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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT, GARY W. CLARK

I hope this letter finds all well. San Francisco turned out to be another great reunion. Thanks go to Ken Reightler, Joe Paschal, Bob Hayner, Bob Ketenheim, Chuck Hull, Paul Klote and the Ladies' Auxiliary for their dedication and hard work.

The staff at the Hilton made our stay very enjoyable. Having the Memorial Service aboard the USS Hornet honoring our fallen shipmates and family was a very moving experience.

I would like to thank John Janse for designing and making available the Challenge Coin to the Reunion Association. An Order form is included in this newsletter with details and also on the web site. The Bronze coin will be your personal memento of your time spent aboard the Shangri-La. Family members may order a coin in memory of their loved ones.

Next year will be election of officers. Please contact any officer if you are willing to serve in any office.

Plans are being made for next year's reunion in Mobile, Alabama for early September.

More information will be forthcoming in the next edition of the Horizon and on our web site. Hope to see many of you then.

In the meantime, keep safe.

Gary Clark, President

## FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY/ TREASURER, CHUCK HULL

Well, this year's reunion is over. San Francisco was a great reunion. Thanks to all who helped make it successful. At the final dinner on Saturday night, Carroll Moore won the 50-50 raffle.

We have the following new members:
Marty Shemanski and James
Abercrombie, regular membership, and
Allan MacKay becoming a Life Member.
Mike Theisen, Robert (Bing) Crosby and
Robert Thorley upped their regular
membership to Life Members. THANKS
AND WELCOME ABOARD!

I have 2011 Rosters for sale for \$6.00. If anyone wants a reunion book, it is \$25.00.

I want to remind everyone to send their email addresses to me and Bob Hayner so we can up-date our records and so you can receive the Horizon on line. This will save the Association a lot of postage. Bob Hayner's e-mail address is "bopahay@comcast.net" and my e-mail address is "chuckh1809@aol.com".

Chuck Hull, Secretary-Treasurer

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR ED TUCKER

Another great reunion has come and gone! We went to San Francisco on September 6 and returned on September 11. There were about 115 people in attendance and we understood that the economy kept many people from attending. There were quite a few people from the western area who attended for the first time and they really enjoyed themselves. We were happy to welcome them and make new friends.

The hotel accommodations were super and the staff was so kind to everyone. While Lois and I did not attend the trip to the Napa Valley or the City Tour (because we have been to San Francisco a few times), we understand that those who went really had a good time.

We did attend the Memorial Service on board the U.S.S. Hornet on Thursday and the Chaplain of the Hornet did a beautiful service and then everyone went to the stern of the ship to watch the laying of the memorial wreath in the water. We had lunch on board the Hornet and then were bussed back to the hotel.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Auction was held on Friday night and was enjoyed by all, as usual. Viola Johnson's son had found an arrow sign with the words "Shangri-La" in a garbage heap in Mayport and she brought it to the reunion, where many people contributed funds so that the sign can be permanently housed in our Museum on the Hornet. Paul Klote did a fine job, as usual, as our Auctioneer and quite a bit of money was raised for the Auxiliary, considering the small amount of attendees.

On Saturday, we celebrated the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Ken and Evelyn Reightler at

the dinner held that night. The guest speaker was an old friend of Ken and Evelyn, Cmdr. Don Farber, and his wife Lei Hwa. Bubbles Latrine even made an appearance, as did Elvis.

You will recall that in a column a few years ago, I mentioned going on an Honor Flight, along with other World War II veterans, to Washington, D.C. Mate Carroll Moore mentioned also at the dinner honoring the Plank owners that he had taken a group to Washington, similar to the Honor Flight, a few years ago.

On September 24 of this year, I arranged to be at our local Palm Beach International Airport to welcome home a new group of vets who had gone to Washington for the day. I had my Elvis glasses on and everyone got a kick out of it. The regular employees, whom I've known for quite a while, hugged me and said they were so happy to see me. I felt so honored to be there.

Our next issue will be after the first of the year, so Lois and I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season. Hopefully, we will have some information on the next reunion by then, which will take place on September 4, 2012 in Mobile, Alabama.

Submitted by Historian, Bob Ketenheim: "Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction, 'I SERVED IN THE UNTED STATES NAVY!" These words were spoken by John F. Kennedy in August, 1963.

## MESSAGE FROM KEN REIGHTLER, REUNION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Well, Guys and Gals, we did it and mostly it was fun. It was expensive, as advertised, but expected. Thank you to all members and their guests who attended. For those who could not attend, we hope to see you next year in Mobile, Alabama.

Regarding San Francisco, we could not have been treated any better by the Hilton Hotel staff, especially the Dining Room Group. Even those attending did not know of all the special treatment asked for in the Hospitality and Ship's Store rooms. I can only suggest that each attendee send a letter, card or e-mail to the Hilton Hotel to thank them. The address is on your bill, or contact me or Bob Hayner. I believe the hotel did send out a survey also.

Thanks to Bob Hayner, Joe Paschal, Gary Clark, Chuck Hull, Bob Ketenheim and all those who helped without my asking, and to those who donated to the cause in the Hospitality Room and an extra big "Thank You" to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their thoughtfulness regarding the Plank Owners.

Many of you attending did not know that I pulled a favor from the Past President and now Regional Representative, Rick Fetro, Fleet Reserve Branch 101 in Santa Clara, California. He drove a considerable distance to Burlingame, met me and went to considerable trouble loading up all the supplies for the Hospitality Room. He saved us \$150.00 by

using his personal Safeway card. He would accept no money for gas, his personal time or any other expense. All of this generosity was in the name of the Fleet Reserve Association's motto "Loyalty, Protection and Service"! Thanks, Rick! Bob Ketenheim and his "helpers" provided the major part in the remaining provisioning of the Hospitality Room. Thanks, Bob, Carolyn and Kathy!

Last, but certainly not least, is a special "Thanks" to our Guest Speaker, Cdr. Don Farber, USN (Ret) and his lovely wife, Lei Hwa, our former neighbors of many years ago and true friends. Thanks to Don, we have the last pictures of the Shang as she was being towed into her last mooring in Kaoshiung, Taiwan and of the stern plate, which Don stood alongside. All these photos reside in the Museum on the USS Hornet in Alameda, California. It was a joy to see you and Lei Hwa again.

Ken Reightler, Reunion Committee Chairman

## MESSAGE FROM BOB HAYNER SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Hello, Shipmates,

#### **REUNION:**

Well, the 2011 San Francisco Reunion is history, but what great memories it leaves with us! It was great to see my old shipmates and friends again. (JJ... Tex, Sky, Frank and I missed you!) A GREAT time was had by all, thanks to Ken Reightler. He was the "go to" guy for the reunion preparations. Thank you, Ken, for all your hard work. Patty and I had a great time seeing our "Shang family" again.

#### **BONDS:**

At the men's business meeting, it was decided that the Bond Program will be discontinued as of July 1, 2012. We have been doing this program for twelve years and it's time to get a framed document made and posted with all the donors named on it in our Museum on board the Hornet. This will be done after July 1, 2012 and posted as soon as practicable. I urge anyone still seeing to purchase a bond so send your check in any denomination from \$5.00 up, to Chuck Hull and we will get your bond to you as soon as possible. This has been a great program and has helped a lot in keeping the expenses down with the changes and upkeep of our Shang Museum on the Hornet.

#### **WEBSITE:**

The present plan is to make some "facelift" changes to the website in the near future. I hope to complete this project by the Spring of 2012.

#### **E-MAIL LIST:**

I continue to ask that you consider having notifications sent to you via e-mail of the latest Horizon newsletter available. If you have already done so, I thank you for helping the Association save some postal charges. Also, if you feel that you have not gotten any "Shang e-mail" via this format and you have sent in your e-mail address, please make sure I have a VALID e-mail address for you.

I know there are members who have sent e-mail addresses to us that have either been changed or have had them spelled incorrectly in snail mail. Please send me an e-mail using the address you want me to use for notifying you. That way I know for sure it is valid. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

#### **2012 REUNION**

The 2012 Reunion will be in Mobile, Alabama in early September. Start making your plans now; it will be here before you know it!

Stay well . . . and until pext time,

Bob Hayner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Webmaster and Bond Chairman

## MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, RUTH HULL

Dear Members,

Today was another beautiful Fall day in Pittsburgh and the Steelers can celebrate another win. I hope everyone is experiencing as good a day as we are.

It's hard to believe that another reunion has passed. San Francisco was a great place to visit and I wish we could have spent another week there because there is so much to see. The weather was great, the hotel was wonderful and of course the company of all our Shang members made the trip most memorable.

The Ladies Auxiliary was able to celebrate another successful Auction. We would like li ke to extend our thanks to our Auctioneer, Paul Klote, for doing another wonderful job, and to Roselyn D'Alessandro, Mary Brown, Susan Barr and LuAnna Klote for their assistance. I would also like to extend my thanks to my officers Debbie Clark and Lois Tucker for their assistance in collecting the money.

The Ladies Auxiliary also extends its thanks to those members who contributed their financial support for the purchase of the U.S.S. Shangri-La sign to

displayed in the ship's Museum on the U.S.S. Hornet. We send our love and thanks to Viola Johnson for donating this sign that was rescued by her youngest son, who found it near a dumpster. (See story of this find written by Viola Johnson at the end of this column.)

We also had a monetary donation of \$150.00 from Susan Barr's employer which will be put to a special use for next year's Auction. Again, thanks to everyone who made this such a special and successful Auction Night.

God bless all until we meet again at next year's reunion in Mobile, Alabama.

Love,

Ruth Hull, Auxiliary President

## THE STORY BEHIND THE SIGN By Viola Johnson

A young sailor who was on Shore Patrol at the U.S. Naval Station, Mayport, Florida in 1978, happened to see some boards leaning against a dumpster as he was driving past and noticed the letters "LA" painted on the protruding end of one of the pieces. He pulled the sign from the pile and was surprised to see the name USS SHANGRI-LA on it. He remembered the sign from years ago designating the parking area when the ship was in port.

The young sailor took the sign home and gave it to his father, who had been stationed aboard the ship from 1962 to 1964. The sailor was my son, Joseph R. Johnson, and his father was my husband, the late Bernie Franklin Johnson.

## MESSAGE FROM LADIES' AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, DEBRA CLARK

What another great reunion! The many new faces are now new friends.

The Auxiliary Auction took in \$1016.00 and the 50/50 \$163.00. Thanks to all who generously took part in making it so successful.

Once again, the Auxiliary paid for the Plank Owners' meals and also presented the Reunion Association with a check for \$1,000.00, to be used as needed.

New members of the Auxiliary are: Paulette Abercrombie, Frances Nagi and Mrs. Tice. New Life Members are: Patricia Theisen, Lois Skaretka, Patricia Palmer and Karen MacKay. Welcome ladies! Dues continue to be \$5.00 per year or \$50.00 for Life Membership and can be mailed to me at USS Shangri-La Auxiliary, P.O. Box 103, Conneautville PA 16406-0103.

Debra Clark, Treasurer

## MESSAGE FROM SHIP'S STORE MANAGER, DEBRA CLARK

Sales were good at the San Francisco Reunion and mail orders come in regularly. I generally ship every week or two. We now have a limited number of the "Mediterranean Holiday DVD and the navy/gold ceramic mugs.

By now, I should have the Zippo replica lighters with the Shang Logo, like the ones which were auctioned off at the reunion. We also have the Zippo lighter with the ship's silhouette on it. Both have the ship's name on them. They are included in the Ship's Store Order form.

Additionally, the Challenge Coin will be handled through the Ship's Store. You will note that there is a separate order form for this appearing in this issue of the Horizon.

Thank you very much for all your support of the Store and of my work with it.

Debra Clark, Ship's Store Manager

#### TAPS LIST

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Below are the names we have received since the Memorial Service in San Francisco:

Crump, Charles M., Lt., VB-85, on board 1944-45, died 8/9/10, Ass'n Member

Crump, Diana, wife of deceased member Charles Crump, died 10/2/11

Gruncel, Otto J., on the Shangri-La at the end of World War II, died 10/1/11.

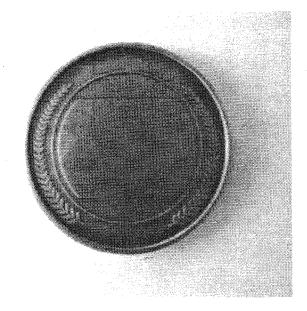
#### **USS SHANGRI-LA CHALLENGE COIN**

We will be taking orders on this coin for the next 3 months. We need a minimum of 50 per order. Order will be submitted when that number is reached. They will then be shipped out by Ship's Store to each individual upon completion.

\$26.00 BRONZE w/ 4 lines of 12-14 characters each. Make checks payable to: USS Shangri-La Auxiliary Send to: PO BOX 103, CONNEAUTVILLE, PA 16406-0103

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#### Taps List for Memorial Service

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	\$20	DVD- "MEDITERRANEAN HOLIDAY" EMERGENCY SURGERY ON THE SHIP - 1962 LIMITED NUMBER LEFT
	\$2	BUMPER STICKER, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME
	\$5	PATCH, EMBROIDERED, LOGO CHOISE: 3 1/2 IN OR 4 IN
	\$4	MAGNET, SHANGRI-LA LOGO, 3 IN.
	\$5	DECAL, SHANGRI-LA LOGO, INSIDE WINDOW
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		TIE OR LAPEL PIN, OVAL CHOOSE: BLUE "NAVY VETERAN" OR RED "USMC VETERN"
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		LICENSE PLATE HOLDER W/SHANGRI-LA AND WEB ADDRESS
		BALL CAP, NAVY BLUE, OAKLEAF, EMBROIDERED W/ SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME, CLOTH
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	\$25	LADIES GOLF SHIRT, EMBROIDERED, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME: WHITE SIZE: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
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	\$5	T-SHIRTS: LOGO & NAME, NO POCKET NAVY WHITE
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P.O. BOX 1367, ALIQUIPPA PA 15001 ATT: CHARLES HULL, TREASURER PHONE: (724) 378-3244 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby make application for Regular Membership (\$22.00 first year; \$20.00 thereafter)										
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