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**DATPG, Inc: The New Logo  
and Our Charter Meeting**

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I've received a very nice drawing of the Design 327 ST courtesy Steve Mills, father of Capt James Mills, who was assigned to ST 524 just after D-Day and on into 1946. He tells me this was in the original WW2 plan set for ST 524. I've worked with the image a bit and I'm going to use it in a revised logo for DATPG, Inc., our new non-profit corporate name which will be registered with the State of Florida in early January after our Charter Meeting. This wonderful drawing is just another nice benefit from my website!



I've used the number ST 679 as the bronze builder's plaque from that boat really started this entire tugboat research project.

I'm working out the details for our very first Charter Meeting which will be held from 7 - 8 PM Sunday, December 29, at my home in DeLand at 2232 Holly Lane. Our purpose as stated in the Articles of Incorporation: "The

mission of this charitable non-profit organization shall be to preserve and promote the history of the US Army "ST" tugboats of WW2 and the Korean War era which were built at Beresford, Florida, which is now DeLand. A primary goal of the group will be to return one or more of the tugs to DeLand for permanent display." If you support these goals, please try to attend the Charter Meeting!

I'll be giving a quick overview of our goals; how we should operate, take questions, and then the members present will elect officers. I expect it to be short and sweet; and I hope to follow that pattern from now on with email communications being used as much as possible. A brief tugboat artifact show and tell after the meeting is possible if wanted. At least to start, general membership will be set initially at \$12.00 per year which is about as reasonable as it can be. However, I'd like to extend a special **Lifetime Charter Member** offer for those of you that actually have a bit of money: anyone paying \$100.00 or above in membership dues will be a lifetime member of **DATPG, Inc.** Companies, corporations, and individuals can all be members. All those joining our group and paying dues from now until Jan 31 will be considered Charter Members of the organization. Please plan to bring along a

membership check payable to DATPG, Inc., and please either email or call me to let me know if you can make the meeting. I'll have drinks and snacks for all...after all, it is the Holiday Season.

As we organize it's vital to remember that we must show some successful fundraising efforts of our own prior to any corporate solicitation; and certainly prior to any grant request. We will also begin tracking volunteer hours as this indicates community support and it is very important as well. (Too bad I can't count the hundreds of hours I spent on research this past year!) A slate of possible officers is under construction and floor nominations will be welcomed at the DATPG, Inc. Charter Meeting. As previously mentioned, actual non-profit corporate filing will occur the first week in January 2014. We can then open up a bank account and deposit checks and cash. Please keep in mind that more than \$700 is already collected and ready for deposit from the generosity of the Florida Commodore's Association and my non-profit Civil War Show productions. More details will be released very soon.....*Merry Christmas to you and yours, and don't forget: **Save Our Tugs!***

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