



USS Gunston Hall

LSD 5

Summer 2010 Newsletter of the Gunston Hall Reunion Association

Hello Shipmates,

We have concluded our negotiations for the hotel for our 2011 reunion and want to provide you with most of the details. The hotel selected is the Holiday Inn Seattle at Renton which is located about 4 miles from the SEATAC airport. The address is One South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057. The hotel offers 24 hour complimentary shuttle service from the airport to the hotel and also free parking for guests. Check in is 3:00 PM and check out is 12:00 PM. The phone number for making your room reservation is 425-226-7700. When making your reservation **you must tell them that you are with the USS GUNSTON HALL LSD-5 ASSOCIATION REUNION** in order to receive our group rate and for the association to receive credit toward our room obligation. Our group rate is \$94.42 per day which includes 12.4% tax. Rooms rates are for single or double occupancy with a maximum occupancy of 4 persons per room. To reserve your room on-line, see the link on page 3.

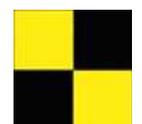
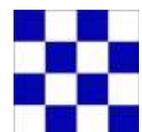
The reunion will be held May 1-3, 2011 and will include a buffet dinner Sunday night and also on Tuesday night. Meal prices have not been finalized as yet but will probably be around \$87 per person for both dinners and includes all taxes and gratuities. Washington state has some fairly high food and room taxes which I have included in the above prices. The room prices are also good for three days before and three days

after the reunion for anybody who wants to stay a little longer. These rates are based on availability. Reservations for the re

union must be made by April 18th, 2011. After this date unre-served rooms will be released for public booking and room rates are subject to change. I have blocked rooms with the hotel so if you are planning on going to the reunion please make your reservations soon. Also if you are planning on attending please send me an e-mail or call me as soon as possible and let me know so I can block more rooms if necessary. This is very important. If we block too many rooms and don't use them we are subject to severe penalties from the hotel. At the same time I want to make sure we have enough rooms available for as many people as possible to attend the reunion. Many of you have already notified me you will be attending and I thank you for your quick response. So for anybody else who plans on going I need to hear from you ASAP. Also we will have our own hospitality room and we will be able to bring in our own food and beverages. Only in the hospitality room can we do this. I'm also working on some kind of tour we can all go on. More details to follow. If you have any questions about anything don't hesitate to get in touch with me. I'm hoping we have another great reunion.

Thanks for your cooperation. See you in Seattle 2011.

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Connections

The following are entries taken from our website guest log. Some have been edited or shortened. The entire original entry remains on line.

Edward Sargent, QM

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If anyone remembers what years we were acting as mother to a group of mine sweeps around Won Son harbor. I would sure like to know I am 86 now and can't find too much info when we were in Korea.

Jackson Soffa, HM, 55-56

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still alive and kicking,

Milburn I Harris (Mel), MM, 50-52

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I'm sure that I am up on my dues but I will make sure, my wife take care of these matters (boy am I lucky!!)

Jesse P Juarez, SM, 64-67

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Enjoy the site. Brings back some great memories. I was in 1St div. and then moved to ops. Signals. In viewing the photo archives picture #8 is me and I believe that was John R Laughlin Hope to hear from others. I have some photos that I will be sending.

Cliff Boxer, EM, 67-70

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Decommissioned and struck from the Naval Register in May 1970

Paul T. Kijewski, SN, 1969

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The Gunston Hall was my first ship out of Boot Camp. I was in First Division and worked for BM1 Broderick. I do have good memories of the Gunny Sack. She was a squared away ship. Would be glad to hear from any shipmates.

Mike Donner, Sgt-USMC

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My father ORAN W. DONNER served on the ship during the Korean war. He can be seen in photo 24 standing with hands on hips. He was the ships store keep. He is still alive and well

Oran W. Donner, SH, 51-54

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I really loved this ship and what she accomplished. I was always glad to see her when returning from liberty or leave. The guys aboard were great and for those three and a half years the "Gunny Sack" was "home"

Reunion 2011 May 1, 2, and 3 FREE ROOM

As in prior years, there will be a free room for all three nights for one lucky shipmate (and his wife or guest).

To qualify, your "meal money" must be paid early. There will be a cut-off date which will be announced soon.

John Rybkoski (Jack), SF, 61-64

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Due to periphrial neuropathy I will not be able to attend the reunion, please keep me posted.

Donald Harrington, QM, 52-56

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I am Donald Harrington's daughter, Rhonda Harrington-Cable. He passed in 1990 as the result of complications for a trial chemo treatment for non-hodgkins lymphoma.

Ray Hall, SFP, 66-68

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Looking for anyone who served with me

Louis J. Franceschini (Frenchy), PhM, 42-44

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I will always cherish the days I spent aboard the Gunston Hall.

Komis, George, SN, 62-65

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A.Hoy to all Gunny Sacker's I came across this site by chance it's grate. I called Ron, (he) sent a directory thanks Ron, lots of names good memories Shig, i'll be in touch aka theGreek

James I. Taylor, FN, 1959

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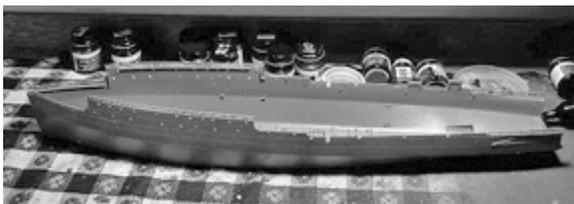
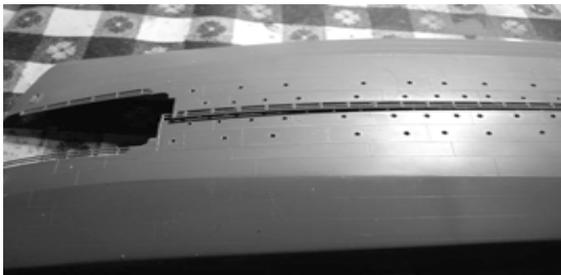
was aboard short time and had medical problems. spent several weeks at balboa before discharge. I would like to know if any hats patches etc are available. i was aboard when james cagney dennis weaver debbie reynolds filmed at our dock.

Don Legget, BT, 1963

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I enjoyed my time on board the Gunston Hall. Wish I was never transferred. Good Duty

LSD 5 Revisited



Ron Silver, son of Horace Silver, RM, 1943-45, is building a scale model of the ship. The photos above show progress as of June 6, 2010 ... the hull has been constructed and port holes drilled. The hull is now in drydock ready to be fitted out.

Horace Silver's World War II personal log and diary are posted on the website in the World War II section.

In Memoriam

Alfred Barros, IC, 1953-57
George Boutsis, MM, 1949-52
Donald Harrington, QM, 1953-56

Al's wife writes that he was proud to be an American and proud of his service in the U.S. Navy.

George attended a reunion in 1997, Al in 2007.

Don's daughter left a note in the Visitor's Log.

Internet Links

Holiday Inn reservations:

<http://ichotelsgroup.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&GPC=USS&hotelCode=SEART&PMID=99801505>

If you are on-line, you may just click on the link. Otherwise, you must copy the whole thing into your browser address bar.

Seattle

For the Official Seattle site:

<http://www.seattle.gov>

For a list of attractions:

<http://www.helloseattle.com/Attractions.cfm>

OR

<http://www.seattle.gov/html/visitor/points.htm>

OR

<http://www.seattle-fun.com>

Nimitz Museum

<http://www.nimitz-museum.org/memorial-wall/photos.php?img=USSGunstonHall.jpg>

(You must squeeze it into one line)

Other Links

American Naval Fighting Ships:

<http://www.hazegray.org>

<http://www.navsourc.org>

<http://www.military.com>

Current military news and events

<http://www.americasupportsyou.mil/americasupportsyou/>

There is also an entry for the ship in Wikipedia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Gunston_Hall_\(LSD-5\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Gunston_Hall_(LSD-5))

You gotta love this!

<http://oldbluejacket.com/inthenavynow>.

Important Your Membership

In order to attend the upcoming reunion and participate in the business meeting (where the location of our next reunion will be decided), dues must be current Please check the date behind your name on the mailing label or the header of the e-mail... that is the date your dues expire. If your date doesn't show up give me a call or e-mail me. Send your check for \$20 for a full years dues made out to GHRA to our treasurer We can't do it without your support.

Chod Cremer, Treasurer

**P. O. Box 201,
Agency, IA 52530.**

A Few Seattle Attractions

Pike Place Market

Museum of Natural History and Culture

Dinosaurs, fossils, Native American masks and culture, Asian cultural costumes, bugs and birds!

Chinatown/Wing Luke Museum

An Asian Cultural Experience just minutes away from downtown Seattle. A Smithsonian Institution affiliate

Museum of Flight

Flight comes to life at the largest air and space museum in the West.

Museum of Glass

Contemporary glass art

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

Northwest wildlife. Peering out of the tram at bellowing bison less than 10 feet away or stand nose-to-nose with an otter, exciting wildlife encounters happen every day at Northwest Trek.

Seattle Art Museum

See art from every corner of the world at the Seattle Art Museum, the region's premier art museum!...

Seattle Space Needle

Located 520' above Seattle, the Observation Deck offers 360 of breathtaking indoor and outdoor viewing

Seattle Museum of the Mysteries

Legends and lore of the Northwest. UFOs Bigfoot, Ghosts and other Northwest mysteries.



Lt. Lazerov (1953-54) and his wife Fran displaying a framed montage with a picture of the ship at sea, campaign ribbons, battle information and the ship's call sign. It was donated to the V.A. hospital in Indianapolis in honor of all who served on the U.S.S. Gunston Hall LSD 5.

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