



USS SHANGRI-LA (CV-38, CVA-38, CVS-38)

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2019 REUNION REGISTRATION

USS SHANGRI-LA Reunion Association
P. O. Box 1367
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From the President

First & foremost, I want to PROFOUNDLY THANK Gary Clark for his 10+ years as the President of this association. He and his wife, Debbie, have served this association in many varied capacities, going back into the early 1990's. Gary assumed the office of President prior to 2008, when Jim Clement had to step down due to health issues. Gary has done a "Bravo Zulu" job since then. Having been Gary's 1st VP since 2008, I have seen firsthand his commitment and dedication to the association and to each and every issue that has come before the officers to act on. Gary, on behalf of all our members, THANK YOU for serving this association so well!! Bravo Zulu!

2018 Reunion

The 2018 Jacksonville Reunion was a huge success! Al & Gwen Miller have done another great job! Great hotel, great food, great tours, visiting the Shang's bell, our memorial service, Jax Landing, seeing St Augustine..... and a great turnout! Everyone I've talked to has said the same thing! Al & Gwen, Thank You for another great job planning & executing the 2018 reunion. Having talked to Al recently, I know that the planning for the 2019 reunion in Warwick, RI is well underway, and the 2020 reunion is now being talked about.

Election of Officers

Every 2 years the association elects the officers for the up-coming 2 years. At the reunion the members elected the following officers to serve for the next 2 years (2020):

President: Bob Hayner

1st Vice President: Al Miller

2nd Vice President: Al Baker

3rd Vice President: Pat Smith

Sec/Treas & Membership: Chuck Hull

Bob Ketenheim and I will remain as Historian and Webmaster, respectively.

I want to Thank the membership for having the confidence & trust in me to serve as your President again. I previously served as President from 1998 to 2004. During that

time I promised to myself & the membership to do my very best to keep the association moving forward. I make that same promise again!

My Congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary on electing the following officers:

President: Terri Whitehead

1st Vice President: Cindy Freeland

2nd Vice President: Cathy Harmon

Treasurer & Ship's Store: Debbie Clark

Recording Secretary: Patty Theisen

Email List

If you desire to add or remove your email address to/from our email list please get your information to me at: bopahay@comcast.net or to Bob Ketenheim at: shanghist@aol.com If anyone changes their email address for any reason, PLEASE, PLEASE notify me. Our present list has 260+/- addresses..... yet when I send an email to the list only 1/2 of the recipients open the email. Please check your spam folders on occasion. Sometimes email can end up in this folder.

On a Personal Note

I want to thank you all for the many cards, emails, phone calls & expressions of sympathy you showed at the passing of my wife Patty. Patty LOVED coming to reunions each year and, having missed 2017, she was really looking forward to coming to Jacksonville this year. She battled Crohn's disease for 20 years, and in May she again needed surgery. This time her body couldn't recover from 8+ hours of surgery on 5/10 & 5/14.....She was in ICU until 5/26, when she passed away. We were married for 49 years and 2 days. Again, my THANKS to you all. Next year the 2019 reunion will be held in Warwick, RI from 18 to 22 September. I hope to see you all in Warwick!!

Until the next Horizon.....

YISSS, (Yours In Shared Shang Service)

Bob Hayner

President/Webmaster

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From the Secretary-Treasurer

A BIG thank you to Al & Gwen Miller for a great reunion in Jacksonville. We have the following new members: Richard Hitchcock, Lawrence Hempel, Thomas Mumm, Hugh McKay, Ross Hayward, Leonard Ross, and Robert Elliott. Welcome aboard! We have new Life Members, they made their regular memberships, Life Memberships, David Stapler and Edward Brazzil.

The gun raffle brought in \$2,251 and the 50/50 raffle brought in \$334. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was a guest of a member and the winner of the pistol was Gwen Miller.

I have new 2018 rosters for sale, they are \$6, which includes postage. Anyone with a new e-mail or mailing address, please let me or Bob Hayner know. Thank you to all that sent in donations, this kept us from raising the dues. The total donations received was \$8301 of which \$500 was sent in by the Warlocks MC club, which was started by 8 crew members in 1967 after we came back from the Med. Thank you again!

Annual membership dues are \$20 and are due each June. Please send them to me at:
USS SHANGRI-LA Association
1809 McMinn St.
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Any questions, please contact me at
ChuckH1809@aol.com.

Chuck Hull, Secretary-Treasurer

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Ladies Auxiliary President

From the Ladies Auxiliary President

What a wonderful 36th Reunion in Jacksonville at the DoubleTree on the St. John's!

From the moment we arrived and were handed chocolate chip cookies to departure with Brian & Clay's assistance, we were treated by a friendly and very helpful staff.

Thank you ALL for your most generous donations of all assortments for the auction. Whether you brought an item(s) to auction, or bid on something silly to 'help the cause', we thank you for supporting our association while having a good time at the same time.

A huge thank you to Paul & LuAnna's willingness to once again auction our many items. Thank you to Ruth & Chuck Hull for the great \$1,000,000 bag idea and also to John & Jaymie Janse for the cool Shangri-La engraved Bottle Breachers added as a surprise to all the men's bags. Thank you to the Auxiliary Officers who assisted with the auction including Linda Schmidt & Dorothy Lyons.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the USS Shangri-La Association Auxiliary and I thank you all for your support and willingness to 'jump right in and get the job done.' This is a great association with wonderful people. We are truly blessed in so many ways (as an organization and personally).

Alan & Karen McKay update: Karen was hospitalized but has returned home and doing better. Please keep them in your prayers as they are looking forward to attending our reunion in Warwick, R.I. next year.

Dorothy Lyons has agreed to take-over the Shangri-La Auxiliary Roster. Please contact Dorothy @Harleygirlguy@aol.com. or 352-693-4857 for further information.

Blessings to each and every one of you,
Gwen Miller, President, stepping down to Terry Whitehead (Go Terri!)

2019 Reunion

Reservation Procedure: The most convenient way your guests can make their room reservation is by emailing our reservations department directly at:
reservations@providenceri.crownplaza.com.

Guests may also reserve their room online at Crowne Plaza Hotel - Warwick Providence using the three letter group code of "SGL". The room rate is \$109+tax per night.

The hotel's reservation department can be reached at 401-732-6000.

For those guests requesting a toll free number, they may call (800) 227-6963; however, they will be serviced by a satellite office and not the hotel directly.

Guests must identify their affiliation with USS Shangri-La CV 38 Reunion when making reservations. Rates cannot be adjusted at check-in or check-out for guests who fail to identify their affiliation when making reservations. Special room requests may be indicated, but cannot be guaranteed (i.e. non-smoking, king bed, etc.)

Taps

Martin "Marty" Shemanski*
Photographer
Onboard: 1944-45
DOD: 10 November 2018

Robert J. Wineman
LT, Air Group 85
Onboard: 1944-45
DOD: 09 May 2014

Dale C. Beck*
AM-2, V5F Div.
Onboard 1944-45
DOD: 29 Sep 2018

Frank Casal
MarDet
Onboard 1944-45
DOD: 14 January 2019

Thomas A. Hawkinson
Onboard: 1946-47
DOD: 06 January 2019

*Denotes USS Shangri-La Reunion Ass'n
Member or Member's Family

Looking for Shipmates

Shipmate Bob Gendron, crash crew "hot suit", 1959-61 is looking for shipmates who worked with him. He lives on Long Island (NY). If you know him and want to make contact his number is (516) 791-1342.

FYI

Issues of ALL HANDS magazine from 1922 to 2011 can be found at
http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/departments/arch.html

Horizon Mailing List

Efforts continue to clean up the Horizon mailing list. If you wish to read the Horizon online and you are still receiving a hard copy in the mail, please send an email to ShangHist@aol.com with HORIZON Mailing List in the subject.

Article from Military Times

Court rules VA must pay disability benefits to 'blue water' Vietnam veterans

By: Leo Shane III January 29

WASHINGTON — A federal court ruled Tuesday that the Department of Veterans Affairs cannot deny disability benefits to thousands of Vietnam veterans who claim exposure to cancer-causing chemical defoliants simply because those vets served in the waters off the country's coastline, and not inland.

The ruling marks a major victory for so-called "blue water" Navy veterans who have fought the department for years over the denials. VA officials have said the existing scientific evidence doesn't justify the presumption of toxic exposure for the group and have strongly opposed legislative efforts to overturn their decision.

But the 9-2 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit overturns past court opinions backing up VA, saying that Congress never intended to exclude servicemembers in the seas around Vietnam when they awarded presumptive benefits for certain illnesses related to Agent Orange exposure.

Under current department rules, the blue water veterans can receive medical care for their illnesses through VA. But to receive disability benefits — worth up to several thousand dollars a month — they must prove that their ailments are directly connected to toxic exposure while on duty.

That's not the case for other Vietnam veterans, who are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange and other defoliants known to cause serious and rare cancers.

So while a veteran who served on the shoreline could receive disability payouts after contracting Parkinson's Disease or prostate cancer, another vet who served on a ship a few miles away would have to provide evidence of direct contact with hazardous chemicals.

Advocates have said that, given the time that has passed since the war, obtaining such proof is

impossible and unfair. In their ruling, the federal judges agreed.

"These statutes cast no doubt on our conclusion that, by using the formal term 'Republic of Vietnam,' Congress unambiguously referred, consistent with uniform international law, to both its landmass and its 12-nautical-mile territorial sea," the ruling states.

If VA officials opt not to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court in the next 90 days — or if the court decides not to hear the case — the result means that up to 90,000 blue water veterans could see disability payouts as early as this year.

"This is a big win," said John Wells, retired Navy commander and the executive director of Military-Veterans Advocacy, which helped file the lawsuit. "We want to work with VA on how to implement this as painlessly as possible, but making sure these veterans get all they deserve."

Bart Stichman, executive director of the National Veterans Legal Services Program, said the decision "unequivocally rights a wrong that is a terrible injustice to all veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange in the waters of Vietnam."

Legislation that would have awarded presumptive status to the blue water veterans was blocked by a small group of senators at the end of last year, disappointing advocates who saw the legislative momentum as their best chance for a victory in years.

If the court order stands, VA will be forced to cover the costs regardless of whether an offset is agreed upon, a potential drain on the department's annual budget. Several new bills on the issue are already pending before Congress, and the chairmen of both the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees have promised to deal with the topic quickly this year. In a statement, Senate chairman Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., said that he was pleased with the court decision and would work closely with VA on the next steps.

The full decision is available at the appeals court's web site:
www.ca9.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/opinions-orders/17-1821.Opinion.1-29-2019.pdf

USS SHANGRI-LA ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 18 to SEPT. 22, 2019

Providence – Warwick, Rhode Island

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to: **USS Shangri-La Association** in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 15, 2019. (Please remit ASAP). After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you keep a copy of this form.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Mail to: Al Miller

20 Richards Lane

Bangor, PA 18013

ATTN: USS SHANGRI-LA AI-H-610-588-0422 C-484-894-5121

Check# _____ Date Received: _____

Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS August 15, 2019	Price per	# of people	Total
TOURS:	\$70		
Thurs. 9/19 MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BATTLESHIP COVE on the USS MASS./NAVAL BASE TOUR/BUS TOUR OF NEWPORT/BOX LUNCH*			
Friday, 9/20 TOUR USS NAUTILUS & MYSTIC SEAPORT/LUNCH ON OWN @ MYSTIC SEAPORT*	\$70		
Saturday, 9/21- DISCOVER PROVIDENCE – 1-1/2 HRS.* OR NARRAGANSETT BAY CRUISE – 2-1/2 HRS.*	\$28 \$53		
MEALS:	N/A**		N/A**
Wednesday, 9/18 MEET & GREET --- PIZZA (6pm – 8pm)			
Friday, 9/20 AUXILLARY AUCTION DINNER -Please select your entrée below:			
8oz. SIRLOIN W/ ROASTED SHALLOT DEMI GLAZE	\$46		\$
BAKED NEW ENGLAND SCROD W/ LEMON BEURRE BLANC	\$46		\$
CHICKEN KIEV -BREAST W/MELTED HERB BUTTER CENTER	\$46		\$
Saturday, 9/21 PLANKOWNERS BANQUET -Please select your entrée below:			
SLICED LONDON BROIL W/PEPPERCORN SAUCE	\$46		\$
BAKED NEW ENGLAND SCROD W/LEMON BEURRE BLANC	\$46		\$
BONELESS BREAST OF CHICKEN W/SAGE & APPLE STUFFING	\$46		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE Includes various reunion and administrative expenses	\$20		\$
Total Amount Payable to: USS Shangri-La Association			\$

*SEE DESCRIPTION OF TOURS/EVENTS

**NO FEES APPLICABLE

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG:

FIRST _____ LAST _____ RATE/RANK _____

DIVISION ON BOARD _____ YEARS ON BOARD 19 ____ -19 ____ PLANKOWNER? _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PH. _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ IS THIS YOUR 1ST or 2ND Reunion?

Please circle.

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with Crowne Plaza)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS? YES ____ NO ____ (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PH. NUMBER:() _____ - _____

BATTLESHIP COVE NAVAL SHIP MUSEUM

Battleship Cove harbors the world's largest collection of historic naval ships, including five National Historic Landmarks: Battleship Massachusetts, Destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Submarine Lionfish, and PT Boats 617 and 796.

USS NAUTILUS

Experience first-hand the thrill of being a submariner as you walk the decks that made Naval history: the world's first nuclear powered vessel, first ship to go to the North Pole, and first submarine to journey "20,000 Leagues under the sea." Explore the spaces where the crew of this amazing ship worked, ate, slept, and entertained themselves on their long voyages far beneath the ocean's waves.

MYSTIC SEAPORT VILLAGE & MUSEUM

Stroll through a recreated 19th-Century seafaring village comprised of dozens of real New England buildings staffed with historians, musicians, storytellers and craftspeople who bring our seafaring past to life. The village is made up of many bustling maritime trades, from shipsmiths and coopers to woodcarvers and riggers. Discover how America's maritime past shaped life today.

DISCOVER PROVIDENCE TOUR

Join us for Providence's premier city tour! As you relax comfortably on our climate-controlled tour bus, we will show you why Providence has been voted one of America's favorite cities! We will journey through its most exciting neighborhoods, and tell you the story of our capital city, its celebrated citizens, and what it has contributed to America. You will also admire fantastic architecture and the most beautiful settings in the city. There will be opportunities along the way for you to get out, take pictures, and explore things up close, including a stop for something tasty in our famous Little Italy! If you want to get to know Providence and see its most impressive sights, then this is the tour for you! 1.5 hours \$28

NARRAGANSETT BAY CRUISE

Join us for this spectacular excursion on New England's largest bay! This fantastic narrated cruise showcases 10 of Rhode Island's beautiful lighthouses and several of our picturesque islands. Bring a camera and join us for this one-of-a-kind experience! 2.5 hours \$53

Recommended other attractions if you plan to extend your visit to Rhode Island:

The Whaling Museum in New Bedford, Mass.

Newport Mansions

Water Fire Lightings in Downtown Providence www.waterfire.org. (check for dates)

Additional tours by Experience Rhode Island Tours: www.experienceri.com.

Newport Harbor Cruise

Providence by Road and by River

Taste of Rhode Island

Viva La Providence

		USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY SHIP'S STORE 10/2018
	NAME	
	ADD	
	E-MAIL	
TOTAL	PRICE	ITEM DESCRIPTION CHECK OR CIRCLE SIZE/COLOR
	\$4	BUMPER STICKER____ OR BUMPER MAGNET____ 3"X11"
	\$5	DECAL LOGO --INSIDE WINDOW 3'
	\$3	LUGGAGE TAG --- EMBROIDERED
	4/\$	POSTCARDS B/W CV38
	\$5	PATCH-- LOGO EMBROIDERED
	\$3	SLATE COASTER --- LOGO
	\$3	SLATE MAGNET-- USS SHANGRI-LA CV38/ 2 ANCHORS 2'X3'
	\$4	ROCKER PATCH-- USS SHANGRI-LA EMBROIDERED
	\$6	TIE OR HAT PIN-- LOGO
	\$15	VIET NAM BRACELTE--- WOVEN
	\$15	TOTE, DOCUMENT, CANVAS 15 1/2" X 15 1/2" EMBROIDERED NAVY____ OR WHITE____
	\$17	TOTE, SIDE POCKET, CANVAS 12"H X 12"W X 6 1/2" D, STONE____ OR LT. BLUE____
	\$15	VISOR, CLOTH, EMBROIDERED, VELCRO NAVY____ OR WHITE____
	\$14	BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE 1944-1971
	\$14	BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE LOW PROFILE
	\$14	BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE CV____ CVA____ CVS____
	\$24	HENLEY, 2 BUTTON, EMBROIDERED S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$26	2XL____ 3XL____ MAROON____ OR LIGHT BLUE____
	\$14	T-SHIRT W/POCKET, LOGO, NAVY____ WHITE____ SAND____ S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$16	SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
	\$29	GOLF SHIRT W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED NAVY____ WHITE____ S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$31	SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
	\$36	JACKET LT. WT. NYLON, LINED, EMBROIDERED NAVY S____ N____ L____ XL____
	\$38	SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
	\$51	TEAM JACKET W/HOOD, NYLON W/FLEECE LINING, EMBROIDERED S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$53	SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
	\$27	MEN'S DENIM, LONG SLEEVE W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED, LT BLUE S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$29	SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
	\$11	LADIES T-SHIRT, EMBROIDERED LT. PINK__ DK. PINK__ LT. BLUE__ S__ M__ L__ XL__ 2XL__ 3XL__
	\$27	LADIES DENIM LONG SLEEVE, EMBROIDERED LT. BLUE S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$29	SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
	\$45	LADIES NYLON JACKET W/ROLL UP HOOD, NAVY/GREY S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$48	SAME IN 2XL____ 3XL____
		PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING FOR PACKAGE/SHIPPING:
		\$1-\$25=\$6 \$26-\$70=\$9 \$70-\$100=\$12 OVER \$100=\$15
		SEND PAYMENT (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY) TO:
		USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY, C/O DEBRA CLARK, PO BOX 103, CONNEAUTVILLE, PA 16406-0103
		TOTAL COST_____ E-MAIL QUESTIONS TO: SHANG38STORE@HOTMAIL.COM