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**WE LEAVE NO
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VETERAN SALUTE BARNEY MULHOLLAND

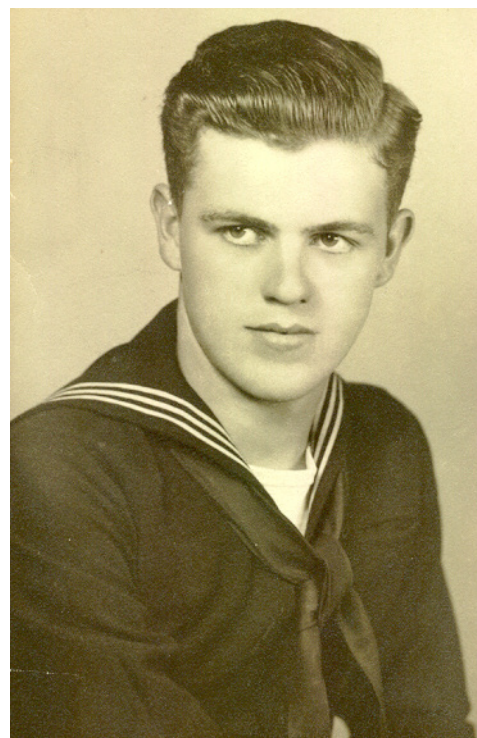
BY CHARLES DeROLLER

It's highly unlikely that enthusiastic youth Barney Mulholland had any idea what he was in for when he emigrated to USA from County Down, Northern Ireland. Surely, his thoughts were on what would be his life in Brooklyn; in fact, it's quite certain his vocabulary did not include Ulithi, LST, Typhoon, or Kamikaze. But lad Barney was to experience the hell of war, and then reap blessings from it.

With the Second World War well underway while Barney was in high school, he wanted to stand and serve his new country. In general, he was too young, however, the US Navy offered which was called a "Kiddie Cruise" [Editor's note: rather a misnomer given that it was 1942] in which young men could sign up for the Navy at 17 years of age, and after graduation serve only three years rather than the normal four.

And thus, Barney Mulholland did enlist in the US Navy. Immediately the recruit was sent for training at Sampson Naval Training station on the shores of Seneca Lake. Subsequently, he was sent to Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston for training on shipboard mechanics.

Things were going well for Barney, until one day he was called into his commander's office. It seemed that Mr. Mulholland, they had discovered, was of questionable citizenship. It was suggested that being a citizen of Northern Ireland, he could join the British Navy. Or, he could go to the courthouse, raise his hand, take an oath, and become a US citizen. Which is exactly what he did, a process which Barney describes as "immediate" in achievement.



Barney Mulholland's first shipboard assignment was on DD-744 Blue a 376 foot long destroyer with five-inch guns and capable of 34 knots. Following the shakedown cruise though, Blue went to the Pacific, and Barney was sent for HVAC training at Carrier in Syracuse, NY. Barney stayed assigned to Blue and was reunited at Ulithi Atoll in what is now Federated States of Micronesia.

During his service aboard, Blue participated in multiple raids, including against the Japanese mainland, as well as the assault of Iwo Jima. Despite Iwo Jima battles sinking two ships and damaging sixteen more, Blue suffered only one injury, that from friendly fire. And, despite Iwo Jima being widely recognized as a horrific battle, Barney really doesn't have much to say about it. What does stick in Barney's mind is the Typhoon of June 1945 during which ships were lost and the almost-700 foot long heavy cruiser Pittsburgh lost her bow. Most impressive of the memories, Barney reports, was being on the bridge of Blue and looking UP at the destroyer in front of them, with the screws (propellers) hanging free in the air!

In mid-1945 Barney was transferred stateside as a candidate for Officer Training School, where he (as he says) "flunked out" due to being far-sighted. Which was of no particular impact, since the war had just ended. In 1946, 21 year old, American citizen Barney Mulholland was discharged from US Navy.

But life is mysterious. While he had been on the train to OTS, Barney met Alvin "Bum" Wicke, a torpedoman from the destroyer Brush which had been in same task group as Barney and Blue. Alvin had also been passed over for OTS, so with shared experiences they quickly became fast friends. Not long after they were discharged, Alvin visited Barney in Brooklyn. In return, Barney visited Alvin in Kentucky, and was quickly taken by Alvin's sister Mary.

Barney married Alvin's sister Mary Wicke, whom he describes as "the highlight of my life." And though Mary passed in 2018, the couple raised eight wonderful, successful children. Barney's postwar marriage and family spun his perception of the Second World War, "War is very bad. It is not pleasant, it is not like John Wayne. But good things come of it. A sad time in the world worked out very well for me."

Barney joined Honor Flight Rochester Mission 47, accompanied by his daughter Kathy Parinello. Barney notes that he was misty-eyed through the entire trip. The opportunity to reunite with WW2 vets, to see the Vietnam, Korea, and especially the WW2 memorial was touching. Barney describes the Welcome Home greeted by hundreds as "tremendous, and quite an experience."

We honor and thank Barney Mulholland and those like him who served our country. Honor Flight Rochester volunteers and sponsors know that Mission 47 wasn't the #1 experience in his life, but we certainly hope it was #2.



NEW BOARD MEMBER: FRANK VAVRICK

Honor Flight Rochester is pleased to announce that Treasurer Frank Vavruck has been named to the Board of Directors. Frank's involvement with Honor Flight began by accompanying his father, a World War II Veteran, as his Guardian. Frank is an officer of the Corporation and has flown in dozens of missions. Please join us in congratulating Frank.



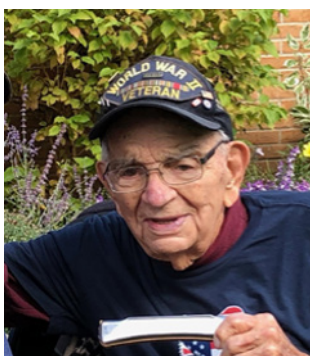
MORREY GOLDMAN: PURCHASING COORDINATOR

Morrey Goldman, a proud volunteer, is appointed to the newly created position of Purchasing Coordinator. Morrey is a US Air Force Veteran and retired railroad signal engineer. He will attend monthly FAM meetings and continue in his current role as the Senior Veteran Liaison. Please join us in congratulating Morrey and welcoming him to his added responsibilities.



HONORING HARMONICA PETE DUPRÉ AT MISSION BBQ

Mission BBQ in Henrietta added the photo of WWII Veteran Harmonica Pete DuPré (1923-2022) to their collection that honors soldiers as pointed to by HFR Purchasing Coordinator Morrey Goldman. This restaurant is known for their patriotism where at each noontime everybody and everything stops for our



National Anthem. Their convenient location on Market Place Drive held a grand opening celebration last September with HFR WWII Veterans Harold Stryker and Bud Long in attendance wearing orange shirts.

EVENTS & SPEAKING

April 2-3 Honor Flight Mission 70

May 21-22 Honor Flight Mission 71

June 3-5 Fairport Canal Days

June 3-5 Watkins Glen

June 3-5 Geneseo Air Show

June 18 Music Festival/Elks Club

July 11 BOMA Golf Tournament

August 5 Lake Shore CC Golf Tournament

August 13 Avon Corn Festival

August 23 Kiwanis Club of Canandaigua (*Speaking*)

LOOKING AHEAD

September Purple Painted Lady 11th Annual Art Festival

October Elvis Night

November Skycoasters "Turkey Bash"

FUNCTIONAL AREA DIRECTORY

Advance Team/Mission Supplies and Lunch: *Bob Henry*

Backpacks: *Jean Kelly*

Chaplain: *Reverend McKnight*

Data Systems Support: *George O'Gara*

Departures: *Elmer Brown, Lisa Larkins*

Donations/Mail Coordinator: *Tammy Roberts*

Events Coordinator: *Mary Gavigan*

Facebook Administrator: *Heather Henry*

IT Database & System Coordinator: *Karen Zilora*

IT Database & System Assistant: *TBA*

Living History: *Cindy Rickett*

Mission Operations Director: *Eric Young*

Mission Staffing Director: *Bruce Philpott*

Mission Safety Equipment: *John Peckham*

Newsletter: *Jill Yanus, Lee Begy*

Name Tags/Printing/Copying: *Lynette Cox*

Photography Coordinator: *Frances McCabe*

Photo Mission Books: *Chris Reddy*

President/CEO: *Rich Stewart ***

Purchasing Coordinator: *Morrey Goldman*

Quartermaster Merchandise: *Sally Mustaca*

Registrar: *Elaine Fahselt*

Registration Calling Committee (RCC): *Mary Ellen Brooks*

Safety Coordinator: *Jen Everett*

Safety Coordinator Back-up: *Bob Wesley*

School Liaison/Mail Call: *Toni Stevens-Oliver*

Secretary/Accounts Payable: *Dave Timmons ***

Speakers Bureau Coordinator: *Steve Wendell*

Survey Monkey: *Margaret Walsh*

Travel Planner: *Tracy Williams*

Treasurer: *Frank Vavrick ***

Volunteer Resource Committee Coordinator: *Randy Prader*

Volunteer Resources Committee/Volunteer G-Mail Account:

Elmer Brown, Mary Beauchamp, Donna Prader, Randy Prader

VRC Committee Support: *Elmer Brown*

Volunteer Events Leader: *Jean Kelly, Mary Beauchamp*

Volunteer Orientation: *Karen Zilora, Kevin Prinzing*

Veteran Mailings: *Steve Wendell, Randy Prader, Donna Prader*

Veteran Visits/Book Delivery: *Oksana Robinson*
(Members *Steve Mumby, Tom Lee*)

Veteran Volunteer Liaison: *Morrey Goldman*

Veteran Calling Coordinator: *Tracey Reiter*

Veteran Safety Advisory Council: *Laura Johnson, Carole Ann Lee, Jen Everett*

Welcome Home Community Celebration Liaison: *Cindy Baker*

Welcome Home Coordinator: *Pat Mason*

Welcome Home Veteran Not Flying Coordinator: *Mary Beauchamp*

Welcome Home Volunteer Assistant: *Amber Johnson*

Welcome Home Celebration Support for Dignitaries: *Marsha Lempert*

Welcome Home Celebration Support Assistants: *Lee Begy, Heather Henry, Tom McCarthy, CP Maloney, Janice Perri*

Welcome Home Merchandise: *Marianne Peckham*

Wheelchairs: *John Zink*

*** Officer*

AUXILIARY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

HF Dolls: *Amy Mooney*

REAL ID UPDATE

The Secretary of Homeland Security announced that DHS extended the Real ID enforcement date to May 3, 2023, due to circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Volunteers:

Eureka! HFR will resume flying with three missions this spring plus three more in the fall.

Thank you volunteers for patiently staying with us through the past two years of pandemic. We very much look forward to working together as a team to reactivate our many functional areas. All positions are important. For your ready reference the Functional Area Directory is presented before my note.

HFR has used the acronym FAM for Functional Area Management since 2019. There is a monthly FAM meeting attended by leaders who comprise the FAM Team. Additionally selected volunteers from the Functional Area Directory are invited to the monthly meetings to discuss their specific responsibilities. Another benefit is heightened visibility to volunteers.

FAM TEAM (Meets Monthly)

Events Coordinator: Mary Gavigan

Mission Operations Director: Eric Young

Mission Staffing Director: Bruce Philpott

Purchasing Coordinator: Morrey Goldman

Safety Coordinator: Jen Everett

Secretary/Accounts Payables: Dave Timmons**

Travel Planner: Tracy Williams

Treasurer: Frank Vavrick **

President/CEO: Rich Stewart **

Volunteer Resource Committee Coordinator: Randy Prader

**** Officer**

Thank you all for volunteering your time and energy. Your talents are integral to resuming our missions, outreach and activities. Your participation and enthusiasm make a big difference.

It will be great to be flying again and I hope to see many of you at our fundraising events.

Rich Stewart

President & CEO

