

Some Highlights of Our Memorial Banquet

August 16, 2008



Ringling of the bell for each fallen crew member, still on duty

Bob Magar is inducted...



...and becomes the newest crew member of the Murphy



Chaplain Otis Essex reads a letter from U.S. Senator John McCain



Kevin Meech reads a letter from U.S. Congressman Thomas Reynolds and presents a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol to his father, Henry "Bud" Meech for the Murphy, on behalf of Congressman Reynolds and a grateful nation



N.Y. Senator Joseph Robach addresses the banquet



*Darryl Porter, Assistant to Mayor Robert Duffy
presents 'The Key to the City' of
Rochester, New York*

Note: I am sorry, but the photographs of Darryl Porter and the plaque with the Key to the City were unacceptable. It was not possible to take a picture of the plaque as it was temporarily lost, but has been found. Unfortunately it will not be available to have included it on this CD



Chorus of the Genesee



High Hopes Quartet

We are Grateful to All Those that Made Our Reunion Possible!

The City of Rochester Tourism for nametag holders, bags and other materials

Wegmans Markets, for foods, for our Hospitality Room

Jackson's Bakery, for cookies, for our Hospitality Room

Leo's Elite Bakery, for cookies, for our Hospitality Room

Our Co-Hosts Harold & Sue Wright, for beverages and snacks, for our Hospitality Room

Susan Meech Hayden for our Mugs (hand painted with a lot of love & time), baked goods, registration, gift bags, Our Perky Sing-a-long-with Susan Tour Guide, flowers, decorations, photo assistance and so much more!

Kevin & Pat Meech – for singing, for the Break Away Service, transportation, grocery shopping, errands, details missed, and for being everywhere and doing everything needed and you were always doing something and were needed everywhere!

Jonathan Edelman and Caitlin Fredenburg, for transportation and photo assistance

Mike & Jessica Edelman for transportation, Mugs and gift bag stuffing

Scott Meech & Rachel Roberts for loading/unloading

Our Hosts, Bud & Ethel Meech – for an INCREDIBLE REUNION, itinerary and Planning!!!!

The Officers and Wives of the Murphy DD603 Sailors Organization – YOU ALL REALLY HAVE YOUR ACTS TOGETHER!

Our Honored participants –

U.S. Senator John McCain, for your kind letter and for your wonderful staff

Congressman Thomas Reynolds, for your kind letter, the gift of the U.S. flag and your wonderful staff

NY Senator Joseph Robach, for your inspirational speech and your wonderful staff

Darryl Porter, Assistant to the Mayor, for the surprise presentation of the 'Key to The City of Rochester,' and Thanks to Mayor Robert Duffy and your wonderful staff

Our Providers –

RIT Inn & Conference Center, Cody and staff, for a great host hotel, banquet and Experience!

Kemps Tour Busses, for your service and for providing us with Bob, our driver, He's great!

Stransenburg Planetarium, for your staff and tour

Al, Captain and Crew of the Harbor Town Belle, for a great trip and food

The Curtis Museum and Staff – for the help and assistance and allowing us to dine in such a wonderful place

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Jane, owner of, 'Around the Corner Catering,' for a beautiful dining experience & delicious food

Hunt County Vineyards for Judy our guide and your staff, for a great tour, wine tasting and just a wonderful time

The Chorus of the Genesee & High Hopes Quartet for harmonious & moving entertainment

All the crew, wives and families of the U.S.S. Quincy, you are gifts to the rest of us!

Otis & Dessie Essex, for prayer, blessings, an uplifting message and sweet Fellowship!

Our newest members, Bob & Anne Magar, welcome aboard!

To anyone and everyone I may have left out, because it is too early in the morning right now, to remember anymore ☺, but if I failed to give credit where credit is due; I sincerely beg your pardon.

Finally, to each and every person that was a part of U.S.S. MURPHY/U.S.S. QUINCY Reunion 2008, in presence or in spirit – “Thanks for the Memories!”

See you next year, or here, there, in the air or at The Eternal Port, but always at the Port of Fond Recall!

Don Hayden,
Photography, printing and media

P.S. I am working on making reproductions of the work, 'The Eternal Port' available to those that might be interested. Hopefully, this will be available as a 12" X 18" print with the text of the poem overlaid, and a 11" X 14" or 16" X 20" print without text, all suitable for framing. Perhaps details will be forthcoming in some future journal. ALL PROCEEDS will go to the Murphy DD603 Sailors Organization, to be used at their discretion.