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A Quarterly Newsletter

April 2014

Presidents Corner

Hello Gambier Bay Family

I am so excited to announce that all the information for our 2014 Taffy III reunion in San Diego (October 22-26, 2014) is inside. Please check it out and get your registration to Marlene **as soon as possible**. We will be offering an early discounted registration for those who register and pay before September 1. Along with the Gambier Bay we have the following ships participating in the reunion: Fanshaw Bay, Kitkun Bay, Hole/Johnson, and St Lo. This will be a wonderful opportunity for survivors, family members, and friends to get to know everyone from other Taffy III ships.

Our dinner banquet will be held at the hotel on Friday, October 24. This year we will have a 50 - 25 - 25 drawing! Tickets will be sold (6 tickets for \$5) and there will be TWO opportunities to win 25% of the \$\$\$\$\$\$. The other 50% will be put towards reunion expenses. In addition we will have a raffle at the dinner banquet - but this year we will **not** be asking for donations from our members. Instead each ships reunion coordinator will donate a raffle gift. Tickets will also be available for the raffle (6 tickets for \$5).

Our memorial service will be held on the USS Midway on Saturday, October 25. Buses will provide our transportation to and from the memorial service since parking is limited. After the service you will have some extra time explore the USS Midway to visit the Natural Salute to Bob Hope and the Military Memorial before we return to the hotel for our luncheon.

I recently was made aware of a survivor who lived not far from me here in southern California, **Al (Chick) Zuckerman**. His son, Steve, found our website and contacted me. I have been to see Al a few times and on my last visit I brought him a USS Gambier Bay cap. Al was in refrigeration on the ship and his nickname was "Frosty". You can also see his photo under the Sailors of the USS Gambier Bay webpage and also on the Lives of Our Sailors webpage with his daughter Helene. **Thank you Steve** for contacting me, putting me in touch with your dad, and for the photos of him!

See everyone in San Diego!

Paula Grond

President

To the right is Al (Chick) Zuckerman and our President, Paula Grond



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ALL PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING COSTS

Mail Form and Check (payable to **USS Gambier Bay Association**) to:

Marlene Hughes
USS Gambier Bay Association
2228 E. Greenlee Road
Tucson, Arizona 85719

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The Men of the USS Gambier Bay Book \$40.00	_____	_____
Tucson 2013 Memorial Service DVD \$10.00	_____	_____
Life of Duty DVD Documentary Featuring Norm St. German/Fred Grabos \$10.00	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Hats \$25.00	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Mouse Pad \$10.00	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Mug \$10.00	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Memo Pads (package of 5) \$1.50	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Note Cards (package of 12 with envelopes) \$10.50	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Gray Tee Shirt S-M-L-XL - \$20.00	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Polo Shirt (mens/womans) (Navy with yellow embroidery) S-M-L-XL - \$30.00 XXL-XXXL - \$35.00 Shipping time is 2 weeks from order	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Womens Bling Shirt Black S-M-L-XL - \$35.00 XXL- XXXL - \$40.00 Shipping time is 2 weeks from order	_____	_____

QUANTITY

TOTAL COST

USS Gambier Bay 2009 Button Pin
(65th anniversary of the sinking of the ship)
\$2.00

I Love the Men of the Gambier Bay Button Pin
\$3.00

USS Gambier Bay Pewter Lapel Pin
\$8.00

TOTAL ITEMS

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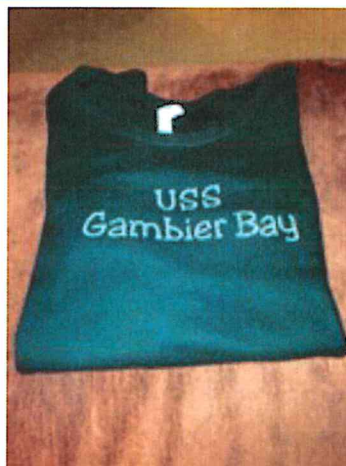
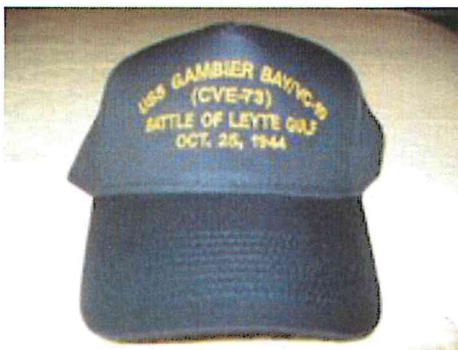
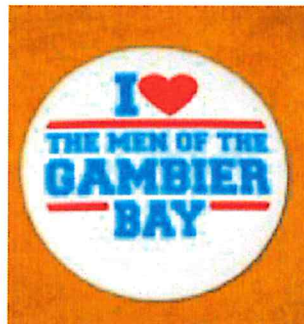
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO
USS GAMBIER BAY ASSOCIATION**



More pictures on ussgambierbay.org



In Memoriam

Shipmates who have crossed the Bar



Earl L. "Bud" McKnight 9/24/1922-1/30/2014 AMM 2/C

Earl passed away Thursday, January 30, 2014, at Saratoga Hospital with his family at his side.

Born Sept 24, 1922, in Porter Corners, he was the son of the late Louie and Mae (Menshausen) McKnight. Bud attended Saratoga High School.

He joined the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Gambier Bay during World War II. He returned from the war in 1946. Bud married Bessie Barbour on June 30, 1946, and the couple resided in South Corinth for many years. She passed away August 29, 1996, following 50 years of

marriage. He was employed for more than 30 years at International Paper Co. in Corinth as a mill-rite until his retirement. Bud attended South Corinth United Methodist Church and oversaw the operation of Maplewood Cemetary in South Corinth for many years.

He enjoyed woodworking and construction. He and his wife enjoyed league bowling and were avid tennis fans.

Besides his wife and his parents, he was also predeceased by one son, William; and two brothers, Edsel and Raymond.

Survivors include one son, Joseph McKnight and his wife, Lynette of Valatie; one granddaughter, Heather (McKnight) Ford and her husband, Christopher, of Litchfield, Conn.; one step-grandson, Thomas Hoover and his wife, Dolores, of Pleasant Valley; one step-granddaughter, Sherri (McKnight) Vertucci of Fort Hunter; and he was blessed with two great-grandchildren, seven step-great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and great-cousins.

Services were conducted on Feb 3, 2014 at Densmore Funeral home in Corinth and a spring burial will be at Maplewood Cemetary in South Corinth. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Diabetes Association.

(We will toll a bell for you Bud at our next reunion-Rest in Peace)



In Memoriam



Salvador "Rocky" Berlanga 1927-March 14, 2014 S 1/C

Salvador "Rocky" Berlanga, 87, entered into eternal rest on March 14, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Esteban and Severlana Berlanga, brothers, Joe, Abel, Gilbert and Sam, and son, Richard. Rocky enlisted in the US Navy at the young age of 16. He was just an 18 year-old sailor when the escort carrier he served on, the USS Gambier Bay, came under intense enemy fire during World War II. The ship was sunk on October 25, 1944 in the Battle of Samar. Rocky clung to his life and his shipmates for 72 hours in the harsh Phillipine waters. He survived. During his service, Rocky was awarded several medals including the Purple Heart. Rocky returned to his hometown, San Antonio. There he met the love of his life,

Lupe. They married on May 11, 1946, enjoying 67 years of marriage and raising three children together. Rocky and Lupe travelled the country to attend the USS Gambier Bay Association Survivor Reunions. Rocky was an outdoorsman. He loved being out on the water and deep-sea fishing. Rocky leaves behind his loving wife, Lupe, son Rodger (Ester), daughter Debra (Harold), and sister Toni. He has 7 grandchildren, Steven, Rodger, Noelle, Amanda, Travis, Ricky and Crystal, and 3 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. The family also expresses their heartfelt gratitude to Dr Mark Prange and his CLC staff at the VA Hospital.

Salvador "Rocky" Berlanga is the epitome of courage, strength and perseverance. From his dedication to his country, family and friends, we learn that we can overcome any obstacle we face in life. He will be missed on this Earth but his spirit, love and memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Visitation was at The Angelus Funeral Home. on Wed., March 19th and a prayer service at 7 pm.

Funeral service was on Thurs., March 20th at 10 am, followed by interment at San Fernando Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the Berlanga family at www.theangelusfuneralhome.com

(Rest in Peace Rocky, we will toll a bell for you at this years reunion)



Joseph E. McQuade Sr. 1920- December 26, 2013 AMM 3/C

Joseph E. McQuade Sr., 93, of John M. Reed Health and Rehab, Limestone, TN passed away at the nursing home after a brief illness. He was born in Watervliet, NY and made his living as a heavy machinery mechanic. He previously resided in the Camp Creek Community with his wife, Joan.

Mr. McQuade was a WWII Navy combat veteran, Aviation Machinist Mate 3rd Class, and survived the sinking of the aircraft carrier Gambier Bay during the battle of Leyte Gulf on October 25, 1944 in the Phillipines. He was also involved in the assaults of Saipan and Tinian, and the battle for the Mariana Islands known as the "Great Marianas Turkey Shoot".

Survivors include his children and their spouses: JoAnn Smith (David), of Afton, TN, Ronald McQuade (Paulette), of Elizabethton, TN, Richard

McQuade (Vickie), of Mosheim, TN, Joseph McQuade Jr. (Janet), of Amsterdam, NY, and Mary Herrington (Harold), of Greeneville, TN; grandchildren and their spouses: Timothy Smith (Theresa), Lori Higgins, Heather Wood, Brandon McQuade, Darcy McQuade, Joseph McQuade III (Vickie), Jennifer McQuade, Rodney Herrington (Kelly), Norman Herrington (Kelly), William Herrington (Kristen).

Great -grandchildren: Daniel Smith, Sarah Smith, Michelle Hall (Josh), Danyelle Higgins, Brye Higgins,

In Memoriam continued:

Jacob wood, Garrett Wood, Viviana McQuade, Jewelian McQuade, Claire McQuade, Alisa Herrington, Joshua Herrington, Christopher Herrington, Tyler Herrington, and Matthew Herrington; and a great-great granddaughter, Aubrey Hall.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Michael Bertrand and Mary McQuade, one sister, Marie Chofflet, and a brother Bertrand McQuade; his wife of 70 years Joan McQuade, two sons, William and Michael McQuade, and a grandson, Christopher McQuade.

Funeral service was on December 29, 2013 at 12:00 PM at the Kiser Rose Hill Chapel and interment immediately after in the Andrew Johnson National Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kkiserrosehillfuneralhome.com.

(Rest in Peace Joe-we will toll a bell for you at the next reunion in San Diego.)



Richard Waine Leach 5/5/1923-3/21/2014 SC 3/C

Richard W. Leach, 90, of Independence, MO, passed away March 21, 2014. Graveside Services with full Military Honors will be 10 Am on Wednesday, March 26 at Mt Washington Cemetery in Independence. Richard was born on May 5, 1923 to Justin and Jewel (Coppick) Leach in Independence, MO. He attendd William Chrisman High School before joining the Navy in 1942. Richard served during WWII, earning a Purple Heart from injuries sustained during the Battle of Samar and Leyte Gulf.

He was also the recipient of the Victory Medal, American Area, Philippine Liberation (1star), and the Asiatic-Pacific (3stars).

Richard was married to Nellie (Reed) Leach in 1971. Richard and Nellie loved to travel around the United States, fishing, and playing with his metal detector.

Survivors include; wife, Nellie Leach; daughter Sue Johnson; sons, James and Gilbert Leach; and step-son Billy Jack Shipman. Richard is preceded in Death by his parents, sons, Rick, Gary, Steve Leach and step-son Bobbie Shipman.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com

(I was lucky enough to talk to Richard about his service-he was Ships Cook 3rd class and worked for my uncle-Rest in Peace Richard and we will toll a bell for you at the next reunion in San Diego.)



Roland Thorsell- 1924-1992 S 1/C

I received a phone on 3/20 from John Carmagnolle, who is the nephew of Roland. John told me he just found out two years ago about the Gambier Bay. It seems his Uncle never talked about it and did not like to go swimming, he even had nightwares about it. Roland was an engineer and has a couple of patents to his name. He died in 1992 of a brain tumor. John is going to ask his cousin for a picture of him so it can be put on the Gambier Bay website. John sent me this picture of Roland's gravesite.

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In Appreciation

Thank you to all the names listed for your donation, buying 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.

David J. Moffa

James & Valerie Smurda

Chris Shelvik

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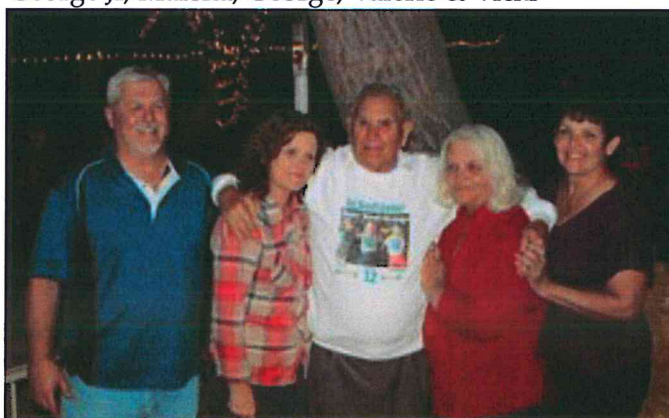


George Feliz at his 90th Birthday Party on Feb. 22nd



George, Bob & Marlene

George Jr, Marsha, George, Valerie & Vicki



Mail Call

Received from Jim & Val Smurda

12/30/13

Hey Marlene,

Just a quick note to say thanks for doing this for us. There is just a bit more in the check that can be used for the association.

Looking forward to October already. By the way, when in San Diego, try Fillipi's Pizza Grotto in Little Italy. Really think you will enjoy it. It certainly is not what the first impression gives you.

Take care and thanks again. Happy New Year and see you in San Diego.

Jim and Val Smurda

(Thanks for the tip on the restaurant-Don't forget to make your hotel reservation-we all should have a good time.)



Received from Chris Shelvik

January 2014

Enclosed is \$40 for Tin Can Sailors book and membership dues. Was nice to see both George Feliz & Norm St. Germain were still able to make the reunion. They both were at one of our LCI reunions in Reno, NV many years ago.

I am planning to make your reunion in San Diego if possible.

Thanks Chris *(Hope to see you in October Chis, Norm and George plan on attending)*

Received from Kate Jennings

January 2014

Marlene:

I don't think I will ever get to go to any reunions. I enjoyed going but have no one to go with me. Glad your still having them. I enjoy reading about them. 2013 wasn't a very good year for me, two back operations and two eye operations. It snowed yesterday and I have drifts that are 7ft in my driveway. I don't remember having snow this high, 24 below zero and probably may not see out until summer.

Kate Jennings *(Kate-Hang in there the snow will melt there in Beecher City, IL eventually. Take care of yourself-I enjoy getting your notes to me)*

Received from Robert Belcoure

February, 2014

Dear Marlene

My father Robert A. Belcoure S 2C was aboard when the Gambier Bay went down. He told me all about it a couple of years before he died. He was born 3/20/20 and died at 48 yrs old on 7/27/68. Pictures will follow when I find them. To know him was to love him.

His son Robert A Belcoure *(Robert-thanks for the lifetime membership and I look forward to the pictures-we will put them on the website and in the Scuttlebutt)*

Received by Barbara Boggs Schlaff

12/4/2013

Hi Marlene,

David and I had a wonderful time in Tucson. Your hospitality and attention to detail were quite a tribute to the Association. I have no doubt that Dad picked the right people to continue the legacy of the Gambier Bay. I would love to have the words of the song that Fred said the pilots and crew sang when they engaged the Japanese. Another note from my brother, Scott, Dad should be listed under the VC-10 Composite on the website, not as part of the crew. I am trying to get our whole family to go to San Diego next year. Another question. Do you know a total dollar amount for Dad's memorial contributions to the Gambier Bay? *(by now Barb you got the figure from me over \$700-I was so happy to meet you both In Tucson and hope the Warm Regards, the family can make it to San Diego.)*

Barbarba Boggs Schlaff

Mail Call continued



Received by Doug Howe

March 8, 2014

Paula Grond,

Hello, My name is Doug Howe. My father served on the USS Gambier Bay when it was sunk October 25, 1944. His name was Winthrop Harding Howe AM 2/C. Could you tell me what the AM2/C classification is? I am guessing Assisant Machinist Second Class? Well my father passed away on May 1, 2007 at the age of 86. Any information you might have on his service I would appreciate having. I am very proud of his service in the USS Navy. I have a picture that I will try to make into a jpg and send to you. Thank You. *(Doug- the AM means aviation machinist-please check our website for information about the ship www.ussgambier.org)*

Respectfully,

Doug Howe

agape7@verizon.net

Received by Rudolph Biller

April 5, 2014

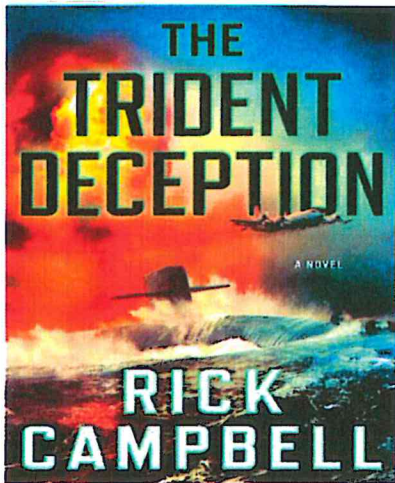
Hi Marlene

I 'm sending you this photograph because my children had a 90th Birthday party for me. It was a big surprise. Last year my daughter Diana and granddaughter Jennifer took me to Jamaica for a whole week and it was wonderful. I'm just sorry for not attending the renions but I've not been able to around much. If I do go any distance my daughter usually drives me. Thank you for your continuous support of the Association.

(I called Rudolph so I could claify his writing-hard to read. We had a nice chat. He was a radioman on the ship and had gone to a number of reunions years ago. Great picture of your birthday cake in the shape of the Gambier Bay. Thanks for including the picture of you in your uniform. I e-mailed it to our webmaster Paula so she can put it on the ussgambierbay.org website. Happy 90th Birthday!!)



Trident Deception – A Novel by Rick Campbell



Hello USS Gambier Bay survivors, families, and membership.

I'm Rick Campbell, a Navy Commander who retired last year after thirty-two years of service. I attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and spent over thirty years in the Navy. My tours of duty include four nuclear powered submarines, the Pentagon, and the Undersea Weapons (Torpedoes) Program Office. On my last submarine, I was one of the two men whose permission was required to launch its twenty-four nuclear warhead-tipped missiles.

My first book, a submarine thriller titled *The Trident Deception*, is getting fantastic reviews, as noted below:

- "Fans of submarine thrillers who are saddened by the demise of Tom Clancy will welcome Campbell's debut." - Publishers Weekly
- "A terrific thriller debut. Campbell does an amazing job, balancing character interaction with high-octane action, all the while keeping the technical jargon to a level understandable by nonmilitary readers. This is the best novel about a submarine since Tom Clancy's classic *The Hunt for Red October* (1984)." - Jeff Ayers, Booklist
- "No one puts the reader inside a submarine like Rick Campbell does in *The Trident Deception*. I couldn't put it down. Compelling and thrilling, this novel is a must read." - Jack Coughlin, New York Times bestselling author of *Shooter* and *Time to Kill*
- "The *Trident Deception* is a fistfight of a thriller. A masterpiece." - Dalton Fury, former Delta Force, and New York Times bestselling author of *Kill Bin Laden* and *Tier One Wild*

You can find out more about *The Trident Deception*, as well as read the first 3 chapters at: rickcampbellauthor.com

Additionally, you can order my hardcover book from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or the eBook for your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or Android device.

All the best
Rick Campbell

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.

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USS GAMBIER BAY/VC-10 ASSOCIATION
c/o Marlene Hughes, Treasurer
2228 E GREENLEE RD
TUCSON, AZ 85719-2012

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



My husband made this wooden model of a Grumman Avenger. It sits atop of our garage roof. Fred noticed it right away at the welcome reception at our house at last years reunion.

This is the third one he has made, the Arizona sun tends to destroy them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Date: January 1, 2014
Marlene Hughes, Treasurer

USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Association, Inc.
For the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Balance on Hand as of December 31,2012 \$10,417.25

Receipts

Donations	\$2,097.90
Reunion Income	\$7,333.00
Life Time Memberships	\$ 900.00
Subscriptions	\$135.00
Sales	\$2,476.60
Div Income	\$4.24

Total Receipts \$12,946.74

Disbursements

Sales Tax	\$24.78
Copies	\$2.07
Postage/Shipping	\$179.15
Printing	\$1,848.62
Misc Expense	\$907.76
Supplies	\$44.84
Reunion Expense	\$7,628.68
Returns	\$30.00

Total Expenses \$10,665.90

Balance in Savings \$8,481.59

Balance in Checking \$4,216.50

Total on Hand as of December 31, 2013 \$12,698.09

Respectively Submitted,
Date: January 1, 2014
Marlene Hughes
Treasurer

This article about survivor Fred Grabos was in his local Port Townsend, WA newspaper back in November 27, 2012. (*has been shortened*)

Two WWII vets remember Pacific Battle

Years after serving in a World War II assault off the Philippine Islands, two veterans are united in *Port Townsend*.

Fred Grabos, a U.S. Navy turret gunner on the escort carrier *USS Gambier Bay*, and Ed Adams, a pharmacist's mate on the evacuation transport *USS Tryon*, both live at the Seaport Landing retirement community on Hancock Street. They both have lived at the home for about two years, but only in the spring of 2011 did they realize their shared involvement in the Battle off Samar in October 1944, in which the 512-foot *Gambier Bay* was sunk by Japanese forces.



Fred Grabos and Ed Adams

Grabos overheard Adams talking about how he and other *Tryon* crewmembers rescued the carrier's survivors. He realized they had a common thread stretching back 60 years.

"We were kind of connected right then and there," Adams said.

Honoring Veterans

Several people spoke about the importance of honoring veterans during a presentation at Seaport Landing November 11th.

Also part of the presentation was a 20-minute segment from the NRA-produced "Life of Duty" television series. It features Grabos, Adams and another *Gambier Bay* crewman, Norm St Germain.

The video can be seen in its entirety at nralifeofduy.tv Click "Patriot Profile," then "Military" and select "*The St. of Gambier Bay*."

Grabos, who flew on a Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber, said in the video, "We got out just in time." He said his plane and others made attack runs on the enemy ships until they got orders to land on a friendly airfield. "We came back to the ship and it was just sitting there, sinking." he said.

Adams, whose ship, the *Tyron*, assisted in recovering the *Gambier Bay*'s survivors, said the plight of the crewmembers was deeply affecting. "It just tears your heart out," he said in the video.

Over 68 years later, Grabos and Adams recount some of their stories from the sinking of the *Gambier Bay*. "We saw shells flying into the ship," Grabos said. "We took off. And we were glad to get in the air."

Not so fortunate were the 800 or so men who went into the water when the ship sank. Expecting rescue within hours, instead it took about 44 hours for relief. During that time in the water, sharks got to some men, and drinking salt water got to others.

When ships finally arrived, Adams and other sailors did all they could to help. Adams recalled a man who was so deathly afraid of the sharks he would not get off the plank that had kept him safe.

"So I jumped in the water, swarm a couple strokes," Adams said.

Together with a crewman in the rescue boat, they hoisted the man to safety.

"I was scared as hell." Adams admitted about the shark danger. "I was interested in getting him off (the plank)."

If you have not seen the video of Fred, Ed and Norm we are selling it in the ship's store for \$10.00

Looking forward to seeing Fred and Ed at the Taffy III 70th Reunion in San Diego in October 2014.

Taffy III 70th Reunion Registration Form

Please Print

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest (s) Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Ship Represented: _____ Survivor _____ Associate _____ Special Needs: _____

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

Make checks payable to Marlene Hughes or
USS Gambier Bay Association

Event	Day	Cost per person	# Attending	Total
Registration Fee by 9/1/2014		\$20		\$
Registration Fee after 9/1/2014		\$25		\$
Tour to Fort Rosecrance	Fri - 10/24	\$20		\$
Banquet (see choices below)	Fri - 10/24	\$42		\$
Memorial Service - Bus and Admission fees included	Sat - 10/25	\$20		\$
Luncheon - At hotel (see choices below)	Sat - 10/25	\$32		\$

Grand Total: \$ _____

Banquet Entree Choices	Qty.
Combo Steak & Fish	
Roast Pork	
Grilled Vegetable Tower	

Please mail this form with payment to:

Marlene Hughes
2228 E Greenlee Rd
Tucson, AZ 85719-2012

Phone: 520-326-0747
Email: mahhome@cox.net

Luncheon Entree Choices	Qty
Lasagna	
Chicken Marsala	
Vegetarian Sandwich	

Any questions regarding the reunion call your ship's contact person otherwise you may call me.

Cut off date for registration, tours and hotel is 10/1/2014

Welcome to the Taffy III 70th Reunion Information Pages

When: October 22-26th

Where: Holiday Inn Bayside, San Diego

Rate: \$115.00 & Tax= \$129.47 This rate is good for 3 days before and after reunion.



Comps- Free Parking, complimentary airport shuttle, standard internet service, 37 " TV, coffee maker, hair-dryer, mini refrigerator, iron/ironing board. There is a 9 hole putting course, exercise room, ping-pong, shuffleboard, billiards and complimentary rental bikes w/helmets.

A sign up sheet will be available in the Hospitality Room to use the shuttle for shopping. The Point Loma Cafe is next to the lobby and serves Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Seniors enjoy a 10% discount. The Bayside Bar is behind the Point Loma Cafe, they serve complimentary happy hour hors d'oeuvres Mon-Fri. from 5pm to 6:30pm.

Right across the street are nearby restaurants, Pizza Nova and Jimmys Famous American Tavern and many with a 1 mile radius of the hotel. A convenience store and gift shop are on the hotel property.

The cut off for reservations is October 1, 2014. You may make reservations by calling 1-800-662-8899 or 619-224-3621. Our Group code is TAF-make sure you give them the code for the rate. If you want to book online here is the link [Taffy 3 USS Gambier Bay CVE73 room reservations at Holiday Inn Bayside](#) Remember you can use your Priority Rewards number with this rate.

Airport Shuttle Service:

If you are arriving by plane call 619-224-3621 after you have collected your luggage and the hotel will instruct you on where to pick up the shuttle.

It depends on which terminal you are in.

Thank you Mike Pyzdrowski for the copy of the Taffy III logo.



Reunion Itinerary

- Wed - Oct. 22th -** Hospitality room open by 3pm-Check in and reception by the pool from 5pm till 7PM weather permitting or will be in Hospitality room.
- Thurs - Oct. 23rd -** Open day to explore San Diego's many attractions. There will be a sign up sheet in the Hospitality room to use the shuttle to go shopping in the 21 seat van (example-Seaport Village or Old Town)
- Friday- Oct. 24th -** Visit Fort Rosecrans Memorial Monuments/ city tour-Board bus at 8:15AM
Back to the hotel for lunch on your own around 12:30PM
- Friday- Oct. 24th -** Banquet 6PM till 11PM
- Sat - Oct. 25th-** Memorial service onboard the USS Midway. Board bus at 8:45AM
Lunch back at our hotel
- Sat - Oct 25th -** Business meetings in afternoon
Dinner on your own
- Sun - Oct. 26th -** Check out

The Hospitality Room will be on the 5th floor overlooking San Diego Bay. We will be selling tokens for drinks in the hospitality room. This room also has a full length balcony. It will be open every day during the reunion except for the banquet, memorial service and luncheon.



Aerial View of Holiday Inn

This is the Harbor View Room
or Hospitality Room



Make your reservations for the hotel right away-there are other ships from Taffy III joining us.

**TAFFY III 70th Reunion
2014 in San Diego, California**

Save the Date Oct 22-26th 2014

**Please come join the Gambier Bay Association Commemorate
the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf**

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Let them be aware of the last greatest Naval battle in WWII.**



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