


USS GUAM ASSOCIATION



JANUARY 2008

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Frank Walker

It's been five months since our 10th annual reunion for the USS GUAM LPH-9. Atlantic City New Jersey was a great place to get together. I hope I speak for all who attended; "we sure had a great time". Thanks to Bill and Gerry (aka Deadeye) Buchanan for organizing a terrific reunion. All the hard work they put into arranging the hotel, restaurants and tours resulted in a great time. "The Italian food at Rifici's was probably the best anyone could eat!" My thanks to all the new shipmates that made it to their first reunion. I hope we didn't scare you off for future reunions. Speaking of future reunions, *Jim Webb* has already set the dates and hotel for the 2008 Reunion in Corpus Christi Texas. The hotel is the Radisson across the street from the USS LEXINGTON .

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10TH REUNION IN ATLANTIC CITY NEW JERSEY



One of the many activities enjoyed during the Reunion in Atlantic City, N.J. was the tour of the USS NEW JERSEY. On Wednesday, August 1, 2007, the pictured shipmates and their families strolled the decks of the historic battleship. From Left to Right: *Gerry Buchanan, Marie & Dick Hamann, Bill Buchanan, Jim & Patti Gavin, Tom & Derek Sintkowski, Rich & Rose Zeimet, Richard Daggett, Joe & Sharon Keidel, and Bernie & Diane Brothers.* The 10th Reunion for the Guam Association was a success due to the planning, preparation and the hard work of *Bill "Buck" Buchanan.*

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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The dates are Monday September 22, 2008 - Friday September 26, 2008. Look for more information in this newsletter, upcoming editions and on our web site USSGUAM.ORG.

Now I would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to the outgoing officers, for all their hard work keeping our association together. *Gar Braniger* (Vice President), *Richard Hamann* (Treasurer) and *Harvey Spinowitz* (Secretary)...*Harvey* will continue as our legal counsel and has been appointed (Assistant Secretary). Thanks Again !

I am looking forward to serving you as President for another year. I'm asking for the membership to actively participate by recruiting old ship mates to join , keeping their dues current and attending future reunions. "An active membership will ensure that our association stays strong for the future".

Respectfully, Your President
Frank Walker



L to R: Frank Walker, Richard Hamann, Gar Braniger and Harvey Spinowitz

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

At the business meeting in Atlantic City on August 2, 2007 elections were held and new officers were elected.

PRESIDENT: *Frank Walker* (re elected)

Served on GUAM ('72-'75)...Aviation Boatswains Mate V3 & V1 Division...worked Hanger Deck & Flight Deck Cruised North Atlantic and Mediteranean.

VICE PRESIDENT: *Jim Parker*

Served on GUAM ('70-'71)... Deck Department, worked as "Deck Ape" and Helmsman...Cruised Caribbean - Panama Canal - Crossed Equator (Shell Back) enroute to Peru...Mediterranean.

TREASURER: *Richard Daggett*

Served on GUAM ('71-'74)...Operational Specialist...worked in Combat Information Center...Cruised North Atlantic (Sea Experiments) - 1st Harrier Operations...Mediterranean.

SECRETARY: *Al Getter*

Served on GUAM ('67-'70)...Personnelman...Admin Dept. X-Division...worked in Personnel Office and Educational Services Office...Cruised Caribbean -Panama Canal - Crossed Equator (Shell Back) enroute to Peru.



Frank Walker -President
Richard Daggett-Treasurer
Photo Taken at St.Louis Reunion '05.....

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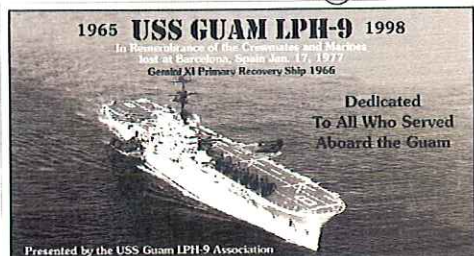
Jim Parker-Vice President
Al Getter - Secretary
Photo taken at Dana Point, CA -Fall '07



*****DEDICATION***
OF USS GUAM PLAQUE AT
NAVY MEMORIAL
WASH.,D.C. MAY 10,2008**

Contact: *Joe Keidel:*

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REUNION HOSTS: L to R:
Bill "Buck" Buchanan hosted Atlantic City '07, Martha & Jim Webb our host this year in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Photo by Al Getter - Seattle '06

*****REUNION '08***
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SEPT. 22 - 26, 2008**

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3200 Surfside Dr., Corpus Christi, TX

Just over the Harbor Bridge

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After the reunion in Seattle, August, 2006 preparations for Atlantic City began. Over the next 12 months **Bill** worked on making the arrangements that made for a great reunion. From the tour of the Battleship New Jersey, strolling the Boardwalk and leaving our money at the casinos, a great time was had by all. The banquet at Rifici's Restaurant was great.

The food was excellent and the program was entertaining. Reunions are a time that bring old friends together and we have a core group that always return. We are always happy to see new faces! In 2007 **Jeff Kaiser** found 3 shipmates and they joined us in Atlantic City. They worked together as Aerographers Mates (Weather-men) on **GUAM ('68 - '70)**.



WEATHERMEN: L to R: Brian Mills (AG3), Kevin Hughes (AG2), Jeff Kaiser (AG3) & Jeff Fuller (AG3)

Photo by Marj Kaiser - Atlantic City '07

Thank you to all that attended the **10th Reunion**, we hope to see you this year, 2008, in Corpus Christi, Texas. **Jim Webb** is busy working finalizing all the arrangements for our next reunion. **Jim**, who lives in Texas, is familiar with the area and has chosen the Radisson Beach Hotel on Corpus Christi Bay. It's located in an area that has many restaurants, attractions and shopping within walking distance, and should please all that attend.

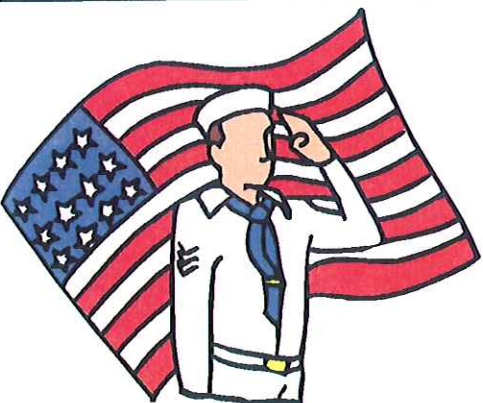
Information concerning Hotel Reservations and Reunion Registration is available at this time. Forms on page 5 & 6 of this newsletter, on e-mail and on our Web Site at

USSGUAM.ORG

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY



- ▶ **January 16, 1965 - USS GUAM COMMISSIONED
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**
- ▶ **January 17, 1977 - 49 Crewmen Lost When
Liberty Launch Returning to USS GUAM LPH-9
& USS TRENTON LPD-14 Is Struck by Spanish
Freighter in Barcelona, Spain.
TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER THOSE LOST!**



Memorial in Barcelona

MEMBERSHIP

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REUNION

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2008 REUNION - SEPT 22-26

Radisson Hotel Corpus Christi Beach

3200 Surfside Blvd.

Corpus Christi, TX 78403

1-361-883-9700 Ext. 7809 (Melinda Trevino)

www.radisson.com/corpuschristitx

AGENDA

Mon. 9/22 4:00 PM - Hotel check in. Reunion packets will be available in Hospitality Room.

Tues. 9/23 8:45 AM-2:00PM -Naval Base Tour includes transportation. Lunch on base costs between \$7.00-\$12.00. *Base tour requires your full name, drivers license #, city, state and home phone #.
Please include this information on the registration form for each person going on the tour.

Wed. 9/24 Free Day - Visit the USS Lexington, Texas State Aquarium, Texas Treasure Gambling Ship and other nearby restaurants and tourist attractions.

Thurs. 9/25 9:00Am - 11:00AM...Business Meeting **4:00PM** - Shrimp Boil, Pier 99 Restaurant (1block from hotel), \$1.00 margaritas at your expense until 7:0PM.

Fri. 9/26 6:30PM-Banquet buffet,entertainment &dancing. **Open bar compliments of Jim & Martha Webb.**

Sat. 9/27 Goodbye Breakfast

REUNION INFORMATION

Basic Reunion Package Includes: registration, hospitality room & refreshments, business meeting, banquet meal, dancing, insurance, Navy base tour and Shrimp Cookout.

Hotel Room Rates: Non-water view Room is \$89 plus tax / Water View Room is \$99 plus tax.

You must mention you are with the USS GUAM Assn. to get special rate. Cutoff date for Special Room Rate is JULY 15TH. Rates are good for 2 days before and after the reunion.

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REUNION REGISTRATION FORM....please submit by 8/1/08

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City,State,Zip _____

Driver's License No(s) _____

FEES:

Basic Reunion Package Per Person

PRICE X QTY TOTAL
\$135 _____ \$ _____

Basic Reunion Package Per Person (registration received before 8/01/08)

\$120 _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REUNION FEES \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: USS GUAM LPH9 Assn., Inc.

Send Registration Form and Checks to: Richard Daggett, Treasurer USS GUAM

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Monroe City, MO 63456

If you have any questions, contact Jim Webb at 956-682-3338 or jimwebb@texaircompany.com

USS GUAM LPH9 ASSOCIATION, INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

Member

Name: _____

Associate Member's

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Tel.No.(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Dates Served on	from:	rate/rank:
USS GUAM:	to:	dept:

Dues Enclosed: _____ **Total**

Member - \$20.00 -----

Associate - \$5.00 -----

CHECK ONE: _____ **Total Enclosed:** _____

(New Member) (Renewal)

Make Checks payable to: USS GUAM LPH-9 Assn., Inc.

Send Application and checks to: Richard Daggett, Treasurer USS GUAM

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Membership is open to anyone who served aboard the USS GUAM LPH-9. We welcome Officers, Enlisted, from the Navy or Marine Corps. Associate members can be family, friends or anyone interested in the history of the USS GUAM LPH-9. To all who join, or renew memberships we say "Welcome Aboard".

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