Thursday, June 8th. I will have the additional information on time and location out to your staff as soon as it's determined. If you arrive in Jacksonville early enough, please make an attempt to attend this special occasion. I know my crew will enjoy your company. In closing I thank you for your service to our country and ask that you sleep well as **FARRAGUT, once again, has the watch!**

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CMDCM(SW) Gene Finck, USN
PCU Farragut, Bath, ME
(Official US Navy Photo)



PCU Farragut Haze Grey and Underway
12DEC2005 (Photo by Tami Mitchell, PCU Farragut)

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<http://www.farragutassociation.org>



Christening or Commissioning, Which is it?

The commissioning ceremony signifies the acceptance for service and entry of a ship into the active fleet of the United States Navy. At the moment of the breaking of the commissioning pennant, the vessel becomes a proud ship of the line. The commanding officer, along with the ship's crew, then accepts the duties and responsibilities of making and keeping her ready for any service required by our nation, in peace or war.

The commissioning ceremony has been a tradition of all navies for centuries and in the United States Navy since it beginning. It marks the formal entrance of a man-of-war into the naval forces of her country. It is the final and most significant event of the triad that brings a ship to life:

keel laying, launching and christening, and commissioning. In the early periods of our nation's history, no exact procedures for the commissioning ceremony were prescribed. Thus, a ship's date of commissioning was recorded as any one of a number of days – when the colors were first raised, when officers and crew reported onboard, when the first log entry was made, or when the ship first put out to sea. Throughout the years, however, one visible and significant manifestation of the commissioned ship has remained constant: active ships of the United States Navy, from the days of the handsome frigates under sail to the era of the modern aircraft carrier, have proudly flown a commissioning pennant and the "Stars and Stripes."

The commissioning pennant has for centuries been the unique symbol of the man-of-war. Today, it is flown as the distinctive mark of a ship in commission, except when displaced by the personal flag of an admiral aboard the ship. The origin of the commission pennant, like many of our traditions, can be traced back to the Royal Navy. After whipping an adversary, the British Admiral William Blake hoisted a long, narrow pennant symbolic of a horsewhip as the distinctive symbol of a man-of-war – a tradition by many world navies.

The modern U.S. Navy commissioning pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars, and a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly.

About The 2008 Bi-Annual USS Farragut (DLG 6/DDG 37) Reunion...

The time to start planning 2008's Reunion is at 2006's Reunion. Please consider where to have it (West Coast shipmates would like us to "Go West") and who is going to make it happen for us. I can tell you Reunion Committee Chairman is rewarding and enjoyable, but it is time consuming and at

best, a once in a shipmate's career collateral duty. I got a lot of help from the committee, the Jacksonville Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Fleet Reserve and Tin Can Sailors Associations. Please come on down to Jacksonville. I believe that you will really enjoy yourselves and you will

find it well worth your effort to get there. I bid you all a Sincere Aloha until then.

Tom Randall (MM, 1976-80)
Reunion Committee Chairman
Editor of *Farragut Flash* and
Secretary

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I WILL BE ATTENDING THE REUNION	PLEASE ANSWER HERE
MY NAME IS:	
I SERVED ABOARD FARRAGUT	
MY ADDRESS IS:	
MY PHONE NUMBER IS:	
I AM BRINGING GUESTS	
GUEST ONE IS:	
THEIR ADDRESS IS:	
THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS:	
GUEST TWO IS:	
THEIR ADDRESS IS:	
THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS:	
GUEST THREE IS:	
THEIR ADDRESS IS:	
THEIR PHONE NUMBER IS:	
TELL THE MASTER CHIEF I AM GOING TO THE DDG 99 CREW'S PARTY 8 JUNE	YES/NO
I AM GOING TO THE LUNCH CRUISE FRIDAY 9 JUNE 1100	YES/NO
	CALCULATE CHECK AMOUNT HERE
YES = \$40	\$40
I AM BRINGING MY GUESTS TO LUNCH:	YES/NO
YES = \$40 EACH	\$40 X # OF GUESTS=\$
I AM RIDING THE BUS TO MAYPORT 10 th JUNE 0900 (?) FOR THE CEREMONY:	YES/NO
YES = \$30	\$30
MY GUESTS ARE RIDING THE BUS, TOO:	YES/NO
YES = \$30 EACH	\$30 X # OF GUESTS=
TOTAL ENCLOSED (CHECK, PLEASE)	\$
	MAIL TO: 2006 Reunion Committee 34 Earl Drive Williamsburg, VA 23185-6210

Please send a check payable to **"USS Farragut Association"** and forward it with this form to **"2006 Reunion Committee 34 Earl Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185-6210"** at your earliest convenience but **NLT 15 MARCH**. We have to pay our deposit! **Note:** the only limit to the number of guests is your generosity. We have plenty of hotel rooms (75) and can contract for more, a large boat for lunch (120 minimum) on the 9th, and two 55-passenger coach busses with one in standby for the 10th. Please contact Tom Randall with any questions anytime (tr1957nyc@cox.net or 757-570-3181)

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USS FARRAGUT (DDG99) COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE SPONSOR
PARTICIPATION LEVELS

FLEET ADMIRAL	\$ 2,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signed, FRAMED lithograph by Alabama Artist Dean Mosher "Farragut in the Rigging, Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay.• PLUS All the items listed under Admiral!	
ADMIRAL	\$1,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invitation for FOUR to the Captain's Reception, Friday evening• Invitation for TWO to the VIP Breakfast, Saturday morning• Distinguished Guest seating for TWO at the Commissioning Ceremony• Invitation for TWO for the Post Commissioning Ceremony Reception• Recognition in the Commemorative Ceremony Program• A Personalized Ship's Plaque	
CAPTAIN	\$ 500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invitation for TWO to the Captain's Reception, Friday evening• Distinguished Guest seating for TWO at the Commissioning Ceremony• Invitation for TWO for the Post Commissioning Ceremony Reception• Recognition in the Commemorative Ceremony Program• A Personalized Ship's Plaque	
COMMANDER	\$250
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invitation for TWO to the Captain's Reception, Friday evening• Distinguished Guest seating for TWO at the Commissioning Ceremony• Invitation for TWO for the Post Commissioning Ceremony Reception• Recognition in the Commemorative Ceremony Program• Honorary Ship's "Plank owner" Certificate	
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER	\$ 125
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguished Guest seating for TWO at the Commissioning Ceremony• Invitation for TWO for the Post Commissioning Ceremony Reception• Honorary Plank owner Certificate	

Donations are needed and appreciated from those unable to attend:

\$600 and up - A signed and FRAMED lithograph by Alabama Artist Dean Mosher "Farragut in the Rigging", Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay

\$400 and up - A personalized Ship's Plaque

\$50 and up - Ship's Plank owner Certificate

*Other ship's emblematic memorabilia will be available in the late Spring 2006.

Please make your checks out to NLUS Mayport Council USS Farragut Committee and Mail to:
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