

The Daly News

A semi-annual publication dedicated to the memory of those who served aboard the USS Daly DD519- Hal Boyer - Editor - halboyer@yahoo.com

Sergeant Major Daniel Daly - US Marines



The War of 1812 Naval Battle That Shaped Our History



Battle of Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain engraving from 1816 by B. Tanner
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The Battle of Plattsburgh, also known as the Battle of Lake Champlain, ended the final invasion of the northern states of the United States during the war of 1812. A British army under Lt. General Sir George Prevost and a naval squadron under Captain George Downie converged on the lakeside town of Plattsburgh, which was defended by New York and Vermont militia and detachments of regular troops of the United States Army, under the command of Brigadier General Alexander Macomb, the ships commanded by Master Commandant Thomas Macdonough.

Downie's squadron attacked shortly after dawn on 11 September 1814, but was defeated after a hard battle in which Downie was killed. Prevost then abandoned the attack by land against Macomb's defenses and retreated to Canada, stating that even if Plattsburgh were captured, it could not be supplied without control of the lake.

The battle took place shortly before the signing of the Treaty of Ghent which ended the war. This American victory, and the successful defense at the Battle of Baltimore which began the next day and halted the British advances in the Mid-Atlantic states, denied the British negotiators at Ghent the leverage to demand territorial claims against the United States on the basis of *Uti possidetis*, i.e. retaining territory they held at the end of hostilities.

September 11, marked many important historical anniversaries that included; the destruction of the World Trade Center in NY, The Battle of Plattsburgh, also known as the Battle of Lake Champlain, and the Battle of Baltimore. The two naval battles were significant in the bringing an end to the war of 1812 with the British.

I happened to be on Lake Champlain on the day of the Plattsburgh Battle celebration. I was, some 30 land miles from Cumberland Head Bay, in New York, but only 10 miles across the lake on a fishing vacation on Lake Champlain, in Vermont. A simulated naval battle took place during the day's celebration, and I could hear the sound of small cannon fire. Only three ships participated in this mock battle. The festivities lasted the entire day ending with a parade of re-enactors in period costume.

Date 6-11 September 1814
Plattsburgh, NY
Result An American victory

Ending the invasions of the northern states by the British

American Commanders	British Commanders
Thomas Macdonough	George Prevost
Alexander Macomb	George Downie

Strength

1,500 regulars	14,000
1,900 militia	
1 corvette	
1 brig	1 frigate
1 schooner	1 brig
1 sloop	2 sloops
10 gunboats	12 gunboats

Farewell Javier Granados TMC USN /USNR Retired

Retired Navy Chief Javier Granados died August 30, 2014. He served on the USS Daly 1954 - 58. A story entitled "Baltic Sea Encounter" appeared in the Daly News 2008. It was an account of what he experienced with Russian vessels while on helmsman watch aboard the Daly in the North Sea. He also submitted a second story, "A Rendezvous With Destiny" that described the meeting of his future wife while on liberty in Helsinki. It is a great romantic story. Javier lost his beloved wife to a tragic illness in 1997.

I am attaching his writings on a post card (always written in pencil) that he sent me in 2009 describing the events of the year including his 12th memorial bicycle trip for his wife.



Hal, Thank you for the Christmas Card, I sincerely hope that 2010 will be a happy safe and prosperous new year for you and your family.

My eldest son Onnie (a Finish name) took the photos and made this Christmas card for me.

1. Onnie and his wife Colyn bought their first house (1945 Fixer Upper) in October . I am in the process of taking out an old shower in the basement.

2. Onnie and Colyn invited me to join them on a 10 day vacation to the "Land of the Midnight Sun", in July 2009. For me it was a sentimental journey back in time to August 1955, the day a beautiful Finn made a grand entry into my world and changed my outlook on life forever. 5 June 1955, the day Tina and I met again for the second time in Helsinki, after I completed my 4 years tour of sea duty. 14 June 1958, the day Tina and I said "I Do" in the oldest Catholic Church in Helsinki.

3. Vaanta, Finland, 14K east of Helsinki, two old friends meet again; Tina's brother Olavi Kasslin (L) and this old tin can sailor. The bicycle is a popular mode of transportation in Finland. I was introduced into the sport of cycling by Tina and her 5 brothers, who were racing cyclist.

4. Twelfth memorial for my wife, the 11th for me by bicycle, Saturday 12 September 2009. Onnie and Colyn were waiting for me along with a good friend who made the ride with me. Astoria the most northern city on the Oregon Coast was 104 miles from Portland.

5. Astoria Oregon, Saturday 12 September 2009. I am getting underway for the memorial site south of Astoria, 116 miles from Portland. I designed and built a new special

bicycle trailer in 2009 just to carry Tina's urn. I have no rest stops. Onnie and Colyn make contact with me 65, 85, 104, 116 miles. Total time on the road 9 hours and 20 minutes.

6. Oregon Coast, Sunday 13, September 2009, 12th Memorial for Tina. Two miles south of the memorial site, at the remains of a large old four mast merchant sailing ship that was driven aground by a storm in October 1906. I was viewing the shipwreck and did not see the approaching tidal wave until it was around my feet.

Javier



This is a reduced copy of the photo card sent to my by Javier that depicts the events he is describing to me.

In Loving Memory
Javier F. Granados USN TMC Retired
January 1935 - August 30, 2014

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Obituary and photos submitted to the Daily News by the family of Javier Granados



The Granados Family Portrait



Javier Francisco Granados, a resident of Portland, OR and owner of Granados Cyclery, died August 30th at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Portland of complications from multiple myeloma.

Javie (as his family called him) was born in El Paso, Texas, the eldest child of Frank and Ciri Granados and #1 brother to sisters Lydia and Rosalie. He was a precocious boy, a self-proclaimed “half-breed” of Tigua Indian and Spanish descent, who loved to spend time with his family, shoot at wild rabbits with bow and arrow, and watch military airplanes fly overhead. He was artistically gifted and designed his own model aircraft.

After high school he joined the US Navy just at the end of the Korean Conflict. He served aboard the USS Daly (DD-519) and on the USS Joseph K. Taussig (DE-1030) during his service from 1954-1958. As a proud Tin Can Sailor, he served as a torpedoman (TM2) and saw action during the Cold War in the North Atlantic theater.

Javie was aboard the USS Daly when it docked in Helsinki, Finland – one of the first US ships to do so after WWII. At a dance held for Navy personnel he spied a beautiful Finnish girl and was immediately smitten. She was one of the few who spoke English and that night they started a conversation that would lead to many letters and an eventual engagement. He was discharged in Naples, Italy, in June 1958 and immediately flew to Helsinki to marry Tyyne Kasslin days later.

Javie and Tyyne moved to Los Angeles after their marriage and raised three children while he worked as an aerospace design engineer. Javie continued his service in the US Navy Reserve. In the 1970's the family moved to Klamath Falls, OR and opened a Cycle and Saw Filing shop there. As an avid bicycle rider and racer, Javie fostered a community of cyclists and sponsored the Tour of Klamath Lake, which was the first Olympic development bicycle race in Oregon in 1976. In the 1980's the family moved to Kennewick, WA where he worked for Hanford Nuclear Reservation. The family also briefly lived in San Jose, CA before relocating to Portland, OR. After Tyyne's passing in 1997, Javie pedaled his bicycle on an annual memorial ride from his home in Portland to the Fort Stevens Jetty on the Oregon coast (over 100 miles) in her memory. His last ride was just before his diagnosis of multiple myeloma in 2011 at the age of 76.

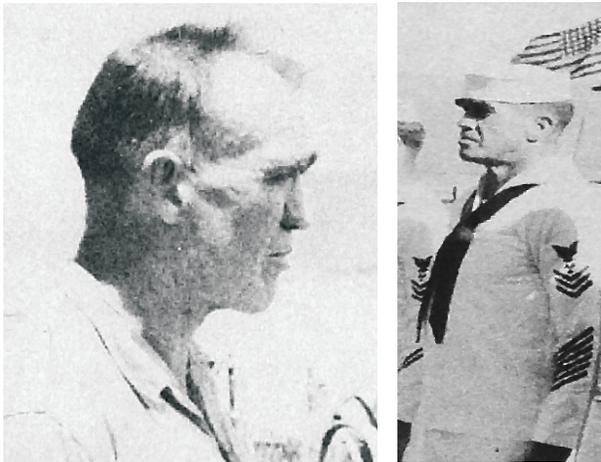
He is remembered by his generous nature, his love of all modes of transportation (especially bicycles), his lifelong love of the Navy, and a smile that wouldn't quit. He wrote a book in dedication to his wife which is full of family photos, naval scenes from aboard the destroyer, and of visits to cities around the world during the 1950's.

He is survived by one daughter, two sons, one sister, three grandsons, a niece, two nephews and two great nephews.

A link to his book can be found at:

www.ogwiz.com/A_True_Love_Story

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Machinist Mate First Class Arthur Higgins



If you have any information regarding Arthur Higgins MM1 please contact the editor of the Daly News
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In November of 1953 the USS Daly had completed its tour of duty with task force 77 off Korea. The ship and crew had performed it's duties well, we were finally on our way home after several months of sea duty. Since our route took us close to the Equator , the plan was to exercise the time honored ritual of the Equator crossing and indoctrinate those who were mere pollywogs into the classification of shellbacks.

The indoctrination ceremony was planned and carried out in a grand scale with a cast of characters directly from King Neptune's Court which included King Neptune himself, his queen, the royal baby, and the special honor guards. It was a well chosen cast of costumed characters well suited to carry out the task.

Machinist Mate First Class Arthur Higgins was well cast as King Neptune and performed honorably. He was by far the eldest member of the enlisted crew. He had hash marks up the sleeve of his dress blues and a scrubby beard that qualified him as an old-timer worthy of the appointment. No one questioned his authority that day as he seriously took command of his role.

I often think of that day and Machinist Mate First Class Higgins as King Neptune and regret that I never took the opportunity to cultivate a better relationship with him as a crew member. He always gave the appearance of being a quiet gentleman, although I know he was an accomplished boxer and had won several Naval titles in his day in Navy Boxing competition.

I recently spent time in a search for more information of his background and attempted to find anyone with knowledge of his whereabouts. The USS Daly cruise book register has him listed with a home address of Florida but my search has revealed nothing. I made an attempt through Tin Can Sailors search program but that also was in vain.

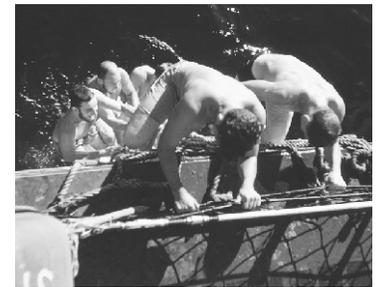
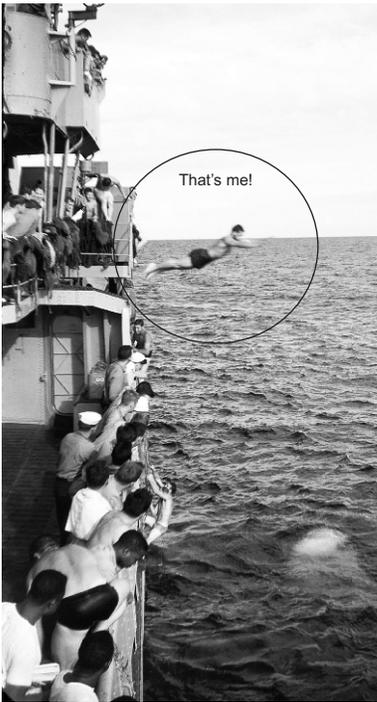
If anyone can give me any information about MM1 Arthur Higgins I would really appreciate hearing from you. It would be nice to do a more detailed story of his background and Naval career.

Please E-mail me at this address halboyer@yahoo.com or mail me at my home address if you have any information to share.

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Swim Call November 1953

One hour of swim time in the Indian Ocean



I do not remember the water temperature, but it was very refreshing. The captain's gig circled the swim area as a precaution while we were in the water. I recall a shark did make an appearance soon after everyone had left the water.

New Mystery Thriller Novel Involving 4 US Marine Buddies To Be Released Shortly

Jim Ide, retired Navy Chief Warrant Officer, who served on the USS Daly, has been living in Florida since 1977, is a very successful mystery writer who just completed a 625 page epic novel with his partner, Peter Telep. It is a fictionalized highly entertaining adventure involving four actual Marines who served together in 2004 at the second battle of Fallujah. The time setting of the story is ten years after Fallujah and is an action-packed challenge to the bond forged in combat between these four men.

It is titled "*The Secret Corp*"; A defense contractor's scheme to escalate America's War on Terror is hijacked by co-conspirators. The release date is to be announced soon.



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Letters to the Editor

Shipmate John Crichley TM3/C 1944 - 46

Just a friendly hello. The years are growing, but I am shrinking at the age of 88 soon to be 89. When I think back to the day I came aboard the Daly from Nashville. I was shocked by her size and how badly she needed a paint job. As a deck hand I took pride in helping clean her up. My tour of duty or time on her could not have been any better. To this day I really would enjoy another cruise with her.

John Crichley TM 3/C

Contribution enclosed for Media Fund

Shipmate Frank R. Carlson 1951 - 55

Received your Newsletter yesterday, thanks a lot.

It doesn't seem like I left the Daly 60 years ago in Philadelphia. Since then I worked for the Air Force, at Warner Robins in Georgia. I retired in 1990 with a total number 42 years of Navy and Air Force service. I ended my service as a Production Management Specialist in Electronics.

Have a happy New Year. Frank

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From Chuck Townsend

A collection of random sailors thoughts. A bit of introspection from an "older sailor";

A sailor will walk ten miles in freezing rain to get a beer but complains mightily about standing a 4 hour watch on a calm sea weather day.

A sailor will distort facts and lie to get early liberty and then have no idea where he wants to go.

Sailors are territorial. They have assigned spaces to clean and maintain. Beware the shipmate who tracks through a freshly swabbed deck and leaves a trail.

Sailors constantly complain about the chow served by the ships mess cooks while returning for second and third helpings.

E5 is the almost perfect pay grade. Too senior to catch the crap details, too junior to be blamed for mishaps.

Never be first, never be last, never volunteer for anything.

Contrary to popular belief, Chief Petty Officers do not walk on water. They walk just above it.

A sailor will and can sleep anywhere, anytime.

Sad but true, when visiting even the most exotic ports of call, some sailors only see the inside of the nearest pub.

If you can help it, never tell anyone that you are seasick.

General Quarters drills and the need to relieve one's self often seem to coincide.

Dress whites come from the cleaners, pressed and starched. They last about 30 microseconds in that condition. Dress Whites are a dirt magnate.

A wet napkin under your mess tray keeps the tray from sliding in rough seas, keeping at least one hand free to grasp your beverage mug.