

# FARRAGUT FLASH

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USS Farragut (DDG-99) deployed with Carrier Strike Group 8 (USS Dwight D. Eisenhower CVN-69) on 2JAN2010.



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ATLANTIC OCEAN (Feb. 29, 2008) The guided-missile destroyer USS Farragut (DDG 99) approaches along side the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Luis Ramirez (Released)

## Fifth Farragut Reunion to be Held 7/29/2010 at Groton, CT

by Greg DeLong (MM,DLG 6; 64-67) Reunion Committee Chair and Treasurer, Farragut Ships' Association, INC.

ATTENTION ON DECK! The 2010 Farragut Reunion plans are finalized.

PLACE: [Groton Inn and Suites](#), 99 Gold Star Highway (Route 184) Groton, CT 06340

DATES: Thursday to Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

COST: \$109.00 per night, full breakfast included (Same Price for two doubles or one King, Smoking OR non-smoking) There are also deluxe suites available (king bed w/parlor) for \$119.00 per night. All rooms include microwave, refrigerator, coffee/tea makers, wifi, ironing boards and iron.

The Reunion Committee (Bob Ursum and I and our wives) spent a couple of days in CT checking out over 10 hotels/motels looking for the most affordable rates, clean rooms, great facilities and activities. We believe the Groton Inn qualifies on all counts. The people we spoke with were very cordial and went out of their way to help us. They have kindly consented to the use of a meeting room during our event.

The Groton Inn is centrally located between New London and Mystic, CT, two seaports with rich histories The Inn has a great restaurant (The committee ate lunch there and can attest to the fact that the food is great and reasonably priced) and there are other fine restaurants nearby.

The Inn has also offered to hold a banquet for us on Saturday night priced at around \$25-27 dollars per person with all the

amenities. They will even have a lobster-clam bake if we so desire. We can decide that on Thursday when we first meet. See [Groton Inn and Suites](#) for yourself, they are holding 40 rooms for us up until June 29<sup>th</sup>. After that date the rooms will go out for general sale, so let me advise you to make plans early as we fully expect to sell out all 40 rooms. The number to call for reservations is 1-800-452-2191 or 1-860-445-9784. When you call in just tell them that you are reserving for July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and give them the "code" "USS FARRAGUT ASSOCIATION"

Why Groton, CT? For one thing, that was the majority vote at the last reunion in Cleveland, but for your information Eastern CT and RI is an area that is rich in Naval & Whaling history. If you served aboard DLG 6 in Newport, it is not too far up the road. Groton itself is centrally located between New London and Mystic CT. NLON is the home of the USCG Academy and was itself home to many wealthy whaling companies.

Groton is the home of US Naval Sub Base, the Sub Museum and the USS Nautilus (SSN 571), the 1st SSN. Mystic Seaport I have visited personally many times and will visit again. It contains old blacksmith shops, wooden boat building shops, and old whaling vessel, rope making shops and many, many more - too numerous to mention. You can even take a ride on the Mystic River or visit the Mystic Aquarium and shop at the Mystic Shoppes within 10 minutes of The Groton Inn. Two casinos are a bit further down the road (20 minutes) Foxwoods

and the Mohegan Sun. Foxwoods has an outstanding Indian museum that takes you and places you right in the era from the ice age to the modern day, a visit that is well worth the time to take in my opinion. If anyone needs to any more reason to come to our next reunion, there is always the primary reason for any reunion and that is visiting our shipmates and making new acquaintances. I personally look forward to it – don't forget that none of us is getting any younger. Now if you are planning to fly in the best connection is the T.F. Green Int'l Airport located in Warwick, RI. This large airport is one hour from Groton and has connections for all major airlines and car rental agencies. There are other airports but none as close as TF Green, so if you are planning on flying in make your reservations now! The Reunion Committee worked very hard to insure a great reunion in 2010 and we know that you will enjoy it. The only thing left for you to do is to make your reservations and join us in GROTON on July 29<sup>th</sup> 2010. I would love to see us fill up the Groton in with all you crusty ole salts, so what do you say JOIN US! If anyone has any questions E-mail me @ [mrd27@optonline.net](mailto:mrd27@optonline.net) I look forward to seeing you all!

## Fuzzy Farragut Flashbacks: JDP Hodapp, Jr (1917-2008) Aboard FARRAGUT DD 348 1940-42

*BY J.D.P Hodapp, Jr CDR (r.) USN (1<sup>st</sup> LT, DD 348, 1940-42)*  
*When we last visited with our intrepid Ensign, he was aboard USS Farragut (DD 348) at Pearl Harbor in early December 1941*

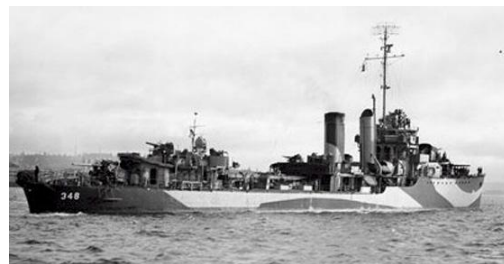
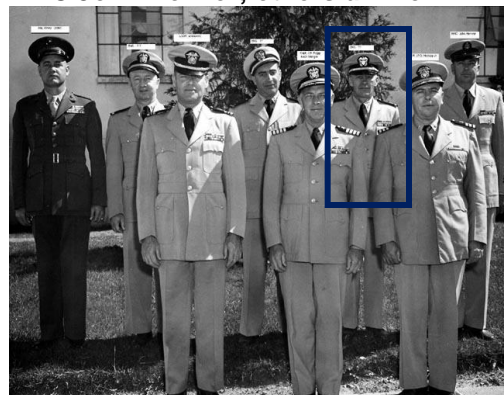
And this brings us up to 7 December, 1941. Enough has been written about that day that I need to go no further. In fact, I wasn't even aboard FARRAGUT when the bombs started dropping and I didn't get back aboard until she returned to port several days later. I was at home with my wife in our apartment in upper Manoa Valley when I was awakened with a phone call from Honolulu harbor - my next door neighbor, a Public Health Service doctor, was on a pier there, waiting to perform a quarantine inspection on a ship, coming from the Orient, that was just entering the harbor at the moment the attack started. When I managed to get to Pearl Harbor, FARRAGUT had already sailed (Editor's Note: Our Farragut Ships Association Shipmate, James A. Benham of Norwalk, CT, commanded *Farragut's* response to the attack *as an Ensign!*) - Ensign Bonvillian and I both boarded the USS CHEW, a real old WW I four piper, and stood OOD watches (in civilian clothes) on offshore patrol for the next 24 hours (we arrived in the middle of the second attack, so we did come under fire). The one FARRAGUT story that may not have been told is that one Japanese plane strafed her and managed to put a few machine

gun bullets into the superstructure housing right through the unauthorized alteration furniture that Bosun's Mates Willey and Paul had made in LT Wagner's cabin, tearing a few nice holes in his uniforms that were hanging there! I won't tell who said it (and I'm sure many more thought it) but I did hear the words, "Too bad the Exec wasn't wearing one of them at the time". Nasty words, I know, but a true reflection of how some of the crew felt about the man. As I said before, that feeling passed when LT Andy Young became Executive Officer. He was so easy going that he not only would come to the bridge in the middle of one of the night watches (mostly the mid-watch, as the same personnel stood each watch for a whole week, rotating on Saturday with the use of - the dog watch) and tell the OOD to turn over to him. "Go below and get some sleep - I'll write up your rough log and you can sign it in the morning", he would say; but then when morning GQ would sound he would again come to the bridge instead of going to the searchlight platform which was supposed to be his battle station (he hated the stack gases which most always blew directly aft) and then he would climb up on the canvas stretched over the not-in-use flag bag and fall fast asleep. Captain Hunter would say, "Let him sleep - I know he was here on-the bridge about 0200." That practice was abandoned when Captain Hunter was relieved by LCDR.H. D. Rozendal. I'm sure there was many a man on FARRAGUT who had to suppress a tear when Captain Hunter left the ship; I was one, for certainly. And that brings me to the last of the 1940-41 Fuzzy Flashbacks. As time goes by I'll

probably, think of others I should have included but I hope that this helps you get a good start on your USS FARRAGUT DD 348 "The Pride of the Fleet" history.

***John Dale Pye Hodapp, Jr. USNA '39 died last October 2008. Thank you, Shipmate, for your duty to country in peace and war and for your contributions to our Farragut tradition. Godspeed you well on your way to assume the helm on the Eternal Watch.***

**JH08-Staff personnel at NAD Indian Island, Port Townsend, WA early 1950s. (L) MAJ Olney, USMC; (center) CAPT J.M. Hogg, C.O. NAD Bangor; (to his left) CDR J.D.P. Hodapp, Jr. C.O. NAD Indian Island (outlined in blue); MNC John Herwer; others unknown.**



***DD 348 at war, Guadalcanal 1942***

**TAPS: We Lost Shipmates JDP Hodapp and Jack Shaw**

Contributed by Thomas Randall, (MM, DDG-37, 76-80) FSA Shipmate 2002-present & FSA officer 2004-10.

**John D. P. Hodapp Jr. USNA '39**

Dateline Great Falls, MT, 03OCT08 - John Dale Pye Hodapp, Jr., 91, of Great Falls, a retired Navy Commander, died of heart failure Monday at Peace Hospice.

At his request, no services will be held. Cremation will take place, with burial at sea. Schneider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

John is survived by his wife, Alexandra Hodapp of Great Falls; nephews Guy and Miley Holman; and niece by marriage, Tanya Cameron.

John was born Feb. 4, 1917, in Manila, Philippines, to John and Lenore (Marsh) Hodapp. He married Clara Freiheit in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1941; she died in 1974. He then married Alexandra Grieco in San Francisco in 1975.

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1939, Commander J.D.P. Hodapp Jr. served his nation at sea during and after the Second World War. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor and served on the USS Lexington (CV-2), the USS Farragut (DD 348); the USS Abner Read (DD-526); the USS

Irwin (DD-794) as Executive Officer; the USS Lofberg (DD-759) as Commanding Officer (Editors Note: 15FEB – 11JUN1947); the USS Hector (AR-7) as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer; and on the USS Bremerton (CA-130) as Operations Officer. He also was Staff Code Plans Officer of the Commander Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet.

After the war, his shore duty included Associate Professor of Naval Science in the US NROTC Unit at the University of California, Berkeley. In the early 1950s, he was Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot at Indian Island, WA. He was the U.S. Naval Advisor at the National Defense College, Republic of China, Taipei, Taiwan from 1956-58. He had additional duty as assistant naval attaché on Staff of the U.S. Ambassador, Taiwan. He returned to California to the Office of Supervising Inspector of Naval Materiel at Treasure Island.

After a long and distinguished career, John Dale retired from the U.S. Navy in 1960. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Navy Commendation Medals (both with Combat Distinguishing device) and Navy Unit Commendation during World War II. He was awarded Secretary of the Army Commendation Ribbon by Chief MAAG, Taiwan, in 1958.

His civilian occupations included being administrative assistant to

the dean, St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, followed by serving as literary assistant and technical adviser to the author C.S. Forester ("Horatio Hornblower") in Berkeley, Calif.

Lastly, he became an underwriter for the California State Automobile Association before he retired in 1976.

He was president of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association of San Francisco and also president of the Rotary International in Port Townsend, Wash. He was active in Rotary in Taipei, Taiwan, and Berkeley and Chico, CA, and belonged to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and other veteran groups. He also was a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the San Francisco Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Memorials are suggested to the Great Falls Rescue Mission, 317 2nd Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

*It was my personal pleasure to have spent time on the phone with John in the last months of his life. He did not hesitate to call my attention to discrepancies in our newsletter for the sake of keeping our news accurate for all to read. He was very glad to know we continue the traditions of naval service aboard yet another tin can named Farragut! I bid him a sincere Aloha.*

**LINKS**

Farragut Ships' Association, Inc. is online @ <http://www.farragutassociation.org>; Former FSA President Tommy Anderson's excellent web page dedicated Farragut Shipmates is <http://ussfarragutshipmates.com/>; Brian Patterson continues to chronicle the life of Farragut @ [http://www.geocities.com/pcoyote\\_86001/](http://www.geocities.com/pcoyote_86001/). USS Farragut (DDG (99) is Underway and online @ <http://www.farragut.navy.mil/>.

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**Admiral John F. "Jack" Shaw,  
C.O. of USS Farragut (DLG  
6/DDG 37) 1973-75:**



JOHN FREDERICK SHAW  
Rear Admiral John F. Shaw, USN (Ret.); Jack, to all who knew him, died May 28, 2009, of respiratory failure. Admiral Shaw, 70, retired in 1991 after over thirty-five years of naval service. He was a resident of Coronado. At sea, he served primarily in cruisers and destroyers. **He commanded USS Farragut DDG 37 and USS Bainbridge CGN 25.** As a Flag Officer at sea, he commanded the Missouri Battle Group and the Midway Battle Group during the Iran/Iraq war in 1987-88. His assignment at that time was Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group One home ported in San Diego. Born in Dallas, Texas, in 1938, he was raised in Hagerstown, Indiana, and graduated from the U.S. **Naval Academy** in 1960 and then served in his first destroyer,

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USS Edson DD 946. He is a graduate of Nuclear Propulsion Training, the Armed Forces Staff College and the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School where he was awarded a Master of Science Degree with distinction in Management Science. Ashore in 1983, he was the first flag officer to head the Arleigh Burke program and was in that position when the contract design was completed and the USS Arleigh Burke DDG 51 contract was awarded. He then served as the AEGIS Shipbuilding Program Manager from 1985 to 1987. During this time, the first AEGIS cruisers with the Vertical Launch System were commissioned. His last assignment prior to retiring was as Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. During his naval career, Admiral Shaw was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the national highest DOD peacetime award, three Legions of Merit and numerous other personal and campaign awards. Admiral Shaw's San Diego assignments began in 1978 when he was Executive Officer USS Long Beach CGN 9. He then commanded USS Bainbridge CGN 25 from May 1980 to June 1983. He returned here to

command Cruiser Destroyer Group One in 1987. In October 1991, Jack retired and he and his wife, Jan, returned to their home in Coronado. In retirement, he was active as a volunteer. He was very proud of his time spent on the Coronado Library Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2005. He served as the President of the Board during the library's remodel and expansion. He was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging at UCSD Medical School from 2001 to 2004 and on the emeritus board of advisors since 2005. His connection with the Navy continued as an active member of the Class of 1960 U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and as a leader of other San Diego Naval activities. He also donated his time as an AARP tax counselor for the aging. The Admiral was a golfer, reader, gardener and good friend to many. He and Jan traveled extensively since his Navy retirement. Admiral Shaw is survived by Jan, his wife of over 46 years; his two daughters, Elizabeth Crandall and son-in-law Stephen Crandall of Barrington, Illinois, and Suzanne Camilli and son-in-law Kevin Camilli of Navarre, Florida; a brother, Lee Murray of Toledo, Ohio; and five grandsons, Kyle, Brian, Tucker, Owen and Ian. The Admiral was cremated and his ashes were scattered at sea.



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