



**MURPHY**  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

# THE ALUMNUS

December 2011

## Murphy Alumni Association

### Executive Committee

#### Officers

Mike McNair -70, President  
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Marion Stille -64  
Monetta Noland -60  
Barbara Harris -60  
Diane Miller -59



## MURPHY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

January is the annual renewal month for your Murphy Alumni Association membership.

**\$25 INDIVIDUAL or \$35 COUPLE**

To ensure continued receipt of the newsletter please include your correct name and address.

Thank you for your support!

Make checks payable to:  
Murphy Alumni Association  
P.O. Box 66158  
Mobile, AL 36660

Your Murphy Alumni Association membership

- Entitles you to The Alumnus newsletter
- Helps maintain the Murphy H.S campus
  - Aids student organizations
  - Supports alumni events

Your financial support this year provided \$1500 towards uniforms for the girls softball team, hosted the Murphy Alumni Hall of Fame, provided a football social for alums, purchased a spray-paint machine for the school and repaired the school fencing.

## HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The twelfth annual Murphy Alumni Hall of Fame event is planned for April 2012. Murphy has educated many distinguished alumni who have accomplished and contributed much to their community. Included in the current newsletter is the nomination form for recommending an alum to the Hall of Fame. Forms are due by February 17, 2012. This is a special occasion to honor past Murphy students who have made a profound imprint on the lives of others through their career, service, talents and achievements. It is also an opportunity to have fellowship with other alumni and honor a few of the distinguished alums of Murphy High School. Details will follow in the next newsletter. This year's honorees are Frederick F. Denton, Jr. -49, James C. Gray -49, Dr. Sidney C. Phillips, Jr. -41, Dr. Frances A. Garner, -45, Emily Staples Hearin -32, BG. Robert H. McInvale, Jr. -60.

## ALUMNI REUNIONS

### **Class of '42**

April 25, 2012, 11:00 am, Semi-annual luncheon at Via Senior Citizens Center, 1717 Dauphin St. Contact: Gwendolyn Coan Carey, 251-661-4703

### **Class of '45**

April 5, 2012, 10:30 A.M., Buffet Lunch, Oliver's Restaurant in the Admiral Semmes Hotel, Contact: Bob McLeod, 251-928-0099; Dick Havron, 251-342-7589

### **Class of '47**

Luncheon: January 17, 2012, Tuesday, 11:00  
 Ryan's Steak House  
 4439 Rangeline Rd.  
 Tillmans Corner (251-662-0880)  
 Meets every other month on the third Tuesday.  
 Contact: Ina Shaw: 251-414-1418  
 Dick Allen: [dickallen63@comcast.net](mailto:dickallen63@comcast.net)

### **Class of '49**

Quarterly luncheon, December 9, 2011, Felix's Fish Camp, 11:30 a.m. Contact Charlie Green, 251-626-7357, [diwindson@bellsouth.net](mailto:diwindson@bellsouth.net)

### **Class of '51**

Semi-annual luncheon: March 17, 2012, O'Charley's at I-65 Service Rd, 11:30 am. Contact: Connie Vickery McClelland, [mccllelland1@gmail.com](mailto:mccllelland1@gmail.com); Beth Cannon Holsonback, [beth@holsonback.net](mailto:beth@holsonback.net), 251-626-3044 or Ruby Caro Brill, 251-989-2244

### **Class of '52**

60th Reunion, April 20-22, 2012, Hampton Inn on Royal St. on Friday; Bienville Club Luncheon on Sat., Contact: Bob Burton, 251-928-6311; Martha Jane Mayes Shoulders, 251-476-4989

### **Class of '55**

Quarterly luncheon, January 28, 2012, 11:30 am., Felix's Fish Camp, Contact: Iris Lundy Anderson 251-479-3510

### **Class of '59**

Monthly luncheon January 27, 2012, 11:30 A.M.  
 THE ORIGINAL OYSTER HOUSE  
 Causeway Location, The Delta Room  
 Contact: Diane Miller, (770) 634-0562 cell, [millerdianed@bellsouth.net](mailto:millerdianed@bellsouth.net)

### **Class of '60**

The ladies meet at a different restaurant each month for lunch at 11:30 A.M. Ladies from other classes are welcome to join us. Please view our website, [www.murphy1960.com](http://www.murphy1960.com) for details.  
 70th Happy Birthday Bash, March 24, 2012 at the Mardi Gras Museum, 6:30 P.M., casual attire.



The **Class of 1942** meet semi-annually at Via Senior Citizens Center. The October speaker was Nick Holmes who spoke about his involvement in the restoration of historic buildings throughout Alabama. Pictured front row from left: Mary S. Lee, Thomas Sutton, Marion Bush, Dot Martin, Jiggs Martin, Jewel Bertolotti; 2nd row: Lesta M. Vogtner, Nellie Boyer, Alton McLeod, Jack Chin, Bill Carpenter, Joe W. Smith, Back row: Nick Holmes, Frances Arata, George Boyer, George Edgar and Fred Martin.

**Class of '62** 50th Anniversary Reunion will be held April 20-21, 2012 at the Mobile Marriott Hotel. For more information contact: Lois Rohmer Smith, 251-666-4029, [smitty3344@bellsouth.net](mailto:smitty3344@bellsouth.net) Jackie Steadman Elder, 251-661-9524, [jerryelder@att.net](mailto:jerryelder@att.net)

**Class of 1970** "Mobile Mix of High Schools" Murphy, Shaw, Davidson, McGill/Toolen, UMS, Wright Reunion, March 17, 2012 at Oak Hollow Farm in Fairhope, AL, 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., \$50, buffet, karaoke & disc jockey. Reservation deadline: February 28. Contact: Saijee Ryals MHS, 214-729-3767; Debbie Richards SHAW, 251-895-7146; Jimmy Lyon DHS, 251-366-5966; Tim Avinger McGill/Toolen, 832-516-3519.

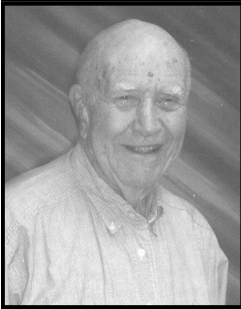
## MURPHY PTSA SPONSORS

January 14, 2012 - Campus Clean-Up, 8:30-Noon

January 21, 2012 - 5K Run, 8:30

Please email future Alumni Class Events for the newsletter to  
[www.romonet1@comcast.net](mailto:www.romonet1@comcast.net)  
 We are on Facebook as Murphy Alumni Association, Inc.

## Murphy Alum Named Patriot of the Year Rear Admiral J.L. Abbot, Jr., USN (RET.)



The Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission elected Rear Admiral J. Lloyd "Doc" Abbot, Jr. as Patriot of the Year. Abbot is a Murphy High School graduate, 1934, and was the first person to be elected to the Murphy High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. He began his college career at Spring Hill College and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1939 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. While in Navy service, he graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College, National War College and earned a master's degree in Business Administration from George Washington University.

Doc Abbot served the Navy as a commissioned officer for 35 years following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy and commanded three aircraft squadrons and commanded the USS VALOUR (AV-55) and the aircraft carrier USS INTREPID (CVA-11). During his more than eight years as a flag officer, Abbot served as Director Naval Warfare Analysis, Commander U.S. Naval Support Force Antarctica, Commander Carrier Division SIXTEEN, Inspector General of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Director of Naval Educational Development.

Abbot received numerous decorations including the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and various Service, Area and Victory medals. In 1997, the Mobile City Council commissioned him as Mobile's "First Sea Lord."

After Naval service, he served on many local boards including the Mobile Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Mobile Kiwanis Club, the Mobile Chapter Freedoms Foundation, Friends of The Mobile Public Library, the Military Officers Association of America, the U.S. Naval Institute, the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Vice Chairman for Military Affairs, the USS ALABAMA Battleship Commission, the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission and the Mobile Maritime Museum Foundation.

Abbot has five children (one deceased), 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He has two sons and two grandsons who are also naval aviators.

### MURPHY PRE-GAME SOCIAL

Murphy alums gathered for a pre-game activity at the Murphy/McGill Football game on October 27. Naman's Catering provided a menu of hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, and drinks which was funded by the association.



# MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Murphy Hall of Fame Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1 -Activities While At Murphy**  
**Student Government/Class Government**

- President (4 points)
- Other Officer (3 points)
- Representative (2 points)
- Committee Member (1 point)

Points Earned				
Year				
9	10	11	12	Total

**Newspaper/Annual School Publication**

- Editor (4 points)
- Manager (3 points)
- Staff (2 points)

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**Musical Organization**

- Band (2 points)
- Choir (2 points)
- Orchestra (2 points)
- Drum Major/Majorette (2 points)
- Receiving Individual Music instruction (2 points)

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**Stage Production**

- Performer (2 points)
- Production Crew (1 point)

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**Academic Teams/Honors**

This would include debate, National Honor Society, academic teams, etc.  
List no more than two (2) per year.


- Officer (2 points)
- Member (1 point)

**Athletic Teams**

Captain or Co-Captain (2 points), Team Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per year, with points earned for each. Do not include club or intramural sports.


**Club Membership**

Clubs authorized and sponsored by the high school. Officer (2 points), Member (1 point). List no more than two (2) per year, with points earned for each.


*Please Attach Additional Sheets for Sections 2, 3, and 4.*

**Section 2 - Community Service Activities  
Community Organization Membership**

List Activities And Memberships In Non-Profit Or Other Community Service Organizations.

**Professional Memberships/Activities**

List Membership/Activities In Professional or Career Related Organizations.

**Section 3 — Personal Achievements/Awards**

List the ten (10) most outstanding achievements and awards of the nominee with date and description.

**Section 4 — Essay**

Each person submitting a nomination will be responsible for preparing a one-page essay justifying why his/her choice should be inducted into the Murphy High School Hall of Fame. The purpose of the essay is to provide the judges with a deeper insight into the character and beliefs of the nominee. (Please attach the typewritten essay to this form.)

**Section 5— Certification And Information Form**

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Candidate's Name

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Candidate's Address

City

State Zip

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Candidate's E-Mail Address

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Area Code/Phone Number

Date of Birth

Murphy Class Of

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Nominator Name

Area Code/Phone Number

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Nominator's Address

City

State

Zip

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Nominator's E-Mail Address

***Please remit this form, along with attachments, in its entirety to:***

***Murphy High School Alumni Association  
Post Office Box 66158  
Mobile, Alabama 36660***

# Murphy Alumni Association, Inc.

**Membership Application/Renewal/Gift**  
(Membership Dues are renewable annually in January)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ **2011 YEAR GRADUATE** Receives Newsletter, *FREE*  
\_\_\_\_\_ **PANTHER LEVEL** Receives Newsletter & Alumni Certificate, **\$25 INDIVIDUAL** or **\$35 COUPLE**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **BLUE LEVEL** Receives Newsletter, Certificate, & Alumni Lapel Pin, **\$50 INDIVIDUAL**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **GOLD LEVEL** Receives Newsletter, Certificate, Alumni Lapel Pin, & Alumni Paperweight, **\$100 INDIVIDUAL**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **TOWER LEVEL** Receives Newsletter, Certificate, Alumni Lapel Pin, Paperweight, & One Memorial Brick,  
**\$250 INDIVIDUAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to order: MEMORIAL BRICK. \$50** (up to 3 lines) (18 characters per line) **CHECK IS ENCLOSED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to order: AUDITORIUM SEAT NAME PLAQUE. \$100 CHECK IS ENCLOSED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to send a GIFT MEMBERSHIP TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE.**  
**(I will notify the alumni or friend my gift has been donated. I understand  
the Alumni Association will not notify the person of my gift.)**

For more information contact Marion Stille, 251-665-0509.

**Forms for bricks or seat inscriptions will be sent to the above address.**

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