



## USS GUAM LPH-9 ASSOCIATION, INC.



January 16, 2016

Greetings Shipmates and Friends of the USS Guam LPH-9 Association.

We hope all of you are well and wish you all the best for the New Year.

This past year we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *Guam*'s Commissioning at our 18<sup>th</sup> Reunion in Buffalo/Niagara Falls. Rosie Zeimet, an Honorary Member, hosted an enjoyable Reunion.

After the Reunion, our long time Treasurer Richard Daggett, had to step down due to health issues. A big thank you goes out to Shipmate Daggett for his years of service to our Association.

William Frazier has come forward and will assume the duties of Acting Treasurer.

This year our 19<sup>th</sup> Reunion will be in Chicago/Great Lakes (September 12-16, 2016). Our hotel is the Holiday Inn Gurnee Convention Center- Gurnee, Illinois. Complete Reunion information will be available soon.

January marks two events in the *Guam*'s history that we will always remember.

\* 51 years ago, January 16, 1965, the USS Guam LPH-9 was commissioned into service at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Many of our members are plankowners. They share stories and memorabilia about pre-com and sea trials each year at our Reunions. The legacy of the *Guam* lives on in all of us...Stay in touch and keep us up to date with your contact information and information about other shipmates.

\*39 years ago, January 17, 1977 is a date we should never forget. While in Barcelona, Spain, a liberty boat returning to the USS Guam and the USS Trenton was struck by the Spanish freighter Urlea. The accident occurred at approximately 0200 hours and 49 Sailors and Marines lost their lives. A monument listing the names of our lost brothers was erected and is still standing in Barcelona. A plaque with all the names are on display in the Chapel on the Little Creek Amphib Base. Our Association purchased a plaque that is on display in the U.S. Naval Memorial, Washington, D.C. All of these memorials can be on our web site: [www.ussguam.org](http://www.ussguam.org) – Take a moment to remember the Sailors and Marines we lost that night.

Please share your memories of these events with us and on Facebook. There are 2 Facebook pages: USS Guam LPH-9 Association and \* USS Guam LPH-9.

In closing I would like to remind all of you it's time to renew or join our Association. Membership information can be found on our web site: [www.ussguam.org](http://www.ussguam.org)

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