



USS Gunston Hall

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Summer 2013 Newsletter of the Gunston Hall Reunion Association



A Happy Camper

Hello Shipmates,

First of all I want to thank all of the shipmates and their wives and guests who attended our eleventh reunion recently in San Antonio.

From all reports everyone seemed to have a great time. I know I did. Many sea stories were told and retold and a few cervezas were consumed in the hospitality room. We had a great tour of the Nimitz museum and were able to see the Gunston Hall plaque that we established there a few years back. Some took in the Riverwalk and toured the Alamo. As they say a good time was had by all.

At our business meeting we selected three locations for the 2015 reunion. In alphabetical order they are Las Vegas, Norfolk and San Diego. In my estimation any of these cities would make for a great reunion. In past years we have held reunions in San Diego and Las Vegas but have never held one in Norfolk, a Navy town for many years. So wherever the reunion is held I'm sure we will have a good turnout and another good time. I will not be sending out ballots for the voting. Shipmates with computers can e-mail me their selection and all others can call me or mail me their choice by regular mail. A reminder that in order to vote for your choice your dues must be current.

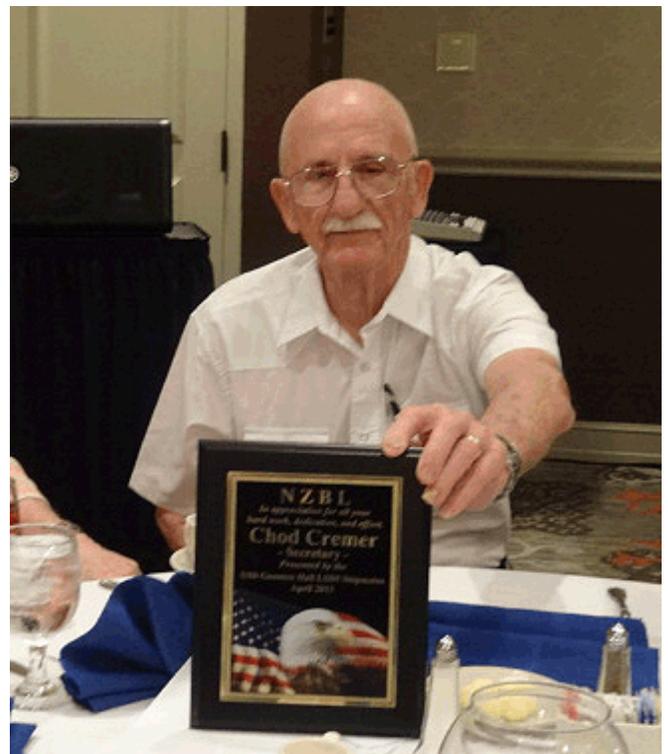
Chod Cremer has finally retired as treasurer after twenty years of great service to the association. I want to thank Chod for the great job he has done and especially

for making my job a lot easier. Thanks Chod for all your help! Our new treasurer is Bob Beyer, DC 69-70 who has volunteered to take the job. His wife Jo will also assist him. Thanks Bob for taking the job and allowing Chod to sail into the sunset and enjoy the golden years. **So do not send any more dues to Chod.** He will just have to forward them to Bob and spend time and money for postage. Send your dues to Bob Beyer at 3911 Lower Saxtown Rd., Waterloo, IL 62298-4611. His phone number is 618-719-3433

We're still looking for somebody to step up and take over my job. Many have volunteered to help out but don't really want the job. Maybe one of our younger guys will take the helm. Somebody better because I have done my part for the last ten years; **Chod is retired and I'm retiring also. If we still want our association to exist then we have to have somebody step up to the plate and do the right thing and do it now!**

Many thanks to all of you who have supported me over the years and helped make my job much easier. Let's keep the association alive and well for years to come.

- Ron Kennedy



Treasurer Emeritus, Chod Cremer

Connections

William Roadman, RM, 1966-70
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Captain Wilbur A. Sundt, U.S. Navy (retired), passed
away quietly on Saturday, June 9, 2012

Robert C Pollock, FTGSN, 64-67
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Interested in joining and attending reunions

Cliff Boxer, EM, 67-70
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The picture in the new Newsletter has a picture of
the USS Flagstaff. It states it was 1968. It was the
69-70 Vietnam cruise. We carried spare gun barrels
for the USS New Jersey during the 1968 cruise
--> WEBMASTERS NOTE: The on-line version has
been corrected <---

Jim Denman, RM, 66-68
JimDenman@ymail.com
Correct to my last LOG.
Looking forward to the next reunion.

Irwin Robert Stenzler, MR, 64-66
shellistenzler@yahoo.com
I was very happy to find this sight. Any information
you have about my old mates or the Gunny Sack
would be greatly appreciated.

Richard Deering, USMC, 69-70
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I was in a redeployment from Cue Viet to Okinowa
and there was an incident that the stern gate was
damaged and we had to go to Da Nang to fix it. I
was awarded a Meritorious Mast for the
redeployment. It was in Dec or Jan of 1969-70

Dean Hedlund, YN, 60-66
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Brad Daniels, PN, 1966
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Frederick Sauer, ET, 1962-65
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Shipmates in Attendance At San Antonio

Michael Anderson	RM	1966-68
Robert E Beyer	DC	1969-70
Robert Brunelle	RM	1961-62
Jack Buick	RD	1956-59
Bud Corner	BM	1957-60
Chod Cremer	BM	1950-53
Jerry De Groot	LTjg	1952-55
Joe Dizona	RM	1963-66
Bill Driscoll	BM	1962-65
Gary Dunkleberger	RM	1960-62
Kenneth L. Hardy	EM	1967-70
Val Infante	MM	1952-56
Lucas Jojola	BM	1965-69
Kelly L Jones	BT	1965-68
Jerry Josephson	BM	1957-60
Richard R. Keller	DK	1952-53
Ron Kennedy	PN	1957-59
Joe Kiraly	LT	1967-68
Tom Knox	SN	1967
George A. Komis	SN	1962-65
Roger Lothamer	MM	1967-68
Earl McLaughlin	RD	1968-70
Floyd McMillin	SN	1960-62
Richard McQuate	RM	1964-66
Bill Newton	SN	1957-61
Rory O'Connor	MM	1960-64
John (Pat) O'Kelley	GM	1951-54
James E Peters	BM	1957-59
Marion Pfister	MM	1961-64
John A Prizzi	MM	1953-56
Robert E (Bob) Roh	SK	1954-56
Bob Sundquist	HM	1951-53
Ed Tank	MM	1963-65
Bob Tidwell	MM	1959-63
Harry Trapp	MR	1952-54
Terry Lee Troglin	BM	1964-66
George Wallerstein	LT	1951-53
Shelton L Weaver	BM	1958-62
Joe Whitehill	ET	1956-59
Jimmy C. Wright	RD	1956-58

In Memoriam

James Pate, BM, 1965-69
Horace Rowe, BMC, 1949-51



Is this
THE END?

Have we had our last reunion?

Is this the last newsletter?

On several occasions in recent years, Ron has opted for retirement from the chairmanship and has arrived at the last couple of reunions with intent to find a replacement. Rather than face the inevitable, each time we talked him into staying on for “one more hitch.” That gambit didn’t work this time ... Ron has retired whether we acknowledge it or not.

There have been several suggestions as to re-organizing the responsibilities and having several of us taking a part but that hasn’t gone over all that well either.

Bob Beyer has taken the responsibility of treasurer which is a first and very important step.

Other USN reunion groups have several guys, each with unique responsibilities, working together as a team to make their association and reunions run well and with no serious strain on any one person. Such an arrangement also helps to assure continuity in the event one of the team becomes ill or dies.

As a group, we are aging. That 18 year old seaman that went aboard during the ship’s last year of service is now eligible for Social Security. And, it will never be better than it is now.

Please contact Ron with any thoughts or suggestions as to how we proceed.

Dues Expired?

IMPORTANT: Do not send dues to Chod!

Send your \$20 check made payable to GHRA for a full years dues to our new treasurer If your dues are expired, you cannot vote on the location for the next reunion. We can't do it without your support.

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Website

Over the next few months, there will be several updates and improvements to our website. There will be a new page for the 2013 reunion with pictures and miscellany. If you have anything to add for the 2013 reunion or any earlier reunion or any trivia, photos or commentary to share, please send it to us in any format. We will copy and return it to you if you wish. In the meantime, visit at: www.ussgunstonhall.org and check again in the fall for updates.



Crow from Kelly Jones, BT, 1965-68

And a Good Time It Was



Bob (DC, 1969—70) and Jo Beyer



Joe Kiraly, Bill Driscoll, Terry Troglin, George Komis, and Ken Hardy



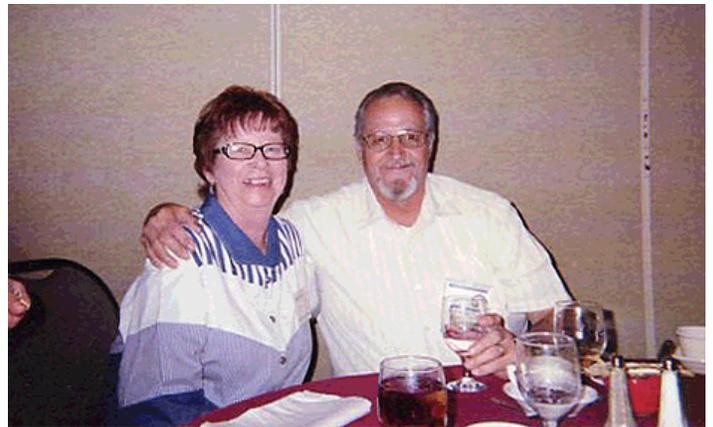
Geraldine and Jimmy (RD, 1956-58) Wright



Nancy and Bob (RM, 1961-62) Brunelle



Joyce and Joe (ET, 1956-59) Whitehill



Sherry and Lucas (BM, 1965-69) Jojola



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