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### Description

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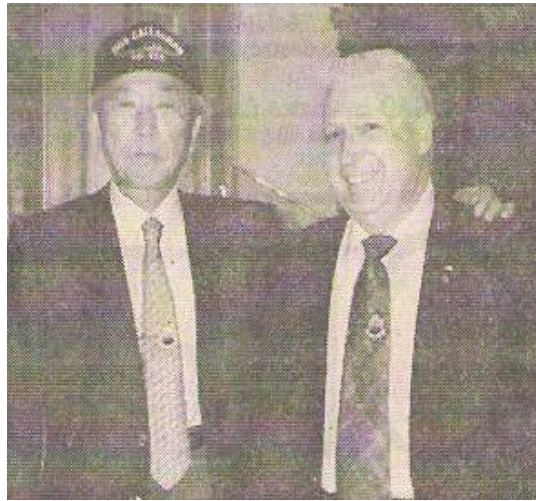
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**Draft Guide to the  
Leo Jarboe Papers (MS-173)**



Kaoru Hasegawa and Leo Jarboe

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## MS-173 – The Leo Jarboe Papers

(2 boxes, .5 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1945-2004

Bulk Dates: 1945; 1981-1998

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### Provenance

Donated by Leo Jarboe to Special Collections and Archives in 2014 and 2015. Terri Bertholf, widow of Commander Charles Bertholf, gave some of the documents to Mr. Leo Jarboe.

### Biographical Note

#### *Leo Jarboe*

U.S. Navy Veteran Leo Jarboe was born on October 12, 1926 in Gaithersburg Point, Maryland. Growing up in a family of 10 siblings, he often spent time swimming and racing in a pool nearby for the Boys' Club. At the age of 17, during World War II, he decided to join the Navy. After completing training as a gunner, he was assigned to the *USS Callaghan* (DD-792), which was eventually stationed near Okinawa. On May 25, 1945, a Japanese kamikaze dove down to strike the ship tied to the *Callaghan*, the *USS Indianapolis*. The *Callaghan* shot down the Japanese warplane, and then rescued two of the three Japanese men on the warplane. One died on the ship, but the other survived and was eventually transferred to a POW camp and then released when the war ended. The *Callaghan*, unfortunately, was struck by another kamikaze attack on July 28, 1945, just a few days before the end of the war and sunk, killing 47 men and one officer. Jarboe survived, and after a few more months of service, decided to rejoin civilian life and was discharged from the Navy. He spent thirty years as a plumbing foreman in the U.S. Capitol building before retiring. His stories of life and growing up live on in his collection and an oral history interview completed with him by Melanie Fernandes '16. A transcript of that interview is available as part of the Gettysburg College Oral History Collection in the Special Collections Reading Room, Musselman Library.

#### *Kaoru Hasegawa 1924 - 2004*

Born in 1924 in Nagoya, Japan, Kaoru Hasegawa joined the Naval Academy in 1941. He joined the Naval Air Corps, and trained to become a "Special Attack" pilot. Hasegawa received a mission for a kamikaze attack scheduled for May 25, 1945. The mission failed, when Hasegawa's plane was shot down as it tried to strike the *USS Indianapolis*. Hasegawa and another airman in his plane survived, and the *USS Callaghan's* (DD-792) commander Captain Charles Marriner Bertholf sent the *Callaghan* to rescue them. His companion died, but Hasegawa was transferred to another ship and then to a POW camp in Guam. By 1995, in addition to completing university and getting married, Hasegawa had risen to become President of Rengo Co., Ltd., a corrugated box manufacturer. In 1995, he came contacted with Leo Jarboe while researching the ship that

rescued him. Hasegawa started a Naval Exchange Program between United States and Japanese students, where each group would travel to and learn about the other country. He stayed in contact with Leo Jarboe until his death in 2004.

## Historical Note

### *USS Callaghan*

Commissioned in 1943 in honor of the deceased Rear Admiral Daniel Judson Callaghan, the destroyer *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) shot down 12 ships over the course of almost two years. On May 25, 1945, it rescued two Japanese kamikaze airmen. After being stationed near Okinawa, Japan, the *Callaghan* was only 45 minutes from setting off for home when it was struck by a successful kamikaze attack on July 28, 1945. The destroyer sunk, taking 47 members of the crew with it. It was the last destroyer sunk in World War II.

In 1981, the second *USS Callaghan* (DDG-994) was commissioned. At the commissioning ceremony, members from the previous ship were honored. It was later decommissioned in 1998.

## Scope and Content Notes

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## Series Description

This collection is divided into twelve Series. **Series 1:** Information about the *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) and its sinking on July 28, 1945, including biographies on the destroyer, deck logs, missing personnel reports, letters of commendation, action reports, and Japanese reports about the sinking. **Series 2:** General information about Japanese aircraft and kamikaze attacks. **Series 3:** Articles and interviews with Kaoru Hasegawa. **Series 4:** Kaoru Hasegawa Personal recollections, letters, images, dinner invitation, and Rengo publication. **Series 5:** Letters and memos to and from Leo Jarboe and Terri Bertholf, widow of Captain Charles Bertholf. **Series 6:** Japanese images, articles, and reports on other ships. **Series 7:** War diaries, action reports, advanced copies, and operations report of other ships. **Series 8:** Itineraries, booklet, and business card for *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) reunions and a trip to Japan by several *Callaghan* veterans. **Series 9:** Booklets, itineraries, articles, letters, attendant lists, and screening information about the U.S./Japan Naval Exchange Program. **Series 10:** Commissioning, decommissioning, and general information about the second *USS Callaghan* (DDG-994). **Series 11:** Images of Mrs. Daniel Callaghan, Captain Charles Bertholf, *USS Callaghan* (DD-792), and *USS Callaghan* (DDG-994). **Series 12:** Veterans information, Charlotte Hall, mailgram, and Shipmate magazine.

## Box 1

## 1-1 Finding Aid and Biographical Information

### **Series 1 – Information about the *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) and its sinking**

#### 1-2 *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) Biography and “Crossing the Line” Packet

- Biography on Rear Admiral Daniel Judson Callaghan
- “Crossing the Line” Packet – March 1944
- Several short histories of the *USS Callaghan* (DD-792)
- Newspaper article from *Tine Can Sailor* on *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) –July/August/Sept. 1998
- The *Last Destroyer: The Story of the USS Callaghan* rough draft, sent to Leo Jarboe by Barry Foster

#### 1-3 *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) after being struck by kamikaze pilots (1/4)

- Reports on history and sinking of *USS Callaghan* (DD-792)
- Who should receive Purple Hearts
- Muster Roles
- Missing Person Reports
- Sailing List
- Duties of Officers on Ship

#### 1-4 *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) after being struck by kamikaze pilots (2/4)

- Data on “Missing Personnel”
- Loss Letters sent to Family Members
- Letters from Captain Bertholf to various people
- Letter from several women about status of sons
- Crescent City
- Missing Personnel

#### 1-5 *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) after being struck by kamikaze pilots (3/4)

- Full chronological report on *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) including damage, visibility, enemy planes, etc.
- Information on sinking
- Letters of Commendation about *USS Callaghan* (DD-792)
- List of survivors
- Affidavit
- Information on items lost in disaster
- Anti-aircraft action, casualties, conclusions
- Information on shots taken on ship
- History of positions – month of July
- Action Report
- Muster List
- Public Relations Report
- Awards for sailors, biography of Rear Admiral Callaghan
- Press releases

#### 1-6 *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) after being struck by kamikaze pilots (4/4)

- History of the *USS Callaghan* (DD-792)
- Deck log
- Recommendations, Citations for Awards
- Action Report
- Temporary duty orders, information on sinking

#### 1-7 Logs and Action Reports

- Deck log: remarks sheet: *USS Callaghan* (DD-792)
- Action Reports *USS Callaghan* (DD-792)
- Images of *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) being attacked

#### 1-8 *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) Reports in Japanese

- Reports on *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) in Japanese

### **Series 2 – General Information about Japanese Aircraft and Kamikaze Attacks**

#### 1-9 General information on Japanese Aircraft and Kamikaze Attacks

- Paper on Yokosuka P1G1 Ginga plane, crash into U.S. escort carrier
- Japanese aircraft information
- Articles on shot-down pilots in English and Japanese
- Copies of pamphlets about WWII and kamikazes (Leo Jarboe quoted)
- Quarterly Journal of Military History* – special edition
- Information on and images of 132 Flying Corps
- Newspaper Article from *The Washington Post* about kamikaze attacks

### **Series 3 – Articles and Interviews with Kaoru Hasegawa**

#### 1-10 Articles, Interviews with Kaoru Hasegawa: May 1995-August 1998

- Interview with Hasegawa by Fred Schultz – May 1995
- Article from the *Philadelphia Inquirer* – July 30, 1995
- Article from *The Charlotte Observer* – July 31, 1995
- International Herald Tribune* article (2x) on Hasegawa – August 1995
- Naval History Publication* with Hasegawa interview featured – October 1995
- Newspaper article (2x) on Hasegawa from Annapolis – October 1996
- Daily Yomiuri* (2x) with newspaper article on Hasegawa – May 1998
- Showa* newspaper article on Hasegawa
- Nikkei Weekly* article – August 1999
- Nikkei Weekly* article – November 2000

#### 1-11 Articles about Kaoru Hasegawa: Undated

- Article about Hasegawa after his death
- Kamikaze article with Hasegawa featured in it, Jarboe invite him to reunion
- Short article on Hasegawa and reunion
- Short article from *The Times* on Hasegawa and ceremony

- Times News* article (from the Associated Press
- Article from Ocala, Florida
- Article from the Associated Press
- Article on donation from Associated Press
- Troy, Pennsylvania article on Alan Foster and Hasegawa (2x)
- Article from Salem, Oregon
- Article and follow-up from Muskegon, Michigan
- Part of an article on Hasegawa

#### **Series 4 – Kaoru Hasegawa Recollections, Letters, Images**

##### **1-12 Kaoru Hasegawa Background and Recollections (1/2)**

- Two copies of *Cultural and Economic Exchange* (1995)
- Booklet *My Personal History: Two Lives* by Kaoru Hasegawa
- “My Personal History” by Kaoru Hasegawa

##### **1-13 Kaoru Hasegawa Background and Recollections (2/2)**

- Hasegawa’s Personal History on loose-leaf paper
- Article by Hasegawa on surviving kamikaze attack
- Report from Hasegawa – appear in 1971 in *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*
- Newspaper Article by Hasegawa – *The Tin Can Sailor* October 1995

##### **1-14 Kaoru Hasegawa Letters**

- Letter to William Horn – April 1995
- Letter to Leo Jarboe – June 1995
- Letter to Leo Jarboe – August 1995 (2x)
- Letter to Mrs. C.M. Bertholf – November 1995
- Letter to Leo Jarboe – January 2002
- Letter to Hasegawa with “Mr. Kawamoto” written on business card attached

##### **1-15 Images, Dinner Invitation, Publication**

- Images of Hasegawa (2x), one with note attached: “Thanks to the decision by Commander Marriner Bertholf, I too am a Callaghan survivor”
- Image of Hasegawa and unknown person
- Dinner invitation from Hasegawa
- Boxboard Containers* publication – information on Rengo and Hasegawa (its president)
- Guest List (2x)

#### **Box 2**

#### **Series 5 – Letters, Memos to Leo Jarboe and Terri Bertholf and Program**

##### **2-1 Letters, Memos to Leo Jarboe or given to him**



- Missive sent to Jarboe (To Task Force 38 from Adm. Halsey) (2x) – September 1944
- one with memo about reunions written by Jarboe
- Certificate to Jarboe for “serving with distinction” during Arlington ceremony – May 1984
- Letter to Jarboe from Michael Roberts – December 1993
- Letter to Jarboe from Bill about newsletter – April 1996
- Letter from Bill Horn to Jarboe about Hasegawa’s plans in Washington, D.C. – July 1998
- Envelope addressed to Leo Jarboe with article on Hasegawa included inside)
- Packet of letters to and from Adm. Arleigh Burke, given to Jarboe by “Gordon”
- Program about Prince George’s County World War II Veterans (Featuring Leo Jarboe)

#### 2-2 Letters, Memos from Leo Jarboe

- Letter to Tiffany Thibideau – August 27, 1997 (2x)
- Letter about decommissioning of *USS Callaghan* (DDG-994)
- USS Callaghan* (DDG-994) decommissioning letter to Commander Rennie
- Short memo by Jarboe about Hasegawa and *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) (2x)
- Jarboe brief letter about *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) and meeting with Hasegawa (2x)
- Letter to Ed Turney about reunion (photograph included of Turney and Jarboe)

#### 2-3 Letters to Terri Bertholf (widow of Captain Charles Marriner Bertholf)

- Invitation to attend Hasegawa meeting from President of U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation – Sept. 1996
- Letter about Rengo move from Yosuke Kawamoto – July 1997
- Letter about plaque and flag from Moya Jarboe - March 1998
- Letter about death of Hasegawa – January 2004
- Article in Japanese (addressed to Mrs. Terri Bertholf)

### Series 6 – Japanese Reports/Information

#### 2-4 Japanese Reports and Image (1/2)

- Multiple reports in Japanese

#### 2-5 Japanese Reports (2/2)

- Multiple reports in Japanese

#### 2-6 Japanese Articles and Booklet

### Series 7 – Documents about Other Ships

#### 2-7 War Diaries of Other Ships

- War Diary of *USS Vicksburg*
- War Diary of *USS San Francisco*
- War Diary of *USS New Mexico*

#### 2-8 Action Reports, Advanced Copies, Operations Reports

- Report of Capture of Okinawa Gunto
- Action Report *USS West Virginia* (2x)

- Advanced copy *USS Vicksburg* (2x)
- Operations in the Pacific Ocean Areas packet
- Destroyer Operations in World War II* by Theodore Roscoe

### **Series 8 – *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) Reunion Information**

#### **2-9 Itineraries for Reunions**

- Wreath laying ceremony itinerary (2x)
- Itinerary for Hasegawa and the Naval Exchange Program in Washington, D.C.
- Itinerary for Callaghan Reunion Member's Visit to Japan (2x)
- Itinerary for visit to Japan in Japanese and English
- Email from William Horn to Mr. Kawamoto – changes to Itinerary for Japan Trip

#### **2-10 Other Information on Japan and United States Reunions**

- Booklet on Callaghan Reunion
- Speech to Hasegawa at the Navy Memorial
- Business Card with "Capt. William Horn" and phone number written on it
- Japanese Hotel Key Holder for Leo Jarboe
- Room Assignments for Japan visit

### **Series 9 – U.S./Japan Naval Exchange Program**

#### **2-11 U.S./Japan Naval Exchange Program: Booklets, Itineraries, and Emails**

- Japan/U.S. Maritime Youth Exchange Program booklet (2x)
- Japan/U.S. Maritime Youth Exchange Program booklet (1999, in Japanese)
- Itinerary for whole program
- Itinerary for program in Japan (2x)
- Itinerary for July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000 in Japan
- Emails to Mr. Horn about flight information

#### **2-12 U.S./Japan Naval Exchanger Program: Articles, Letters, Attendant List, Screening Information**

- Article about program in *Naval History News* (2x)
- Letter to Inspector Michael Jarboe from William C. Horn – July 1998
- Letter to Senator Daniel Inouye about exchange program – July 2000
- Attendant List - 2000
- Information of Japanese Leaders – 2000
- Screening information - 2000

### **Series 10 – *USS Callaghan* (DDG-994)**

#### **2-13 *USS Callaghan* (DDG-994) Commissioning Ceremony**

- Commissioning ceremony packet
- Commissioning ceremony booklet – August 1981 (2x)
- Image of plaque of "Godspeed" wishes from DD-792 to DDG-994 (2x)
- Plan of Plaque, with note attached to one (2x)

- Image of Leo Jarboe with "Godspeed" plaque with Navy Memorial information
- Certificate of flag flying over US Capitol (2x)
- Letter from Captain Bertholf to DDG-994 with presentation of plaque and flag
- Invoice for bronze plaque

#### 2-14 *USS Callaghan* (DDG 994) Decommissioning Ceremony Booklet and Other Information

- Replacement of Officers on *USS Callaghan* (DDG-994) – January 1986
- Emails from Moya Jarboe to Commander Cole about decommissioning and plaque
- Decommissioning Ceremony Booklet – March 1998
- Other Information on DDG-994

### Series 11 – Images

#### 2-15 Images of Mrs. Callaghan and Captain Bertholf

- Image of Mrs. Callaghan and relatives
- Image of Mrs. Daniel Callaghan
- Image of Captain Bertholf with biography on back
- Image of Captain Bertholf (1995) (2x)
- Image of Captain Bertholf and Captain Jarrell

#### 2-16 Images of *USS Callaghan* (DD-792) and its sailors

- Images of ship
- Images of sailors on the ship
- Invoices and list of images from the National Archives
- Image of Leo Jarboe

#### 2-17 Images of *USS Callaghan* (DDG-994)

- Commissioning Ceremony
- Ship Itself
- DD-792 veterans at the Commissioning Ceremony

### Series 12 – Veterans and Other Information

#### 2-18 Veterans' Information, Charlotte Hall, Mailgram, *Shipmate* Magazine

### For More Information about Leo Jarboe, Kaoru Hasegawa, or the *USS Callaghan* ((DD-792)

- Interview with Leo Jarboe by Melanie Fernandes '16 (Located in Special Collections and Archives)
- The Last Destroyer: The Story of the USS Callaghan* by Barry Foster
- “Veterans of the United States Navy: Survivors of the USS Callaghan Oral History Project” by Stephanie Scull-DeArmey. University of Southern Mississippi.

<http://www.worldcat.org/title/veterans-of-the-united-states-navy-survivors-of-the-uss-callaghan-oral-history-project/oclc/462098406>