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The Chief says (by Don Shirey)

The Scout Motto "Be Prepared" should be yours if you are joining us in Chicago in August. I hope as many of our members as possible, will make an effort to attend. Marty has done an excellent job of selecting a reunion site. He has provided a full days schedule for us with a tour to Great Lakes on Friday and a museum tour on Saturday winding up with a combined Breakfast and Business meeting where you will select our next reunion site and slate of officers for the next two years. I ask that all officers stand for re-election and expect some members to be candidates for office so that you will have the opportunity to select the best leadership available for your organization. So be prepared to make a selection for the good of the association.

There is a Rapid Transit Station at the hotel. The last time I was in Chicago I rode from the hotel downtown and proffered the attendant a dime. She said "you need more than that." I told her that was what it cost to ride the "Ell" when I left home, as I fumbled for more change. She said that must have been before she was born because it is $1.25 (in 1997). I believe it is $1.50 now, but well worth it for a half-hour ride through a variety of ethnic neighborhoods, each decorated differently. Close into town you will drop down into the subway. Get off at State and Randolph, come up to the surface and be prepared!

You will be in front of Marshall Fields Department Store, that is over 100 years old and the most beautiful décor of any store I have ever been in. Stand under the Clock, face north and you are a couple blocks walk to Whacker Drive and the Chicago River. Try to have time to take in a movie, as the theatre you will pass is one of the most artistically decorated theatres I have ever been in. If you are still under the Clock, do a left face and look west. There is a greenway where there used to be offices and stores. The view of State Street was overwhelming in my younger days. Now do another left face and look south on State Street. At one time there was a major department store in each of the next six blocks. Some of the remaining buildings have been converted to college classrooms. The south end of the "Loop" so called for the elevated tracks surrounding the 8 by 8 block area. The south State street area was the tenderloin area of strippers, vaudeville and honky tonk bars and a "White Castle" restaurant where you could get a hamburger for a nickel before boarding the Rock Island RR to head out South, or the B & O RR to go east, like when I re-enlisted in 1952 and was sent to RecSta DC FFA.

If you are still standing under the Clock, do another left face, face east and step out marching down Randolph Street two blocks to Michigan Avenue. Stop at Michigan, climb the Library steps if they are still there. (The Chicago Library moved some time ago to replace the "honkey tonks" on South State Street.) Look south to your right, eyeballing Grant Park, the Art Museum and on the west side of Michigan Ave a continuous row of elite hotels. Imagine for a minute standing there on Armistice Day 1941 watching the American Legion parading for what would be their last celebration of the end of the last "war to end all wars". I was there and after the parade walked back to State and Madison, had lunch in Walgreen's basement cafeteria, and then walked south looking greedily at all of the neat Christmas displays in each of the six department stores that were unveiled early in the morning of Nov 11th.

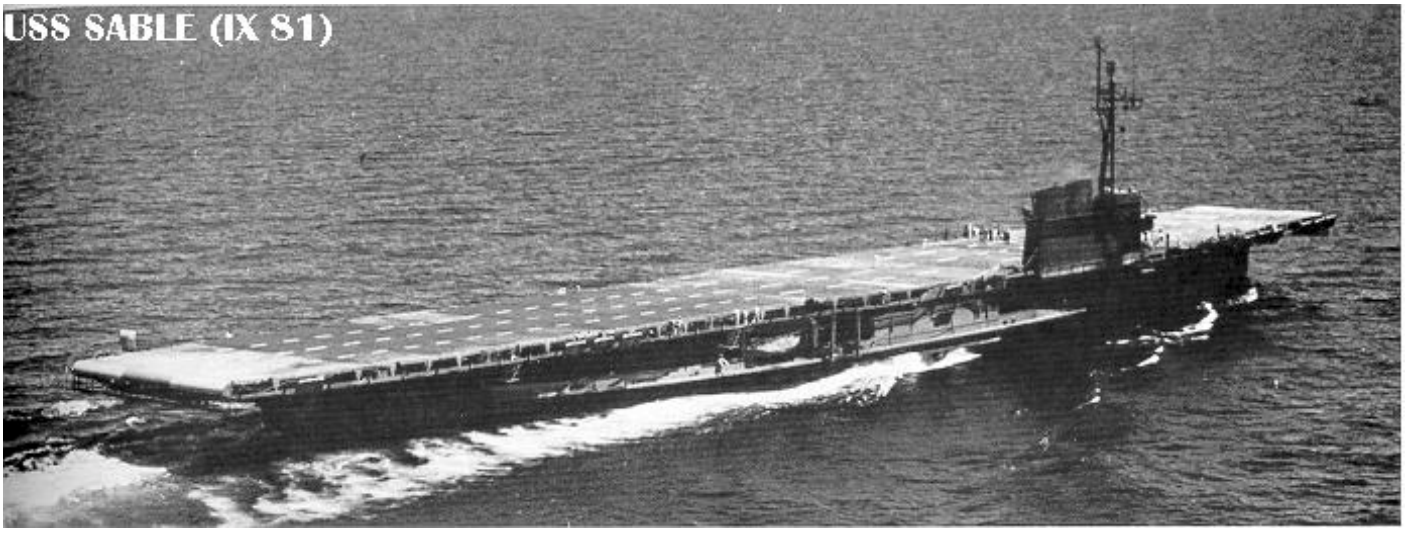
While you are still at Michigan Avenue, look east, out over Grant Park, scene of many "peacenik" demonstrations in the 70's. At one time

there was a Naval Armory for Naval Reserves where I drilled in 1947, 50 until I volunteered for active duty on Sun Jun 25th 1950 (start of Korean War) and ultimately was ordered to duty in USS Daniel A Joy (DE-585) which to my disappointment was moored to the same pier that I had drilled on along with 2 PCE's.

Now turn left and walk north on Michigan, in front of the Sears Tower to Whacker Drive, cross the Chicago River to the Tribune Building and walk the "Magnificent Mile" to the Chicago Water Tower, the lone surviving stone structure from the Chicago Fire of October 1870. This area has been restored and redeveloped into a mile of boutiques, coffee shops, etc When you get to the Water Tower turn east and walk a couple of blocks to Navy Pier. There were reserve officer training and several technical schools for the navy. There were two aircraft carriers moored there during the war. "Aircraft Carriers" you say! Yep, the Sable and

Wolverine. Both were lake steamers used to ferry cars and passengers to Michigan and other points like Mackinac Island before the war. The superstructure was leveled and a flight deck installed. The stacks were bent 90 degrees so the smoke was dissipated out over the side paddle wheels. The carriers were used for "touch and go" flight operation for pilots from Glenview Air Station just west of Great Lakes. Arthur Godfrey was a USNR Officer there as was my cousin Frank who was an air controller there. Be prepared to experience a wealth of history in Chicago.

The Museum tour will give you an opportunity to visit either the Museum of Science and Industry in Jackson Park or the Field Museum of Natural History in Grant Park. The two parks are connected by the "Outer Drive" which is about 8 miles from Randolph St to the Garfield where the Science Museum is sited. It was part of the 1890 Century of Progress. All of the other buildings are long gone, but the path of the grand lagoon remains. In winter, they are sprinkled daily until a nice skating pond is created by kids like me who worked for .35 an hour. The primary display of the Science museum is hard to determine. They have a collection of antique cars that race every year north to Randolph Street and back. They have a replica coal mine that you take a specially rigged elevator from the third floor to the basement, seemingly to 500 feet. In front of the museum is the U-505. It was captured by ADM Dan Gallery (previously, the first CO of the Gunnery Training Facility at Dam Neck VA) who at the time was skipper of an escort carrier. One of his patrol planes caught the sub on the surface and bombed her. The German crew abandoned ship after setting scuttling charges. A boarding party from the CVE secured the boat while the crew was recovered from the sea. The 505 was taken to Newport camouflaged as a USS boat and later was brought up the St Lawrence Seaway and installed at the museum. Access to the boat is from the basement of the museum. The room is an outstanding collection of WW II Navy memorabilia. Be prepared for the opportunity to recall the earlier day of your life from the farm, the railroad, medical marvel, the small town or big city and your career in the Navy during your visit to Chicago's Science Museum.



The Museum Campus at the Field Museum features a fabulous aquarium and an intriguing Planetarium that present continuous presentations of the heavenly bodies. The Field Museum is the leading repository of dinosaur bones and other prehistoric artifacts. Native American Culture is well presented. I have not been back to these museums in many years. My folks disowned me when I re-enlisted in 1952, but after my mother died in 1972 my dad changed his mind after seeing some of my children for the first time. I brought 3 of them out in 1973 for a visit and we visited the museums and the Wisconsin Dells. Be prepared to spend some extra time before or after the reunion to savor the sights, sounds and history of Chicago.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago in August. I will be arriving from 10 days in Quincy MA, leading our semi-annual working party on USS Salem (see photo below). The Spring W/P will be May 3 to 12. I hope to have 12 or more hands in May and over 20 in August. If any of you would like to bust some rust on the fantail of a heavy cruiser and refurbish 2 3"/50 Mounts and MK 63 Directors let me know. I can use some younger help.

I am trying to arrange a reunion of my surviving cousins at the hotel for a couple of days after the reunion, after which I plan to fly to San Diego to visit my oldest son and family. Until then I remain your shipmate and the "Chief"

Don Shirey, President

DUES DUES DUES

Your dues are either:

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or

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Note: The Sampson Association dues are the least expensive of any service organization that we are familiar with. We depend on prompt payment of your dues. (2 years advance accepted)

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Membership

Help us increase the size of our membership. Contact any old shipmates and see if they are interested in joining the association. If you have access to the internet, use that to search for old shipmates.

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2001 Chicago Reunion (by Marty Hanson)

Now is the time to sign up for the reunion! **The deadline for reserving the tours is May 1 and the deadline for reserving rooms is July 26.**

A reunion of the USS Sampson Association will be held in Chicago from Thursday, August 16 through Sunday August 19, 2001. The USS Sampson Association has chosen an outstanding hotel for the reunion headquarters. It is the O'Hare Marriott, located at Interstate 90 and Cumberland Avenue inside the Chicago city limits. (The hotel's address is 8535 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631.) The Association has also been promised free parking at the hotel during our stay. (Most Chicago and airport hotels charge for parking.) The hotel has many other advantages. It is close to O'Hare Airport and offers a free shuttle bus to and from the airport. It is within walking distance of a Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) commuter train station. The hotel is a huge full-service hotel with 681 guestrooms and five restaurants and bars. The cost at the O'Hare Marriott is $89 (plus tax) per night per room.

Much detailed information about the reunion of the USS Sampson Association planned for Chicago, Illinois, was provided in the August, 2000, newsletter. The August newsletter described the buffets and waiter served meals that are planned for the meeting at the Marriott. The newsletter also describes planned bus tours to Great Lakes Naval Training Center and Chicago Museums. Please read the August newsletter for more information on transportation both getting to Chicago and transportation in the city. Also the August newsletter contains a list of important Chicago area attractions and their websites. If you lost or did not receive the August Newsletter, it is available on the USS Sampson Association Internet website: http://www.angelfire.com/fl3/sampsonddg10/index.html.

Now is the time to reserve your place at the reunion. Two steps are required to make your reservation.

1. Send payments for the reunion meeting, tours and meals to the Association Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Brandt.
2. Call the hotel direct reservation number and reserve your room for the reunion.

Note: The O'Hare Marriott direct reservation number is 847-375-3400. Ask for a room in the Sampson Association block. **Do not use the Marriott toll-free 800 number.** The deadline for making room reservations at the Marriott and guaranteeing the Sampson Association room rate of $89.00 is July 26, 2001.

Use the ***2001 Reunion Reservations*** at the end of this newsletter to select the meals and tours you wish to attend and then send payment for these selections to Dave Brandt. The following selections and their prices are available:

Meeting Fee: This to be paid by all attendees.
Per Person $20.00

Friday Evening Buffet: Mexican Fiesta Buffet in a Marriott Dining Room.
Per Person $50.00

Saturday Evening Dinner:
Chose one entrée for each attendee.

Baked Orange Roughy	Per Person $45.00
Spicy Cashew Chicken	Per Person $42.00
New York Strip Steak	Per Person $55.00

Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet:
An Association Business Meeting will follow
Per Person $30.00

Tour to Great Lakes Naval Training Center
Departing from the O'Hare Marriott at 7:30 AM
Friday August 17 Per Person $30.00

Tour to Chicago Museums
Departing from the O'Hare Marriott at 9:00 AM
Saturday August 18 Per Person $25.00

The tour busses must be arranged four months in advance because August is a busy time**.**
Therefore the deadline for committing for tours is May 1, 2001.

Chicago Air and Water Show

The Chicago Air and Water show will take place on August 18th and 19th, the same Saturday and Sunday as the Sampson Reunion in Chicago.

We are looking at our Saturday and Sunday schedules so that you will have an opportunity to attend some of the show.

From the Editor

I would again like to thank Don Shirey and Marty Hanson for supplying the majority of the information in this newsletter.

If there is information you would like included or excluded from the newsletter please let me know. I will try to accommodate and balance everyone's requests.

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Tee Shirts, dark blue (large and extra large)	$11.00
Color photo of Sampson, $3^1/_2$ X 5 (no shipping charge)	$1.00
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Shipmates in Distress

Brian Bridgers reported that his father, James G Bridgers passed away in1985 and would like him remembered. James was a PO# in the 1960's.

A recent call to Jan Kokkila revealed that Bill is home under her care. The VA modified their house for access and mobility. Bill is still comatose, but Jan feels that he recognizes some sounds. She asks your prayers for him.

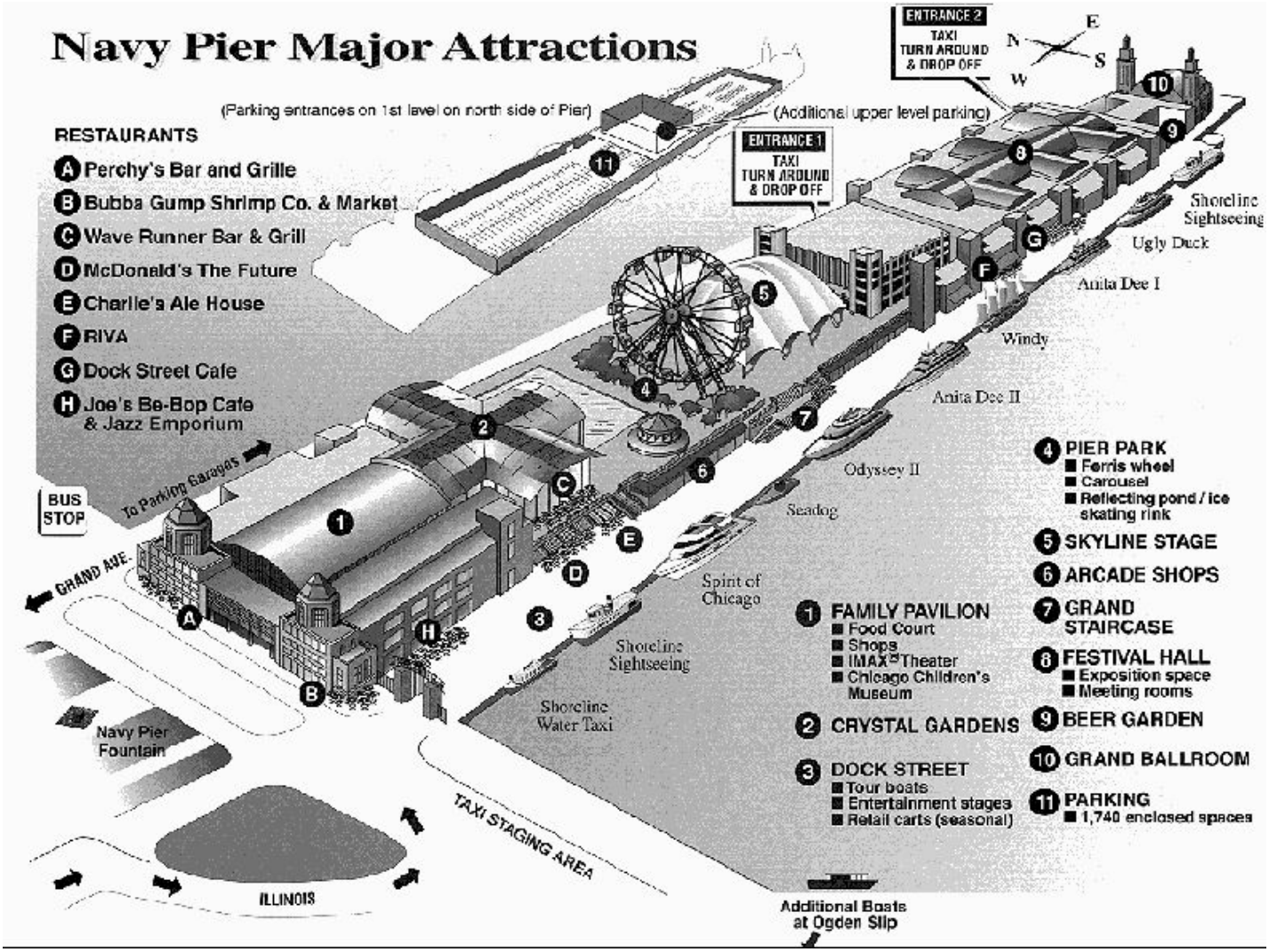
It is with deep sadness that I ask your prayers for Bonnie Brandt who passed on to her eternal reward in September.

Does anyone know the status and/or location of BTCS George Queen? We have not been able to contact him or his wife Ima Jeanne at their last address in NC.

Does anyone know the status of FTMC Bill Seacrest last known to be in CA and reported anonymously to be deceased.

Please pass on information about shipmates who are ill, in distress, or who have answered their last call by the Supreme Commander.

Navy Pier Layout



Chicago Information (by Marty Hanson)

CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS

Chicago neighborhoods are a surprise. The rich ethnic groups that have settled in the city during its short life have built the neighborhoods. Most neighborhoods are wonderful tourist attractions. The most dynamic and fascinating is Lincoln Park, the area west of Lincoln Park, north of the Loop, populated by the young single and married people who have migrated here for the strong job market in The Loop. This is an amazing area thick with beautiful trees and new and old apartments and condos. Every conceivable housing facility is available here except for a house with a yard. The most inexpensive old apartment to million dollar condos and town houses can be found. Parking your car is almost impossible. All the upscale stores and shops have locations in Lincoln Park. Deeded reserved parking spaces are sold for as much as $65,000 each!

Each of the city's major universities is surrounded by a fascinating neighborhood. These include Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago, DePaul University. Just north of the city is Evanston with Northwestern University.

Other neighborhoods include River North (the restaurant and night-life center), Greektown, Bridgeport, Streeterville, Andersonville, Lakeview, Hyde Park, Bronzeville, Chinatown, The Loop, Gold Coast, Maxwell Street, Old Town, Printers Row, Pullman, Sheffield, Wicker Park, and many others. All these neighborhoods are enjoying attention and rejuvenation from the city administration in this new strong economy. The parks are cleaned up. The streets and sidewalks are new. And flowers can be seen everywhere. You can find every conceivable

type of restaurant and bar in most of these neighborhoods.

BEST OF CHICAGO

The latest *Chicago* Magazine reporting The "Best Of Chicago" is out. The tourist does not know most of this stuff. I have taken the liberty of adding to the magazine's lists to include several of my own favorites.

The best doughnut. Most USS Sampson Assn. members already know this. Krispy Kreme doughnuts have just arrived in Chicago and they are the instant favorite. They have been around in the south including Norfolk and Mayport for years. I was first introduced to Krispy Kreme doughnuts in Norfolk on the USS Sampson. The north country has finally joined the lucky people who have access to this gourmet food. My wife has Illinois work mates who drive twenty miles out of their way to work in the morning just so they can bring Krispy Kreme doughnuts to work. Krispy Kreme doughnuts have created a stir in Chicago you would not believe!

To get to the following attractions you will have to walk north from one of the blue line stops immediately west of The Loop.

The best sidewalk restaurant. Most Chicagoans have not discovered this. This is a favorite of mine. It is in Greektown west of the loop within walking distance of The Loop and the blue line from the O'Hare. To get to this restaurant take the blue line to the UIC-Halsted stop and walk north to the Athena Restaurant at 212 S. Halsted. This restaurant has an outdoor garden on the sidewalk that transports you to Greece. You can relax in the sun, or by candlelight. It has a cascading waterfall. You will think you are back on a Med cruise. And unlike Greece it has an unbelievable view of the loop skyscrapers including the Sears Tower right from your table. (312-655-0000).

The best church interior. Included in the architectural treasures of Chicago are its churches. One church that will blow you away is Old St. Patrick's Church in the West Loop. This is a Catholic Church on the edge of the Kennedy Expressway. You would think it would have been abandoned long ago seeing it's site. However, the inside is like candy for the eyes. It is one of the most spectacular interiors in all of Chicagoland. This church has boasted some of the city's most beautiful stained glass windows depicting the great Irish saints, and now after $6.5 million has been spent out of a total plan of $10.5 million the 144 year old church has been transformed by Chicago color specialist Robert Furhoff and Chicago architect Laurence Booth into an unbelievable showcase of Celtic designs. This church is at 700 W. Adams Street. If any of you are familiar with church finances you will know that paying back $10.5 million is impossible for most churches. However, if you are on your feet walking in the West Loop you will notice that this church is in a neighbor of the huge four-skyscraper Presidential Towers, a giant modern residential apartment complex. Also, you will notice that most of the old industrial buildings in the West Loop are now residential condominium lofts. The neighborhood is vibrant with new residents who have money and good jobs. Old St. Patrick's Church runs some of the most successful singles activities in the city including hugely successful block parties. Also, as you walk this neighborhood you will notice that a Toyota dealer has been quick to discover this potential and is part of the new phenomenon of auto dealers moving back into the city. Call before you try to visit this church. I am not sure when they are open. To get to this church walk west from The Loop, east from Athena Restaurant or get off the blue line at the Clinton stop and walk 3 blocks north to Adams Street then 2 blocks west to DesPlaines. Their phone is 312-648-1021.

The best commuter train stations. Like New York and Philadelphia, Chicago is a city of train commuters. The large number of rail lines that were built when Chicago was the railroad capitol of the world are now used for bringing commuters to the city from all the suburbs. The commuter trains are separate from the CTA. Chicago has four major commuter rail stations located in different locations just outside The Loop. Two stations are of interest to the tourist. The first is Union Station between Adams and Jackson streets on the west side of the Chicago River. This station has an interesting Great Hall that serves primarily as an Amtrak waiting room on the west side of the building. The second station is the Ogilve Transportation Center (the old Northwestern terminal) at Monroe and Canal Streets just west of the Chicago River. This is a new modern glass skyscraper that doubles as a commuter rail station. Everything is new and modern inside and it is an example of the latest design in rail stations. These stations are between the Kennedy Expressway and the Chicago River. You can walk to them from the Athena Restaurant or from the Old St. Patrick's Church. You can also get to them by walking west 6 blocks from the Washington blue line stop, west 7

blocks from the Monroe blue line stop, west 6 blocks from the Jackson blue line stop, or 2 blocks north from the Clinton blue line stop.

The following places are not within walking distance of The Loop.

The best beer store. Strolling the aisles of Casey's at 1444 West Chicago Avenue (312-243-2850) is a little like browsing the shelves of your favorite bookstore. As you walk from cooler to cooler, differently brightly colored labels catch your eye, hinting at the delicious brew contained within. The selection is mind-boggling with more than 400 beers from Germany, Japan, Austria, France, Poland, Kenya, and other countries. There is a good selection of U.S. microbrews, too. This store is located in Wicker Park. To get to this store get off the blue line at the Chicago Avenue stop and walk 4 blocks west.

The best church exterior. Their skyscraping steeples define most Chicago churches. Holy Trinity Cathedral, in the West Town neighborhood, takes a humbler approach. Designed by Louis Sullivan (the famous post-Chicago-fire architect who did many Loop buildings), the small 97-year-old Russian Orthodox church reflects the provincial traditions of its original parishioners, emigrants from southern Russia and the Carpathian Mountains. Hoping to make one of the "the most unique and poetic buildings in the country", Sullivan created a simple white stucco building set off by an octagonal onion dome and a modest bell tower. You can get off the Damen blue line stop and walk 6 blocks south to Haddon, then 2 blocks west to Leavitt. This church is located at 1121 N. Leavitt Street, 773-486-4545.

The best nature spots. There are four and as you might expect they are all in the suburbs. They include: Ryerson Conservation Area at 21950 North Riverwoods Road, Deefield in Lake County. The phone is 847-968-3321; The Little Red Schoolhouse in the 11,000 acre Palos Forest Preserve in southwestern Cook County at 9800 South Willow Road, Willow Springs, 708-839-6897; Morton Arboretum is west in DuPage County at I-88 and Route 53 in Lisle, 630-719-2465; and The Grove in the Glenview Park District at 1421 Milwaukee Avenue, 847-299-6096. The Morton Arboretum is a good attraction for those who do not want to walk. It is easily accessible by car via Interstates from the O'Hare Marriott and most of its attractions can be viewed from the car window on a convenient drive-thru trail.

The best quiet dining spots. Money may not buy happiness, but it's easy to figure that some of the quietest tables in town also command the highest prices. Some people are willing to open up their wallets to dine at Charlie Trotter's where silence is golden. On just any old night, however, when all we want is some gracious low-key comfort, eight table A Tavola at 2148 West Chicago Avenue (773-276-7567) soothes over with oven-roasted chicken next to Parmesan polenta or a bowlful of the best gnocchi in town. This spot is 14 blocks west of the Chicago Avenue blue line stop. Even more laid back – dare we say "funky"? – is Munch at 1800 West Grand Avenue, (312-266-4914) this season's sleeper. You also get here from the Chicago Avenue blue line stop by walking 5 blocks south and 10 blocks west. Looking for the entire world like a corner diner it is, this casual joint is peaceful as can be, and the pan-seared salmon is a revelation. Both of these places are in Wicker Park.

The best undiscovered park. East meets West at Ping Tom Memorial Park, the gorgeously landscaped green space named for the Chinatown businessman and community leader who died in 1995. Visitors to the park (19th St. West of Wentworth Avenue) walk over functioning railroad tracks before encountering four 20-foot tall stone columns engraved with dragon motifs and a red-and-yellow open-air pagoda with small dragons cavorting on its roof. The CTA train rumbles overhead, the 18th Street bridge looms to the east, and across the river, freight trains roll over an old vertical-lift bridge with immense 19-story towers. Despite these urban intrusions, the six-acre park is a tranquil oasis with ginkgo trees, a bamboo grove, and Chinese-style gardens. You get here from the CTA red line Cermak/Chinatown stop. Walk ½ block west and 2 blocks north to 19th then west to the park.

RESTAURANTS

As you walk around Chicago you will get hungry and thirsty. So let us deal with the basics first. Chicagoland or more specifically, Oakbrook, Illinois, is the world headquarters of McDonalds. So you would expect to find lots of McDonalds restaurants and you will. They are not the best, the fastest, or the cleanest restaurants around but they are everywhere and you know what to expect. There are a few minor surprises including the Rock & Roll McDonalds with a '57 Chevy inside located in River North. Also there is a hidden away basement McDonalds on Monroe Street in The Loop.

Chicago has lots of coffee shops both in the city and in the suburbs. The most common is Starbuck's. Others include: Caribou Coffee and Dunkin' Doughnuts. Starbucks and Caribou have created some cold caffeine drinks for the hot summer weather. As you walk around the city you will often be surprised to find these coffee shops nearby. You can step in for a jolt of caffeine and then your walk will be a little faster and easier. Every sailor enjoys his caffeine.

Another good restaurant chain found all over Chicago and its suburbs is Corner Bakery. Corner Bakery stores are upscale fast food shops that sell bread, cake, coffee, soup, and sandwiches. They also have some coffee specialty drinks that compete with Starbuck's. These are excellent places to get caffeine and a snack as you walk around the city.

An outstanding breakfast and lunch restaurant found in the loop is Wall Street Deli. This is a fast food, primarily take out, restaurant that caters to the weekday loop worker. Many Wall Street Deli's have indoor or sidewalk tables. There are many of these fine restaurants in the loop only. These restaurants are closed in the evening and on weekends. However, one of these restaurants in the Music Mart near the Harold Washington Library is open on Saturday.

You will also find many Subway Sandwich Shops in The Loop and in the neighborhoods. These stores are open most of the time. Subway is a national chain so you are probably already familiar with their products and services.

If you find yourself on east west Wacker Drive in the center city you will want to check out the river-level restaurants along this street. There are three or four of these restaurants alongside the Chicago River accessible from Wacker Drive by walking down open-air stairs on the riverside of Wacker Drive. These are outdoor restaurants where you have your meal sitting among the trees almost at river level. You will see the river boat traffic passing by your table. It is just like being in Paris.

Chicago has hundreds of ethnic and gourmet restaurants all over the city in the city center, neighborhoods and the suburbs. You can find anything you want and there are too many to list them here. Many are absolute delights like nothing you have ever experienced before. Start your search with the Metromix web site or *Chicago* magazine, which should be on the newsstand in the Marriott.

Chicago has several world-class gourmet restaurants that compete with the best restaurants in the world. My favorite is Charlie Trotter's, owned and operated by a Chicago native. Charlie Trotter's is located at 816 West Armitage in Lincoln Park. The phone number is 773-248-6228. Coat and tie and reservations are required. Charlie Trotter's is three blocks east of the CTA brown line Armitage stop.

The most spectacular Sunday brunch buffet is available at Seasons in the Four Seasons Hotel at 120 East Delaware Place. This is in the middle of the Magnificent Mile shopping area located in the building, 900 North Michigan Avenue, that is also an indoor shopping mall. I have never experienced a buffet more elegant and beautiful to behold anywhere in the world. Reservations are advised, 312-649-2349. The Magnificent Mile (Michigan Avenue) is 3 blocks east of the CTA red line Chicago Avenue stop. The Four Seasons Hotel is 3 blocks north of Chicago Avenue on Michigan Avenue.

Another world-class restaurant is Everest located at the top of the skyscraper just south of the Sears Tower. It is called One Financial Place, 440 South LaSalle Street. Reservations are required, 312-663-8920. This is in The Loop and is accessible from the several elevated CTA lines at the LaSalle stop and from the blue line at the Jackson or LaSalle stops.

There are other high-in-the-sky restaurants around the city. But none of them serve world class food. They have great views. These include: Cite' Restaurant on top of Lake Point Tower, 505 North Lakeshore Drive, next to Navy Pier (see ***Navy Pier Layout***). Reservations required, 312-644-4050; The Signature Room on top of the John Hancock Building on the Magnificent Mile shopping area. Reservations advised, 312-787-9596; and The Top of the Tower on top of the Sears Tower at 223 South Wacker Drive. Reservations required 312-993-9801.

SHOPPING

The most interesting shopping centers are located in Chicago. The Magnificent Mile shopping area is on North Michigan Avenue north of the Chicago River. You get to the Magnificent Mile by walking 14 blocks east of the blue line Grand Avenue stop or 3 blocks east of the red line Chicago Avenue

stop. This is a spectacular upscale shopping area that will dazzle you even if you have been to Fifth Avenue in New York and Rodeo Drive in California. There are four vertical indoor malls on the Magnificent Mile. Nordstrom's has just opened a new store here. The Nordstrom store anchors the newest vertical mall, Northbridge. Bloomingdale's anchors the 900 North Michigan Avenue vertical mall, which includes the Four Seasons Hotel. Across the street on the east side of Michigan Avenue is Water Tower Place, a vertical mall, containing Lord & Taylor, Marshall Fields, The Ritz Carlton Hotel, and 100 other stores. A fourth vertical mall on the west side of Michigan Avenue south is Chicago Place anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue. The Magnificent Mile includes many other attractions including spectacular outlets of many national chains in separate street level storefronts. Beautiful parks can be found on or adjacent to the Magnificent Mile. The Museum of Contemporary Art is just east of the Magnificent Mile. The Nike store is certainly worth a visit with lots of Michael Jordan memorabilia. If you have daughters or granddaughters you must visit American Girl Place.

Another interesting shopping area is State Street south of the Chicago River in The Loop. This is the old Chicago shopping area and it includes the original Marshall Fields and Carson Pirie Scott stores. Even though both of these stores have more modern properties in the suburbs, The Loop stores are really interesting buildings to visit, both inside and outside. The Loop stores are accessible from several blue line and red line CTA stops. Monroe is probably the best, but Washington and Jackson also provide direct transfers between the red and blue lines.

Both of these Chicago shopping areas can only be enjoyed on foot. The side streets along each of these shopping areas include many interesting sights.

If you want to drive to a shopping area, the biggest enclosed suburban shopping mall is Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg at the intersection of Interstate 290 and Higgins Road. Another beautiful suburban shopping mall is Oak Brook Center in Oakbrook, Illinois, at the intersection of Interstate 88 and Illinois 83. Oak Brook Center is an outdoor mall but the stores are upscale and the landscaping is magnificent. Both of these malls are accessible from the O'Hare Marriott via highway driving.

Disposition of Adams Class DDGs

The following information is taken from ***The Naval Institutes Guide to the Ships and Aircraft of the U.S. Fleet***.

Number	Name	Decommissioned	Stricken or Transferred
DDG 2	Charles F. Adams	August 1, 1990	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 3	John King	March 30, 1990	Stricken on January 12, 1993
DDG 4	Lawrence	March 30, 1990	Stricken on May 16, 1990
DDG 5	Claude V. Ricketts	October 31, 1989	Stricken on June 1, 1990
DDG 6	Barney	December 17, 1990	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 7	Henry B. Wilson	October 2, 1989	Stricken on January 26, 1990
DDG 8	Lynde McCormick	October 1, 1991	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 9	Towers	October 1, 1990	Stricken on October 1, 1990
DDG 10	Sampson	June 24, 1991	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 11	Sellers	October 31, 1989	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 12	Robison	October 1, 1991	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 13	Hoel	October 1, 1990	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 14	Buchanan	October 1, 1991	Stricken on November 20, 1992 (see next page)
DDG 15	Berkeley	May 1, 1992	Transferred to Greece on September 30, 1992
DDG 16	Joseph Strauss	February 1, 1990	Transferred to Greece on October 1, 1991
DDG 17	Conyngham	October 29, 1990	Stricken on May 30, 1991
DDG 18	Semmes	September 12, 1991	Transferred to Greece on September 2, 1991
DDG 19	Tattnal	January 18, 1991	Stricken on June 12, 1993
DDG 20	Goldsborough	April 29, 1992	Transferred to Australia on September 17, 1993
DDG 21	Cochrane	October 1, 1990	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 22	Benjamin Stoddert	December 20, 1991	Stricken on November 20, 1992
DDG 23	Richard E. Byrd	April 27, 1990	Transferred to Greece on October 1, 1991
DDG24	Waddell	October 1, 1992	Transferred to Greece on October 1 1992

Final Disposition of DDG-14 (by Joe Tenzer)

The following is a copy of an article describing the disposition of the USS Buchanan, DDG14.

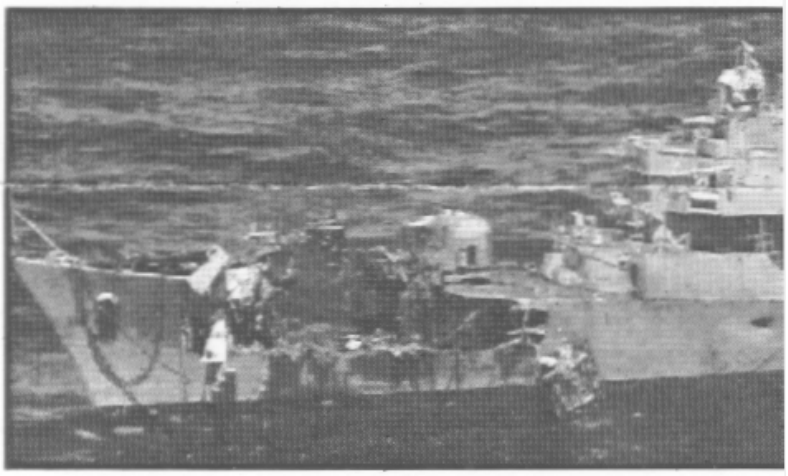
Farewell to a sister

Ex-USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14) slipped beneath the waves following weapons exercises during Fleet Exercise RIMPAC 2000. She took a relentless pounding with Hellfire missiles fired from SH-60 LAMPS helos, Harpoon missiles from RAAF F-111's and U.S. P-3 aircraft, and she was also hit with a 2000 lb laser guided GBU-24 bomb. The USS BUFFALO (SSN-715) was to have delivered the coup de grace with a MK-48 torpedo, but it malfunctioned. Buchanan stayed afloat all night.

The following morning an EOD team placed charges on board and she sank off the Northwest coast of Kauai. Among other target hulks sunk during the week was the ex-USS WORDEN (CG-18).

Source: *Robert J. Burnz, FTMC, USN (Ret)*

R. Burnz is employed by the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai



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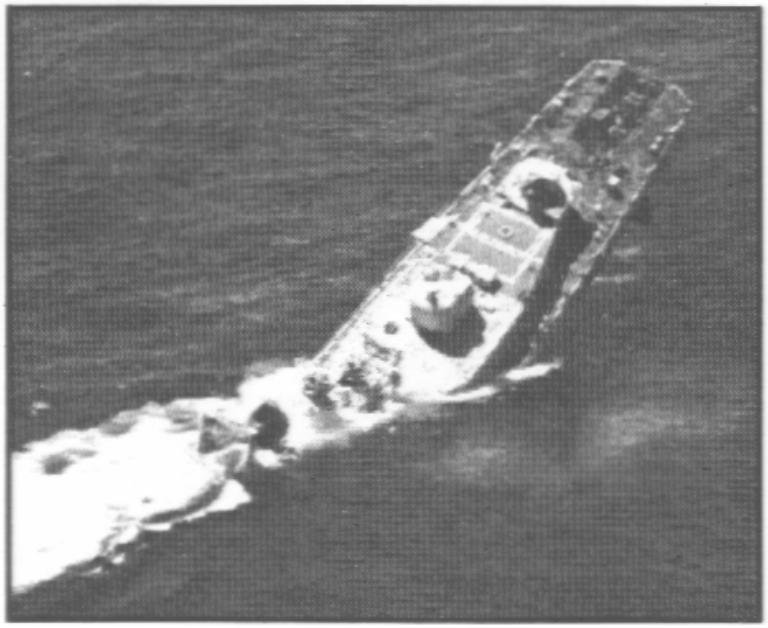

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Friday Evening Buffet		(___)	X	$50.00	_____
Saturday Dinner	Fish	(___)	X	$45.00	_____
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Tour reservation deadline - May 1, 2001
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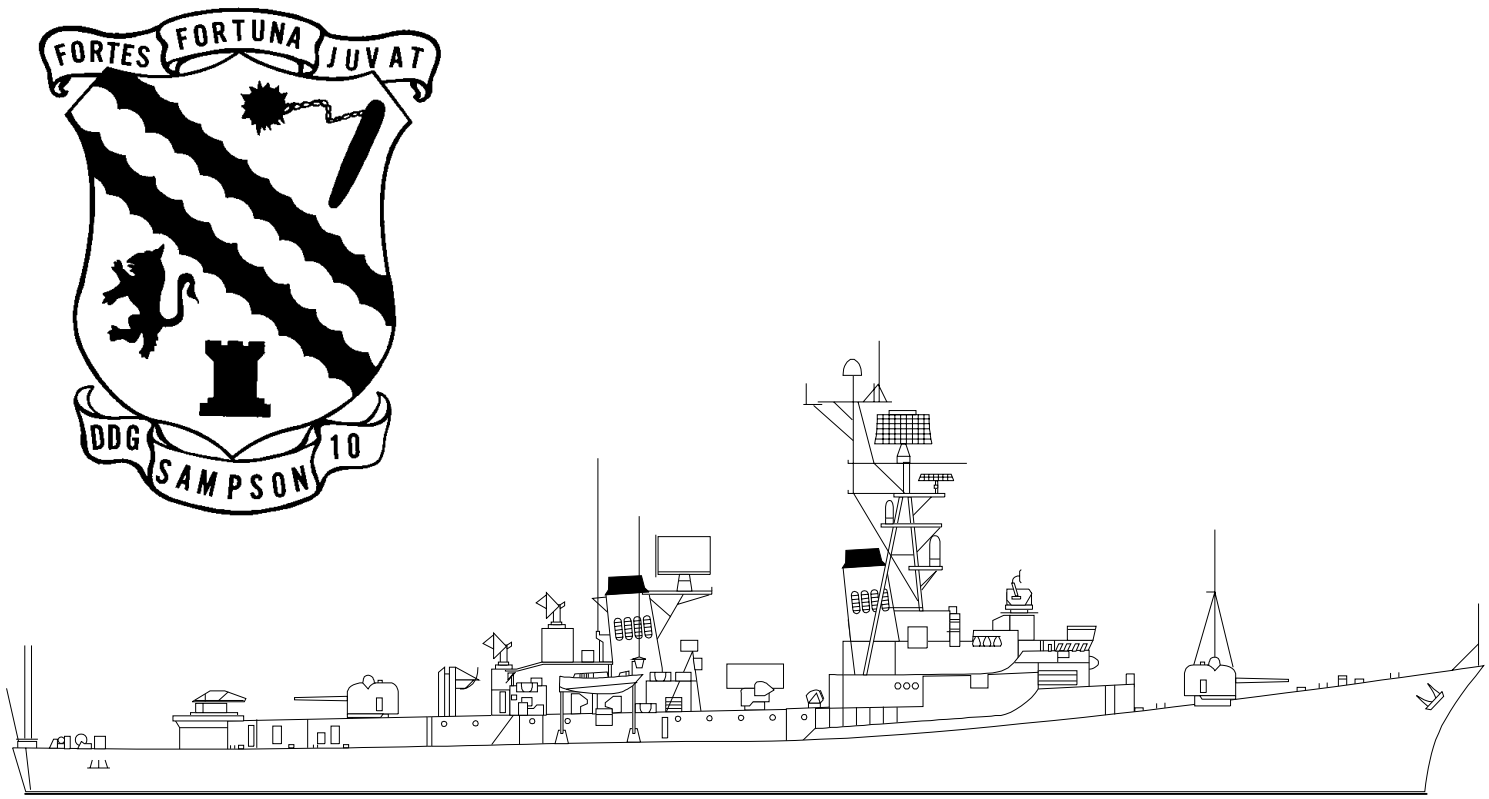
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