

# SCUTTLEBUTT

*A Quarterly Newsletter*

*July 2014*

## *Presidents Corner*

Hello Gambier Bay Family

Our Taffy III reunion is just a few months away so be sure you get your hotel reservations confirmed and your registration form and payment in as soon as possible. Please remember to make your registration checks payable to **USS Gambier Bay** and mail your check and registration form into Marlene Hughes, 2228 E. Greenlee Road, Tucson, AZ, 85719-2012. This reunion will be a wonderful opportunity for survivors, family members, and friends to get to know everyone from other Taffy III ships. We have some great things planned, a welcome reception out at the hotel pool area on Wednesday (5pm), we will have some midshipmen from the history department of the USS Naval Academy coming to talk to our survivors and next of kin on Thursday (1:30 – 4 pm), and on Friday we will have a tour of Fort Rosecrans with a short City tour, and then to top off Friday we will have our dinner banquet. Our memorial service - Saturday, October 25 (10 am) will be held on the flight deck of the USS Midway. Buses will provide our transportation to and from the memorial service since parking is limited. After the service we return to the hotel for our luncheon. I would like to acknowledge and thank our reunion committee members for all of their hard work on the reunion planning - - Don and Louise Kurtz (survivor, Fanshaw Bay) Warren and Bridget Stirling (Johnston/Hoel), Matt and Chris Kennedy (Kitkun Bay), JoAnn Sosa (St. Lo), and Marlene Hughes (Gambier Bay)!

Our dinner banquet will be held at the hotel on Friday, October 24. This year we will **not** be asking for donations from our members for any of the dinner banquet raffle gifts as each ships reunion coordinator will donate a gift for the raffle. Ticket prices will remain the same – 6 tickets for \$5. Additionally, we will also have a 50 - 25 - 25 drawing! Tickets will also 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. Tickets for the dinner banquet raffle gift and the cash raffle will be sold separately.

The Association has a new addition to the ships store – a personalized etched laser tile. The one shown below will be available in our ships store for you to check out during the reunion. In the center of the tile is an etched destroyer with Tin Can Sailors lettering. You are able to design and personalize all the lettering, for example – at the top inner circle you can engrave USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 – at the bottom inner circle can be October 25, 1944, and at the outside bottom of the circle you can have your sailors' name or Battle of Leyte Gulf. The options for the center of the tile can be either the destroyer or the US Flag. The cost is \$35 and production time is approximately two weeks (order form is enclosed). If you would like to order before the reunion or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our Board of Governors will be having their annual meeting on Friday afternoon after our excursion – **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend. One of our agenda items up for discussion is location options for our 2015 reunion.

I look forward to seeing everyone in San Diego!

Paula Grond  
President



Ships Store  
USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Association

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Please Make Checks Payable To:  
USS Gambier Bay Association

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Etched Laser Tile	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		_____

Circle One for Center Design

Destroyer/Tin Can Sailor US Flag

Inscription

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

# SHIPS MERCHANDISE FORM

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Marlene Hughes  
USS Gambier Bay Association  
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	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
Freedom's Cost Lithograph \$70.00	_____	_____
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 L(1)-XL(1) - \$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	_____	_____
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QUANTITY

TOTAL COST

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

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

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USS Gambier Bay Pewter Lapel Pin  
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**TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT**

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More pictures on [ussgambierbay.org](http://ussgambierbay.org)



# In Memoriam

## Shipmates who have crossed the Bar



### Mary Barrows 11/22/1922-3/24/2013

Loving Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother.

Preceded in death by beloved husband Robert B., brothers Carl, Arthur, Gordon and parents Carl and Mary (nee Lea) Kayser. Survived by loving children David (Linda), Barbara Maloney and Philip (Dee); grandchildren Jennifer (Brett) Tantt. Also known as GG, Lou, M.L., Bear, Momsey, Pookie and sister. Member of Chi Omega Sorority, D.A.R. Wisconsin Chapter, and a lover of all animals.

A memorial service was held May 11th at 1PM at Christ Episcopal Church in Whitefish Bay, WI. Private family interment followed the memorial service.

*(I got to meet Mary at our 2008 reunion in Minneapolis-She had many a story to tell about her husband Robert (VC-10 Pilot). She and Robert were good friends of Bob Boggs and his wife. Rest in Peace Mary)*



### Jeanne Frances DeChantel Pyzdrowski 12/22/1921- 5/26/14

Jeanne Pyzdrowski (nee Smith) age 92, of Minnetonka, MN completed her life's journey and now resides in Heaven as a result of her graceful passing on Memorial Day, May 26, 2014. Jeanne was a loving mother of 11 children, grandmother of 34, and great-grandmother of 2 beautiful toddlers. Jeanne remained selfless during life's every moment, epitomizing women of the 'Greatest Generation'. A devout Catholic, Jeanne loved adventure and family celebrations. In addition to the selflessness she exhibited in motherhood, Jeanne earned her pilot's solo certification as a result of flying lessons from her husband at Kenny Scholter Airport in Butler, PA, attended Robert Morris Business College, volunteered for the American Red Cross Nurses Aid

Corps during WWII, a former member of Benilde-St Margaret's Women's Club, an election judge in Minnesota, and was an accomplished vice-president of the family business, Sacred Design Associates. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on December 22, 1921, Jeanne attended Saint Augustine and Saint John the Baptist Elementary Schools; Schenley High School in Lawrenceville, PA and, as Senior Class Secretary, met her husband-to-be, Henry, who was senior class president at the time. Married October 4, 1947, Henry and Jeanne resided in Pittsburgh, PA, Los Angeles, CA, Bend, OR, and Minnetonka, MN. They resided in their home in Minnetonka for fifty one years. Jeanne was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Anoth Pyzdrowski, Sr. WW II Veteran Navy Pilot (LT Commander, USNR); her eldest son, Henry A. Pyzdrowski, Jr (Major, US Marien Corps 'Semper Fi' Vietnam Veteran; granddaughter Stephanie Ann Fraune; brother Elmer Joseph 'Bud' Smith, WWII Veteran PT Boat Captain ( LT Commander, USNR); and parents Loretta Ann (Wallisch and Elmer Nicholas Smith).

Jeanne is survived by children Jeanne (John) Fraune; Michael (Joan ) Pyzdrowski; Patricia (Thomas) Seeler; Robert (Sue) Pyzdrowski; Paul (Karen) Pyzdrowski; John ( Deborah) Pyzdrowski (LT Colonel, USAF); Mary Anne (John ) Pickering, R.N.; Kathryn Pyzdrowski, M.D. (Thomas Nelson, M.D.); Margaret Pyzdrowski ( Michael Brown), Caroline ( Jeffrey) Gossen; her loving sister Catherine Lucille Fox of Orchard Lake, MI, and brother Robert Fulton Smith of Canonsburg, PA, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and dear friends. Jeanne truly lover her family, grandchildren, and relatives, and will be remembered dearly for her graciousness, tenderness and loving care. She was and avid crossword puzzle solver, recognized as Scrabble champion of the family, and enjoyed gardening, sports, and occaional Irish single malt whiskey. Jeanne often said her most important priorities in life were faith in God, family, country and love, with the greatest of these being love. Jeanne, in her own words, has "now returned to the blue skies, fair winds, and white clouds, and be remembered in so many kind ways." An eternal optimist, Mom greeted each day with "Good morning God, good morning sun, good morning flowers." We will always remember the delicate balance she provided all of us in life and will forever remember "Parting is such sweet sorrow, so until we meet the 'morrow." Mass of Christian Burial was on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 10AM at St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church. Interment at Fort Snelling Cemetery. ( *We will miss you Jeanne -Rest in Peace*)



# In Memoriam continued:

## **Ernest "Buddy" Burney 6/19/1925-2/23/2014 AMM 2/c**



Ernest "Buddy" Burey, age 88 of Crestview, passed away on Sunday, February 23, 2014. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida on June 19, 1925. Buddy served in the United States Navy during WWII and was a recipient of a Purple Heart and many other rewards and honors. Buddy was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, one brother and numerous sisters. He is survived by two daughters; Nancy Burney and Tina Parker and husband Roy, two grandsons; Bob Taylor and wife April, and Rick Taylor and wife Katie; two great grandsons, Josh Taylor and wife Eileen and David Taylor and wife Maggie; four great grandchildren Elizabeth, Aleigh, Elizabeth and Sydney; sisters Norma Jean Griffin and husband

Lloyd, Bonnie and Betty and many nieces and nephews.

Buddy was well known for his generosity, jokes, and by his WWII stories, especially of not forgetting those who gave their all.

A time of Visitation was held Wednesday, February 26, 2014 9:00-10:00 AM at Whirthurst-Powell Funeral Home with the service at 10am with Reverend Long officiating. Burial was at 1:15pm at Barrancas National Cemetery with military honors.

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

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## **Meda Royce Hall- 1923- June 18, 2014**

Royce was a Leading Aircrewman and Torpedo Plane Turret Gunner in the first composite Squadron VC-68. He served on the board of the Escort Carrier & Airmen's Association and was a member of the USS Fanshaw Bay Association and the USS Gambier Bay /VC-10 Association.

*( Royce called me a few times and sent me numerous articles about the battle and about the Escort Carrier's Assoc. I was unable to include his entire obituary due to space. You can see it on Napa Valley Register.com).*

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## **William Thomas Edmunds, Crossed the Bar May 15, 1997 S 2/c**

## **Henry Louis Kuikstra, Crossed the Bar February 2006 RDM 3/c**

## **Daniel Rocco Natale, Crossed the Bar July 2008 MMM 3/c**



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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.

*Barbara Schlaff*  
*Ernie A. Johnson*  
*Mark Cone*  
*Vivian Akers*  
*Gloria Perone*  
*Norman Loats*  
*Rudolph Biller*  
*Barbara Tanaka*



## Found these wartime posters-enjoy



# Mail Call

Received from Debbie Barney Bayer

5/25/2014

This was e-mailed to Paula Grond via our website.

My father served aboard the USS Gambier Bay and passed away May 15,1997.

His name was William Thomas Edmunds. I was looking at the website and was very impressed with it, and hope to review it more in detail.

Thanks so much for sharing this site. *( We have added your Daad's date of passing on the website and hope you become a member of the Gambier Bay family. I have added your name to the e-mail list for getting this publication)*  
Sincerely,  
Debbie Edmunds Bayer



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Received from Tom Hulina

April 10,2014

Hi Marlene

Thanks for the copy of the Suttlebutt. I showed it to my wife at dinner and she thinks her father used to get a copy in the days before the internet.

He and my Mom-in law just moved to from Florida to Fort Wayne, IN to be closer to family. They are having trouble getting the internet at their location so I don't have an e-mail address for you. But I will give you some info on him.

He is...

John R. Rourke who is 90 years old. He is in really good health for his age. He was a rear aircraft gunner while on the Gambier Bay. He jokes that he was the first person off the ship when they had to abandon because his pilot was ill and no else could fly the plane. My wife says that in the water he was a messenger, swimming between groups. Some of his stories are pretty intense as are others which I am sure you have heard. His family in Joliet, IL, where he is from learned from telegram that he was picked from the water never heard from him until he came home at 2AM and went asleep on the couch. They awoke the next day and found him snoring in the living room. I bet they didn't care.

I wish he would come to the reunions but he is a private person and now it is hard for him to travel. But I do hope that we can reconnect him to the group.

Out of curiosity, do you internet broadcast any of the reunion proceedings? I mention this because my in laws could not come up for a recent wedding of their grandson. My wife and I used an I-Pad to Skype the services to them. It worked well.

Thanks for yur help and hope to talk with you on the future.

Tom Hulina

*( Tom- I have added you and other family members on the e-mail list. Your suggestion of using an I-Pad is a good one. We are having the memorial service videotaped, so it will be available after the reunion. It is great to hear these stories from our vets as to what happened on that fateful day. Try and get John to record some of his stories. Another rear gunner is coming to this years reunion (Fred Grabos-93 yrs old)-John may know and remember him.*

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Received from Lupe V Berlanga

April 10, 2014

Marlene:

Thank you so much for the card. I am grateful that you were here. Rocky cared so much for th Gambier Bay Association and always wanted to go the the reunion. I will miss him forever.

Lupe

*(Lupe-We all share in your sorrow of Rocky's passing, we will toll a bell for hin at this years memorial service. )*

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Received from Vivian Akers

May 2014

I called Vivian to check on her and she wishes she could make this years reunion but the children and grandchildren can not get off from work. So she wanted me to tell eveyone to have a great time at the reunion. *( We will miss your smiling face at the reunion Viv)*



## Mail Call continued

Received by Rudolph Biller  
May, 2014



Hi Marlene

Just a small donation to USS Gambier Bay and thanking you for all of you who are keeping the organization going. I would like to come to this years reunion but I have a wife that doesn't like to travel so I am stuck. My first wife and I never missed a reunion but she has been gone out of my life for 15 years, she died from cancer.

Thank you guys you did a great job on my birthday pictures which you put in the last Scuttlebutt.

**Rudolph** ( *Rudolph we will be thinking of you at the reunion-and thank you for the donation any amount helps us*)

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Received from Ray Di Pietro  
Demarest, NJ  
May 15, 2015

Hi Marlene,

First of all, I want to thank you for spending a few minutes on the phone with me the other day. It was so nice to get to know you a little better.

I also want to thank you and Paula for taking over "the helm". You guys are doing a wonderful job!

Only wish we could get to a reunion- as you can see from the material I've included --our entertainment business still keeps us pretty busy. I usually tell our audiences " I can't wait to get OLD so I can retire"! I'm nearly 89 for reason that makes them smile. 😊

Here's hoping that someday (the sooner the better) you'll be planning a reunion closer to the New York area.

Until then, thank you again for everything and best of luck to you and the Ship Mates

Sincerely,  
Ray Di Pietro

*( Ray- It was great talking to you and the next time I am in NJ I will look you up. I wish you could come to this year's reunion we could use your entertainment. I loved the Bio and the material you sent about your business [astimesgoesbymusic.weebly.com](http://astimesgoesbymusic.weebly.com). I will also pass on about having a reunion back east. All the best.*



Received from Maureen Dugan  
May 26, 2014

Dear Marlene,

Hope this finds you well. All is well here. Looking forward to the reunion. I have already book my room at my at the Hilton ( *you meant to say Holiday Inn*). I will be arriving Oct 21 and checking out Oct 27th.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Fondly

**Maureen** ( *Things are coming together-working on the memorial service program right now-It was great to talk to you and will see you on 8/1 in Vegas-looking forward to the visit.*)

# MAIL CALL CONTINUED



Received from Norm Loats

Norm sent this letter which he received from the United States Department of the Interior on April 8, 2014.

Dear Norman,

On behalf of the National Park Service, I would personally like to thank you for participating in our Oral History Program in 2012. The long process of transcriptions has now been completed and the next phase of acquisition and databasing the materials can begin.

Enclosed is the transcription of your completed interview. Please review it, paying special attention to the spelling of names of individuals and geographic places, and make corrections or additions as you see fit. Please return your transcription to me with your signature with the enclosed prepaid FedEx label. If we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for allowing us to record your recollections of World War II. It is now part of a record that will allow us to fulfill the mission of the National Park Service; that is "to preserve and protect for future generation."

Sincerely,

Caitlin Schlabach

Daniel Martinez

Contact Historian

Chief Historian

(414) 870-4486

*(Thanks Norm for letting let me know that the USS Gambier Bay is now part of the WWII Valor at the Pacific National Monument in Honolulu, Hawaii.-Please bring your transcription to the reunion Norm we would all like to hear it.)*

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## Locations of USS Gambier Bay Displays

Hyde Park- Original of Freedom's Cost painting and ship model.

USS Yorktown (in Charleston, NC) Norman Loats shirt,diorama & Huxtable exhibit

USS George Washington-Lithograph of Freedom's Cost

Pennsacola, FL- ship model

Air & Space museum at Balboa Park in San Diego-Model (was originally given to the USS Midway)

Astoria, OR- Model and lithograph

Boston (museum unknown) - Lithograph

Great Lakes Training Station - Lithograph

USS Hornet in Alameda, CA - Model

USS Nimitz - Lithograph

MacArthur Museum (Norfolk, VA)-not sure sent an e-mail to confirm

Pacific War Museum (Frederickburg, TX) Lithograph and Oral Histories

Museum Unknown -Final Hour Lithograph

Pacific War Museum (Honolulu, HI) Oral History by Norman Loats

If anyone is aware of other displays around the country or what museum the Final Hour lithograph was donated to please let Marlene or Paula know. We are trying to keep track.

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

**SURVIVORS DO NOT OWE DUES**

**THE DUES ARE \$15.00 ANNUALLY OR \$100.00 FOR A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.**

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE OF THE NUMBERED OPTIONS BELOW.**

1. ENCLOSED IS \$15.00 FOR A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SCUTTLEBUTT.
2. ENCLOSED IS \$100.00 FOR A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.
3. I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY FOR A SUBSCRIPTION AT THIS TIME. PLEASE KEEP ME ON THE MAILING LIST.
4. YOUR SHIPMATE OR SQUADRON MATE HAS PASSED AWAY. PLEASE KEEP ME ON THE MAILING LIST.
5. PLEASE REMOVE MY NAME FROM YOUR MAILING LIST.
6. PLEASE *E-MAIL THE SCUTTLEBUTT TO ME (INCLUDE E-MAIL BELOW) TO SAVE \$\$*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_

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c/o Marlene Hughes, Treasurer  
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**ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY WILL BE CONSIDERED A DONATION AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Hope everyone had a great 4th of July!



See you at the Reunion!

## 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.**

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### **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)
- 1:30-4PM** Interview with USS Naval Midshipman at Banquet Hall
- 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
- 2pm-3pm** Board of Governor meeting
- 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.**

## Reunion Details

1. Be sure to attend the reception on the evening of the 22nd. A recognition of each ship is planned and maybe a waving of hats by the survivors.
2. Thursday, morning of the 23rd is open to enjoy the hospitality room or hop on a trolley or the hotel van to see San Diego. The USS Naval Academy has indicated about bringing a few midshipmen to the reunion to meet and hear stories from our survivors and next of kin. There will be a question and answer interview.
3. Friday, the 24th, will be a meaningful day without being too strenuous. We will visit Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery and begin with a welcoming greeting. We will have time to visit our monument and reflect on its meaning, and stroll around a bit.

We will re-board the bus for an interesting city tour and then back to the hotel in time for lunch on your own. Board of Governor meeting at 2pm.

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. The raffle is different this year, in order to speed up the raffle time, each ship will contribute a premade gift basket to be raffled. Our President Paula has taken on this task.

**THEREFORE, PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RAFFLE.**  
We will also be having a 50/ 50 Raffle as well.

4. Saturday, the 25th October, the memorial service is aboard the USS Midway. We will be taking the bus over at 9AM. The program starts at 10am and we expect there will be some time to visit and explore the Midway. If you want a less constrained visit you might want to perhaps visit on Thursday morning, the 23rd.

Saturday after the memorial service, we have planned one final luncheon gathering. We hope everyone will join us. Dinner that night is on your own.

5. If anyone needs a wheelchair or walker or scooter here are the company's in San Diego you can call to rent one. The hotel has only one-it is on a first come basis.
  - A. Eric's Medical Supply (619-298-9640)
  - B. Scootaround Mobility Solutions (1-888-441-7575)
  - C. Point Loma Pharmacy (619-223-7171)

As always plan on spending time in the hospitality room with the view of San Diego Bay.

I will bring only a small amount of things from the ship's store so if you would like to buy something specifically let me know so I will bring it with me. I will be traveling by car.

## 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: Taffy III Reunion**

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 & Salmon	
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](mailto: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**

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