

SCUTTLEBUTT

A Quarterly Newsletter

April 2015

Presidents Corner

Hello Gambier Bay Family

I just wanted to thank everyone who LIKE and follow us on [FACEBOOK](#) – we have almost 500 LIKES so keep getting the word going to your family and friends and remember to also check out our website!

I would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding when our website (www.ussgambierbay.org) was down. Our site was hacked and it took us quite a few weeks to clear it up and get back up and running. You also may have noticed we look a little different. Well, we are working on restoring the black background and to switch around the Freedoms Cost header and the tabs. We are still accepting photos, stories, etc., and thank you to those who have contributed. One recent update is the Crossing the Equator Ceremony photos from August 1944 (Survivor/Family Reflections – 2 page). The photos were provided by Damian Petro, great-nephew of Cmdr. James Sanders, Chief Engineer (Cmdr. Sanders crossed the bar in February 1974). If you have photos of our sailors in their uniforms, and photos of our sailors later in their life, for example: family photos, wedding photos, work photos, etc., or any photos related to the ship, please forward to me in a jpg format (pk_grond@yahoo.com). Our site will continue to grow - but only with your submissions!

It is official – our 2015 reunion will be a joint reunion with the USS Kitkun Bay and we will be in Norfolk, Virginia (October 21-25, 2015) at the Holiday Inn. All the reunion information and registration forms are included inside. Just a reminder, at the 2015 reunion we will be having our Board meeting, which everyone is invited to attend, and also our membership meeting in which we will be electing officers and governors for 2015-2017. If you are interested in a position, please let me know ASAP and I can forward your name onto our nominating committee members who will then contact you about your interest.

We have updated our merchandise in our Ships Store. We are retiring a few items and will be testing out a few new items, the first being a personalized laser granite tile (see order form inside). You will be able to see and purchase our new items at the reunion. The website will be updated with the new items after the reunion. We will still continue to offer the Freedom's Cost lithograph (we have a limited number of lithographs), Men of the Gambier Bay hardcover book, the following DVDs - 2014 Taffy III 70th Anniversary Reunion memorial service aboard the USS Midway, the 2013 memorial service in Tucson, and the Life of Duty DVD (featuring Norm St. Germain and Fred Grabos), along with hats, mouse pads, Polo shirts, Women's Bling shirts, our framed (small or large) Gambier Bay postage stamp, coffee mugs, and I Love the Men of the Gambier Bay button pin.

As many of you know our Scuttlebutt is published quarterly and along with handling the ships store and being our Treasurer, Marlene has also been the Scuttlebutt editor. It is a tremendous task for just one person to pull together and we are looking for a volunteer who may be interested in taking over as editor. Please contact either Marlene or myself if you would like more information on how you can help.

SECOND AND THIRD GENERATION FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS – Please help support the Association with your membership. Your membership donation allows you to have a vote at the membership meetings and it helps with the printing and postage of our Scuttlebutt. Lifetime membership is \$100 or you can join on a yearly basis at \$15 a year. Please see our membership application inside. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION. OUR MISSION AND GOAL IS TO CONTINUE TO HONOR, RECOGNIZE, AND KEEP THE MEMORY ALIVE OF ALL WHO SERVED ON THE USS GAMBIER BAY/VC-10.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2015 reunion in Norfolk, Virginia!

Paula Grond
President

SHIPS MERCHANDISE FORM

ALL PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING COSTS

	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
Freedom's Cost Lithograph \$75.00	_____	_____
The Men of the USS Gambier Bay Book \$40.00	_____	_____
Taffy III 2014 Memorial Service DVD San Diego, California \$15.00	_____	_____
Tucson 2013 Memorial Service DVD \$10.00	_____	_____
Life of Duty DVD Documentary Featuring Norm St. German/Fred Grabos \$10.00	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Framed Stamp \$5.00 small frame/\$8.00 large frame	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Hat \$25.00	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Mouse Pad \$10.00	_____	_____
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	_____	_____
I Love the Men of the Gambier Bay Button Pin \$3.00	_____	_____
USS Gambier Bay Coffee Mug \$10.00	_____	_____

<u>By Special Order</u> The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors \$25.00	_____	_____

Ships Store
USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Association

Personalized Etched Laser Tile Order Form
Please Make Checks Payable To:
USS Gambier Bay Association

Quantity

Cost

Personalized Laser Etching Tile

\$35

Shipping time is 2 weeks from order

OTHER INSIDE DESIGNS ARE AVAILABLE – PLEASE CONTACT PAULA AT pk_grond@yahoo.com

Example



Wording for Top Line Inside Circle

Wording for Bottom Line Inside Circle

Wording for Bottom **OUTSIDE** of Circle

Inside Etching (**circle preference**)
Destroyer/Tin Can Sailor OR US Flag

TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Contact Phone _____

Email Address _____

**Marlene Hughes, USS Gambier Bay Association
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Tucson, AZ 85719**



In Memoriam

Shipmates who have crossed the Bar



Richard Alvin Person 07/24/24-10/18/14

Friends and family will gather in Soquel on Saturday to say faarewell to Richard Person who passed away peacefully at his home on October 18th. His beloved wife of 69 years, Ruth was at his bedside. Born in Rockford, Illinois, Mr. Person worked as a machinist. His life was interrupted at the onset of WWII, as he bravely served his country in the US Navy. His ship the USS Gambier Bay was sunk in 1944 in the battle for Leyte Gulf in the Philippines, with many of his shipmates killed. Mr. Person returned to his job following his discharge from the

Navy, and he retired as a machinist foreman with a career that spanned over 40 years.

A talented wood craftsman and master repairman, he was able to fabricate parts for things long thought beyond repair. He loved the outdoors, and many fond memories of camping and fishing trips, coupled with his uncanny sense of humor, will be cherished by his family. He also enjoyed both stream and deep sea fishing.

Richard was a member of V.F.W. Post #7263, Disabled American Veterans, and was a longtime parishioner of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Soquel. He will forever be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and beloved grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Person of Aptos, his son and daughter-in-law, Gary A. Person and Mary Person of Oroville, CA; his daughter Cathy A. Person of Capitola; sister, Patricia A. McKibben of Washington; his grandchildren, Joei Enget and Nicholas Duncan; great grandchildren: Aaron and Jordon Enget and his great great grandson, A.J. Enget. Mr Person was preceded in death by his granddaughter Vicki Neep.

The memorial celebration will be on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church in Soquel, beginning at 6 p.m. He will be laid to rest with military honors in a private ceremony prior to the memorial service. Any kind acts of charity can be made in Richard's memory to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church or Hospice of Santa Cruz County. Please visit www.pacificgardenschapel.com to share with his family, your condolences and prayers.

(I got to know Richard and Ruth years back when I first started coming to the reunions in 1997. They were such a lovely couple and always made you feel welcome. Rest in Peace Richard. We will be tolling a bell for you in October.)

Mary Louise Crane 03/12/1925 - 05/11/2013



Mary Louise Crane, 88 of Windsor died Saturday, May 11, 2013.

On August 16, 1942, in Parsons, she married Chester n. Crane, who preceded her in death October 4, 2009.

Mary was a devoted wife and enjoyed everything with her husband, especially hunting. They enjoyed traveling to the Philippines, England and New York. She loved country music and liked to sing during car rides.

She is survived by three daughters, Patricia Thompson, and her husband Donald, Parsons, KS, Anita Nadeau, of Green Ridge, and Katherine Crane, of Windsor; a sister-in-law, Sondia Murphy, of Beaver Falls, OR; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-

great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by son-in-law, Vene "Fenchie" Nadeau.

A memorial service was held on May 25, 2013 with inurnment taking place May 28, 2013 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, KS.

(I just found out about Mary passing away. I had gotten to know Chester because he was a baker aboard the ship and knew and worked for my uncle in the galley. Rest in Peace Mary)

Lois Jean Hewitt 10/9/1926 - 09/10/2014

Lois was preceded in death by her husband William "Joe" Hewitt

Charles Gaywood Dedrick F2/c crossed the bar June 2006

In Memoriam continued:



Allen R. "Johnny" Janz 4/25/1925-3/14/2014 S 1/c

Allen R. Janz, 89 of Fargo, ND, Passed away Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Maryhill Manor in Enderlin, ND.

Allen Robert Janz was born and raised in Enderlin, ND on April 24, 1925. He was the son of Robert and Clara (Fritz) Janz. His dad nicknamed him John, and everyone knew him as Johnny Janz.

John spent his early years in Enderlin playing Legion baseball and attended Enderlin HS playing baseball, basketball, and football. John graduated with the class of 1943, but was already serving in the US Navy enlisting in February 1943.

after enlisting, John trained as a radioman at Farragut Naval Training Station, Bayview, ID. He received his assignment to the Naval Station in Bremerton, WA and was deployed

aboard the USS Gambier Bay CVE73, an aircraft carrier that was sunk by the Japanese in the South Pacific on October 25, 1944. John was one of almost 800 men that survived in the ocean for 2 days and 2 nights until rescued by a Naval Patrol Craft. After a one month leave, he was assigned to the not-yet-built carrier USS Rendova. Awaiting completion, John played baseball at the naval base. The Rendova shipped out of Portland, OR, and transported supplies and planes from San Diego to Hawaii, and eventually supported land and air attacks off New Guinea and Guadalcanal. The USS Gambier Bay and personnel received the American Presidential Unit Citation to Taffy 3 for extraordinary heroism in the Battle of Leyte Gulf off Samar. For his service, Janz received the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with three Bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal with two Bronze stars and the WWII Victory Medal. In April 1946, he was honorably discharged. John also received an Armed Forces Reserve Medal for 32 years of service in the Naval Reserve, and earned the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

In 1948, Janz opened his own repair shop in Enderlin, and also began working for the Enderlin Post Office. In 1968, he became Postmaster and served in that capacity until retiring in 1980.

He was active in Babe Ruth and American Legion Baseball in the Enderlin area for many years. He was inducted into the North Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1976

Johnny married his baseball coach's daughter, Dorothy Redmond on June 1, 1952. Married for 61 years, they raised two children in Enderlin. Johnny and Dorothy spent many memorable early years at hundreds of baseball games, and with their children camping at lake Ida with friends and relatives.

Johnny is remembered for the bounce in his step, his love of fishing and the lake, being a die-hard Twins baseball and Bison football fan, listening and dancing to Frank Sinatra music, and enjoying his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Johnny lost the love of his life when his wife Dorothy passed away on April 8, 2014.

John is survived by two children: Steven (Kari) Janz, Moose Lake, MN, and Joni (Jeff) Peterson, Fargo, ND; five grandchildren: Brittani Janze, Natalie (Jon) Beckstrand, Jordan (Alyssa) Sauvageau, Zachary Janz, Savanna Sauvageau (financ Q. Dillion); and seven great grandchildren Emma, Carlos, Julian, Daymian, Nicolas, Quincey, and Peyton. He is also survived by in-laws Donald (Janice) Redmond, Lloyd (Donna) Redmond, Carol Ann Pudwill, Karen Redmond, and many Janz and Redmond nieces and nephews who fondly called him Uncle John.

His grandchildren and their spouses will serve as Honorary Pallbearers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, parents Robert and Clara Janz, brothers Arthur and Lloyd Janz, and in-laws Jesse Lee (Pete) and Lucille Redmond and Darrell Redmond

A memorial service was held at Cormorant Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 21 at 10AM. John and Dorothy's burial is scheduled at the Enderlins Veteran's Cemetery at 2:00 PM.

Online guestbook at www.boulgerfuneralhome.com

(You had a full life Johnny, you and Dorothy can now dance together again. We will toll the bell for you at the Gambier Bay Reunion in October) The entire Obituary was posted on our Gamber Bay Facebook page. Rest in Peace.

Dorothy Janz March 3,1933 - April 8, 2014 (wife of Allen Janz)

Harvey Ralph Schreurs S 2/c April 20,1925 - November 27,1999

Charles Tim Madison S 2/c March 7,1926 - February 3, 2002

In Memoriam continued:



Eugene Wesley Seitz 10/12/1919-3/12/2015

Capt. Eugene Wesley Seitz, USN (Ret.) of Annandale, VA died on March 12, 2015 at the Virginia Hospital Center in Alexandria, VA. Captain Seitz was a retired United States Naval Officer and decorated pilot. He was known to friends as Gene, was born in Gary, IN to George Seitz and Edina Mattox. As he grew up, he looked to the sky, building and flying model aeroplanes-a precursor of things to come. He graduated from Fresno State College and completed Civil Pilot Training courses resulting in Private, Instrument, Commercial Pilot and Flight instructor certificates. Soon after graduating he entered the United States Navy as a Naval Aviation Cadet in June of 1941, graduating from the

Pensacola Naval Air Station on December 31, 1941 with his commission as a new Ensign and coveted gold Naval Aviator wings.

Gene served in WWII, Korean War, and the Viet Nam War. In WWII, he served aboard a number of aircraft carriers as a fighter pilot, he was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses with Oak Leaf Clusters, and three Single Mission Air Medals with Oak Leaf Clusters. The ship on which he was serving, the USS Gambier Bay, received a Presidential Unit Citation after being instrumental in launching all of her aircraft safely, though she was later sunk by a Japanese Surface Action Group during the Battle of Samar on October 1944. Later reassigned to another squadron, Gene served in Fighter Bomber Squadron 14, VBF-14 aboard the USS Intrepid. He took part in the occupation of Japan following the surrender.

After WWII, Gene remained in the Navy. In the Korean War, he served as Commanding Officer of VBF-14 and Fighter Squadron 82 (VF-82) aboard various aircraft carriers including the USS Coral Sea, and USS Midway. During the Viet Nam War, he served aboard the USS Franklin Roosevelt and USS Oriskany.

Captain Seitz attended the Naval General Line School and graduated from the Naval War College, after which he was assigned to and served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Bureau of Aeronautics, and Bureau of Ships, subsequently serving as Aviation Plans Officer for the US Naval Forces Far East, Japan. Following a tour as Chief Staff Officer at the Naval Research Laboratory in Bethesda, MD, Captain Seitz retired in June of 1966.

Over his lifetime, Captain Seitz earned a Bachelor's degree from George Washington University, and a Master's degree in the Geography of China from the University of Maryland.

A lifelong pilot, Captain Seitz recently renewed his interest in flying, and soloed again on his 82nd birthday! He finally hung up his helmet in 2005, after recording 6,000 flying hours.

Gene was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association, and the US Naval Institute. He wrote a book about his career in Naval Aviation, *Born To Fly*, and was honored by the US Navy and Commander Carrier Strike Group Eight while aboard the USS George Washington (CVN-73) in 2008. He was also inducted by the Commemorative Air Force into the American Combat Airmen Hall of Fame.

Gene was twice married, first to Dorothy Ruth Seitz in 1942, who passed away in 1980, and subsequently to Jean Stewart Seitz in 1982. Also preceding him in death were his sisters, Helen Brown and Dorothy Osborn, brother Lt/Col Edwin Seitz and daughter, Shelby Wolf.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Seitz; daughters from his first marriage Martha Bitar of Alexandria, VA, Karen Hocking of Marshfield, WI; his step son LtCol Robert Ryan Wilkins, USMCR(R) of Wilmington, DE and step daughter Jane Finney of Lake Havasu City, AZ; and two close grandsons, Sean Wilkins of New York, NY, and Kevin Wilkins of Washington, DC, along with ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Captain Eugene Wesley Seitz will be interred in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

(Rest in Peace Gene, you lived a full life.

We will toll a bell for you at this year's reunion in Norfolk)



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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.

*Martha Showers
David Belvin
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Jan Loomis
Peter Deberardinis
Marlene Hughes
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Gary Epping
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Lucille Gutzwiler
June Patti
Mary Pappas
Diane Stewart
Conrad Gjestvang*



A note of thanks goes to Jeannette Hall for serving on the Board of Governors. Jeannette resigned her position on the board 2/23/2015.

*Her dad is Fred Grabos.
At right is Fred & Jeannette
checking out a video at last ye
last years reunion.*

*Thanks Jeanette we will
miss you and give our best
to Fred.*



Mail Call

Received from Curt F. Mahaffey

3/25/2015

This was e-mailed to Paula Grond

Paula:

My best friend is Mr. Murray E. Brown. He was aboard the USS Gambier Bay. He says that they got the time of the sinking wrong because he was still aboard the ship at that reported time. He is 91 now. Is he on your rolls as a member?

(Paula let Curt know Murray was on our roster and we updated the address where to send the Scuttlebutt. She also asked if he could get some photos of Murray in his uniform. We are all glad that Murray is doing fine and miss seeing him at the reunions.)



Received from Jeff Schreurs

3/22/2015

This was e-mailed to Paula

Hello,

I was doing research on the Gambier Bay which my Uncle was on and you wanted information on any survivors that have "crossed the bar." Harvey Schreurs crossed the bar November 27,1999.

He would talk to me about the ship and the war when I was younger when we went to visit him and family in the state of Washington (couldn't get him away from the ocean to return back to Wisconsin after the war) he would send me the Gambier Bay newsletter when he was done with them, the sea has always intersted me as well as the ships. I think my uncle was the most influential person for me to become a scuba diver and explore shipwrecks. God bless to all who served.

Jeff Schreurs

(Jeff- We have updated our website with Harvey's passing and in this newsletter. Thank you for visiting the website and checkout our Facebook page under USS Gambier Bay. We will toll a bell for him at this years memorial service.)

Received from Steven Janz

3/28/ 2015

Hello Ladies:

Thank you , thank you SO MUCH for the informational packet you sent my sister and I about the 70th anniversary of the huge 1944 battle of Samar and all of the information . My wife and I really enjoyed the video and all the goodies you sent our way; it especially means a lot with my father's recent death (Seaman Allen R. Janz---retired as a Chief Petty Officer).

After reading all of the information my wife and I would "really " be interested in getting to one of your reunions in the near future! Thanks again and keep up your wonderful work!

Steven Janz-Son of Allen Robert Janz (also known as "Johnny")

(Steven-We all share in your sorrow of Allen's passing, we will toll a bell for hin at this years memorial service. It would be great if you and your wife would join us in Norfolk in October and possibly do a eulogy to him)

Received from Cathy Person

1/22/2015

This was e-mailed to Paula

Hi Paula:

First of all, I want to thank you very much for the items you sent in a folder to me as tokens of the reunion. At the time we talked, you had a lot going on (understatement) with planning the reunion. I just received the latest Scuttlebutt, but Dad's obit was not in it--probably my fault; I thought I sent it to you, but maybe not... Attached is his obituary. We miss him very much. He was so proud of his tie in the Navy on the Gambier Bay.

Please find the attached obituary and please let the Gambier Bay members know of his passing.

Mom and I thank you for all you do.

Cathy Person

(Cathy- It actually was my fault it was not in the last Scuttlebutt-I missed it. We will toll the bell for your Dad at this years memorial service. I extend my condolences to you and your Mom-Marlene)

Mail Call continued

Received from Cody Sherman

4/7/2015

This was e-mailed to Paula

Hi I've been doing some research on my grandfather recently and found his passing date wasn't on your site so I thought I would share with you to add to your list. **DEDRICK, CHARLES GAYWOOD** F 2/c crossed the bar in June of 2006.

(Cody-thank you for letting us know of your grandfather's passing. We will toll the bell for him at this years memorial service.)



Received from Conrad & Betty Gjestvang

4/4/15

Marlene,

We are moving to a senior living center. I guess it is about time. Can not do to much anymore. Here is a donation. New address is 6201 Norh Liac Drive # 104, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

(Thank you so much for the donation and we all hope you both are enjoying the center. I will make sure I change your address for the Scuttlebutt, please let me know of any phone or e-mail changes.)

Anthem Veterans Memorial

This memorial is located in ACC Community Park in Anthem, AZ.

It is a monument dedicated to honor the service and sacrifice of our country's armed forces.

The five pillars represent the unity of the five branches of the United States Military serving steadfast together.

They are staggered in size with their appropriate military seal placements on each pillar based upon the Department of Defense prescribd precedence.

At precisely 11:11 a.m. each Veterans Day (Nov. 11), the sun's rays pass through the ellipses of the five Armed Services pillars to form a perfect solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.



Additionally, the brick pavers with the Circle of Honor are inscribed with the names of U.S. servicemen and women, symbolizing the support for the Armed Forces. The pavers are red, the pillars are white, and the sky is blue to represent America's flag. The circle represents an unbreakable border.

Check out the website www.onlineatanthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial

APPLICATION FOR USS GAMBIER BAY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

SURVIVORS/WIDOWS DO NOT PAY DUES

Membership dues are \$15.00 annually or \$100.00 for Lifetime Membership

Both options include a subscription to our newsletter, Scuttlebutt

Membership Application (please check one)

_____ \$15.00 annual dues
_____ \$100.00 lifetime dues

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

**Please indicate if you would like your
Scuttlebutt subscription emailed
or send via the US mail.**

Additional Information

Survivor Name: _____

Crossed the Bar Date: _____

Survivor Rank/Rate: _____ **Division:** _____

Member relationship to survivor: _____

**Please Mail Application and Dues
(payable to USS Gambier Bay Association)
TO
Marlene Hughes
2228 E. Greenlee Road
Tucson, AZ 85719-2012**

Welcome to the 2015 USS Gambier Bay/Kitkun Bay Reunion Information Pages

When: October 21-25th

Where: Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport, Norfolk, VA

Rate: \$99 & Tax= \$114.86

This rate is good for 3 days before and after reunion.

Call 1-800-465-4329 and advise the reservationist that you are with the USS Gambier Bay/USS Kitkun Bay Reunion so that you are guaranteed the group rate of \$99 & Taxes

Check out Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport online



Amenities at the Holiday Inn

- *Free Parking**
- *24 hour Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service**
- *Free morning newspaper delivered to room**
- *Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms and meeting space**
- *Cable TV, coffee maker, hair-dryer, mini refrigerator, iron/ironing board.**
- *All rooms are non-smoking**
- *The hotel has an indoor pool, fitness center, on site guest self laundry & gift shop**
- * 10% discount at the Fountainside cafe located off lobby which serves breakfast and dinner**
- * A cocktail lounge which offers the restaurant menu with daily food and drink specials.**
- *Complimentary hot breakfast buffet for up to 2 guests per guest room each day.**
- *Also free shuttle service within a 5 mile radius of the hotel.**

The cut off for hotel reservations is October 1, 2015 after that date the block of rooms will be released. Make your reservation early and if you need to cancel it can be done before 10/21/2015.

We can give you a refund for the registration fee but not for the tours, the tours have to be prepaid

Things to Do in Norfolk VA.

Norfolk VA is home to intriguing historical attractions, world-class museums, delicious restaurants and unique retail shops. Visitors will find it easy to reach all that Norfolk VA has to offer; most places are within a short walking distance, car or train ride!

Visitors can learn to sail, kayak, play a round of golf or hike only minutes from the downtown area. Cruise our beautiful harbor on the tall ship American Rover or tour the city by foot, on bike, or light rail.

Families traveling with children will find plenty of options for "kids' fun" in Norfolk VA. Along with a wide variety of water sports, you will find interactive fun both indoors & out at places like the Virginia Zoo, Norfolk Botanical Garden and Nauticus, to name a few! . www.visitnorfolktoday.com

Reunion Itinerary

- Wed - Oct. 21st -** Hospitality room open by 3pm in The Landings room-Check in and Welcome Reception will be from 6pm till 10PM in the Grand Concourse room.
- Thurs - Oct. 22rd -** 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM- Welcome to Norfolk Riding Tour, MacArthur Memorial, Naval Station Norfolk with lunch on base. (see details on tour sheet) Boarding at 8:45am
Dinner on own.
- Friday- Oct. 23rd -** 8:30AM -1:00PM-Military Aviation Museum, Riding Virginia Beach Tour, Old Cape Henry Lighthouse. Lunch on own. (see details on tour sheet) Boarding at 8:15am
1:30pm-3pm - USS Gambier Bay Board of Governor meeting
- Friday- Oct. 23rd-** Banquet 6PM till 11PM in Grand Concourse room.
- Sat - Oct. 24th-** 11:00AM Memorial Service at the Hotel with lunch following the service.
- Sat - Oct 24th -** Business meetings following the Luncheon in afternoon
Dinner on your own
- Sun - Oct. 25th -** Check out

The Hospitality Room will be open every day from 8am to 11pm during the reunion except for the banquet, memorial service and luncheon.

Reunion Details

1. Be sure to attend the reception on the evening of the 21st. A recognition of each ship is planned and maybe a waving of hats by the survivors.
2. Thursday of the 22rd is open to enjoy the hospitality room or take the Norfolk Riding tour, with visiting the MacArthur Museum, Naval Station Norfolk with lunch on the base.
3. Friday, the 23rd is open to enjoy the hospitality room or take the tour to see the Military Aviation Museum, with a riding Virginia Beach Tour & the Old Cape Henry Lighthouse

On this evening the banquet will take place. A great meal is being planned, there will be a raffle, and then some outstanding musical entertainment.

4. Saturday, the 24th October, the memorial service is at the hotel.
Saturday after the memorial service, we have planned one final luncheon gathering.
Dinner that night is on your own.

Any questions, comments please contact Marlene Hughes. (520-326-0747 or mahhome@cox.net). Please get your registrations in as early as possible by 9/1/2015.

USS Gambier Bay/Kitkun Bay 2015 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: USS Gambier Bay Assoc.

Event	Day	Cost per person	# Attending	Total
Registration Fee by 8/31/2015		\$75		\$
Registration Fee by 9/20/2015		\$80		\$
Registration Fee after 9/20 - 9/30/15		\$85		\$
Norfolk City Riding Tour w/lunch send in by 9/8/15	Thurs- 10/22	\$57		\$
Tour to Military Aviation Museum Lunch on ovm send in by 9/8/15	Fri - 10/23	\$49		\$
Please see tour sheet on details				

Registration fee includes Dinner Banquet, entertainment, Luncheon, welcome reception and printing of Memorial Service programs.

Grand Total: \$ _____

Banquet Entree Choices	Qty. & name
Grilled Salmon	
Roast of Sirloin of Beef	
All entrees include salad, starch, veggie, dessert & beverage	

Luceon Entree Choices	Qty & name
Chicken Marsala	
Pork Loin Chop	
All entrees include salad, starch, veggie, dessert & beverage	

Please mail this form with payment to:

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**Any questions regarding the reunion call me.
Cut off date for registration is 9/30/15 and
hotel is 10/1/2015**

Tour Information

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015: 9:00AM – 3:30 PM

* Board the motor coach with your guide to enjoy a narrated Welcome to Norfolk Riding Tour through the maritime seaport's beautiful historic district and restored areas. Learn about Norfolk's colorful 335 year history as you travel through the most popular areas of the city. Your tour guide will point out many attractions in downtown including St. Pauls's Church and Town Point Park.

Drive through the cobblestone streets of the historic Freemason District to view homes dating back to the 1800's. Drive along The Hague to view the stately homes along the water and past the Chrysler Museum of Art, home to some of the world's most recognizable paintings, glass and other works of art.

* Arrive at MacArthur Memorial for a glimpse into our country's history. View the outstanding collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia housed in Norfolk's historic city hall which trace the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur and see the 25 minute film which chronicles General MacArthur's life. The General and Mrs. MacArthur are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. Nine separate galleries arranged in two levels circle the rotunda and tell the story of General MacArthur and the millions of American men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces from the Civil War through the Korean War. A gift shop with unique memorabilia is located on the premises.

* **Enjoy a guided, behind the scenes program created just for our group.**

* Visit Naval Station Norfolk, the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to 78 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 26 aircraft squadrons comprised of 133 aircraft and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, this naval complex occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel. The narrated windshield tour is led by active duty personnel who will take you past the 14 piers, through the Naval Air Station, and the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" which now house the flag officers.

* Lunch will be included for your group at one of the clubs on base.

Package Price: \$57.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED.

* **PLEASE NOTE:** Any guests requiring special arrangements (dietary, physically disabled) must make us aware of their needs in advance, otherwise, we will not be able to guarantee that they will be accommodated. Those guests with physical disabilities should have someone traveling with them to assist physically. Phillips DMC staff and motor coach drivers cannot accept responsibility for lifting guests in and out of coaches.

* **PLEASE NOTE:** All passengers visiting any military installation MUST have a picture ID (driver's license, military ID, passport), and no bags other than pocketbooks or camera cases will be allowed on base. Please ask your guests not to bring any pocket knives, scissors, or nail files with them on tour. All persons are subject to personal search.

* Due to heightened security measures at all military installations, Phillips DMC must have a list of names with city and state of residence of those going on the tour three weeks prior to tour date

Last minute participants will be accommodated on a space-available basis only, and ticket prices on site will be an additional \$3.00 per person.

All participants who do not show for their tour will not be refunded their money. This price is based on a minimum of 35 people per tour.



Tour Information continued

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

• Board the motor coach with your tour guide and visit Virginia Beach's newest attraction, the Military Aviation Museum, located at the former Virginia Beach Airport, this museum is home to one of the largest private collections of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers and seaplanes in the world. Many aircraft have been fully restored to their World War II condition and are used for flight demonstration, movie production or commercials.

* Enjoy a guided tour of the galleries and shopping in the gift shop which is stocked with all things flight related.

* Next, enjoy a Riding Virginia Beach Tour, with a stop at the historic Cape Henry Lighthouse (small fee to climb on own if desired) and free time on the beautiful Virginia Beach Boardwalk for lunch and shopping on your own.

Package Price: \$49.00 per person, inclusive.

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Cape Henry Lighthouses



Navy Hanger



Note from your Editor:

I have to admit last year's reunion was quite a bit of work.

I still am having problems with the pinch nerve in my back because of it. So this Scuttlebutt is a little late coming to you, I can only be on the computer for short periods.

I was going to drop in the treasurers report but had no room. Our net worth is \$14,900.22.

Please join us on October 21-25 in Norfolk, let family and friends know who might be in the area.

All the best to everyone, celebrate Memorial Day and 4th of July with loved ones-tell them you love them.
Marlene Hughes, Treasurer and Editor

**USS Gambier/VC-10 & USS Kitkun Bay Reunion
2015 in Norfolk, VA**

Save the Date Oct 21-25th 2015

**Please join the Gambier Bay & Kitkun bay Associations Commemorate
the 71st Anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf**

**Bring your children, grandchlidren, nieces and nephews.
Let them be aware of the the strong history your ship had in WWII.**



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