



# *USS Gunston Hall*

## *LSD 5*

Fall 2007 Newsletter of the Gunston Hall Reunion Association

# *Branson, Mo in '09*



The Branson "Strip" at night

## *Hello Shipmates,*

Well the votes are in and the winning city selected for our 2009 reunion is Branson, Mo. The results are as follows:

<b>Branson</b>	66 votes
Seattle	47 votes
Washington D.C.	16 votes

I sent out 170 ballots and 129 were returned which means that almost 25% of shipmates left it up to the rest of us to decide.

Branson has a reputation for catering to military reunions so hopefully we will have a very good turnout and a successful reunion like we did in San Diego this year. So get geared up and make plans for

our 2009 reunion!

We will attempt to get the very best deal we can regarding hotel prices, etc. More information will be coming in future newsletters. For those who have internet access we are posting some Branson websites which provide a whole lot of information about the city and all there is to do there. There are many shows and great entertainment for our age group.

None of us are getting any younger so let's hope that all of our shipmates remain in good health and are able to go to the reunion.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in 2009!

Ron

## Connections

The following shipmates have recently signed the log at the Gunston Hall website. According to our records, this is the first contact with these men.

**Carl Wayne Birks**, BM, 64-66

**John Gillow**, ET, 67-72, wildtrapper46@yahoo.com

**Leon Hammond**, 40's, hammondwb@hotmail.com

**Don Knapp**, GM, 43-50, the legendz@sbcglobal.net

**Tom Niblack**, YN, 69-70, tbniblack@verizon.net

**Maximillian Steinbuchel**, SN, 60-66,  
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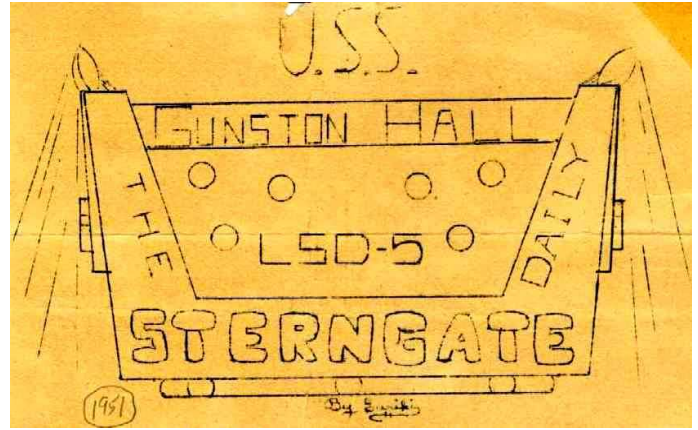
Leon's grandson appended a note asking shipmates that knew his grandfather to contact him. Leon lives in Birmingham and was on our list of shipmates not previously located.

Don Knapp is looking for pictures of the LCI(g) 404 that was in for repairs sometime in the WWII period.

## IN MEMORIAM

We have received word that a shipmate has passed away.

**Gene Moyer**, GM, 43-45 passed away on 8-1-07. Gene was an active member of our association and was 85 years old. Our condolences go to his wife Evelyn and his entire family.



Excerpted from The Sterngate. Tokyo, Oct 16, 1951 (AP)  
“... Task Force 95 bombarding and blockade units effectively attacked communist coastal strong points of both coasts ... North of Pyongni, the Landing Ship Dock, USS Gunston Hall, LSD-5, started fires after scoring direct hits on oil tanks and factory buildings.”

### Just a reminder

to check your dues expiration date which is 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. *Remember: in order to attend the reunion and participate in GHRA matters your dues must be current*

Send your check for \$20, payable to GHRA to:  
**Chod Cremer, PO Box 201, Agency IA 52530**

## 2007 Reunion Revisited

In our last newsletter, we did not have room for a complete list of attendees.

The following shipmates and their wives and guests were on board.

Michael Anderson & Marty

Harold Andrews & Kathleen

Carl Asterino

Jack Baird & Debbie

Al Barros & Victoria

Robert Beyer & Jo

Don Brown & Reina Hess

Jack Buick

David Carriger & Barbara

Fred Carrozzo & Dawn

Bud Corner & Carolyn

Ed Crawford, Vivian & daughter Pattie

Chod Cremer & Joan

Jim Culp & Norma

Tom Daniels & Dolores Torres

Jerry DeGroot

Joe Dizona & Arleen

Bill Driscoll & Doris

Gary Dunkleberger

Marvin Fowler

Ken Hardy & Susan

Darrell Harris

Gene Hauser & Nan

Ted Holmes & Joanne

Val Infante, Margaret & Anna

Lucas Jojola & Sherry

Kelly Jones

Jerry Josephson & Margaret

Jerry Jumper & Lois

Ron Kennedy

Joe Kiraly & Rita

Tom Knox

Ray Leon & Louise

Charles Levett & Karen

George Long & Betty

Ron Lynch & Bernie

Larry Mauck & Helen

Earl McLaughlin

Dick McQuate & Barbara

Bob Mintz & Sandy

Bill Newton & Suzann

Ken Nielsen

Chuck Overkleef

Ed Pador & Teodea

Don Parsley & Midge

Perk Perkins & Rose

Harvey Peterson & Sharon

Marion Pfister & Ginger

Chuck Rininger & Diane

Bob Roh & Ardis

Harvey Schwark & Chiyoko

Ken Sevick, Jenny & daughter Mandee

Charles K. Smith & Evelyn

Quincy Stephens & Audrey

Wayne Stockton & Jackie

Al Stover, Glenda & Brandy

Bob Sundquist & Sallie

Chuck Surratt & Pam

Ed Tank

Bob Tidwell & Wanda

Fred Tooker & Marolyn Chow

Harry Trapp & Agnes

Shelton Weaver & Mary

Charles Wellington & Dawn Lambert


Gene Wetter & Mary

Truman Williams & Donna

Jimmy Wright & Geraldine

# Gunston Hall Memorial

Dedicated to all crews  
who served aboard the  
**U.S.S. GUNSTON HALL LSD-5**  
One of the Most Active Navy Warships in History



Awarded  
9 Battle Stars for World War II Service

Awarded  
9 Battle Stars for Korean War Service

Awarded  
7 Campaign Stars for Vietnam War Service

Commissioned November 10, 1943  
Decommissioned May 1, 1970

Presented with honor and pride by the  
U.S.S. GUNSTON HALL (LSD-5) Reunion Association  
May 1, 2007

The ship's plaque is now mounted at the Nimitz museum.

**The National Museum of the Pacific War**  
340 East Main Street  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624



## Internet Links

### Branson Websites

<http://www.branson.com/>  
<http://www.explorebranson.com/>

### Nimitz Museum

<http://www.nimitz-museum.org/>

### Other Links

American Naval Fighting Ships:

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

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

If you haven't already discovered

<http://www.military.com/>

check it out ... they have interesting articles, special offers for veterans and they keep on top of benefits available to us.

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## HELP!

We are in the process of updating our website. There will be a few changes in the format, some corrections and new pages.

We have pages for the 2003 and 2005 reunions that are headed with a photo of the color guard. For the 2007 page, we do not yet have such a picture.

Some one of us MUST have taken a photograph of the Presentation of Colors. PLEASE send it to us for the new page.

We could also use a few more photos of the dancers. And, just about anything else you may have.

Another thought is to have a Gunston Hall BLOG ... is there any interest in that? Let us know.



### Recognize anyone?

**Joe Beauchamp**, FN, 1944-47 is a regular contributor to the newsletter and the website. He recently sent this photograph taken during his tour.

# A few more memories from our 2007 reunion in San Diego



Chod Cremer, BM 50-53, Val Infante, MM 52-56, Al Barros, IC 53-57



Gene Wetter, MM 67-69 & Mary



Al Barros, IC, 53-57, & Victoria



Bob Mintz, ET, 52-54 & Sandy

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Special thanks to **Al Barros**, IC, 53-57 who contributed the pictures on this page

