

SCUTTLEBUTT

APRIL 2011

Shipmate Highlight

Morris Montgomery

It was with great surprise that I saw this picture on our USS Gambier Bay Facebook Page. Morris's daughter Beth Callahan stated hello to everyone on behalf of her dad, Morris Montgomery of VC-10 and still going strong.

Morris will be 93 on April 28th and is living in the California Veterans' Home in Chula Vista, CA.

His first wife Lise passed away and Morris found love again 5 years ago with Helene Rosen Montgomery whom he met at the Veterans home. He still drives and makes day trips to get apple pie in Julian, CA.

Morris was Chief Petty Officer in the VC-10 squadron. He served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam when he decided to call it quits. He worked as an Asst. Mgr. of the Flying School at Brown Field, then worked as the purchasing agent for the officer's club at Miramar Naval Air Station. He then spent 11 years as a bus driver for handicapped children before finally retiring. Such accomplishments!

He has a daughter, Beth who lives in northern California, a granddaughter, Shannon who is a Navy Lieutenant Commander currently serving onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. She is married to Navy Commander, John Souma, who is a flight instructor at Pensacola. His grandson, Brian is an Army Lieutenant, currently stationed in Sioux City, Iowa.

Morris was holding my uncle, Leonard Martin when he died 10/26/44. I will forever be grateful for his friendship.

His address is 716 E. Naples Ct #402, Chula Vista, CA 91911-6821 1-619-420-9330



Presidents Corner

Hello Gambier Bay Family!

Our Reunion Committee has finalized our 2011 reunion, which will be held in Omaha, Nebraska (see inside for more details), October 19-23, 2011. If you would like to volunteer to assist our reunion committee, please contact Marlene Hughes. There is an enormous amount of behind the scenes work done by the committee and any assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated. We will again have a raffle at our banquet and this year we will also have a silent auction, which will include many items obtained from the Tucson Gem Show! As you know, ticket sales at the raffle help tremendously with the Association finances and your support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate items for the raffle or silent auction you can send them to me or Marlene, or you can bring them along with you to the reunion.

Our website is growing! We have added a photo gallery from our 2010 reunion in St. Louis and you can also find contributions from our second generation. Please continue to check us out and if you have any contributions, please contact me or Marlene. As a reminder, with the launching of our website we have decided to offer you the option of having your Scuttlebutt newsletter emailed directly to you. This feature will allow the Association to not only "go green" but to also be more cost-effective with our finances. If you would like to receive your Scuttlebutt newsletter via email, please send your request to Marlene at mahome@cox.net (that way she will have your current email address).

As you may remember from the 2010 reunion, the Board and membership determined we need to track and record the historical memorabilia the Association, survivors, and/or family members have placed in their local communities or museums. To begin this task we have formed a historical committee. I'd like to thank Susan Bagen, Lauren Bagen, Rudy Cender, Chris Stammen, Mark Heint, Ed Hagerty, and Norm Loats for volunteering to participate in this historical adventure. The committee will be developing a questionnaire for survivors and family members to fill out, which in turn will help us to determine, track, and record the location of any USS Gambier Bay historical memorabilia. Once the questionnaire/process is implemented we will have a link on our website so we can reach out to others who may have historical memorabilia to donate or who would like the Association keep track of their historical memorabilia in our database. Not only is this a huge project it is a very important project, and if you are interested in participating or you have any historical information to pass along you may contact me or one of the committee members. The committee will have an update for us at our 2011 membership meeting.

As a reminder, in addition to the yearly Board meeting, the Association will have its bi-annual membership meeting. The agenda will include the election of our 2011-2013 officers and governors. If you would like serve on the Board, please contact one of our Nominating Committee members, Chris Stammen at (cstammen@embarqmail.com) or Mark Heint at (heint_22@hotmail.com).

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support, encouragement, and open communication to not only me but to the entire Board. We are here to serve you and should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other Board members.

I look forward to seeing you all in Omaha!

Paula (LaRocco) Grond

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**

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

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SHIP'S STORE CONTINUED:

BOOKS:

THE MEN OF THE GAMBIER BAY BOOK IS OUT OF PRINT AS OF JANUARY 2009. I am still looking into having a publisher print the book by digitally copying our paperbook and then having it published so we can sell it on our website and other websites to make money for the association. So look for news in the future.

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Tucson, AZ 85719-2012

E-mail-mahhome@cox.net
520-326-0747

I received this from Helen Kennedy-thought you all would like to see it.



Mail Call

From: Chuck Hunt (froghunt@msn.com)

Date: December 20.2010

Marlene,

About the 15th of November my son in law (Dave Miller from Union Town, Ohio) was on a business trip to Wisconsin. He had pulled off the freeway, turnpike, whatever to get some gas. While he was getting gas he notice a nice Lincoln next to him that had Wisconsin plates on it and it read LEYTE.

He looked at the window and there as a sticker that said Gambier Bay. He got excited because he knew that his mother in law (my wife) Barbara Lindow Hunt's father had been a chief on the Gambier Bay, Edward "Lindy" Lindow.

He paid for his gas and by then the Lincoln had pulled out back onto the freeway. He notice that the driver was silver haired gentleman and he wanted to ask him some questions, but just then the Lincoln took an off ramp and Dave went on down the freeway... End of story.. Who was that mysterious Gambier Bay survivor?

Chuck: As promised hope we find out who this was. We do have a few survivors up in that part of the country. If this sounds like it could be you contact Chuck or Marlene.

This e-mail was sent to Paula- You will find it very interesting.

From: benoit chalhoub <ardavisroberson@yahoo.fr>

Subject: questions about the Gambier Bay crew

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2011, 1:24 PM

Hello,

I'm a French student of 22 years old (so sorry if my english is not so good) and i'm a passionate collector of ww2 relics. One year ago, I bought on the net an US Navy Raincoat. On this raincoat, I read a name and I did some research on it. And I found the original owner. The name of the man is Aaron Shlesman and he was member of the crew. I knew that he survived after the battle of Leyte. You can guess how moved I was after discovering this...

So I have a few questions about Mr Shlesman, that I thought you might be able to answer:

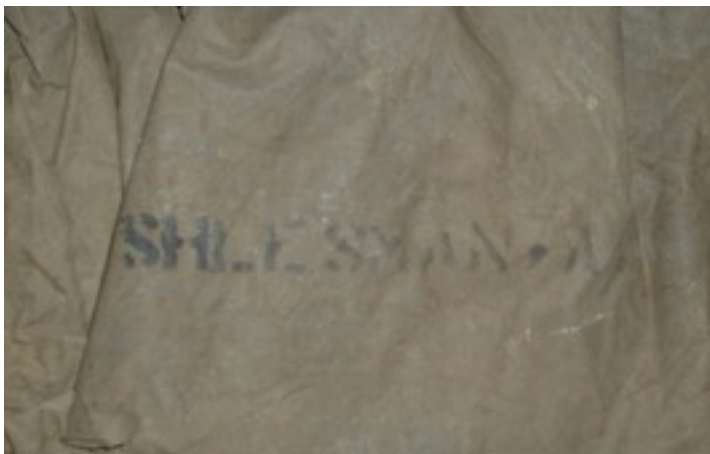
-Is he still alive? And if he is, do you think it would be possible to contact him?

-Have you got any information about him?

Thank you for your help!

Regards

Benoît CHALHOUB (from Paris!)



Mail Call Continued

The following are the e-mails between Paula and Benoit:

Benoit,

Thank you for your email. What a great treasure you have in Mr. Shlesman's raincoat. I would be interested to know who put that raincoat up for sale - do you have that information and could you share it with me? Do you have any other memorabilia from members of the USS Gambier Bay? My records show Mr. Shlesman was a survivor on the USS Gambier Bay. I am unsure at this time if he is still alive or if the address I have is correct. I will have to do some research and get back to you. I would love to have a photos of the raincoat that you purchased - would it be possible for you to email me photos of the raincoat?

The USS Gambier Bay Association puts on yearly reunions and last year we had 11 survivors attend in St. Louis, Missouri and this October we will be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska for our reunion. As you know, many of our survivors are close to 90 years old so traveling for them is quite difficult.

I will get back to you as soon as I can on your request about information on Mr. Shlesman or his family. Thank you for your contact.

Paula

Date: Friday, February 25, 2011, 7:41 AM

Dear Paula,

Thank you very much for your answer. I bought this Raincoat on a french forum (for collectors). But the salesman was French and I don't know where he found the coat. The fact is we exchange very often our collections. And I guess this raincoat had had numerous owners since the shipwreck. Unfortunately it is the only relic I have of the USS Gambier Bay. In fact, it's not easy to find US Navy uniforms in France. It's more common to have US Army relics (and it's one of my specialities).

I join you two pictures of the raincoat.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you about Aaron Shlesman.

Thank you for your help!

Regards

Benoît

Date: February 27, 2011

Benoit,

Thank you for the photos of the rain jacket. I appreciate you contacting me and I have some great news for you! Mr. Aaron Shlesman is alive and he would like me to pass along his home address to you, should you wish to contact him. Unfortunately, he does not use a computer. Here is his address:

Aaron Shlesman
7005 Carol Avenue
Niles, Illinois 60714 USA

You did some great research on your own and our organization publishes a quarterly newsletter for its members and if you do not mind we would like to include your correspondence in the "Mail Call " section.

I think your story about acquiring the jacket would be interesting to all of our survivors.

Paula.

Mail Call continued

Date: Monday, February 28, 2011, 1:30 PM
Paula,

Thank you for your answer and the address of Mr Shlesman.
What a wonderful news! I didn't believe it was possible. It's the first time I can contact a veteran. And it would not have been possible without your help and the work of your association!
It would be a great honor to be published in your newsletter. I will keep you informed about my future correspondence with Mr Shlesman.

Thanks again for your precious help!

Best
Benoît

From: PAULA GROND <pk_grond@yahoo.com>

Date: February 28, 2011 2:52:41 PM MST

Marlene,

I talked to Mr. Shlesman and he was pleased that we wanted to put this correspondence in the Scuttlebutt as is Benoit (from France).

*We are waiting to hear from both Benoit and Mr Shlesman and hope their exchange was a joyous one!
It has always amazed me how small the world has become.*

*Pictured below at the St Louis Arch is
Fred Grabos, Lucille Gutzwiler, Marlene Hughes
and Jeanette Hall.*



Great picture of Shirley Turner at the banquet.



2011 Reunion in Omaha

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USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Reunion 2011 in Omaha, Nebraska



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IN MEMORIAM

Shipmates who have crossed the bar

Henry Anthony Pyzdrowski Sr. 8/9/22-4/11/2011

Age 88, of Minnetonka, passed away on Monday, April 11, 2011. Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Antoinette; siblings, Thaddeus, Walter and Wanda; son, Henry Anthony, Jr.; and granddaughter, Stephanie Anne Fraune. Survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Jeanne Frances (Smith); and their children, Jeanne Fraune (John), Michael (Joan), Patricia Seeler (Thomas), Robert (Sue), Paul (Karen), John (Deborah), Mary Anne Pickering (John), Kathryn (Thomas Nelson), Margaret (Michael Brown), Caroline Gossen (Jeffrey); brother, Stanley S. Pyzdrowski; numerous nieces and nephews; and thirty-four beloved grandchildren. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on August 9, 1922, Hank attended Schenley High School, where he met Jeanne. Growing up, he was an avid Pittsburgh Pirates fan, pursued flying at Butler County Airport, and worked at his father's architectural firm which significantly contributed to the architecture in and around Pittsburgh. Hank attended Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. His college career was interrupted by active military service in the U.S. Navy where he served in the Pacific Theater as a Naval Aviator in WWII (1942-1945). He is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (1945) and Northrop University (1946). During his adult life, Hank devoted his efforts as a benefactor and leader for the community, actively participating in the VFW, Knights of Columbus, his Church and providing assistance to area schools and Veterans associations, having most recently served as President, Board of Governors, Escort Carrier Sailors and Airmen Association. Professional career: Aeronautical Engineer, Northrop Aviation (1947-1948); Engineer/General Manager, Central Oregon Iron Works, Bend, OR (1948-1958); General Manager, Superior Separator, Hopkins, MN (1958- 1963); and President, Sacred Design Associates, Minneapolis, MN (1963-2002). Hank dedicated his later years to the preservation of the memory of his shipmates of the aircraft carrier, USS Gambier Bay, over 100 of whom were lost in the Battle of Leyte Gulf on October 25, 1944. An adventurer, Hank and Jeanne raised eleven children, with Dad devoting his life to his family, instilling a strong work ethic and sincere appreciation for life. He is and will remain known for his genuine passion, honesty and integrity, endless encouragement, sense of humor and unending wisdom. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343. Interment 2:00 PM Fort Snelling Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation, 920 East 28th Street, Suite 100, Minneapolis, MN 55407 or St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Arrangements: Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home 952-938-9020

Hank & Jean at the 2008 USS Gambier Bay/VC-10 Reunion in Minnesota.

We will miss you Hank and all you did for the Association.

Thank you for being you-God Bless!



IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH E. MANTZ- (1921-2011)

age 89, of Dayton, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 13, 2011. Joseph is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eleanor; daughters, Barbara (Frederick) Kreuzer, Catherine (Jerome) Roberts, Susan (Richard) Humphrey, Christine (Joseph) Fletcher; son, Joseph (Samantha); brother, Christian (Bernice); 3 sisters-in-law; 8 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Joseph was a WWII Veteran & served on the USS Gambier Bay (CVE-73), which sank during the Battle of the Leyte Gulf. For wounds received in action, Joseph was awarded a Purple Heart. Joseph retired from the National Museum of the United States Air Force where he helped to restore historic aircraft. He was a charter member of St. Luke Parish in Beavercreek and served as an usher there for many years. Joseph was also active in the St. Luke Leisure Club, Beavercreek Senior Citizens, Knights of Lithuania, DAV, American Legion, VFW, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, where he served for one year as the Commander for the State of Ohio, and volunteered at the Veterans Hospital. He was a member of Holy Cross Church and later joined St. Peter Parish.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held 10:30 AM Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 6161 Chambersburg Road. Interment Calvary Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Marker & Heller Funeral Home, Huber Heights Chapel, 5844 Old Troy Pike from 5-7 PM Tuesday. If desired memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Siena, St. Peter Parish, Vitas Hospice or the charity of your choice in Joseph's memory. The family expresses special thanks to all the care provided by Mercy Siena & Vitas Hospice and a big thanks to Nancy & Tara for all their exceptional care.

Thomas Winston Allen 12/25/26-12/11/2010

Thomas Winston Allen, 85, of Archdale, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at High Point Regional Hospital.

He was born Dec. 25, 1926, in Elon, to TR Allen and Clara Brown Allen. He was a Navy Veteran, who served on the air craft carrier Gambier Bay during World War II. He was a supervisor for General Steel and then Royal Development until his retirement. He was an original charter member of Springfield Baptist Church, where he still attended.

On Nov. 5, 1946, he married Doris Adelaide White, who survives of the home. He also is survived by two children, Jerry Allen and wife Madeline of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Janice Horne and husband Bill of High Point; sister, Jane James and husband Raleigh of Richmond, Va.; brother, Bobby Allen and wife Betty of High Rock Lake; four grandchildren, Laura and Amy Horne, Thomas Allen and Heidi McEuchern and husband Scott; a great-grandson, Trey McEuchern; a stepgranddaughter, Felicity Rhodes; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Justin and Tristin Seybold.

Funeral was held Thursday, Dec. 16, at the chapel of Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale with Rev. Bobby Loving officiating. Interment followed at Floral Garden Memorial Park.

In Memoriam

John Ivie 8/25/1925-1/26/11

John Ivie Passed on January 26, 2011. John was a naval veteran of [WWII](#). His carrier, the Gambier Bay, was sunk during the 2nd battle for the Philippines in the Leyte Gulf, October 20th through 26th, 1944. It was also declared the greatest sea battle in naval history.

John was born in Pasadena, CA on August 11, 1925. After the war he became a pilot with Western Airlines and later a flight instructor in the San Francisco Bay Area teaching many prominent clients.

John is remembered as being a fine teacher. When he retired he learned to fly gliders, thus moving to Lancaster for its great weather. John leaves behind his son Kenyon Ivie of Hawaii, his niece Claudia Glastaun, and three nephews, Gregory Damon, William Damon, Bryan Damon and John's sister Joan Damon. He also leaves behind many devoted friends.

Edward T. Bridges (1924 - 1/31/2011)

Edward T. Bridges, 87, of Swansea, Ill., born Thursday, Jan. 3, 1924, in East St. Louis, Ill., died Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, at Caseyville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Caseyville, Ill.

Mr. Bridges was a [U.S. Navy](#) Veteran of [World War II](#) and served on the aircraft carrier UUS Gambier Bay which was sunk in the battle of Leyte Gulf by the Japanese. Mr. Bridges survived after spending 40 hours in the water. He worked as a carpenter for 30 years for Piquard Construction Company and in retirement he enjoyed woodworking in his work shop. He was a member of the Carpenters Union for 50 years and was a member of Westview Baptist Church in Swansea, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalie Bridges of 64 years; his parents, Charles F. and Estelle, nee Custard, Bridges Sr.; a sister; and two brothers.

Surviving are his daughter, Linda Simmonds of Swansea, Ill.; grandchildren, Thomas E Simmonds and Ginette R. (Tom) Kern; seven great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Jack Piquard of Belleville, Ill.; and nieces, Angela and Shelley Piquard

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.***

Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

In Memoriam

Joseph S. Brown (1/7/1925-10/20/2009)

His son Gary sent me an e-mail letting me know his Dad had passed away on October 20, 2009. Joseph was survived by his wife Gloria, 3 sons (David, Gary and Lynn) and a daughter (Jan). He also had 6 Grandsons (Wesley, Josh, Justin, Sean, Matthew, and Jake). He was 84 years old. He married Gloria Friefold on September 19, 1950 and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

After the war and getting married, he was a salesman and owned his own ladies shoe store in Long Beach, NY. He Retired to Tamarac, FL.

Gary said his father never said much about the war with the only story of the ship going down, getting wounded twice in the leg and the rear end. He was for a short time a gunner in a TBF.

(Below is a picture of Joe and something he wrote about getting old).



Lord What is Old

By Joseph S Brown

When I was young I was told not to be the center of attraction. That children should be seen and not heard. When I was 13 I was told I was a man, but I could still could not open my mouth.

In the year 1937 I was still going to school, playing ball and hearing Jack Armstrong the all American boy, the Shadow, the Witches tale on the radio and being yelled at to do my homework.

Even though they said I was a man they still treated me as a boy. Going to high school with my first pair of long pants, before that I wore Knickers. But was I considered a man of course not, even though I played ball in high school and went into the US Navy in world war II, I was still considered a boy. After going through many

battles being wounded and spending 48 hours in the water (Pacific) the Captain came into the hospital and presented me with the Purple Heart Medal, he called me son.

So when did I get old, I married had four children and my father may he rest in peace still called me son. So when did I get old, my children finished school and married and my father still called me son. Now that I am a grandfather and moved to Fl. I looked around and saw many older people, I thought I was in the wrong place. After all I did not think I was old, after all I was called child and son so long that I would be young forever, until I looked in the mirror and what I saw really shook me.

So Lord when did get old?

Thank you Gary for letting me know about your Dad. Give the family our best!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Date: January 1, 2011
Marlene Hughes, Treasurer

USS Gambier Bay-VC10 Association, Inc.
For the period January 1, 2010-December 31,2010

Balance on Hand Decenember 31, 2009 \$10,203.75

Receipts:

Donations	\$1,150.54
Life time Memberships	\$400.00
Subscriptions	\$195.00
Sales	\$1,167.00
Div Income	\$12.29
Reunion income includes \$455 from raffle	\$7,228.10
Misc income for postage	\$5.35

Total Receipts \$10,158.28

Disbursements

Phone Calls	\$39.30
Printing	\$1,571.53
Misc Expense	\$1,542.24
Reunion Expense	\$6,470.60
Postage/ Shipping	\$33.40
Supplies	\$92.22

Total Expenses \$9,749.29

Balance in Savings \$7,511.47

Balance in Checking \$3,101.27

Total On Hand \$10,612.74

Respectively Submitted,
Date: January 1, 2011
Marlene Hughes
Treasurer