



USS Gunston Hall

LSD 5

Fall 2010 Newsletter of the Gunston Hall Reunion Association

Hello Shipmates,

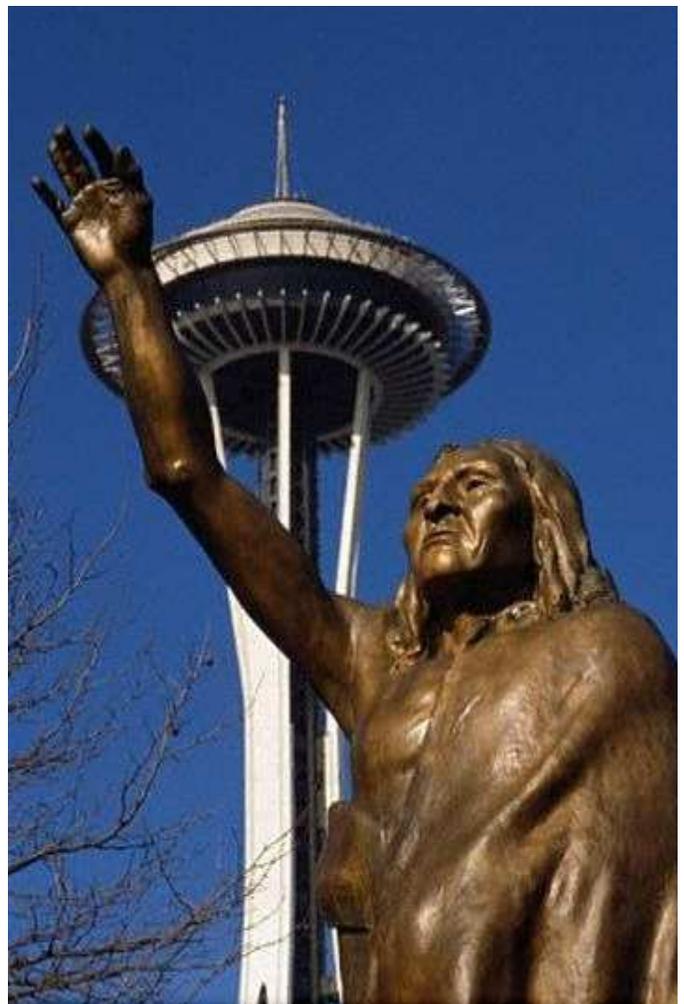
I imagine all of you and your families are preparing for a wonderful Christmas and a great holiday season. Chod Cremer our treasurer who keeps track of the dues and many other details to keep our association going, Jack Buick who assists me in so many ways with the newsletter and database and other details and myself wish everybody a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year of 2011**.

I wanted to go over the details again with everybody on our upcoming reunion in Seattle and provide new details. It will be held from May 1-3, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Seattle at Renton which is about 4 miles from the SEATAC airport. **Their address is One South Grady Way, Renton, WA. 98057 and their telephone number for making reservations is 425-226-7700.** When you make your reservations **be sure that you tell them you are with the USS Gunston Hall reunion so you receive our group room rate that we negotiated and we receive credit toward our room obligation.** This is very important so we don't incur any penalties with the hotel. Check in is 3:00 PM and check out is 12:00 noon. The hotel has free guest parking and provides 24 hour complimentary shuttle service from the airport to the hotel.

Our group room rate is \$94.42 per day including all taxes for single or double occupancy with a maximum occupancy of 4 persons per room. We will again have a buffet dinner on Sunday night and also on Tuesday night. Meal prices have been finalized with the hotel and will be \$87 per person or \$174 per couple and includes both dinners, hospitality room refreshments, gratuities and taxes. Also for anybody who wants to stay a little longer the room rates are good for three days before and three days after the reunion. These rates are based on availability. The deadline for making room reservations is **April 18, 2011**. After this date unreserved rooms will be released for public booking and room rates are subject to change. I have blocked rooms with the hotel so if you plan on attending the reunion please make your reservations as soon as possible and please notify me either by e-mail or call me as soon as possible 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. If we don't block enough rooms then some shipmates can be shut out of our special room rate. Thanks to all who have already notified me of their attendance. For others please let me know of your plans ASAP. Time is growing short so if you want to attend the reunion and have a great time and reconnect with some old shipmates now is the time to act.

We will have our own hospitality room and will be able to bring in our own snacks and beverages like we did in Branson last year. This is only allowed in the hospitality room.Continued on Page 3



Chief Seattle and the Space Needle

Planned Attendance

Quite a number of shipmates have already told us they will be attending the reunion. The following list is up to date as of December 8, 2010:

Mike Anderson, RM, 1966-68
Harold Andrews, MM, 1943-46 and Kathleen
Bob Beyer, DC, 1969-70 and Jo
Jack Buick, RD, 1956-59
Chod Cremer, BM, 1950-53 and Joan
Greg DeLosSantos, YN, 1968-69 and Gerri
Joe Dizona, RM, 1963-66
Bill Driscoll, BM, 1962-65 and Doris
Gary Dunkleberger, RM, 1960-62
Frank Frankson, SK, 1951-54 and Linda
Lyle Hansen, RM, 1951-54 and Karen
Ken Hardy, EM, 1967-70 and Susan
Val Infante, MM, 1952-56
Vern Jackson, RM, 1956-58
Lucas Jojola, BM, 1965-69 and Sherry
Jerry Josephson, BM, 1957-60 and Margie
Ron Kennedy, PN, 1957-59
Wayne Kidd, MM, 68-70 and Joanne
Joe Kiraly, LCdr, 1967-68 and Rita
Tom Knox, SN, 1967
Harold Larson, SK, 1951-54 and Jo
Dick McQuate, RM, 1964-66 and Barbara
Rory O'Connor, MM, 1960-64 and Pam
Pete Pador, PN, 1954-56 and Teodea
Don Parsley, SK, 1951-54 and Midge
Dick Peres, YN, 1953-54 and Janice
Jim Peters, BM, 1957-59 and Dena
Marion Pfister, MM, 1961-64 and Ginger
Orv Rempfer, BM, 1957-59
Bob Roh, SK, 1954-56 and Ardis
Ken Shigley, BM, 1962-65 and Cindy
Jack Shimizu, BM, 1960-63
Chuck Smallwood, EM, 1952-56 and Marilyn
Quincy Stephens, TE, 1949-50
Chuck Surratt, MM, 1950-54 and Pam
Bob Tidwell, MM, 1959-63 and Wanda
E.L. Tolbert, MM, 1943-46
Fred Tooker, YN, 1952-55
Harry Trapp, MR, 1952-54
Bob Vollmer, FN, 1967-68 and Debbie
George Wallerstein, LT, 1951-53
Chuck Wellington, MM, 1969-70
Gene Wetter, MM, 1967-69 and Mary
Shelton Weaver, BM, 1958-62 and Mary
Jimmy Wright, RD, 1956-58 and Geraldine

Connections

The following shipmates have visited the GHRA website since the last newsletter. As usual, the comments have been edited or shortened to save space here but the unedited versions remain on the site

James Taylor, FA, 05/59

Email : ninnyntaylor@aol.com

Was aboard short time and had medical problems.

Spent several weeks at Balboa before discharge. I was aboard when James Cagney Dennis Weaver and Debbie Reynolds filmed at our dock.

Shelton Weaver, BM, 58-62

Email : papamoon@suddenlink.net

you'll doing a good job.don:t forget to squeeze the swab out. see you'll in Seattle WEAVER

Lyle Hansen, RM, 51-54

Email : lhansen6368@msn.com

Hi all,

Wife Karen and I have signed up for the 2011 reunion. Motel is only about 40 miles from our home.

John Caswell, BM, 69-70

Email : bonsaidad1@yahoo.com

Jose Ramirez, BM, 61-65

Email : jmramirez641@aim.com

At 69 years of age, I have a lot of memories of the ships I was on during my enlistment. I was on four actually--- last but not least the USS Gunston Hall LSD 5. One thing I will always remember was when we went through the Panama Canal When they sent us to the Cuban Blockade and when we had R & R in Port-Au-Prince , Haiti

Cliff Boxer, EM, 67-70

Email : clifford.e.boxer@verizon.net

I have been posting the ships log from our '69-'70 West-pac cruise on Facebook (USS Gunston Hall LSD5).

Jim Sigafos, LTjg, 68-70

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comments : Thanks for organizing this

Steve Stevenson, RD, 64-68

Email : gunsitpass@gmail.com

A long time ago; seems like yesterday. Some of the best years of my life. Like so many, I regret not keeping in touch with my "buds", "Tricki", "Troll", "Jenks", and the rest. I still miss you guys and tell our stories to all who will listen.

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As our time at the reunion is short I am trying to arrange a tour of the Puget Sound Navy Museum located in Bremerton for anyone who is interested. It should be a very interesting tour. This would be on Monday and we will have the business meeting on Tuesday. The tour is free but we would have to arrange for motor coaches to take us from the hotel to the museum and back. Costs per person for the motor coach would probably be around \$15-\$20 per person. So in order for me to arrange transportation to the museum I have to find out how many of you are interested. If you are please let me know as soon as possible so I can contact the coach company and set it up. Send me an e-mail if you have a computer or call me. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

One last thing. Once again we will be having a raffle drawing by Chod Cremer for a lucky shipmate to win a free room at the reunion for all three days. In order to be eligible to **win a free room** you must send in your meal money to Chod no later than **March 1, 2011**. Make sure that your check is made out to GHRA. Prices again are \$87 per person or \$174 per couple for both dinners. And **if your dues have expired add in another \$20 to bring your dues current. Remember to attend the reunion your dues must be current.** If you have any questions about your dues expiration date or anything else just get in touch with me. Chod's address is P. O. Box 201, Agency, IA 52530.

Let's have a great reunion again like we did in San Diego and Branson. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you old sea dogs again and maybe tip a few with you.

Internet Links

Holiday Inn reservations:

<http://ihotelsgroup.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/html/>

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))



George Dolzonek, FP, 52-56; Bill Fodrie (deceased), DC, 52-54; J.J. Gallagher, FP, 1953

FREE ROOM

Register now

This may your last reminder before the deadline



e-mail

At this time, a good number of members have e-mail addresses and receive the newsletter and other announcements via e-mail. It is a cheap, easy fast way to transmit a lot of information to a lot of people instantaneously and it saves us money. If you have an e-mail account and we do not have it, please send it to us (via e-mail, of course). **If we have your e-mail info and you change it, please let us know. There is no e-mail forwarding service and you might miss something you don't want to miss.**



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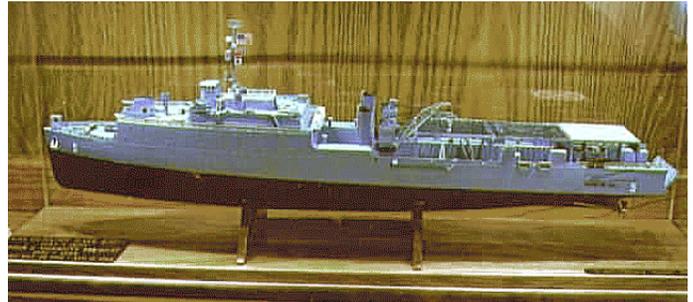
In Memoriam

John King, GM, 43-45
Anthony Petrella, SF, 45-46
Al Stover, BMC, 49-53
Frank Susnik, MMC, 43-45

Shipbuilders

Turns out we have a couple of shipbuilders in our midst. Roger and Ron have each spent many hours (independent of and unknown to the other) building scale models of the ship.

Seaworthy



Roger Merriott, BM, 62-64 has completed this scale model of the good ship Gunnysack.



The detailed, scale model of the ship built by Ron Silver, son of Horace Silver, RM, 43-45 is almost complete in this photo. We plan to have it on display at the reunion

