

SCUTTLEBUTT

A Quarterly Newsletter

July 2013

Presidents Corner

Hello, Gambier Bay Family! I am looking forward to seeing everyone and meeting new members at our 2013 reunion in Tucson, Arizona on October 23-27, 2013. Our reunion committee has some great things planned for us. Inside you will find the excursion details, hotel accommodations and registration information. We still have many details to work out and if you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact Marlene Hughes.

We will have lots of business to conduct at both our Board and membership meeting. The Association will have its bi-annual membership meeting and the agenda will include the election of our 2013-2015 officers and governors. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact our Vice President, Chris Stamman (cstammen@embarqmail.com) or Mark Heini (heinl_22@hotmail.com).

Just a reminder - - - in order to vote on any Association business your membership must be current! We offer a lifetime membership for a flat cost of \$100 yearly or a yearly membership for \$15. As you know 2014 is the 70th anniversary of the sinking of the ship and we announced in our last Scuttlebutt edition that we will be traveling to San Diego, California for this memorable event (dates are Oct 22-26th 2014). We will have discussions at our membership meeting regarding the 2014 reunion details and welcome all your suggestions and comments.

We have been very busy behind the scenes with our website! We are in the process of COMPLETELY REVISING THE ENTIRE WEBSITE (ussgambierbay.org), and we are looking for input, memories, and copies of our survivors early year sailor photos. If you are interested in contributing to the website, please contact me (pk_grond@yahoo.com) We will have a presentation of our new website at our membership meeting and it will also be available in our hospitality room for you to check out. In addition to revising our website, the USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Association now has a FACEBOOK PAGE! Follow us and LIKE US on Facebook.

We still have in stock the NRA Life of Duty DVD featuring Fred Grabos and Norm St Germain (this documentary was shown at our 2012 memorial service). Also, for those of you who have been searching for a copy of the Men of the USS Gambier Bay Book we now have several of them back in stock! If you are interested in a DVD, a book or any other USS Gambier Bay memorabilia please see the order form inside or contact Marlene Hughes.

Any questions or comments, please contact me or any one of our Board members.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO
HONORING AND KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE OF ALL WHO SERVED ON THE
USS GAMBIER BAY(CVE-73)

Paula La Rocco Grond
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

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



In Memoriam

Shipmates who have crossed the Bar



Edward S. "Ed" Hagerty 1/10/25-5/22/13

On May 22, 2013, Ed Hagerty died of leukemia at the age of 88. Ed was a prominent Minneapolis attorney, founding partner of Hagerty & Candell, a strong advocate for military veterans, and later in life, one of the prime movers behind the U.S. Military Tribute to Bob Hope in San Diego.

Born in Mankato in 1925, Ed grew up in Red Wing and studied for the priesthood at Nazareth Hall preparatory school in St Paul. After graduating in 1943, he joined the Navy and headed to Saipan and the Philippines. He returned home, earned a law degree from the University of

Notre Dame, and set up a Minneapolis law practice.

He married Margaret Sweetser on December 27, 1958. In more than 54 years of marriage, the couple had six children. They settled in Edina and were longtime members of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Parrish. Ed was an active member of the American Legion and many civic organizations.

Ed is survived by his wife Margaret, children Bridget Hagerty of Rhinelander, WI, John Hagerty of Richmond, VA, Ann Hagerty Hicks of Eden Prairie, Catherine Kirchner of Edina, Nora Hagerty of Park City, UT, Michael Hagerty of Plymouth and eleven grandchildren.

Ed was our General Counsel for the Gambier Bay Association and helped start the Heritage Foundation to raise funds for the book "The Men of the Gambier Bay".

(I personally am grateful to have known Ed. He truly was a man of integrity and not only helped myself but the Board of Governors with whatever we needed. We will toll a bell for you in October. God Bless and Rest in Peace).



In Memoriam



Anthony "Tony" Potochniak

June 3, 1925-June 2, 2013



Anthony Potochniak, 87 of Endwell, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and nephew, left this earthly life to his many family and friends in the heavenly kingdom on June 2, 2013, one day shy of his 88th birthday. He was predeceased by his father and mother, Paul and Mary (Wasneechak) Potochniak; a sister, Betty Potochniak; a special "Uncle Mike" Wasneechak; and his grandson, Daniel Potochniak. He is survived by his beloved wife, sweetheart, and best friend of 62 years, Josephine Potochniak; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas Potochniak, David and Linda Potochniak, and Robert and Patricia Potochniak, all of Endicott; four grandchildren, Stephanie Potochniak, VA. Andrea, Kayla and Matthew Potochniak, all of Endicott; a step-grandson, Michael

Marini, Binghamton; niece and nephew, Paula Morgan and Matthew Baker, CA; and aunt, Helen Wasneechak, Johnson City; and many cousins.

Anthony retired from IBM Owego after many years of service and was very proud of his Outstanding Contributions Award. He was a veteran of WWII and survived the sinking of his ship, the USS Gambier Bay CVE-73, at the battle of Leyte Gulf October 24, 1944. He spent many years of his retirement promoting camaraderie among his surviving shipmates and the memory of those who were lost (see website: USSGambierbay-VC-10.com)

His grandchildren held a special place for him. He frequently spoke of Daniel, who was only with us for a few short hours. He loved to attend his grandchildren's swimming, softball, baseball, and dance events. He was always ready to share a story with his grandchildren whenever the situation presented itself. He will be missed by all of his family. SAIL ON, SAIL ON, SAILOR. The family would like to thank neighbors and friends for their support. Special thanks to Linda, Marie, and May. Contributions may be made in Tony's name to Wounded Warriors or a veteran's charity of one's choice.

Funeral services were held June 5th at Laskowski Funeral Home, Binghamton and at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Endicott where a Funeral Mass was celebrated. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Castle Creek, NY.

(Thank you Tony for all you did to start the USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Association and to continue the legacy of your shipmates with your website. I am grateful for your help as well-we will toll a bell for you in October, Rest in Peace)

In Memoriam



Harry H. Rouse 1918-1925

Harry H. Rouse Jr., of St. Peters, Missouri, died on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at the age of 95. Loving husband of the late Lois M. Rouse; beloved son of the late Minnie (nee: VonDoren) Rouse and the late Harry H. and Mary (nee: Schmitt) Rouse, Sr.; devoted father of Sharon S. (Dave) Phillips and Doris A. Vandiver; cherished grandfather of 7; treasured great-grandfather of 9; dear brother of Irma Gevers. Harry served in the Navy during WWII from 1943-1945, while serving on the USS Gambier Bay, he went into battle and the ship sunk in enemy waters on October 25, 1944, he was in the water for 2 days and nights before he was rescued. Harry was called back to serve in the Korean Conflict. When he was discharged from serving his country, he went on to become a Prudential Insurance Agent from 1953 until he retired in 1980. (*We will toll a bell for you this October-RIP*)



Robert Earl Boggs September 27, 1923-July 1, 2013

Robert "Bob" Earl Boggs, of Columbus, OH and Jupiter, FL, took his final flight on Monday, July, 2013 surrounded by his family. He was a retired US Navy Commander and carrier Aviator. Bob will always be remembered as a loving father and grandfather. Preceded in death by his wife and companion, Majorie. Survived by his four children, Barbara (David) Schlaff, Susan (Joseph) O'Rourke, Beth (John) Ashe, Scott (Sandy) Boggs; four grandchildren, Kimberly Schlaff--Harris, Matthew and Jeffery Hume, Ashley Boggs; four great grandchildren, Hailey, Alexa and Olivia Harris, Ava Marie Hume. A Funeral Mass was held at St Patrick Church, Palm Beach Gardens, FL with a reception held after the service. A Military Burial will be held on July 10th at the Resurrection Cemetery in Lewis Center, OH, a reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St Patrick Church, 13591 Prosperity Farms Rd, Palm Beach Gardens FL, 33410 or to the Gambier Bay/VC-10 Association, 2228 E Greenlee Rd, Tucson, AZ 85719-2012. (*I just spoke to Bob about two weeks before his passing, he was excited about coming to this years reunion in Tucson. Bob was our president of the association for at least 20 years and provided me with a great deal of support. We will toll a bell for you in October -God Bless and Rest in Peace*)

In Memoriam

Merrill J Kuster 6/28/1918-7/3/2013

Merrill James Kuster passed away July 3, 2013 at home surrounded by his family. He celebrated his 95th birthday on June 28.

Merrill was born June 28, 1918 on the family farm north of Stanley. He was the sixth of nine children born to Louis and Nora Kuster. He farmed up until World War II. In 1942 he joined the Navy and served as an electrician's mate on the Escort Carrier Gambier Bay. He was involved in the largest naval battle in world history in which the ship was sunk. He finished his service on the USS Little Rock and returned to the farm.

In 1952 he married his wife of 60 years, Lois. Together they farmed and raised six children. Merrill enjoyed hunting, gardening, restoring antique farm equipment and riding his 1947 Indian Chief motorcycle.

Merrill was a devout catholic and served on the local school board, the township board, and the elevator board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, seven sisters, his youngest daughter Alice, and his wife Lois.

He is survived by his sons Louis (Jeri) and Bill (Ronda) of Stanley; his daughters Mary Enerson (Dale) of Jamestown, Ann Holland (Tom) of Leander, Texas, and Agnes Soland (Aaron) of Leander, Texas; fifteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



Lois Kuster passed away April 12, 2012 at the age of 89.

Lois Maria Redder was born the sixth of eight children on March 30, 1923 to Francis and Anton Redder. Lois gave up a teaching career when she married Merrill Kuster in 1952 so she could raise their children and be a partner in farming with her husband. She continued to educate herself in many different subjects. She was a life-long Catholic and believed that God approved of all religions.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Merrill; two sons, Louis (Jeri), Stanley; William (Ronda), Stanley; three daughters Mary (Dale) Enerson, Jamestown; Ann (Tom) Holland, Leander, Texas; Agnes (Aaron) Soland, Fairbanks, Alaska; fifteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren, her sister Alice and brother Bob.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, one brother and her youngest daughter Alice.

(Merrill I always enjoyed your notes with your dues and donations. Wish I could have met you & Lois-we will toll a bell for both of you at this years reunion in Tucson- God bless and Rest in Peace)

In Memoriam

Ralph E. Kelly

NEWPORT NEWS - Ralph Edward Kelly (CPO, U. S. Navy Ret.) passed away Friday, Dec. 19, 2008.

Mr. Kelly was a peninsula resident for over 50 years, was a member of the V.F.W. Post 176 in Newport News. He retired from the U. S. Navy after 20 years of service and later retired from the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station after 17 years of service. He would always be the first to tell you 'I was born in W. Virginia, raised in Ohio and educated in the Navy.'

Survivors include his loving wife of 53 years, Lela M. 'Peggy' Kelly; two daughters, Lois M. Kelly and Jean E. Willis; two sons, Ralph E. Kelly Jr. and his wife, LuAnne, and John H. Kelly and his wife, Judy; seven grandchildren, Angie Lowman, Robert Allen McElraft, Gregory Dawes, Jessica and Audra Kelly and Laura and Jennifer Kelly; and three great-grandchildren, Mark, Jeremy Lowman and Drew H. McElraft.

A memorial service will be held **at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23**, at W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service until 7:30p.m.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to:
V.F.W., Post 176, **24 Forrest Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.**

Arrangements by W. J. Smith & Son Funeral Home. View and post condolences on our online guestbook at dailypress.com/guestbooks.

(I received this from Ralph's grandson Bobby because his grandmother had not received the Scuttlebutt and it was returned without a forwarding address and I did not have a phone number for her. We will toll a bell in honor of Ralph this October at the Tucson Reunion.)



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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.

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**In Memory of Morris Montgomery, Ed Hagerty
and Tony Pototchniak**

Marlene Hughes

Mail Call

I received this article from both Lucille Gutizwiler and Norm Loats which was in the April/May 2013 issue of Reminisce magazine. Reprinted by Permission of www.Reminisce.com

LOST AT SEA

Before my mother passed away, she shared a box of family heirlooms with me. In it I found mementos of her brother Sonny, an uncle I had never known.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Edmond Truett "Sonny" Franklin, 18 joined the Navy. He first served on the USS Ralph Talbot, one of the few destroyers that survived the Pearl Harbor attack. In December 1943, Sonny was transferred to the USS Gambier Bay, a ship that was heading to the Leyter Gulf in the Philippine Sea.

The Japanese, concerned about growing U.S. troop strength in the sea, planned a massive three-pronged attack against the U.S. ships there. Traveling at night, they were hoping to launch a surprise offensive.

On Oct. 25, 1944, the battle began. The brave sailors of the Gambier Bay barely had time to launch any aircraft before the flight deck was destroyed.

The next shells destroyed the engine room, then other vital sections of the ship. Eventually, the order came to abandon the sinking ship. Despite the severity of the attack, 727 of the 849 crew members of the Gambier Bay survived. Sadly, Sonny was not among them.

A letter dated Dec. 19, 1944, from Capt. Walter V.R. Vieweg to my grandparents begins, "it is with deep sorrow that I write concerning your son, Edmond T. Franklin, WT2c, USN, who following the sinking of the Gambier Bay on 25 October 1944 was reported missing in action."

Today, many Americans want to preserve the memories of their parents and grandparents during World War II, and my family is no exception. We designed a memorial to honor our lost hero, a shadow box containing a picture of Sonny in uniform (below), a photo of the Gambier Bay sinking and the Purple Heart the family received after Sonny's death.

The youngest Franklin boy Robert Houston Franklin, Sonny's great-nephew, proudly displays it, keeping the memory alive for future generations.

(Written by Jobeth Pilcher of Poetry, TX)

*I have sent a request thru Reminisce Magazine to have Jobeth Pilcher e-mail me.
We do have something in common both our uncles were killed in action and we never got a chance to know them.*

Correction from last issue

On the front page of April's Scuttlebutt I highlighted Olaf H. Emblem AM1/c and listed his son's e-mail incorrectly. If you have any stories about his Dad e-mail him at eemblelm@gmail.com



Mail Call

Received from Tom Dennin's daughter via e-mail
5/21/2013

My son, Dylan Drake, is Thomas F. Dennin's youngest grandson, and is currently studying criminal justice at the University of South Carolina. He also serves as an 11B Infantryman with the SCNG. He is eager to make contact with any survivors of the Gambier Bay who served with my father, he would like very much to learn all that he can about the brave men of the Gambier Bay. He can be reached at te1672@yahoo.com. I told him that you would pass on his contact information to the men who served with my dad, and he said he would consider it an honor to hear from any of them who might be up for contacting him. Dylan asked me to convey his thanks for their service, and for their sacrifices made for all of the rest of us. Please extend my thanks as well, they are heroes, role models truly worthy of our deepest respect and gratitude.

Thanks again!

Deirdre Dennin Drake
drakeweb@earthlink.net

(Hopefully Deirdre-some of the survivors respond-many are not on the internet-if I hear anything from them I will pass it on to Dylan).

Received from Betsie Leahy via e-mail

5/3/2013

Hi Marlene....

Thank you so much for the Scuttlebutt....I enjoyed it so much.

My Dad was Richard "Dick" Bullington Elliott, Sr. He was the Air Intelligence Officer aboard the Gambier Bay. I remember so well Daddy telling stories of his Navy experience. I so wish he had known of your existence when he was alive.

Daddy died November 1, 1989 at the age of 79. He had an aneurysm of his Thoacic Aorta.

He was married to Elizabeth "Betty" Bovay Elliott. They had two children, myself and my brother Richard "jr.". We lived our lives in Richmond, VA where Daddy was a super star in the insurance industry. Between my brother and myself, Daddy had 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

His first great grandchild was named Richard Bullington Elliott, III (!!!).

I ordered the Final Hour print you noted in your e-mail. Thank you so much.

I will send you a \$100 check for lifetime membership in your organization next week.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do.

Betsie Leahy

(Betsie-thanks for the compliment but this is my way of paying back-if you know what I mean. I hope you were able to order the Final Hour print but I was unsuccessful. It seems they do not have it any longer but did not take it off their website. Please consider coming to Tucson for the Reunion in October, I would love to me you.)

Mail Call

Received from Wayne Stokes (via e-mail)

5/3/2013

Dear Marlene...

I am so glad that I just received your latest Gambier Bay news letter. On February 22, 2013 my wife's father and my father-in-law passed away on that date. His name is Walter "Duke" Stow. He had been ill for some time. The funeral service was March 5th 2013 at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood Illinois. There was a group of soldiers there to give him a 21 gun salute and a soldier that blew taps. This is a very beautiful cemetery with pavilions and walk paths for people when they are there remembering their family members that have passed.

Walter left behind His wife Linda Stow, His daughter (and my wife) Patricia Stow Stokes, His two grandchildren Kristen Grills and Shannon Stokes our two daughters, and three wonderful great grandchildren Simon, Jonah and Anna Grills, daughter Debbie Wilkens, A daughter Kimberly Elliott and her children. He had two sons Rick Stow and family and a son Steve Stow who recently passed away.

Could you please sign us up to receive e-mails from you. I was wondering if you knew anything about Tony Pototchniak. I have sent him the news as well but haven't heard anything from him for some time, The last time we e-mailed he was not feeling too well. We are very thankful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for leading him home peacefully.

Love and prayers for you and the job that you carry out. You are appreciated for sure.

Rev. Wayne T. Stokes Walter's son-in-law.

*What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly,
and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

Micah 6:8

Rev. Wayne Stokes (Rev. Stokes- It is always nice to get an e-mail from you-by now you know about Tony. Hope all is well with you both.)

waynet341@sbcglobal.net

I was sent pictures of Clete Ring and George Legath meeting up in Milwaukee the beginning of July. Clete's son Steve drove him down from his hometown in Wisconsin to see George. By the looks of the pictures you guys had a great time. It was great to see you both last October-would love to see you two in Tucson this October. Bring the family the weather will be great.



Thanks Nancy and Steve for the pictures.

SHIP'S STORE

Those of you who get the Scuttlebutt by e-mail will be getting the Ships store Inventory. I have run out of room in this edition. If you would like anything from the store just call me at 520--326-0747

From the Editor

This issue of the Scuttlebutt has taken awhile and I am sorry for that-too many things going on with this years reunion and next.

While I am on that subject the 70th Reunion will be in San Diego at the Holiday Inn Bayside. I have been able to secure the USS MIDWAY for our Memorial Service. This will be a big event so plan on attending.

If I have forgotten anything or someone please accept my apologies.

In this edition before the reunion I usually list the itinery so this is a short version of what we will be up to for 4 days.

Wednesday -Oct 23rd- 5pm-? Welcome reception at my house-with drinks and Mexican food.
Hospitality Room open

Thursday- Oct 24th 9am-3pm Pima Air & Space Museum
 4pm Governors Meeting
 Hospitality Room open 9am-10pm
 Dinner on your own

Friday-Oct 25th 8:30am-12:30pm Tucson City Tour & Mission
 Lunch on your own
 Hospitality Room open 9am-4pm
 5:00pm-6:00pm No host Bar
 6:00pm-11:00pm Banquet

Saturday Oct 26th 11:00am-12pm Memorial Service w/ Luncheon following
 Membership Meeting around 3pm.
 Hospitality Room open
 We can stay in for Dinner and have our famous Egees (submarine)

Of course all of this can change but we will keep you up to date.

Looking forward to everyone seeing Tucson-I always miss the weather the third week of October due to the Gambier Bay Reunion so enjoy 86 degrees during the day and a low of 55 at night. So bring a sweater or light jacket. Remember to always bring sunscreen, we have 360 days of sunshine.

Please let me know if you need help with anything at all. Hotel reservations, car rentals, shuttle reservation or sightseeing information if you plan on staying in Tucson after the October 27th.

Check out www.visittucson.org for all kinds of information about Tucson.

The cut off date for Reservations is 9/23 and for tours.

Welcome to the Gambier Bay 2013 Reunion Information Pages



When: October 23-27th

Where: Hilton Tucson East Hotel

Rate: \$89 & tax= \$102.65 2 queens or 1 king
this rate is good for 3 days before and after reunion

Note: This rate includes deluxe continental breakfast and Manager's Reception. All rooms will be on the 7th floor w/the hospility room.

Comps-Free parking, complimentary shuttle service with in 3 miles of hotel. (located one mile to Park Place Mall)

High speed WiFi internet, 32" TV, coffee maker, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, Precor Fitness pool and Center.

Casual dining at Vistas Bar & Grill plus there is a Culver's about 300 yards from the hotel.

The cut-off for reservations is September 23,2013.

Call 1-800-445-8667 to make reservations now. Specify the Group code USSGB or USS Gambier Bay?VC-10 Association.

Shuttle Service

The Hotel is 13 miles from the airport. The hotel does not have a free shuttle however I found the cheapest and best shuttle service.

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GROUP NAME: USS Gambier Bay/VC10 Association

ARRIVAL: October 22 – 27, 2013

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The website also has information on what airlines come to tucson and the non-stop desinations.

If you fly to Phoenix, you can rent a car there but the travel time is at least 2 hours.

2013 Tucson Tours

Pima Air & Space Museum & Davis-Monthan Air Force Base AMARG Tour

Thursday, October 24th, 2013 9am-3pm Price of \$59 is based on a guarantee of 25 people

One hour Tram tour at 10am narrated by experienced docents or walk on your own.

We will be taken by luxury air-conditioned motorcoach to explore aviation history at the PIMA AIR and SPACE MUSEUM. Home of the largest privately owned collection of historical aircraft in the country. From a full-scale model of the Wright Brothers' 1903 Wright Flyer, to a mock-up of the world's fastest aircraft, the X-15, this Museum is sure to interest everyone.

More than 300 military and civilian aircraft are here on display, along with the engines, flight simulators, uniforms and other aviation memorabilia. You can see the Douglas DC-6 used by both President Kennedy and Johnson during their terms in office.

Some of the aircraft at the Pima Air and Space Museum are on loan from the Smithsonian, the Navy and the Air Force Museum all of them significant from both engineering and historical perspectives.

At 11:30am we then will board a climate controlled bus to tour the "(Boneyard)" with a docent on board to narrate the tour. Taking this tour prohibits the carrying of firearms, weapons, illegal substances, backpacks, camera cases, and other non-essential items. All items will be visually inspected before boarding the bus.

Lunch will be on your own at the museum's new restaurant, Flight Grill.

Downtown Historic Tour/Old Town Artisans/San Xavier Del Bac Mission

Friday, October 25th, 2013 8:30am-12:30pm Price of \$34 is based on a guarantee of 25 people

Discover the origins of Tucson as the Spanish Conquistadors established it in the middle 1500s. Tour the Barrip Historico, the finest collection of adobe homes in the Southwest!. See El Tiradito Shine, El Presidio Neighborhood and quaint La Casa Cordova, the oldest adobe home in Tucson. We will see Snob Hollow and the University of Arizona Campus.

We will visit Old Town Artisans which is adjacent to the Tucson Museum of Art. Old Town is a restored adobe structure circa (1860), which houses unique shops.

Then on to the beautiful "White Dove of the Desert", Mission San Xavier del Bac, celebrating its 216th Birthday. This mission has been claimed as being one of the finest examples of mission architecture in the world. It is located on the Tohono O'Odham reservation and this lovely church is still being used for daily mass by Native Americans. We will here 45 minutes to explore.

Hopefully you will want to come on these tours and experience Tucson. The weather is October is around 85 during the day and not humid-as we say in the desert it is a dry heat.

I have to give the final passenger count by Oct 17th. There will be no refunds with the exception for Medical Emergencies within 24 hours of the scheduled tour.

**USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Reunion Registration Form
October 23rd through October 27th 2013
Tucson, Arizona**

Name _____ Spouse/Companion _____

Family/Guests _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Guest Name _____ City & State _____

Guest Name _____ City & State _____

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

REGISTRATION FEE OF \$80 includes banquet, entertainment, memorial service luncheon and normal reunion expenses such as paper, badges, printing of Memorial Service programs.

Early Registration-by August 31	\$80 X _____ = \$ _____	.00
Registration by September 20th	\$85 x _____ = \$ _____	.00
After September 20th	\$90 x _____ = \$ _____	.00

Pima Air and Space Museum Tour \$59 x _____ = \$ _____ .00

Tucson City Tour \$34 x _____ = \$ _____ .00

Grand Total-Registration & Tours = \$ _____

Dinner Banquet Choices

How Many/who

Grilled Chicken Breast w/Citrus Cream Sauce & Roasted Potatoes _____

Roasted Pork Loin w/Rice Pilaf _____

Special Dietary Concerns -List _____

All choices include Caesar Salad, fresh steamed vegetables, rolls & butter, dessert and beverage.

Luncheon Menu Choices

How Many/Who

Honey Baked Ham, Smoked Turkey, Swiss cheese, Bacon,
Lettuce & Tomato on a Croissant served with Twice Baked Potato Salad _____

Sonoran Cobb Salad

Grilled Chicken Breast, Romaine Lettuce, Avocado, Hard Boiled Eggs, _____

Tomato, Pepper Bacon, Pepper Jack Cheese w/ Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette

All choices served with Ice Tea, Iced Water, Fresh Fruit, & Chef's choice of Dessert

Please send form and check made out to:

**USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Assoc
2228 E Greenlee Rd
Tucson, AZ 85719**

Any questions please call me 520-326-0747

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2013 in Tucson, Arizona**

Save the Date Oct 23-27th 2013

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The 69th 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.



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