The Monthly Newsletter of the Father John Murphy Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

THE CROPPY BOY

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AUGUST FEATURE: CHRISTENING OF THE USS PATRICK GALLAGHER

THE FATHER JOHN MURPHY DIVISION WISHES YOU A HAPPY LÚGHNASA

See inside for all the events and goings ons from the Plymouth division of The Ancient Order of Hibernians

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Father John Murphy,
The Rebellion of 1798

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NEW MEMBERSHIP

If any current members are aware of fellow Irish Catholics interested in joining the cause of the Ancient Order of Hibernians please invite them to a monthly meeting. New Membership Applications are readily available.

There is strength in numbers and increasing membership is the first step in maximizing our charitable efforts and performing our call to action!

FROM THE OFFICERS' DESK

DUES

Dear Brothers, it is that time of year again. Dues help support the division by paying for per capita to both National and State. As well as help pay for our space that we hold our meetings.

Which have you heard we have moved to Cordage Park?! Come see the new space……and bring your dues along.



BOAT CRUISE

Dear Brothers, this is a reminder that our Annual Sunset Cruise is Sunday , August 25th. We are looking for donation items to raffle off at the cruise. Anyone in need of tickets please contact Brother John Travers for tickets.

More details will be discussed at the August meeting.

calendar of events



1 **General Meeting**
7:00pm, Cordage Commerce Center
Monthly meeting of the Father John Murphy Division

1 **Lúghnasa**
Beginning of Autumn in the Celtic calendar

25 **Annual Sunset Cruise**
5:30pm, Onset Town Pier
East Wareham, MA

musical calendar

Dates, locations and times where you can find Hibernians or Friends of the Division playing in the Plymouth County area.

BROTHER STEVE KERR

Traditional Sessions

The Snug Pub - Hingham, MA, Mondays 5:30pm
The ICC Pub - Canton, MA , Fridays 7:00pm
Malachy's Saloon - Quincy, MA. Wednesdays 6:00pm

BROTHER DENIS O'GORMAN

nothing local schedules for
August

WEEKLY TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

THE SNUG PUB

116 North St., Hingham, MA
Mondays, Starting at 5:30pm

MARTINI'S BAR & GRILL (FEATURING STEVE LINDSEY)

50 Court St., Plymouth, MA
First Monday of the Month, 5pm - 8pm

THE TINKER'S SON

707 Main St., Norwell, MA
Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

THE COTTAGE BAR

26 Union St., Weymouth, MA
Thursdays, Starting at 6:30pm & Sunday afternoons

THE BANNER PUB

167 Union St., Rockland, MA
Saturdays, 1pm - 4pm

CJ'S BAR & GRILL @ JOHN CARVER INN

225 Summer St., Plymouth, MA
Saturdays, 6pm - 9pm



Join the Ancient Order of Hibernians
for their

Annual Sunset Cruise

along the Cape Cod Canal with

HY-LINE Cruises

Join the Father John Murphy Division for a relaxing 2 hour cruise along the beautiful Cape Cod Canal. All proceeds from the annual cruise goes towards the charitable givings of our division. Come join us!

Sunday, August 25th, 2024

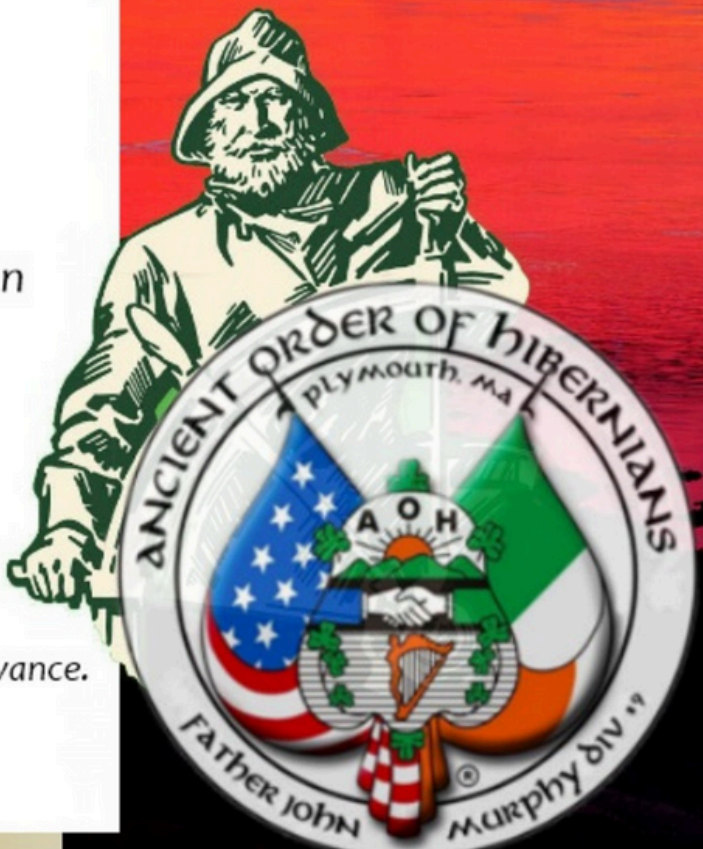
Departs 5:30pm
Onset Town Pier
184 Onset Avenue
East, Wareham, MA

$35 per person

Ticket Includes:

One Hy-Line Cruises Sunset Cruise Fare
Traditional Irish Music by **Slainte**
Light food Provided
Cash Bar

Due to limited capacity tickets must be purchased in advance.
To reserve your tickets please Call
John @ 508-331-3215 or Brendan @ 617-835-5779



hibernian hunger project

As part of the recognition the Father John Murphy Division received for it's Annual Food Drive we had last November the National AOH Hibernian Hunger Committee awarded our division with a check for $500 for our efforts. At a subsequent meeting the division members voted that the check be donated to a group that works every week to fight hunger in our very own neighborhood. This group was the St. Peter's Soup Kitchen of Plymouth, MA.

Brother Tom McTigue, along with his wife Karen McTigue presented the check to the director of the St. Peter's Soup Kitchen, John Malloy. John founded the Soup Kitchen over 20 years ago and it operates every Sunday to members of our own community that may be in need. We are proud of what we have done as a division and to share those rewards with a cause such as this is what we strive for in the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Below is a photo of the check presentation. In the photo from right to left are; Karen McTigue, Tom McTigue, John Malloy and another volunteer at the soup kitchen.



june open house

On Saturday June 22nd, The Father John Murphy Division hosted an open house at its new location in Historic Cordage Park. We had many in attendance which included prospective members, representatives such as Consul General of Ireland, Sighle FitzGerald, and fellow Hibernian and Plymouth Selectperson Charlie Bletzer. Music was provided by The Lindsay's and The Galway Girl Irish Shop had a popup shop. It was an overall successful day!

Prior to the Open House the division organized a "walking tour" of the "Dublin" neighborhood for Consul General Sighle FitzGerald. Friend of the division, Ginny Davis, spoke of the history of the area and the Plymouth Waterfront and we were accompanied by many local representatives who were also interested in the facts and story telling.








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july activities

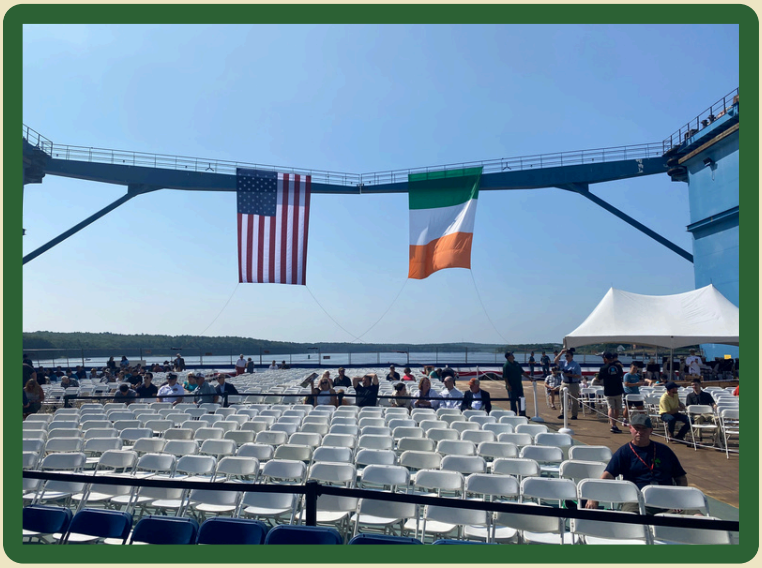
During the Month of July we were able to members of the division participate in three separate events through invites from the Consul General's office. The first was on Friday, July 19th, where members of the division were invited to a community meeting for the visiting Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Peter Burke.

The second was on Friday, July 26th, where we were invited to attend a community meeting for the visiting Minister of State for International Development & Diaspora Sean Fleming. This was hosted by the Maine Irish Heritage Center in Portland Maine. This event was a precursor to the larger event on Saturday which was the Christening of the new USS Patrick Gallagher. This event was an honor to be a participant of and the words spoken by the sisters of Lance Corporal Patrick Gallagher were emotional to say the least.



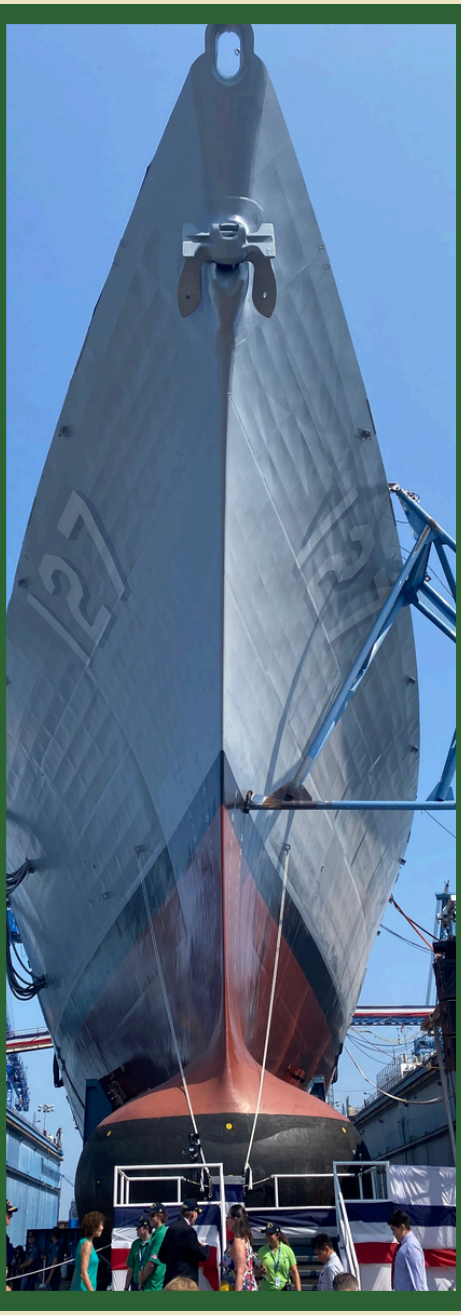




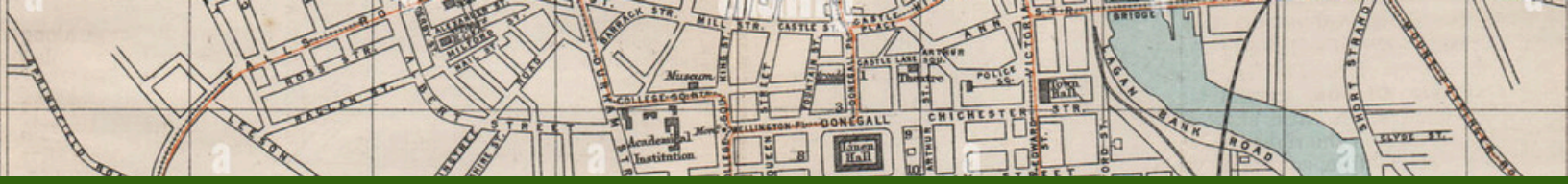



PATRICK GALLAGHER






USS PATRICK GALLAGHER
BE BRAVE AND BE BOLD
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Political Education

Northern Ireland Legacy Act to be repealed and replaced

By Kerry O'Shea
irishcentral.com, July 17th , 2024

The British government is poised to repeal the conditional immunity scheme of the Northern Ireland Legacy Act and strengthen the ICRIR.

"My Government will continue to support the political institutions and devolved government in Northern Ireland," Charles said in his King's Speech, written by the government, before both houses of British Parliament today. "In consultation with all parties, measures will be brought forward to begin the process of repealing and replacing the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 [Northern Ireland Legacy Legislation]."

Background notes for the King's Speech from the Prime Minister's Office elaborate: "We cannot repeal the Act in its entirety without anything to replace it.

"The Northern Ireland High Court has found the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery to be independent and capable of conducting human rights compliant investigations, but the Government will explore options to strengthen its independence.

"We will repeal the conditional immunity scheme, which has been found by the Northern Ireland High Court to be incompatible with the UK's obligations under the ECHR.

"Following consultation with all parties, we will reverse the policy prohibiting victims and families from bringing civil claims. And we will set out steps to allow the Troubles-era inquests that were prematurely halted to resume."

The controversial Northern Ireland Legacy Act, introduced in 2022, has the rare distinction of being opposed by all of Northern Ireland's major political parties. It is also opposed by victims and victims groups, the Irish government, US politicians, Irish American groups, UN experts, and the majority of the UK public.

The day after it became law last September, Amnesty International UK said victims had joined together and submitted legal challenges to the Belfast High Court.

The Court ruled in February that the legislation's immunity provisions are incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). However, it also ruled that the Act's Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (ICRIR) is capable of being compliant. The UK government moved to appeal the Belfast High Court's decision in March.

The following month, the UN's Human Rights Committee said the Act should be repealed or reformed to guarantee "independence, transparency, and genuine investigation power."



Meanwhile, the Irish Government announced in December that it was initiating an inter-State case against the UK under the European Convention on Human Rights. The move was slammed by the UK Government, with Northern Ireland's then-Secretary of State labeling it as "unnecessary" and "misguided."

The intention to repeal and replace the Legacy Act was included in the UK Labour Party's manifesto, which was released ahead of the UK's July 4 general election.

The manifesto said in part: "The Legacy Act denies justice to the families and victims of the Troubles. Labour will repeal and replace it, by returning to the principles of the Stormont House Agreement, and seeking support from all communities in Northern Ireland."

In what has been described as a "landslide" victory over Conservatives, who had been in power for more than a decade, the Labour Party emerged as the biggest party in the UK, and its leader Keir Starmer has now become Prime Minister.

Last October, Starmer said that if he became Prime Minister, he would move to repeal the legislation.

The announcement that the Legacy Act will be repealed and replaced comes two days after US Congressman Brendan Boyle and 21 members of US Congress wrote to Starmer "to voice our strong support that your government remains committed to swiftly repealing and replacing the Legacy Act."

Responding to the announcement on Wednesday, Tánaiste Micheál Martin said: “It is very welcome that the new British Government is following through on their election manifesto commitment to repeal and replace the Legacy Act.

“I have always been clear that this Act, as it stands, is not fit for purpose.

“I discussed this issue with the new Secretary of State, Hilary Benn, last week, and I look forward to working with him as he takes this forward in thes ahead.
"The needs of victims and full compliance with the ECHR must be at the heart of this revised approach.”



The controversial Northern Ireland Legacy Act will be repealed and replaced, King Charles III said today, Wednesday, July 17.

FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND

UNITED IRELAND PREPARATIONS SHOULD BEGIN "IMMEDIATELY," OIREACHTAS COMMITTEE SAYS

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irishcentral.com

The Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement says "creation of a constitutional path towards a united Ireland remains integral to the peace process."

The Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement launched its report "Perspectives on Constitutional Change: Finance and Economics" on Tuesday, July 16.

The Committee said on Tuesday that its newly-published report is the first output from a series of meetings exploring what a united Ireland would mean and examines the current economic relationship between the jurisdictions on the island and the potential of the all-island economy.

The report, the Committee said, goes on to examine the cost of a united Ireland and makes the case for planning and preparation for a united Ireland to begin.

The Committee said that work on this report began shortly after last year's 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.

"The Peace Process brought profound change to the island of Ireland. In the quarter of a century since the Good Friday Agreement, there has been a dramatic increase in prosperity on the island, including through foreign direct investment (FDI) and through an increase in cross-border trade," the Committee noted.

"Peace has meant that the island of Ireland has become a more attractive place to live, to work, and to visit.

"It was clear however that the peace dividend has not been spread evenly. There is a major gap in levels of prosperity.

Speaking on the launch report on Tuesday, Committee Cathaoirleach Deputy Fergus O'Dowd T.D. said: "The report first examines the current economic relationship between the jurisdictions on the island and the potential of an all-island economy.

"The all-island economy is a major success of the Peace Process. Cross-border trade increased from around €2 billion in 1998 to €12 billion in 2022, supporting prosperity across the whole island.

"The report touches on the need for full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement and the importance of North/South and East/West cooperation regardless of any future constitutional change.

"The Committee heard strong calls for planning to begin for a referendum on constitutional change and calls for the political



system to work to build a consensus on what a new and united Ireland would look like. Preparation for referenda on Irish unification will be a historic task. The Committee calls for preparation to begin immediately.

“Our report examines the cost of a potential united Ireland and makes the case for planning and preparation for a united Ireland to begin. We hope to explore other aspects of a united Ireland in subsequent reports.

“Constitutional change would have profound consequences for Ireland and Northern Ireland; voters in referenda will need in-depth information on what the decision would mean for their daily lives, including answers on political institutions, healthcare, taxation, education, social welfare, and pensions. Providing detailed answers to these questions will require immense preparation, which will need to begin well in advance of referenda being called.

“Creation of a constitutional path towards a united Ireland remains integral to the peace process. It is vital that the possibility of a united Ireland is treated with serious consideration and careful preparation. Referenda on a united Ireland could be difficult and divisive unless the Irish Government makes serious efforts to prepare for the possibility of a united Ireland.

“Preparations for the possibility of constitutional change must be underpinned by listening to and understanding and including the perspectives of all communities on this island. Our approach should be guided by the spirit of John Hume who said; ‘Ireland is not a romantic dream; it is not a flag; it is 4.5 million people divided into two powerful traditions. The solution will be found not on the basis of victory for either, but on the basis of agreement and a partnership between both. The real division of Ireland is not a line drawn on the map, but in the minds and hearts of its people.'

“For all of us, this is a challenging topic. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to emphasise that everyone on this island has the right to pursue their ideal future for Northern Ireland, whether they are unionist, nationalist, or do not identify with either tradition. These visions are equally valid and equally deserving of respect.”

The report makes a series of recommendations for increased cooperation North South across all areas of the economy and society regardless of future constitutional change. Deeper cooperation should include:

- iEducation, including measures to facilitate teachers crossing the border or working in both jurisdictions throughout their careers, including supports to meet the Irish language requirement for primary school teachers.
- Further and Higher Education, including reducing barriers to cross-border student enrolment, particularly for students from the North studying in the South, and strengthen North/South co-operation on apprenticeships and training.
- Energy and on climate action, including increased cooperation through Strand two of the Good Friday Agreement that builds on the progress of single electricity market.
- Transport infrastructure, including implementation of government commitments on the A5 as soon as possible.
- Attracting FDI, including closer cooperation between the IDA and Invest NI and part of this should be to ensure greater benefit for areas outside of Dublin and Belfast benefit from FDI.
- Civil service and governance, including developing a North/South exchange programme for civil servants.

The Committee recommends that planning and preparation begin for the possibility of change to constitutional arrangements for the country. A whole-of-government approach is needed, with comprehensive examination of the implications of constitutional change across all Departments and State Agencies, led by the Department of the Taoiseach.

The Committee recommends that the government prepare and publish a Green Paper setting out a vision for a united Ireland. Production of this Green Paper should include consultation, potentially a Forum, open to all political parties, North and South, to ensure the Paper reflects a political consensus on a vision for a united and new Ireland insofar as possible.

Preparation for a united Ireland should include extensive and thoughtful public engagement, North and South, the Committee said. This should draw on best practice from fora for deliberative democracy and civic engagement in recent years such as Citizens' Assemblies, the National Economic Dialogue, the All-Island Civic Dialogue on Brexit, and the Shared Island Dialogues. Engagement should take place on a sector-by-sector basis. These forums should be as inclusive as possible.

Arrangements should facilitate participation by vulnerable groups and sectors of society that are traditionally underrepresented in policy making. Every effort should be made to ensure public engagement is inclusive of unionist perspectives.

Irish History

US naval vessel christened in honour of Co Mayo man

By Fergal O'Brien
RTE.ie, July 27th, 2024



Patrick Gallagher enlisted in the US Marines as the Vietnam War escalated

A new US naval vessel, named in honour of a Co Mayo man who died in the Vietnam War, has been officially christened.
Patrick 'Bob' Gallagher, who was born in 1944 and grew up in Derrintogher near Ballyhaunis, emigrated to Long Island in New York in 1962.

He later enlisted in the US Marines as the Vietnam War escalated.

In 1966, Mr Gallagher was awarded the top Navy Cross medal for bravery after saving the lives of comrades in a grenade attack during the war.

However, Corporal Gallagher was killed in an ambush in Danang the following year at the age of 23, shortly before his tour of duty was to end.

He was buried with full US military honours in Ballyhaunis.

It was announced in 2018, following a petition sponsored by US Senator Chuck Schumer, that a new US naval destroyer would be named in his memory.

It is a rare honour for a non-US citizen.
The $2.3 billion (€2.1 billion) USS Patrick Gallagher was today officially christened in Bath in the State of Maine.

The ceremony was attended by Mr Gallagher's sisters Pauline, Teresa and Rosemarie as well as



his brother Peter.

Earlier, members of the former US corporal’s family and other locals gathered by his graveside, which is marked by a simple headstone.

A plaque has also been erected in the graveyard in memory of the local man, who was a proud Mayo man.

The group were among members of the community who watched a live stream of the ceremony on a large screen in the Ballyhaunis community hall.

The US navy said the vessel, to be launched at a later date, will be affectionately known as Bob’s ship.

This, it said, is in the hope that Mr Gallagher's "spirit and legacy" will protect all those who sail onboard.

Martha Gallagher, the wife of Mr Gallagher's late brother Martin, said it was an emotional day but also a happy day.

"We are so proud of him, so proud. It's a great honour as well to have this and we're just so proud," she said.

"We will never forget him," she added. Speaking in Ballyhaunis, Ms Gallagher said her brother-in-law is talked about every day.

His nephew Colm Gallagher said it was a "proud day for the family and a proud day for the town".

He said it is "surreal really that a ship of this magnitude has been named after him, named after an Irish person as well".

"It is a sombre moment as well because at the end of the day, he was only 23 when he died," he added.

Colm Gallagher described it as "a great thing to happen" that after nearly 60 years a ship has been named after his uncle and "for the American people to realise the bravery that he showed for their people as well".

"It's a great honour for everyone around here," he said.
Martin Duggan said his first cousin was "courageous" and "a brave young lad".

Mr Duggan said Mr Gallagher's death was "a tough time".

"It was a very hard time for a lot of people, especially the immediate family, and in particular his father and mother," he said.

"Of course, it was worse the fact that they expected him home in a few weeks, and then to get this terrible news was awful," he added.

Mr Duggan said that Mr Gallagher had saved "the lives of a few of his comrades and colleagues a short time before his death.

"It was very sad at that time," he said.

Mr Duggan also said everyone was "very proud of Patrick".

Minister of State for International Development and Diaspora Seán Fleming represented the Irish Government at the event.

Minister Fleming said that the naming of the ship in Mr Gallagher's honour "is a testament to his inspiring story and comes following a long campaign led by Corporal Gallagher's family".

"I offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the entire Gallagher family today on this important recognition of Patrick's achievements and life," he said.

US Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro said Mr Gallagher's "keen instinct, bravery and selflessness in the face of danger are testaments to his character and the true character of so many who choose to serve our nation".

In an address at the ceremony, Mr Del Toro said he is "certain the crew of USS Patrick Gallagher will uphold their namesake's legacy as they defend America's national interests and promote peace around the world".



Good & Welfare

Division 9 Scrapbook

From all the items that have turned up in the moving of the hall we have decided to create a division scrapbook. We are looking for a volunteer to put this together. Anyone interested please let Mike Schilling know at the next meeting.

PRAYERS FOR.....

Ginny Davis

Please email any other requests for prayers to AOHPlymouth@gmail.com or at the next General Meeting



Gaeltacht Corner

Initial

English - Excuse me?

Irish - Gabh Mo Leithscéal?

'Go muh lesh-kale'

Reply

English - Kiss my arse!

Irish - Póg mo thóin!

'Pogue mahone'

"boolavogue"

At Boolavogue as the sun was setting o'er the bright May meadows of Shelmalier
A rebel band set the heather blazing and brought the neighbors from far and near
Then Father Murphy from old Kilcormac spurred up the rock with a warning cry
"Arm, arm," he cried, "For I've come to lead you, for Ireland's freedom we'll fight or die."

He led us on against the coming soldiers and the cowardly yeomen we put to flight
'Twas at the Harrow the boys of Wexford showed Bookey's regiment how men could fight
Look out for hirelings, King George of England, search every kingdom where breathes a slave
For Father Murphy of County Wexford sweeps o'er the land like a mighty wave.

We took Camolin and Enniscorthy and Wexford storming drove out our foes
'Twas at Slieve Coilte our pikes were reeking with the crimson blood of the beaten yeos
At Tubberneery and Ballyellis full many a Hessian lay in his gore
Oh, Father Murphy, had aid come over, the Green Flag floated from shore to shore.

At Vinegar Hill o'er the River Slaney our heroes vainly stood back to back
And the yeos of Tullow took Father Murphy and burned his body upon the rack
God grant you glory brave Father Murphy and open heaven to all your men
The cause that called you may call tomorrow in another fight for the Green again.

Father John Murphy was the parish priest in Boolavogue, a small town in County Wexford in Ireland, who led his parishioners in battle during the 1798 uprising. For his participation, Father Murphy was tortured, flogged, decapitated, burned, and ultimately, had his head put on a stake to warn his countrymen against further rebellion. The song "Boolavogue" was written in his honor in 1898 by Patrick Joseph McCall, who set the lyrics to an ancient Irish air called "Eochaill."