

## USS Gunston Hall LSD-5

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### Winter 2016 Newsletter of the Gunston Hall Reunion Association



## 2017 Reunion—April 30 to May 3, 2017

### Season Greetings Crew, Families and Friends

I hope all is well with you all. I would like to extend to you all Holiday Greetings, A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2017 be the best year to come for you all.

The Hampton is the site for the 2017 Reunion. There are deadlines to meet per the hotel contract. We have a bank of rooms set aside for us at the special rate. We have a hospitality room that allows us to bring beer/wine into it from hotel bar. We can bring in OUR OWN soda, water and dry snacks. We will have our usual dinner with entertainment. Dinner will be \$55.00 per person. So after the holidays it will be time to meet reunion deadlines for rooms and meals. Do not make reservation on this site. It is for general information only. [www.lasvegashamptoninn.com](http://www.lasvegashamptoninn.com). Specific instructions for making reservations are at the end of this section.

### Entertainment

No tours or other entertainment are planned for the reunion ... you can plan your own adventures if you wish. A good source for events and happenings in Las Vegas is:

<http://www.vegastours.com/> or  
<http://www.lasvegasadvisor.com/>  
Plan Early for events.

### Looking ahead:

#### Now Hear This, 2019 Reunion

The response to this reunion has been great. We have more reservations in hand than attended the last two reunions. It follows that there will be another reunion in 2019. Some **assistance is required!** With that in mind I would like to theme it City/State Hometown Pride. It doesn't have to be the city you live in. You know your state and what it has to offer. I/we need 2-3 crew members to put in bids on what their selected city has to offer. Our usual hotel needs are a must! I will work with you to plan the reunion. This would make it a lot easier to plan a well rounded reunion. Please have your bid ready for the 2016 reunion for a vote. If you have questions call me at 906 774 3918, and I will return your call.

**Generally, if GHRA is going to survive there must be greater participation from the members.**

More about this on page 3.

Louis Walters, CS 65-69 Chairman

### **MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

By Phone;

Call 702/948-8136 or 702/948-8130 Monday through Friday during the hours of: 8:00am - 5:30pm Las Vegas time.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT call any other number! Be sure to state that you are with GHRA.

On-line:

Go to 'LINKS' on page 3

# Connections

The following are recent entries to the Log on our website

**Charles "Chuck" Wellington, MM, 69-71**  
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Updated e-mail address as of approx. Apr. 2013

**James Warner, IC2, 61-64**  
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**John B. Newbold, E3, 66-67**  
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**Pete Brunelle, BT2, 67-68**  
buckeyebt2.821@gmail.com  
Found this sight, it great has a lot of names I remember. Sorry to see the passing of John R. Hamilton BT3 we drank a few drinks together. Guess his passing will make me go through all my photo's

**Joe Mize, SN, 49-50**  
ai4kp1@yahoo.com  
I was only on the ship about 2 mos.

**Al Hickok, MM2, 62-66**  
ahickok@hotmail.com  
Glad I wandered onto this site and could still remember some of the names of men that served on board the sack the same time as I did. I've often wondered how many was left after all these years.

**Robert Beyer, DC3, 69-70**  
rbeyercmc9@gmail.com  
Hello all Shipmates that sailed on the Gunny hope you are all well and happy. Had a great last cruise to Viet Nam and many other ports. Got my sea legs on the Gunston Hall and had a great time. Bob

**Milburn I. Harris, E4, 48-52**  
Melrosemeadows@aol.com  
Still around not up to keeping with the news keep up the good work you do

**Ryan Walton**  
ryanwalton@hotmail.com  
First off let me say thanks for serving our great nation, My father served on this ship his name was **Clyde H. Walton**. If anyone has fun stories or the like email me at ryanwalton@hotmail.com thx.

**George A Komis, SN, 62-65**  
Email : geo.komis@gmail.com

## In Memoriam

**Bill Bradshaw, GM, '68-69**



**Jerry DeGroot, LTjg  
1952-55**

**Walter Epstein 1946**



**Jim Hulse, SFM  
1959-83**

**Don Paisley, SK  
1951-54**



**Clyde H Walton  
MM, 1969**

**Frank Schlangen, FN - CWO2, 65-67**  
frsfranque446@gmail.com  
Aboard to prepare for Westpac deployment. Remember loading diatomaceous earth in shaft alleys for condensate filters. Traveled back and forth to Philippines with small craft from Viet Nam for repairs

**Carl Asterino, BM, 62-66**  
Email : asterinoc@yahoo.com

**Emile Messana, BM, 67-69**  
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## Links

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

To make your hotel reservations on-line, go to the GHRA website and follow the directions. There is a link on that will take you to the hotel's reservation system. <http://ussgunstonhall.org>. Select "Reunions" from the main menu, then "2017" from the pop-up menu. **READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!**

The hotel has other reservations websites but you must use this one or you will likely pay the full price for the room.

And, please check in on the website from time to time for possible updates and changes to plans. The reunion page will be updated periodically.

If you haven't visited lately, there is a lot of new content.

### Help Wanted!

There is an immediate opening for a Newsletter Editor. This prestigious position offers few rewards but flex hours. The pay sucks but you would be helping GHRA a lot!

It could be a shared responsibility with one or more co-editors and Jack Buick, RD, 1956-59, the current editor is available to help out but Jack cannot commit beyond the 2017 reunion.

Please respond to Louie

### USS Gunston Hall LSD 5 Reunion Association

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## Shipmates

### Planning to Attend

As of December 12

Mike Anderson RM 66-68  
Harold Andrews MM 43-46  
Joe Beauchamp FN 44-47  
Bob Beyer DC 69-70  
Jack Buick RD 56-59  
Maurice Chase MM 67-69  
Bud Corner SN 57-60  
Chod Cremer BM 50-53  
Joe Dizona RM 63-66  
Bill Driscoll BM 62-65  
Gray Dunkleberger RM 60-62  
Ed Flook ET 59-60  
Carl Gregory, RD, 60-62  
Bob Friscia BT 56-59  
Al Hickok MM 62-66  
Vernon Jackson RM 56-58  
Lucas Jojola BM 65-69  
Kelly Jones, BT, 65-68  
Ron Kennedy PN 57-59  
Joe Kiraly LT 67-68  
George Komis SN 62-65  
William Jeff Lee CS 66-67  
Louis Levalley SN 51-52  
Roger Lothamer MM 67-68  
Ray Leon, MM, 49-50  
Dick McQuate RM 64-66  
Floyd McMillin SN 60-62  
Howard Nelson FN 56-57  
Bill Newton SN 57-61  
Tom Niblack, YN, 69-70  
John Prizzi MM 53-56  
Robert Roh SK 54-56  
Donald Saiz EN 66-67  
Jack Soffa HM 55-56  
Ed Tank MM 63-65  
Terry Troglin BM 64-66  
Louis Walters CS 65-69  
Charles Wellington MM 69-70  
Gene Wetter MM 67-69  
Joe Whitehill ET 56-59  
Jimmy Wright RD 56-58

# Memories

## 1970 Shellback Initiation



**Robert Brockschmidt, RD, 68-70** sent the above and several other pictures from this period. Check them out our website.



The Color Guard at our 2005 reunion in Las Vegas



## Navigators



**Robert Van Dusen, BM, 1969-70** loaned us his Cruisebook. The above is a photo from it. There are more pages on our website

