

SCUTTLEBUTT

March 2010



From your Editor, Marlene Hughes

I thought it would be a great idea to highlight a fellow shipmate each issue of Scuttlebutt. Since I just thought of the idea, my uncle (Leonard G. Martin SC1c) is going to be the first one.

He was born in Hackensack, NJ May 8, 1920. He joined the Navy in August of 1940.

He was transferred to the USS Jarvis on October 26, 1940. In July 1941 he made Ships cook 3rd class. In February 1942 he was transferred to the USS Hornet. He was aboard when The Doolittle Raiders flew off the Hornet in April 1942 as well as during the Battle of Midway. The Japanese sank the ship on October 26, 1942 during the Battle of Santa Cruz Island. He also served on the USS Manila Bay before being transferred to the USS Gambier Bay on April 21, 1944. By this time he was rated Ships cook 1st class. He died of his wounds on October 26, 1944 while being held by CPO Morris Montgomery on one of the life rafts. (Check out the Men of the Gambier Bay Book)

Surviving him were his wife, his children, his parents, two brothers and two sisters. My Mom was his sister and she married his best friend Doug Hughes.

Leonard was only 24 years old when he died. The date October 26th was instrumental in his life and the family's, my sister was born on that date in 1948.

I went to my first Gambier Bay reunion in 1997 looking to find anyone who knew him. I have been truly blessed to meet many shipmates who knew him and to meet Mr Montgomery who was holding him when he died. Volunteering my time to the Association is my way of paying tribute and preserving the story of The Men of the Gambier Bay.

Presidents Corner

Hello survivors, members, family, and friends!

I would like to start off with welcoming Tom Westbrook (2nd generation) as our newest governor. Tom has agreed to accept the governor position that was left vacant by Les Kennedy's passing. I would like all of us to remember Les and be grateful for all his service, dedication, support, and wisdom that he brought to the Association and to the Board of Governors. Les passed away in November 2009. Tom is the son of Charles Westbrook and he had accompanied his father to many of our reunions. Tom's father passed away in March 2009. As you may remember, Tom read the names of our survivors who have crossed the bar at our Tempe memorial service. Along with Tom, his sisters, Barbara and Joan attended our 2009 Tempe reunion. Thank you Tom for your acceptance of the governor position and for your continued support and commitment to the Association.

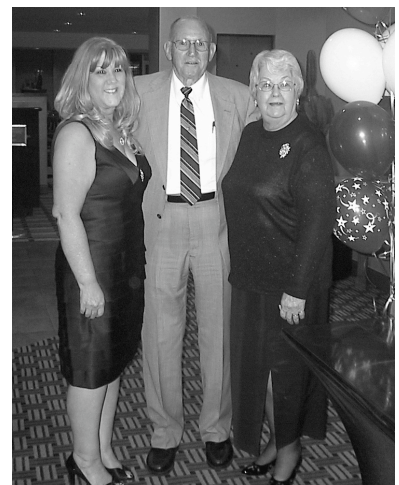
Another piece of news is the purchase of our new Association website (ussgambierbay.org). You could say it is under construction but I prefer to say it is "a work in progress!" We hope to have it up and active in about 60 days. If you have suggestions, questions, comments, materials to submit or if you are interested in assisting in the ongoing development and upkeep of the website, please contact me. The website will contain reunion information (past, present, and future, with photos), a listing of our Board of Governors, photos of projects (such as the larger memorial plaque at the Nimitz Museum), items for purchase from our ship store, issues of our Scuttlebutt, a guestbook, and we will also include a link to the ussgambierbay-vc10.com website for additional reference and historical information.

Our Reunion Committee is busy coordinating our 2010 reunion, which will be held in St Louis, Missouri. More information will be available soon. If you would like to volunteer with planning our excursions or helping with the dinner banquet or memorial service, please contact Marlene Hughes. There is a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work done by our Reunion Committee and any assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated! We will again have a raffle and if you would like to donate any items you can send them to me or you can bring them along with you to the reunion.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and encouragement to not only me but to the entire Board. We are here to serve you and should you have any question, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other Board Members.

Paula (La Rocco) Grond
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To the right is Paula, Bud & Darlene Petitt at the 2009 Reunion.



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In Memory

REMEMBERING SHIPMATES WHO HAVE CROSSED THE BAR

Roger C.E. Paulson

Paulson, Roger C.E. 87, of NE Minneapolis, born Dec. 4, 1922, went to be with his Lord on Jan. 3, 2010. He was preceded in death by wife, Florence, & parents, Dagmar & Earl. Roger is survived by his children, Virginia (Don) Carlson of AZ, Marlys (Russ) Nelson of IA, and Gordon (Valerie) Paulson of FL; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-granddaughters; 2 brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins & friends.

I received a phone call from Roger's daughter, Virginia sometime the end of January to tell me of his passing after a short illness. He had moved to Sun City, AZ so she could care for him. We had a long talk and I told her we were happy that he made it to the 2008 Reunion in Minneapolis. I spoke to Roger myself a number of times and he wanted my husband & I to come see his wood-working workshop. He had been a shop teacher. Our thoughts and prayers to his family.

We will toll a bell for Roger at our next Reunion in St Louis.

Pictured left to right is:

Tom Inman, Lucille Gutzwiler, Norman Loats, seated is **Roger Paulson**, Hank Pyzdrowski and Staci Inman. This was taken at the Bloomington, Minnesota VFW where our memorial service was held in 2008.



Remembering Shipmates:

Chester N. Crane

Chester N. Crane, age 86, of Windsor, died Sunday, October 4, 2009 at Missouri Veterans home in Warrensburg. He was born April 9, 1923, in Keene, Texas the son of Harold E. and Lena (McBee) Crane. On August 16, 1942 , in Parsons, KS he married Mary Jones, who survives at their home.

Mr. Crane was raised and educated in Texas. He served in the US Navy during World War II. He was a member of VFW Post 2610 and was a past Post Commander. He was instrumental in acquiring a building for the VFW and also coordinating fundraising efforts between the VFW and the community for a service project in Windsor Park. He was an avid hunter of deer and turkey, he enjoyed gardening and coin collecting.

Also surviving are daughters, Patricia Thompson and her husband, Donald, of Parsons, KS, Anita Nadeau and her husband, Vere, of Green Ridge, and Katherine Crane of Windsor, a sister Sondia Murphy, of Beaver Falls, OR; five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. He was pre deceased in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Memorial services were held Friday, October 9, 2009 at the Assembly of God church in Windsor. Interment was in Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville with full military honors.



Chester called me in 2008 about buying some things from the ships store and I found out he worked on the Gambier Bay for my uncle as a Bkr 2/c (baker 2nd class). It was wonderful to actually talk to someone that knew my uncle. I got treated to some of Chester's stories

Mary and Chester were married 67 years.

A bell was tolled for Chester at the 2009 Memorial Service.

In Appreciation

Many thanks to the following people who have made a donation or who bought items from the Ship's store. Needless to say donations help us get out this Scuttlebutt 4 times a year.

Norm Loats

Hank Pyzdrowski

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POW/MIA TABLE



At this years reunion we had a small table in a place of honor. This table was our way to honor our missing comrades-in-arms. They were unable to be with us this evening and so we remembered them.

Those who have served and those currently serving the uniformed services of the United States are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice.

We as Americans should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call to serve and served the cause of freedom in a special way.

Our President, Paula Grond read what each item represented on the table. After each one was read, a bell was rung to remember.

We raised our water glasses that night in honor of America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action to **REMEMBER-!!**