

USS Gunston Hall LSD-5

1943 - 1970



Fall-Winter 2017 Newsletter of the Gunston Hall Reunion Association

Hi Shipmates!

I want to thank you guys and your guests for making our Las Vegas Reunion such a great one. I have already started looking for a hotel for our 2019 reunion in San Diego; something really nice that does not cost us all an arm & a leg - the cost keeps going up as we all know. There will be updates posted to the website from time to time.

I want to wish everybody an OUTSTANDING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS ... I hope 2018 brings everybody a good year. Above all I want to thank Jack, Bob, Louis and Wendy Flook for all their help putting the Las Vegas reunion together. Thanks also to my wife, Doris, for all her help since our first Reunion in Santa Rosa 1993; she has been to all of our reunions.

REMINDER: We can't do it without your support. See page 2 for info on renewing your dues.

Your chairman, Bill Driscoll



We shared our Las Vegas hotel with a group of young U.S. Marines. In the above photo, our Andy Andrews, MM, Plankowner, regales a few of them with sea stories.

Happy 242nd Birthday

October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress, "Resolved, That a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruise eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct." *All Hands Magazine October 12, 2017.*

There is an interesting article and video at:
http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/forStory.asp?id=102826

Updates

- Bill Driscoll has accepted a term as chairman. He is the fourth chairman after Louis Walters who resigned in order to care for his wife.
- Our next reunion will be in San Diego in Spring 2019. The precise dates and details are yet to be determined. As there are new developments, they will be posted on our website:
<http://ussgunstonhall.org>
- Our 2011 reunion was in San Diego. It was well attended and we all had a good time.

Website

Our website has recovered after having been compromised last year. There was no risk to any visitor but there was a good chance that a visitor would be re-directed to a different website. At this time the Guest Log remains disabled as it is an entry point for a hacker; we are looking to make it more foolproof than it has been.

There are new pages memorializing the 2017 reunion with pictures provided by Doris Driscoll and John Prizzi. Many of you took photos - please share them. Email them to webmaster (see below) or U.S. mail them to Jack Buick, 8927 Ellis Ave., Los Angeles CA 90034. Anything you wish to be returned will be returned.

Shipmates in attendance at Las Vegas

Mike Anderson RM 66-68	George Komis SN 62-65
Harold Andrews MM 43-46	William Jeff Lee CS 66-67
Earl Arns EM 1956	Louis Levalley SN 51-52
Joe Beauchamp FN 44-47	Roger Lothamer MM 67-68
Bob Beyer DC 69-70	Ray Leon MM 49-50
Jack Buick RD 56-59	Floyd McMillin SN 60-62
Maurice Chase MM 67-69	Howard Nelson FN 56-57
Bud Corner SN 57-60	Bill Newton SN 57-61
Chod Cremer BM 50-53	John Prizzi MM 53-56
Joe Dizona RM 63-66	Robert Roh SK 54-56
Bill Driscoll BM 62-65	Jack Soffa HM 55-56
Gray Dunkleberger RM 60-62	Bob Sundquist HM 51-53
Bob Friscia BT 56-59	Ed Tank MM 63-65
Al Hickok MM 62-66	Harry Trapp MR 52-54
Val Infante MM 52-56	Terry Troglin BM 64-66
Vernon Jackson RM 56-58	Louis Walters CS 65-69
Lucas Jojola BM 65-69	Don Weidinger SN 60-64
Kelly Jones BT 65-68	Gene Wetter MM 67-69
Ron Kennedy PN 57-59	Jimmy Wright RD 56-58
Tom Knox SN, 1967	

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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

At our 2007 San Diego Reunion we sponsored the above plaque which now is on permanent display at the Nimitz museum in Fredericksburg, Texas

Membership

In order to attend reunions and participate in GHRA activities it is necessary to be a dues paying member. If your dues have lapsed you can re-up for only \$20 regardless of when your membership expired. You will be brought up to date and have a full year of paid membership for only 20 bucks!. Mail your check to Bob Beyer at the address below.

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Jack Buick, 56-59, Webmaster
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In Memoriam

Carl Gentry, EM, 1969-70

Jerry Josephson, BM 1957-60



Jerry at 2011 reunion

'Perk' Perkins, DC, 1950-52