



U.S.S. QUAPAW



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EDITORIAL:

This is the January 2013 Newsletter. This has been a very eventful year for the USS Quapaw.

On December 12, 2011 the USS Quapaw sank, creating an environmental disaster to the wildlife around Port Richmond. For weeks, the Quapaw was on the local news. The Coast Guard worked to prevent the old oil and other slimy stuff from contaminating the Bay Area. Finally, on February 6, 2012, the holes were plugged and the Quapaw was refloated. From July to November 2012, the Quapaw and the Moctobi were salvaged. The Quapaw is no more, except in our hearts.



See “The Final Voyage” later on in this newsletter.

The NAFTS 2012 Reunion was in Norfolk, VA. There were several Quapaw sailors and family members in attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves. More about this later on. The NAFTs Reunion 2013 will be in Pensacola, FL in October 2013. As we learn more, we will let you all know.

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By Ken Kuhn

It is the middle of January 2013 and it is time for another Quapaw Newsletter.

Right now Shirley and I are visiting with Freda and we are joining our talents to put together this newsletter. By the way, our daughter in Northern Illinois just called and said that it is zero degrees back there. Here in Alabama it is sunny and sixty degrees. Eat your heart out, you northerners. Shirley and I are headed further south where it will be even warmer.

This newsletter is a joy to write. We have many things to discuss, the NAFTs reunion in Norfolk, VA, the salvage of our ship, the anchor from our ship being placed in Quapaw, OK museum, the Victory Brick to be placed at the "D" Day Museum in New Orleans. Then, on a sadder note, we have become aware of the death of several of our shipmates.

I try to visit some of our members as we travel. Shirley and I visited with Mae and Cecil Goggans for coffee. On the way to Lincoln, NE we had lunch with Carol and John Giesler. On the way to Dallas TX we talked with Clint Gold.

We are on our yearly trip down south. We started in Danville, then Quapaw, OK. We met with John Berrey, the Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe and his assistant, Tina Van Cleave. They were very excited about receiving the anchor off our ship. More about that later. During our meeting, I was presented with an Indian blanket. John Berrey placed it around me and then offered prayer, half in English and half was in the Quapaw Language.

We are trying to set up a Quapaw reunion when the anchor goes on display at Quapaw. Everyone has expressed interest in seeing the



JOHN BERREY, QUAPAW TRIBE
CHAIRMAN & KEN KUHN

home of the Quapaw Tribe, namesake for our ship. We will let you know more as it is decided.

We have lots of pictures from the NAFTs Reunion in Norfolk, VA. Thirteen Quapaw sailors were there. Pictures and business meeting information follows.

On our way back from the Reunion, Shirley and I stopped in Washington, D.C. and visited the Navy Memorial and the Quapaw Memorial Plaque located there.

I encourage each of you to stay in touch with your shipmates. Send me stories for future newsletters. It is the sharing of experiences that draw us together.

Talk to your shipmates.



SHIRLEY KUHN POINTING TO
QUAPAW PLAQUE

Smooth sailing to all.

Ken

QUAPAW BUSINESS MEETING, OCTOBER 2012

1. Time was spent discussing the items from our ship that could be made available to the Quapaw Tribe for their museum. (The Quapaw anchor became available at a later date and through the efforts of members the anchor was obtained at no cost to the Association. Transportation of the anchor was paid for by the Tribe.)
2. The Members voted to purchase a Victory Brick for \$200.
3. Membership voted to re-elect current officers for another term.

They are: President – Ken Kuhn
Vice President – John Leap
Treasurer - Mark Glosso
Secretary – Freda Stinson



LIVELY DISCUSSIONS DURING MEETING



NAFTS REUNION 2012 – NORFOLK, VA

NORFOLK, VA OCTOBER 2012

Attendees



Bob & Betty Tschida



Harry & Shirley Jaeger



Roque & Sonia Pangelinan



Jill & Tod Wagner



Georgene & John Leap



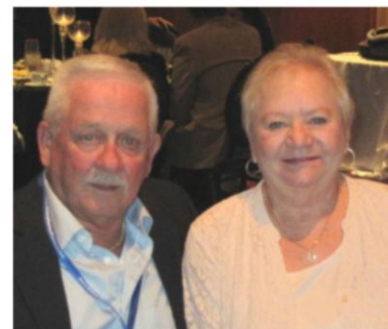
James & Mary Limbach



Mary Rodgers & Tom Kerr



Shirley & Ken Kuhn



Gerry & Orrin Tucker

NAFTS REUNION 2012 – NORFOLK, VA

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Attendees



Vickie & Floyd (Charlie) Baker



Freda Stinson & Jack Morrison



Dave Griffin



Loran Hagen & Pam Anderson



Mike Losee

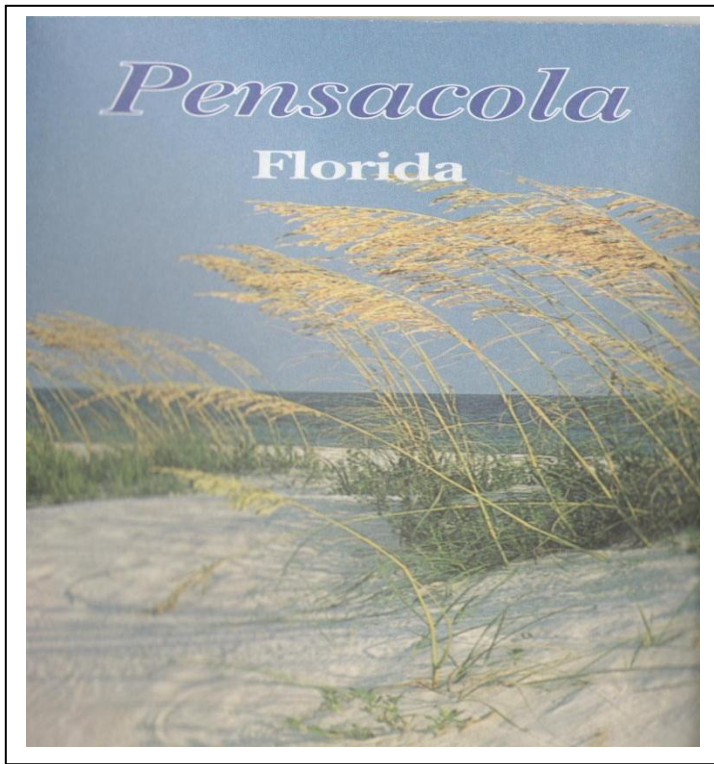


Karan, Mia, David, & Walter Koch



Chris Saunders, Stephanie Anderson & Al Anderson

REUNION 2013 – PENSACOLA, FL



The NAFTs 2013 Reunion is scheduled for October 2013 in Pensacola, Florida. That is all that is known at this time so mark you calendars and we will let you know more later.

Hope to see you there!

USS QUAPAW BRICK – WWII MUSEUM, NEW ORLEANS

During the Business Meeting at Norfolk, members voted on purchasing a Victory Brick to be placed along Magazine Street at the Site of the “D” Day Museum in New Orleans, LA. The brick will be engraved as follows:

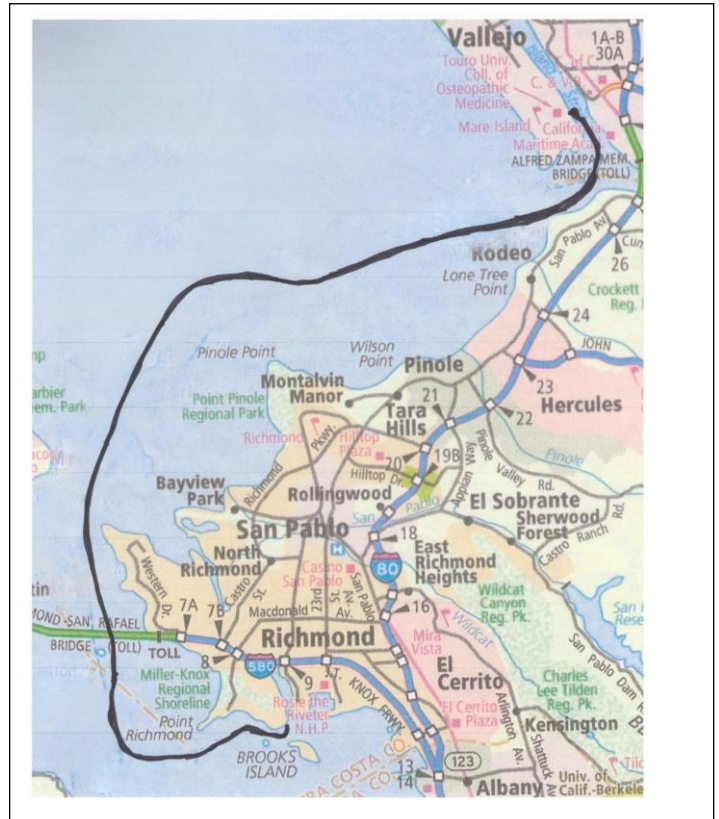
**USS QUAPAW ATF-110
WW II KOREA VIETNAM
17 BATTLE STARS**

In addition, a personalized 44 page commemorative book is available to all. The cover of book will have a picture of the Quapaw Victory Brick. The books are \$50 each if you are interested.

The Quapaw Association will purchase one book that will stay in my procession and I will take it with me as I travel and visit our members.

THE FINAL VOYAGE

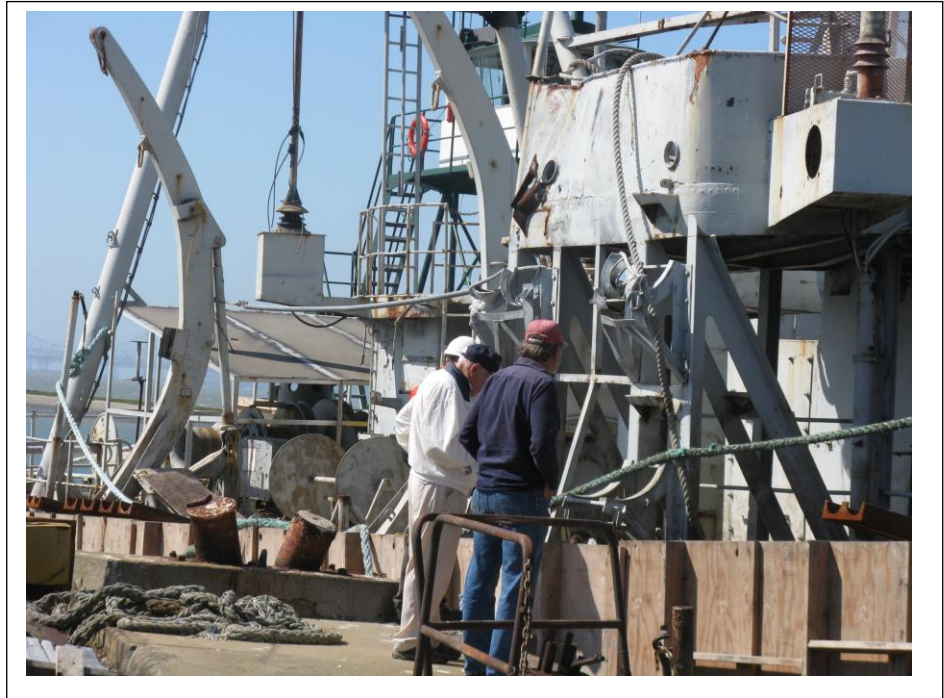
After the powers in charge decided that nothing else could be done with the Quapaw, she was moved to Mare Island, California for salvage. On July 23, 2012 the Quapaw began her final 20 mile voyage across San Pablo Bay to Allied Defense Recycling on Mare Island.



GETTING THE QUAPAW READY FOR HER LAST VOYAGE



Of course, our Ace Reporter, Alvin Anderson was there to see that everything was done correctly, and to tell the ‘Ole Girl’ goodbye for all her sailors who could not be there.



The Quapaw is on the move!

A gentle push for a friendly tug



Leaving Port Richmond

THE MIGHTY "Q"

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Look out, little sailboat! The Mighty Q is heading your way!





Turning into Mare Island.



Arriving at the final destination, Mare Island.

THE MIGHTY “Q”

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United with her sister, Moctobi. At least they have each other.



The end is near.

THE LAST OF THE QUAPAW THE SALVAGE PROCESS



The Quapaw (Tiger) right & the Moctobi (Lion) left are sitting on dry dock, waiting for disassembly.

Disassembly has begun.
Wonder what he has removed?



Al Anderson, Harry Jaeger and Al Scavino at Mare Island, checking out the process.



Superstructure is gone from both ships.



Note the cut away of the hull of the Quapaw



Rust and peeling paint

No longer afloat, just grime on the rudder.

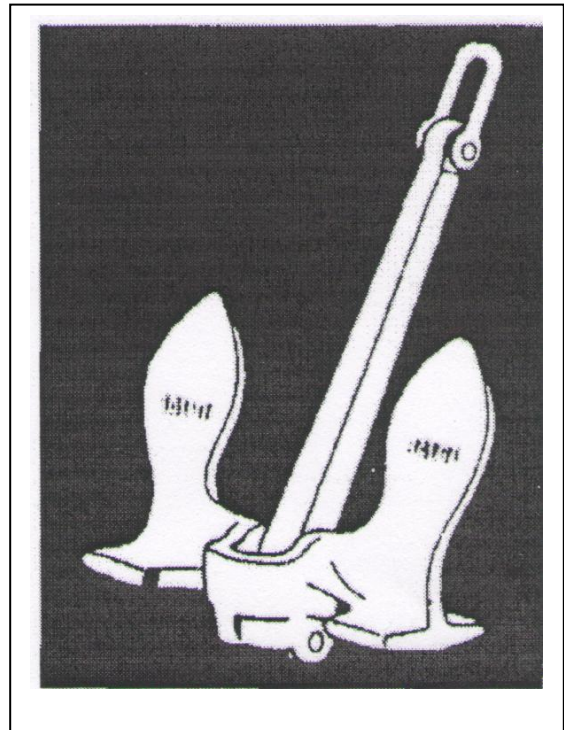


THE QUAPWA TRIBE AND THE ANCHOR

The Quapaw Anchor arrived at Quapaw, Oklahoma at the Quapaw Tribe Museum, Thursday, 24 January 2013 after a 7 day trip from Mare Island, California. The anchor with 6 to 10 ft of chain weighs about 3500 pounds. When and where at the museum it will be displayed is unknown at this time. The Tribe will notify us of all the details. If you are near Quapaw Oklahoma, go by and see it! Maybe stop at the Downstream Casino.



Quapaw Tribe Museum



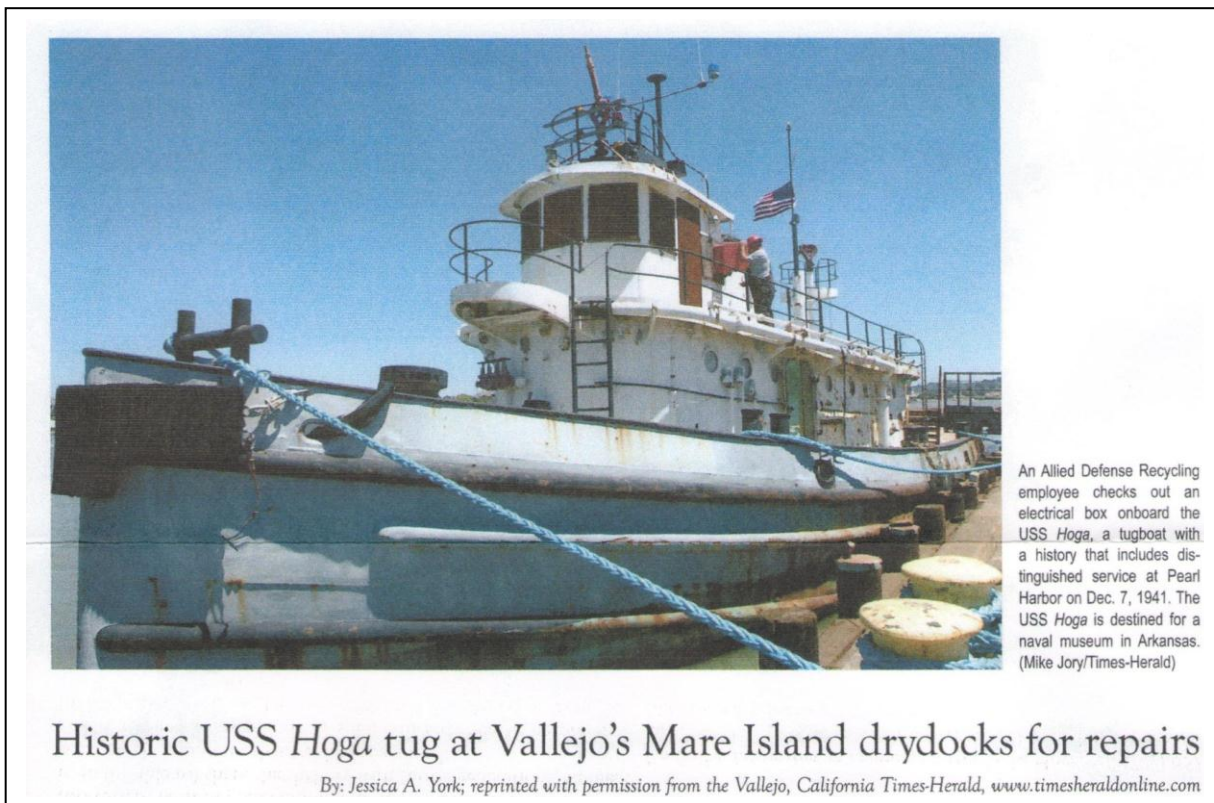
DEDICATION OF ANCHOR AT QUAPAW OKLAHOMA

The John Berrey, Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe would like to set aside some time to have a dedication of the anchor and have the Quapaw-Reunion there. Coordination of the dedication may be done with other events happening in the area and the Quapaw Casino – the Downstream More will follow once the anchor is on display.



DOWNSTREAM CASINO

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HOGA, THE TUGBOAT THAT COULD

The little tugboat has seen its share of nautical history, and still has at least one dent to prove it.

The former USS *Hoga*, destined to become a preserved Mississippi River waterfront museum in Arkansas, came to roost temporarily on December 8, 2012 at Mare Island for repairs. The 71 year old Navy vessel, most recently a tenant at the Suisun Bay Reserve fleet, is a floating national historic landmark best known for a historic defense role in the infamous December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The tugboat, with its firefighting capabilities, helped tow the stranded battleship USS *Nevada* out of a major harbor channel it was blocking. A dent from its contact with the *Nevada* was purposely maintained since the historic battle.

USS *Hoga* was tugged with a bit of pomp and circumstance to Allied Defense Recycling’s Mare Island shipyard docks at about 11 a.m. A series of water cannons shot off in welcome. Aboard was the mayor of North Little Rock, Ark, its ambassador.

“It was a tribute to the old lady, and she is a lady,” said Allied Defense Recycling General Manager Gary Whitney, referring to the vessel.

Within months, the Hoga will join the USS Razorback, a submarine already moored in North Little Rock – capstones to the beginning and end of World War II. “There have been some questions of why does North Little Rock (pop.62,000) want a submarine ... and a tugboat,” Hays said. “These two vessels, both in preservation and history and our reflection on it, to (be able to) share that history with future generations, to me, is extremely important that we don’t pass up.”

The Razorback was one of 12 submarines chosen to be present in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrender was signed on September 2, 1945, according to the city owned Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (www.aimm.museum) near where the two will be docked. The Hugo also served four decades as an Oakland fire Department municipal fire boat, and hosted a tour by former President Jimmy Carter.

The Navy signed over the tugboat to the museum in 2005, after about two years of effort. The museum beat out several entities competing for the donation, Hays said. Fundraising efforts, timing and the economy have delayed its removal from Suisun Bay until recently, Hays said. By coming to the Mare Island shipyard, Hays is hoping to avoid the exorbitant cost of having to lift the 325 ton tugboat by crane onto a barge, so that it may travel safely. Instead, with Allied Defense Recycling’s help, the Hoga will have its hull made seaworthy and its large open body divided into several watertight compartments making it less susceptible to sinking during transport, he said. The Navy must first agree to this alternate plan, though, Hays said.

Some parts (for the repair of the Hoga) will be scavenged from two ex-Navy tugboats abandoned at the Port of Richmond. The vessels are in the Mare Island’s Dry Dock 2 for dismantling, said Whitney, the general manager. Sea-going tugboats **Lion and Tiger, formerly known as the USS Quapaw and USS Moctobi**, were built just a few years after the Hoga. (A hatch off the Quapaw was put on the Hoga. The Quapaw is still coming to the rescue.)



Artist rendition of the USS Hoga moving the USS Nevada during December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Zuni/Tamaroa

By Harry Jaeger



THE TAMAROA ON THE WAY TO HELP THE CREW OF THE SAILBOAT SATORI, PHOTO:
U.S. COAST GUARD, 1991

The ship has been turned over to the American Marine Group in Norfolk VA for disposition. Representatives from the states of Delaware and New Jersey will be meeting with the owner to discuss the possibility of using the ZUNI/TAMAROA could as part of a reef system somewhere along the coast of Delaware or New Jersey.

All of the items that we received from the Navy and the Maritime Commission will be transferred to other ships within the Historic Naval Ships Association.

Other items will be returned to their former owners, kept as historical material, donated to the U. S. Navy Historical Center, or possibility sold.

The Zuni Maritime Foundation will not be going away. We have paid all of our bills and whatever funds remaining will be used toward setting up a museum of sorts for the preservation of ZUNI/TAMAROA material and hopefully the beginning of a partnership with the National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors, for their keepsakes.

CROSSING THE BAR

During this last year, we were notified of the deaths of several people of the Quapaw Family. Our prayers are with their families.

1. Ben Christy – BM1 – 1956-1958
2. Chris Elmore –BM3 – 1962-1963
3. Charles Bahlinger – EN2 – 1951 – 1953
4. Connie Griffin, wife of Dave Griffin– RMC – 1975-1977
5. Andrew Kostic - No information available
6. Eddie Price – QM2 – 1951-1955
7. Tom Plowman – 1960-1962
8. Harold Nix – 1963-1966
9. Florence D'Antonio, wife of Anthony D'Antonio Deceased Plank Owner – 1944-1946

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Quapaw Sailors:

Front Row – Ken Kuhn (52-55), Walter Koch (44-46) ;

2nd Row Tod Wagner (72-74), Robert Tschida (67-68), James Limbach (55-56);

3rd Row: Roque Pangelinan (68-72), Orrin Tucker (59-61), Al Anderson (45);

4th Row: John Leap (56-57), Harry Jaeger (56-58).

Attendees not pictured:

Mike Losee (69-72), Floyd (Charlie) Baker (70), Dave Griffith (75-77)

