



USS Gunston Hall

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Winter 2006-07 Newsletter of the Gunston Hall Reunion Association

Hooray ... we have a winner!



Sea World, San Diego, California

Al Barros, IC 53-57 has won a FREE ROOM for the three days at the reunion
Congratulations, Al!

Hello Shipmates,

As you all know our reunion is drawing closer and I wanted to go over a few of the details once again so everybody can make plans to attend. Our reunion will be held April 29 - 1 May, 2007 in San Diego, CA at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in Mission Valley. The hotel address is 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. **The toll free reservation number is 1-800-882-0858 and please be sure to tell them that you are with the USS Gunston Hall reunion when you book your reservation.**

The hotel's website address is www.hanaleihotel.com ... check it out when you get a chance. Room rates are \$127.07 per day which includes all taxes and is good for three days before and three days after the reunion for anyone who would like to stay longer. Vehicle parking is \$3 per day. When you make your reservations you will be asked for a credit card number which holds the room for you but you will not be charged anything on your card until you check out at the end of the reunion. So don't hold off any longer ... book your reservation as soon as possible. Don't take a chance of getting shut out by waiting too long.

On Sunday evening we will have a buffet dinner and a Royal Hawaiian Luau dinner on Tuesday evening. Costs are \$82 per person or \$164 per couple. This includes a hospitality room and various refreshments. Send your meal money to Chod Cremer, P. O. Box 201, Agency, IA 52530. Also please include \$20 for your dues if they have expired or will expire before May, 2007.

I am looking forward to seeing many shipmates at the reunion. Our next one won't be until 2009 and that's a long way off so let's have a big turnout in San Diego.

Thanks, Ron

Rogue's Gallery



Curtis Wells, EN, 50-51;
Floyd Farnsworth, EN 49-52;
George Long, EN, 50-52
at the EM Club,
Yokosuka, ca 1950



Bob Mintz, hard at work



Cliff Boxer, EM; Paul Norcross, EM
At the Swallow Bar, Yokuska ca 1968

Connections

Our on-going effort to locate shipmates has resulted in the following 39 new connections since October, 2006.

John Adcox, GM, 54-57
Charles Arwood, SN, 68-70 carwood@sssnet.com
Donald Auclair, CS, 56
Don Austry, IC, 53
Francis Avellone, ENS, 46-47 w9fa@arrl.net
Donald Back, BM, 53-54
John Bartley, ET, 60-61
Robert Benford, SN, 68-69 r.e.benford@cox.net
Bob Beyer, HTCM, 69-70 rbeyercmc@aol.com
Clyde Blume, PN, 53-54
James Brunson, LTJG, 51-53 gofast79@aol.com
Delano Coker, GM, 52-56
John Emminger, FT, 66-68 wheelsdelsol@cox.net
Bob Fields, BM, 67-70 rfields49@msn.com
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Douglas Hill, GM, 53-54
Ken Holtzclaw, RD, 53-54 kenholtz@dc.rr.com
Ronald Interbitzen, SN, 52-56
James Jones, BT, 53
Jerry Jumper, EN, 52-54 gjumpersr@sbcglobal.net
Paul Kijewski, SN, 69-69 paul@vst.org
Jim Kirk, ENS, 69-70 Kirkpletho@aol.com
Bob Loeffler, LT, 68-70 rloeffler@mybluelight.com
Jerel Poe, CS, 54-55
Jerry Reafs, MR, 51-54 jerbear@pioneernet.net
Robert Redner, MM, 56 zook41@hotmail.com
Don Reiman, BT, 53-54
Wm Roadman, RM, 68-70 wroadman@winbeam.com
Paul Scott, SK, 57
Buford Shulze, MR, 51-55
Jack Soffa, HM, 55-56 jacksoffa@hotmail.com
Millard Spinks, SN, 52-56
James Vermillion, ME, 52-56
Eugene Wetter, MM, 67-69 genes47@aol.com
J. N. Witcher, GM, 52-56
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Joseph Zawaly, BT, 59-62 probablyis@msn.com
James Zike, CS 61-63 buz100@sbcglobal.net

Internet Links

Reunion Headquarters

Hanalei Hotel

www.hanaleihotel.com

Reunion Attendees

To see a list of those planning to attend the reunion, go to ...
<http://www.ussgunstonhall.org/Special/attend.html>

Reunion Updates

There is a special page on our website that has all of the information regarding the reunion. It will be updated periodically. Even if you have read it already, it will be a good idea to check back from time to time.

<http://www.ussgunstonhall.org/Special/>

Other Links

American Naval Fighting Ships:

<http://www.hazegray.org/danfs/>

<http://www.navsource.org/>

Membership Directory

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A new membership directory is being prepared . If any of your information has changed, please let us know. It is important that we have your current address, e-mail address and phone number. Also, you must let us know if you prefer to restrict any of your personal data.

DUES REMINDER

Just a reminder to check your dues expiration date which are the three or four numbers just after your name on the mailing label. The first two numbers are the month and the last two numbers are the year in which your dues expire. Thanks for keeping your dues current and remaining a member of our Association.

If your dues are not current, you cannot attend the reunion, or have a voice in GHRA matters. Only paid-up members will be listed in the directory.

Send your check, payable to GHRA to:

Chod Cremer

POBox 201

Agency IA 52530

History

U.S.S. GUNSTON HALL

Three wars, uneasy peace, the invention of the atomic bomb, and the first man on the moon...

For twenty seven years **GUNSTON HALL** and the two generations of sailors who have manned her sailed the turbulent waters of a world in transition and served their country well. Kwajalein, The Marshalls, New Guinea, The Philippines, Okinawa, Inchon, Cam Ranh Bay, and Cua Vietnam all knew **GUNSTON HALL**.

In peace she helped test nuclear weapons at Bikini in 1946, and sailed north of the arctic circle to supply Dew Line bases.

She saw Vietnam in 1954 while evacuating anti-communists from Haiphong to Saigon. She returned in 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968 and 1969 with gun barrels for USS NEW JERSEY, chickens for Saigon, PACV hydrofoil gunboats, and many, many U.S. Marines.

Excerpted from the Cruise Book , 1968-69
Submitted by **Robert Beyer**, DC 1969-70

Reunion VIII

April/May 2007 ...
Be There or Regret Having Missed It!

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Merry Christmas
2006
Happy New Year



