

USS Gunston Hall LSD-5

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Spring 2021 Newsletter of the Gunston Hall Reunion Association

Reunion 2021 POSTPONED

The COVID 19 virus has forced a decision to cancel the reunion planned for Gettysburg this year. It is quite unlikely that the pandemic will have abated or that all of the shipmates will be vaccinated before our planned dates.

Normally, by this time a substantial number of shipmates would have committed either by securing a hotel room or paying the dinner money. This year, only a very few have done so.

Although the GHRA obligation to the hotel has been cancelled, anyone wishing to visit Gettysburg on the planned dates will be given the special rate. A few shipmates have indicated that they may do so. Bill and Doris Driscoll will be there and will be available for informal activities unrelated to GHRA.

Shipmates that have made hotel reservations that will not make the trip must individually cancel their reservation. All shipmates that have paid GHRA for the dinner will receive a full refund.

What's Next?

The vote to go to Gettysburg was very close with Long Beach only a few votes behind. After realizing the transportation difficulties getting to Gettysburg, several shipmates regretted their vote and had second thoughts about attending the reunion. Given that, the current plan is to have a reunion in Long Beach in the Spring of 2022.

*Every time I look to the sea,
a young sailor comes forth from me.
With a straightened back and a seaman's grip,
I look to the horizon for my long lost ship.*

GHRA Website

If you haven't visited our website in a while, you might want to check out some new features. For example, click on "Memorabilia" and then "Hall's Dope Sheet" for a look at post WWII news, advice and humor. In the same section, you will find the personal WWII logs of three shipmates.

There is a new section in the "Photos" file. Click on "Photos" then "Fun Times" for a look at some of Gunnysack's lighter moments.

Updates regarding the planned 2022 reunion will also be posted from time to time.

There is unlimited space available. If you have something to share, send it on and we will post it.



Membership

We cannot continue without financial participation by active members. The modest dues are the only income we have to cover the various expenses. The date following your name on any recent email is the date your dues have or will expire. If you are past due or are coming due please re-up. Send \$20 to:

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Alternatively, you may pay \$40 at the reunion.