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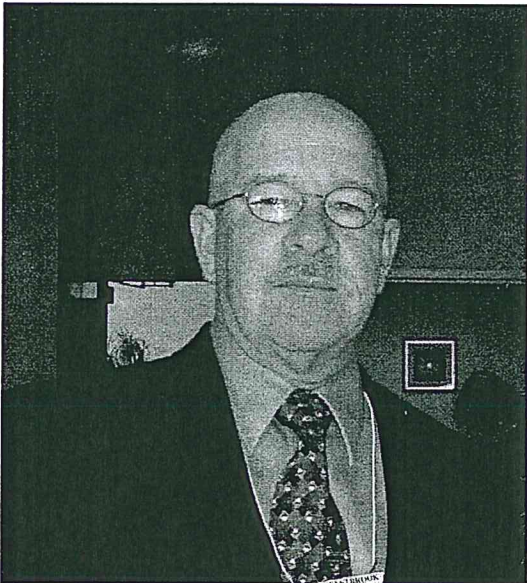
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### The Governor Bio: Tom Westbrook



HI, MY NAME IS THOMAS (TOM) WESTBROOK, SON OF SURVIVOR CHARLIE WESTBROOK WHO CROSSED THE BAR IN MARCH OF 2009. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE USS GAMBIER BAY/VC - 10 ASSOCIATION. MY PARENTS, NATHALIE AND CHARLIE WESTBROOK, WERE ACTIVE WITH THE GAMBIER BAY SURVIVORS AND WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE REUNION HELD IN PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA IN THE 70'S.

MY SISTER BARBARA, MY TWIN SISTER JOAN AND I ARE NATIVE CALIFORNIANS. AFTER A VARIETY OF JOBS, FAMILIES AND LIFE, JOAN AND I RESIDE IN CALIFORNIA WHILE BARB HOPES TO MOVE BACK TO CALIFORNIA, FROM MICHIGAN, IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SINCE THE 70'S WE ALL HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO ACCOMPANY OUR FATHER TO REUNIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND MY SISTERS PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE AS WELL.

THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR ME, AS A PROUD PARENT OF CHARLIE WESTBROOK, SSG STAFF SERGEANT MOS - 11 BRAVO INFANTRY, MY SON HAS SERVED TWO TOURS OF DUTY IN IRAQ. HE IS PRESENTLY STATE SIDE, RESIDING IN MICHIGAN, AND AWAITING HIS FIRST CHILD'S BIRTH.

MY JOBS, OVER THE YEARS HAS ALLOWED ME TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ENJOYING THE BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRY AND FREEDOM WE ALL ENJOY DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF ALL WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR COUNTRY'S SERVICES. AGAIN, I' M EXCITED TO BE PART OF THE ASSOCIATION AND HOPE TO CONTINUE TO HONOR THE SURVIVORS OF THE GAMBIER BAY.

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE OUR ASSOCIATION AND PUBLICATION. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!!

## SURVIVORS DO NOT OWE DUES

THE DUES ARE \$15.00 ANNUALLY OR \$100.00 FOR A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE OF THE NUMBERED OPTIONS BELOW.

1. ENCLOSED IS \$15.00 FOR A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SCUTTLEBUTT.
2. ENCLOSED IS \$100.00 FOR A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.
3. I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY FOR A SUBSCRIPTION AT THIS TIME. PLEASE KEEP ME ON THE MAILING LIST.
4. YOUR SHIPMATE OR SQUADRON MATE HAS PASSED AWAY. PLEASE KEEP ME ON THE MAILING LIST.
5. PLEASE REMOVE MY NAME FROM YOUR MAILING LIST.
6. I WOULD LIKE THE SCUTTLEBUTT E-MAILED TO ME (INCLUDE E-MAIL BELOW)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ FAX# \_\_\_\_\_

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SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND TO: MARLENE HUGHES, TREASURER  
USS GAMBIER BAY/VC-10 ASSOCIATION  
2228 E GREENLEE RD  
TUCSON, AZ 85719-2012

ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY WILL BE CONSIDERED A DONATION  
AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

# Ship's Store

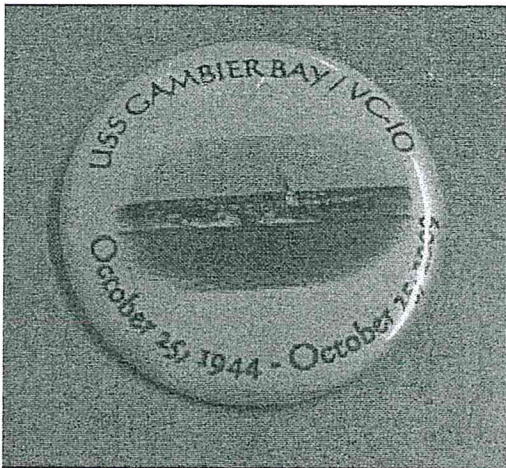
## WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN OUR INVENTORY:

PRINTS OF FREEDOM'S COST (more than 25)	\$45.00 PLUS S&H
USS GAMBIER BAY Hats (6)	\$20.00 PLUS S&H
USS GAMBIER BAY Lapel Pin	\$5.00 PLUS S&H
USS GAMBIER BAY Button Pin (see below)	\$2.00 PLUS S&H

### BOOKS:

"THE MEN OF THE GAMBIER BAY-SOFT COVER (we are all out-hope to get more soon)	
"LAST OF THE TIN CAN SAILORS" HARDBACK (2)	\$24.95 PLUS S&H

T-SHIRTS-"Celebrate Freedom t-shirt (navy blue-100% pre shrunk) \$15.00 PLUS S&H  
w/ USS Gambier Bay(CVE-73) sunk 10/25/1944, Battle of Leyte Gulf on left sleeve  
( only 2- large left ) see below



### VIDEO TAPES OF THE 1996 DEDICATION OF MONUMENTS

IN SAN DIEGO AT FORT ROSECRANS

\$10.00 PLUS S&H

Send orders and checks to:

GAMBIER BAY/VC-10 ASSOC

C/O MARLENE HUGHES-Treasurer  
2228 E GREENLEE RD  
TUCSON, AZ 85719-2012

or call me at 520-326-0747 or e-mail me at [mahhome@cox.net](mailto:mahhome@cox.net)  
With a donation of \$50.00 we will send you a sheet of 20 (\$.39)  
stamps with a picture of the USS Gambier Bay.

All Shipping will be priority mail

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## Mail Call

### **E-mail from Tom Tompkins- December 5, 2009**

I wanted to send you a note before the hectic pace of the holidays set in, and thank you for letting me come to the reunion. It turned out better than I ever imagined, I had hoped to find someone who had even heard of a Bill Dunham, and to my great surprise I met his best friend all the way through WWII. Norman Loats and Bill did most everything together, even jumped overboard together. Now I have a first hand account of what Bill Dunham went through and why he changed so much during the war. His first wife (Garnet) has a better understanding of why things went bad after the war ended. Once I put together what I hope is a clear description of what he went through and I give here the book of the Men of the Gambier Bay, her and her sons can have a better idea of his hardships.

So coming to the ship reunion turned out greater than I had hoped for. I'm staying in touch with Norman and his son-in-law, so I hope to see them in the near future. Talking with the other men and women was very enjoyable for me and I have an even greater admiration for all the men of the Gambier Bay.

I received that Leisure World article about Fred Grabos from his daughter and will thank them in a letter soon.

So Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas

Sincerely

**Tommy Tompkins (USAF)**

*( I am so glad you enjoyed the reunion-This is a little late getting into the Scuttlebut-I just found your e-mail again. Hopefully you can make it to St Louis)*

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### **E-mail from Bobbie Runnels**

**April 6, 2010**

Marlene, thanks for the Newsletter received by E-mail. I would just be perfectly happy to receive all mine by e-mail. You young ones are doing a terrific job.

*( Bobbie-thanks for the compliment-we want to continue what was originally started many years ago. I hope you can make it to the reunion in Oct in St Louis-it would be great to see you again.)*

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### **Letter from Kate Jennings**

**May 19, 2010**

Dear Marlene:

Maybe I can make this reunion since its an hour drive to St Louis and I asked if my son could drive me to St Louis. He said yes I will. I'm anxious to see several I knew when my husband and I used to go to them. But after he died I went to two by myself.

Hope to see you.

Kate Jennings

*( Kate- I can't wait to meet you and your son.)*

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### **Letter from Maureen Dugan**

**April 11, 2010**

Dear Marlene

,Just received the latest Scuttlebutt and I'm pleased to have the information about the reunion. I certainly hope to be able to attend. Last year's event was very grand.