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Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter of the USS Indianapolis Museum, Inc. I must first apologize to our current members that this newsletter was supposed to have been part of your first years' benefit. Well, we are now underway with at least two boilers on the line. There are many events and stories that have transpired over the last two years. So, let's begin back in July 2007, when the Survivors were in Indianapolis for their 62nd reunion. A parade downtown honoring the Survivors was attended by a great crowd saluting and thanking our heroes. Overhead was a PV1 airplane similar to the one that first discovered their plight in the Western Pacific near the end of the war. A few tears were shed and we felt very proud of their presence. At the end of the parade, the Survivors and their loved ones and dignitaries assembled at the Indiana War Memorial for the ribbon cutting officially opening the new gallery dedicated to the USS Indianapolis. If you have visited the gallery you know what a gem has been created. Subsequently, a group of "old salt" radiomen veterans have added (adjacent to the gallery) a replication of the main radio "shack", complete with WWII era transmitters and receivers. There is even a mannequin tapping out an SOS. These dedicated CBers are listening and sending out to the world.

As if that were not enough, the room between the gallery and the radio "shack" is being renamed the Admiral Spruance room. As you well know Admiral Spruance used the USS Indianapolis as his flag ship on the Navy's march across the Pacific. His profile will be the subject of a future newsletter. Consequently, the Navy now occupies the entire Northeast corner of the main floor in the Indiana War Memorial.

During the 2009 (64th) reunion of the Survivors at Mount Comfort Airport another group of dedicated sailors unveiled a 13 foot model of the USS Indianapolis. The sleek wooden model was patterned from the original blueprints from the New York shipyard. We eventually hope that this very impressive model will become a part of the exhibits at the War Memorial and will additionally be used for parades and traveling presentations around Indiana and beyond.

This initial newsletter is an attempt to bring you up to date of the major happenings over the last two years. It is my hope that a quarterly newsletter will keep you up to date and keep you informed of future events planned by the Survivors, the Indiana War Memorial and other allied activities. There will be regular sections of the newsletter devoted to new initiatives and historical discoveries.

Oh, by the way, as an introduction, I am Captain Jack Morehead, U.S. Navy (retired). I served the Navy from 1957 to 1981, serving on five ships, in country Viet Nam, and Washington, DC among other duty stations. I have been with the Museum since 2006 and am now its membership chair and newbie newsletter editor.

BATTLESHIP SILVER

On February 13, 2008, the Navy loaned the State of Indiana, its collection of silver that had been aboard the USS Indianapolis and removed just prior to its fateful voyage. Recently, it had been aboard the USS Enterprise (CVN 65). At the request of Governor Mitch Daniels, the Navy allowed the silver collection to be returned (loaned) to Indiana. That collection is now partially located in the gallery and partially in the Governor's mansion. This will be a separate story in a subsequent issue.

TRAVELING PROGRAMS

On March 27, 2008, there was a video and lecture about the USS Indianapolis story presented to an over flow audience at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Officers of the Museum, the son of USS Indianapolis' dentist Doctor and Ltcdr Earl Henry (who perished in the sinking) and Survivors Michael Kuryla and Jimmy O'Conner all made presentations. This kind of program or a variation is available through contact with the Museum officers. Programs have also been given at various schools in Indiana and Illinois.

MEMBERSHIP

I would be remiss if I didn't bring up membership. This is our life line to continuing the effort of keeping this historic story alive in the hearts and minds of the population. If you are now a charter member of the Museum, we would like for you to renew your membership. Hereafter, you will be reminded on an annual basis. Below, are the levels of giving. The Friend of the Museum level keeps the boilers on line and keeps you informed. The levels above that allow us to keep the ship underway with our traveling presentations and research. Please send a check made out to: USS Indianapolis Museum, Inc. and send to Circle City Station, PO Box 441135, Indianapolis, IN 46204. This contribution is tax-deductible.

Friend of the Museum	\$30.	Lieutenant	\$1500.
Seaman	\$50.	Lieutenant Cdr	\$2000.
Petty Officer 3rd Class	\$100.	Commander	\$2500.
Petty Officer 2 nd Class	\$200.	Captain	\$3000.
Petty Officer 1 st Class	\$300.	Rear Admiral	\$5000.
Chief Petty Officer	\$500.	Vice Admiral	\$6000.
Ensign	\$1000.	Admiral	\$7500.
Lieutenant (jg)	\$1200.	Fleet Admiral	\$10,000.

If you are a new member, you will receive a numbered certificate suitable for framing.

Contributions at the Rear Admiral to Admiral Levels will receive a walnut plaque featuring a six inch brass medallion in the image of the USS Indianapolis, July 30, 1945, 10 battle stars and "still at sea" inscription. Plaque will also include the contributor's name.

Contributors at the Fleet Admiral level will receive the wall plaque and recognition at the museum.

All contributions will be cumulative each year or on occasion of contribution. That way you will be promoted over a period of years.

The name of this newsletter was taken from a copy of the USS Indianapolis ship's paper published in 1942. It was called DEEP SEA DAILY. I took license and changed Daily to Quarterly.

CONTRIBUTIONS

If you know of anyone who has memorabilia related to the USS Indianapolis or its crew or Survivors please contact a member of the Board of Directors by mail to our post office box address.

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READING MATERIAL

Abandon Ship 1958 R. Newcomb	Fatal Voyage 1990 D. Kurzman
Out of the Depths 1960 D. Harrell	In Harms Way 2001 D. Stanton
The Quiet Warrior 1974 T. Buell	Left for Dead 2002 P. Nelson
Enola Gay 1977 Thomas/ Witts	Only 317 Survived 2002 Survivors
All the Drowned Sailors 1982 R. Lech	

IN MEMORIUM

2008: January - Edward Nelsen	July - Herbert Minor
March - Santos Pena	August - George Kurlich
June - Robert Gause	September - Buck Gibson
- Eugene Morgan	December - James Nichols
2009: April - Dr Giles McCoy	
October - Michael Kuryla	

