

SCUTTLEBUTT

A Quarterly Newsletter

July 2012

Presidents Corner

Hello Gambier Bay Family!

I would like to thank our Reunion Committee for the tremendous job they have done in securing us a location not only for our 2012 reunion but also for our 2013 reunion in Tucson, Arizona. More information about our 2012 Milwaukee reunion (October 17-21) can be found inside the Scuttlebutt. We have some great excursions planned, a fabulous dinner banquet program, and on Saturday we will have our memorial service.

I have received quite a few positive responses from our membership regarding the Milwaukee location and I look forward to meeting new survivors along with their families and friends! As you know, there is an enormous amount of behind the scenes work done by the committee and if you are in the Milwaukee or the surrounding area and can offer any assistance, please contact Marlene.

Our most successful fundraising event is our dinner banquet raffle, which is held each year at our reunions. As you know, ticket sales from our raffle help tremendously with the Association finances and your support is greatly appreciated. Last year we held our first silent auction. This event also had a tremendous amount of support you. This year in Milwaukee our raffle and silent auction will again feature some exquisite items acquired from the [Arizona Gem Show](#), as well as Gambier Bay merchandise and donated items from our membership. I would like to thank all of you who have donated items each year. Without your support our raffles would not have been such a great success. If you would like to donate items for either the raffle or silent auction please bring them along with you to the reunion. If you are unable to attend the reunion and you would like to donate any items please contact either Marlene or me for assistance.

Just a reminder, if you are not a member and would like to become a member of this wonderful association, please fill out the enclosed application and mail it, along with your check to our Treasurer, Marlene Hughes. I would encourage all of our survivor family members (sons, daughters, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and friends) to become a member and get involved with the Association. With your support and dedication the USS Gambier Bay Association can and will continue to honor and keep the memory alive of all of our husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and friends who serve on the ship.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support, encouragement, and open communication to not only me but to the entire Board.

I look forward to seeing you all in Milwaukee!

Paula (LaRocco) Grond

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE OUR ASSOCIATION AN 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.
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5. PLEASE REMOVE MY NAME FROM YOUR MAILING LIST.
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PLEASE SEND TO:

MARLENE HUGHES, TREASURER
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**ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY WILL BE CONSIDERED A DONATION
AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**

In Memoriam

Shipmates who have crossed the Bar

Roy G. Cowan (8/28/1926-2/23/2012) Roy was born in Rockford Illinois. He is survived



by his wife Betty and their three living children and one step-son. Also survived by ten grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Roy served on the USS Gambier Bay as a seaman 2nd class. Pictured below is Roy and his son Jerry at the 2009 Reunion.

May he Rest in Peace.

Rev. John Goforth (10/16/1927-5/3/2012)



Rev. John Goforth, 84, went home to be with the Lord May 3, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Willie Mae (Boots) Tuders Goforth; daughter, Treva Lois and infant son; parents, Oscar and Jesse Goforth; brothers, Vadell, Joe and Paul Goforth; sisters, Catherine Brown and Shirley Goins.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving companion, Jane Peardon; daughter, Shelia (Jerry) Reynolds; son, Dal (Marian) Goforth, grandchildren; Jeff (Shannon) Land, Greg (Kelly) Land, Tim (Martha) Land, Johnny (Jennie) Goforth, Shannan (Rick) Tilson and Cory Goforth; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Stanley Goforth, and William Goforth; sisters, Ella Mae Rogers and Jean Cagle; brother-in-law, William Tuders; family members, Suzy Martin, Eddie (Debbie) Peardon, Nikki (Tim) Tatum and Amy (Chris) Walker and several nieces and nephews.

He gave his life to the Lord on December 25, 1952 and began preaching in 1954. He was the pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Cartwright Baptist Church, Ewtonville Baptist Church, Oakwood Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Maple Grove Baptist Church, Immanuel Baptist Church, Richard City Baptist Church and presently served as pastor to Guild First Baptist Church. He knew who he was, where he came from and where he was going, always serving the Lord. He came from a very meager existence, material wise, but was very rich in God's blessing. He committed his life to the Lord with all he had to give and devoted his life for the gospel of God studying continuously to know God's word and share it with others.

He joined the U.S. Navy when he was 16 years old during World War II. Nine days after his 17th birthday, his ship, the USS Gambier Bay, was sunk. He was afloat for 40 hours before being rescued. After his service to his country, he came to Marion County, graduated from Marion County High School, attended Tennessee Temple University and Moody Bible Institute.

In Memoriam Continued

Funeral services were conducted from the Jasper chapel of Rogers Funeral Home on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 2:00 PM with Rev. Mike Teague, Rev. Wayne Bowman and Rev. Louis Holloway officiating. Interment will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Guild Baptist Church, P.O. Box 246, Guild, TN 37340.

Charles Warren Schlichter (3/16/1924-6/3/2012)



Charles Warren Schlichter of Mansfield, TX passed away Sunday, June 3, 2012, in Fort Worth of Thyroid Cancer. The service was held on June 8, 2012 at Olinger Chapel Hill in Littleton, Colorado, with Military Honors by the U.S. Navy. Charles was born in Beloit, Wisconsin on March 16, 1924. He served aboard the U.S.S. Wasp and the U.S.S. Gambier Bay during WWII. He worked for the U.S. Department of Highways and Materials Lab at the Denver Federal Center in Denver, Colorado until his retirement in 1980. He moved to Mansfield in 1983. Charles was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Loretta Schlichter, and a cousin, Robert Bauer. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Martha; cousins Theodore Lakey of Banning, CA, Margaret Olson of St George, UT, and Barbara and Bill Confer of Virginia Beach, VA. Rest in Peace.

(Thanks to Shirley Turner for letting me know about Charles. She was able to go to the memorial service because it was near her home in Denver.)

James R. Sherrod (1926-6/5/2012)

James died in the VA hospital in Dayton. There were no services. James served as Seaman 1/c and was wounded in action on 10/25/1944. Rest in Peace.

Clifford A. Wood (1915- May 2012) I could not find an obituary-Cliff lived in Del Mar, CA



2012 Reunion in Milwaukee

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

OCTOBER 17-21st CALL 1-800-325-3535 TO MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW.

Specify the Group Name **USS GAMBIER BAY/VC-10 REUNION**



Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

- Starwood Preferred guests (SPG)
- Alflere Restaurant and Lounge on site
- Smoke Free Hotel
- Check in 3PM Check out 12PM
- Rates are good 3 days prior & 3 days after event

GUEST ROOM FEATURES



- Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed
- 389 rooms with complimentary wireless internet access, 32" Flat screen TV, Free daily Newspaper, & hairdryer.
- The rate for a standard room is \$89 & 13.10% tax= \$100.65
- Complimentary Hospitality Room

SHUTTLE SERVICE



- Complimentary Shuttle service within 5 miles of hotel
- Complimentary Shuttle service available to/from Milwaukee Airport between the hours of 7am to 10pm
- Complimentary Parking
- Conveniently located at I-94 and adjacent to Brookfield Square Mall
- Indoor Pool

The cut-off date is September 26, 2012

Remember to make your reservations early!

USS Gambier Bay/VC10 Reunion Registration Form
October 17th-21st 2012
Milwaukee, WI

Name: _____ **Phone:** () _____ - _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Name On Badge: _____ **Are you a survivor?** _____

Spouse Name On Badge: _____

Guest Name On Badge, Relationship; City & State: _____

Guest Name On Badge, Relationship; City & State: _____

Guest Name On Badge, Relationship; City & State: _____

Guest Name On Badge, Relationship; City & State: _____

**Please indicate with an * next to the name if this is the persons first reunion-
Use additional paper if necessary.**

Registration:

Early Registration for **\$80** per person ends August 31st. If you send the registration in after **September 1st** but by **September 15th** the rate is **\$85** person.

Registration after **September 15th** but by **Sept 30th** the rate is **\$90** per person.

The registration fee includes **Dinner Banquet, Memorial Service Luncheon, welcome reception, reunion goodies and miscellaneous reunion expenses.**

Early Registration-# of people _____ x **\$80** per person= \$ _____ .00

By September 15th-# of people _____ x **\$85** per person= \$ _____ .00

After September 15th-# of people _____ x **\$90** per person= \$ _____ .00

Dinner Banquet: Roast Beef _____ or Chicken Marsala _____

Entrees include Garden Salad, Vegetable, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, fresh rolls & butter & Carrot Cake & Beverage.

Luncheon: Cheddar Bacon Burger _____ or Smoked Turkey Club Sandwich _____

Burger includes lettuce, tomato, sliced onion & chef's homemade chips.

Turkey Club includes Croissant with swiss cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato & homemade chips.

Plate of Assorted Cookies per Table and Beverage.

Tours are listed below.

Registration for Tours:

Milwaukee City Tour

Thursday, October 18th, 2012

8:30AM

Depart Sheraton Hotel

9:00-2:00PM

Overview of Milwaukee learning about the city's history and current progress. We'll visit the different neighborhoods that make up the city and see the influences of the European immigrants. We'll see the wonderful architecture throughout the city, including historic churches, beautiful lakefront homes and a stop at the Milwaukee Art Museum to see the Brise Soliel (moveable sunscreen) open, a magnificent addition to Milwaukee's skyline designed by Spanish architect, Santiago Calatrava. We'll also see the War Memorial overlooking Lake Michigan. Lunch will be at the Milwaukee Brat House featuring famous Usinger's bratwurst on a pretzel with potato salad and baked beans plus a beer or soda.

Saint & Sinners Tour

Friday, October 19th, 2012

8:30 AM

Depart Sheraton Hotel

9:00-2:00PM

This tour features Milwaukee's magnificent churches as well as its saloons and breweries that gave Milwaukee the nickname of Brew City. We'll include a stop at the Basilica of St Josaphat, built by Polish immigrants in 1900, patterned after St Peter's in Rome. We'll also learn about Milwaukee's famous beer barons-Pabst, Blatz, Schlitz and Miller-and include a brewery stop featuring Milwaukee Brewing Company. Lunch will be at the Milwaukee Ale House and you have your choice of a famous Milwaukee fish fry, Pub Burger or Soup/Salad.

Milwaukee City Tour \$48.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Saint & Sinners Tour \$55.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Grand Total-Registration & Tours=\$ _____

Tours are based on 20 people if we get over 25 to sign up the price will drop \$5.00 per person. (We had 28 signed up last year)

Please mail both forms & check made out to **USS GAMBIER BAY/VC-10 ASSOC.**

Any questions please call me 520-326-0747

2228 E Greenlee Rd.

Tucson, AZ 85719

Milwaukee!

We will have fun-lots to do and see

2012 Itinerary for the Reunion:

Wednesday, Oct 17th-3pm-11pm- Hospitality Room open
Donations will be taken for drinks & snacks.

5pm-8pm-Welcome Reception in Hospitality Room

Thursday, Oct 18th 8am-11pm-Hospitality Room Open

8:45 am- Depart Sheraton Hotel

9am-2pm-Milwaukee city tour

3:30 pm Board of Governors Meeting

Friday, Oct 19th- 8am-11pm-Hospitality Room open

8:45 am Depart Sheraton Hotel

9:am-2pm Saint & Sinners Tour

5:30pm-6:30pm-Cash bar with Raffle

6:30pm-11pm-Dinner Banquet & Entertainment

Saturday, Oct 21st-8am-11pm-Hospitality Room open

11am- 3pm-Memorial Service & Lunch

Lunch served after service- (this is included in Registration fee)

Dinner on your own or take out in Hospitality Suite

Sunday, Oct 22nd-Hospitality Room will be open all day-stay until you have to leave

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SHIP'S STORE

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN OUR INVENTORY:

PRINTS OF FREEDOM'S COST	\$55.00 w/shipping
USS GAMBIER BAY Hats	\$25.00 w/shipping
USS GAMBIER BAY Lapel Pin	\$8.00 w/shipping
USS GAMBIER BAY Button Pin (see below)	\$4.00 w/shipping
USS GAMBIER BAY Mouse Pad (see below)	\$10.00 w/shipping
USS GAMBIER BAY Luggage Tag (see below)	\$7.00 w/shipping
USS GAMBIER BAY Coffee Mug (see below) (2)	\$22.00 w/shipping
USS Gambier BAY Polo Shirt (see below)	\$30.00 w/shipping

The polo shirts are embroidered and come in Men's & Ladies sizes S,M,L,XL-XXL is \$1.50 more
Color is Navy Blue with Yellow Embroidery. These take couple of weeks to get in once ordered.



SHIP'S STORE CONTINUED:



I was able to order more of these t-shirts which are pre-shrunk. However they are charcoal color with the name of the ship & October 25, 1944, Battle of Leyte Gulf on the left sleeve.

Price is \$20 w/shipping

5 XL, 4 Large, 1 Med Left

New items in ship's store:



USS Gambier Bay Note Cards

These are blank note cards come w/envelopes. They measure 5 1/2 X 4 1/4 inches.

Package of 12 for \$10.50 includes shipping

They feature "Freedom's Cost"



USS Gambier Bay Memo Pads

These memo pads have the name of the association along with our website name.

They measure 5 1/2 x 4 1/4 inches

Package of 5 for \$1.50 includes shipping



I Love the Men of the Gambier Bay Button

2 1/4 inches in circumference

42 left at \$3.00 each includes shipping

SHIP'S STORE CONTINUED:

I have received 5 hardback "The Men of the Gambier Bay" books which have the crew list printed inside. They will be selling for \$40.00 including shipping.

BOOKS:

THE MEN OF THE GAMBIER BAY BOOK IS OUT OF PRINT AS OF JANUARY 2009.

We are still looking into having a publisher print the book by digitally copying our paperback and then having it published so we can sell it on our website and other websites to make money for the association. So look for news in the future.

No more copies of "Last of the Tin Can Sailors" left. Hopefully will have some for the reunion.

MAKE A DONATION OF \$50.00 YOU WILL RECEIVE A SHEET OF 20 STAMPS (THEY ARE .39 CENT STAMPS) with the picture of Freedom's Cost. (Only 3 sheets left)

The polo shirts will be made to order and will take approximately 2 weeks to make.

The shipping is included with the prices making it easier to know the cost.

Please send orders with check or money order to:

USS Gambier Bay/vc-10 Assoc.

c/o Marlene Hughes

Treasurer

2228 E Greenlee Rd

Tucson, AZ 85719-2012

E-mail-mahhome@cox.net

520-326-0747

In Appreciation

Thank you to all the names listed for your donation, buying something from the ship's store, subscription or lifetime membership. All of this helps the association spread the word about that fateful day on October 25, 1944.

Vivian Akers

Rudolph Biller

Paula Grond

Mary Barrows

Betty Patterson

Warren Smith

Norman St Germain

John Tennicott

Jan Friedmann

Mail Call

April, 2012

Hello Marlene,

I have been wanting to drop you a line or two. I called Jo & Tony's house several weeks ago. Jo answered the telephone. It seemed hard for her to hear as the connection was noisy, but we did visit for awhile. She said Tony was in the hospital and had surgery. She did not say what he had surgery for.

Do you remember we talked about getting more copies of the painting of the "Final Hour"? I'm sending you a copy I ran off from one of my books I had here at home. You can pass it along to who ever is interested.

Maybe put it in the Scuttlebutt and also about Tony being ill. Jo said her son comes over every day and checks on her. Tony might be home by now.

The family had a birthday party for me Feb 1st the big 90th came up, but I am getting along alright. I still live by myself.

Not much news at this time so will close for now.

Best Always
Vivian Akers

(Thanks Vivian for the letter and the information about the "Final Hour" and Happy 90th Birthday)

May 3, 2012

Dear Marlene,

I cannot thank you enough for sending me the last paperback copy of the Gambier Bay Book. I am in the process of reading it now. I have already discovered an interesting fact that the date of the 1st shakedown cruise is the same day as my uncle's birthday; Jan. 16th of course the year was different.

I do have a computer, but I do not have an "e" mail address as of yet. If I decide to set one up I will send it to you. Here is my phone number XXXXXX and you do have my address.

I will be talking to you in the near future, again many thanks for the book and I promise it is in my power to return it to you when my family is finished with it.

Sincerely yours

John D. Tennicott

PS. My Uncle's name is Edward J Algauskis S 2/c and if you ever become aware of any information pertaining to him, please let me know.

(John you do not need to send the book back to me-it is yours to keep. And thank you for the order of Hats & the book. If anyone knows any information about Edward Algauskis please let me know.)

May 3, 2012

Dear Ms. Hughes,

Enclosed please find a sixty-dollar check for the 4 books as we discussed. Once again, thank you so much for all your assistance. Your help was greatly appreciated. Having these books for my family members will help keep my father Joseph S. Brown's memory alive.

God Bless all the men who served on the Gambier Bay.

Sincerely,

Mail Call Continued



Giger Ellwood Harders Gallagher Dugan Bell ? Oliver Wickersham McClendon Abercrombie
Carter Sandersen Cordner Bassett Huxtable W.H.Stewart Roby Bisbee Wheeler Crocker Weatherholt
Dahlen Courtney Cruse Phillips Seitz McGraw Gilliard ? Pyzdrowski Dillard J.Stewart

On the picture above of the Vc-10 Squadron both Joe McGraw and Jim Lischer sent me a correction of the names on the bottom row. They should be Dahlen, Courtney, Cruse, Phillips, McGraw, Seitz, Dean Gilliate (KIA), Lischer, Pyzdrowski, Dillard, J.Stewart.

June 6,2012

Dear Marlene,

Hi! Thanks for all your good work for the assoc.! I really appreciate it.

Enclosed is a copy of the VC-10 Photo, that I enjoyed seeing; and that needed a little correcting on the names- thought you might be interested.

Best regards,

Capt. Joseph D. McGraw USN (Ret.)

(thank you guys-someone else had sent me the picture with the names)

I received a message from Connie Anderson the daughter of Lowell "Bud" Nystrom on our Facebook page that she had the original Presidential Unit Citation and would like to donate it. The Board will decide in October which Museum we should send it to.

A special thank you for your cards and letters concerning my broken ankle. I am on the mend, going to Physical Therapy twice a week so I can dance up a storm at this years reunion.

Please check out our Facebook page- USS Gambier Bay. I try to post things as they come up. You can post pictures if you like or leave a message.

Have a great summer and don't forget to make those reservations for the 2012 reunion in Milwaukee.

Norm St Germain was honored to go on an Honor Flight to DC to see the WWII Memorial and was interviewed for a documentary by Rick Stewart the host/Executive Producer for NRA Life of Duty Television. Rick called me and I gave him Fred Grabos number and he and Norm went to see Fred up in Washington State.

In the mean time Fred met a gentleman where he is living that was on one of the rescue ships that picked up USS Gambier Bay Survivors(small world). His name is Ed Adams and he, Norm and Fred were interviewed and taken to lunch.

I have invited Rick to speak at this years reunion and he is planning on showing the documentary.

Pictured below is Norm St Germain and Fred is to the right with his daughter Jeanette & Lucille Gutzwiler



Get well wishes are in order for Tony Pototochniak, Edward Hargerty and Norm Loats. Just heard you all were in the hospital.

Our board member Tom Westbrook was pretty sick the beginning of the year but he is now on the mend and last I heard lost 50 lbs. Be ready to dance Tom in October!!





USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Reunion 2012 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Save the Date Oct 17-21st 2012

**Come join the Gambier Bay Association Commemorate
The 68th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Gambier Bay
Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.**

Let them be aware of the strong history your ship had in WWII.

The Latest Scoop from around the

“ Scuttlebutt”

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