



USS SHANGRI-LA
Reunion Association

HORIZON
September 2022

2022 Reunion

Shipmates, family, and friends:

Well, it was in our opinion a very good reunion in Bismarck. No major hiccups like last year. Some days you eat the bear and some days...

Anyway, I hope the rest of you had a good time in and around Bismarck. Our hotel host, Brenda, was very gracious to our group and made our lives relatively easy. Thank you Brenda. The hotel staff was also very helpful and we also all appreciate that.

I am sure Bismarck surprised most of you as due to it's geographical location nobody really knew until arrival what to expect. The abundant history in the area is really it's calling card. Add the Missouri River and General Custers' last good night's sleep to the mix and I think it proved extremely interesting to most folks. Our bus folks did a nice job showing us around and we also thank them for that.

For those of you who met LaRae and Lindsey (our CVB hosts) I am sure you now know why they convinced us to give Bismarck a try. If I was asked once I was asked at least 100 times...Why Bismarck? Well now you know, and we can check it off our Bucket List and move on.

Next year's reunion will be in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from November 5 until November 10. Sunday through Friday, just like the last few years template. Baton Rouge is a very nice town with plenty to see and do but I do believe the highlight will be a day tour to the WW II Museum in New Orleans. That tour will be on Wednesday November 8. Don't miss this one as this is the best WW II Museum in the country in most people's opinion. It will be a long day but absolutely worth it. We may have a surprise up our sleeves for entertainment next year but no promises yet.

Gwen and I want to thank all of you that attended the Bismarck Reunion as it is your participation and desire to get together with all our shipmates and friends and families that make it possible. Personally we enjoy investigating and planning the journeys for all of you and will continue to do so as long as you all want us to do it. We also need to thank all of you that helped us before, during, and after the reunion as without all of your help, we could not have pulled this off. That list of folks is too numerous to include every name but you all know who you are and THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Several folks stayed over in Bismarck after the reunion and we took a day trip to Western North Dakota to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Medora, ND and saw a wonderful Western Style, very Patriotic outdoor play. It was a great trip and as always we encourage all of you to come early and/or stay late to enjoy more of the local flavor of the area that we are in.

I will add one negative bit of information for our Baton Rouge Reunion. Our host hotel, the Embassy Suite, does not offer an airport shuttle. And we wouldn't get an airport hotel as none of them fit our needs nor were big enough to handle our crew...so UBER or a taxi or rental car will be the only way from the airport to the hotel. Unfortunately there is no way

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around this dilemma. We apologize ahead of time and hope you can double up with a shipmate or so to help defer this additional cost. I just don't want any of you to be surprised when you arrive. We did the best we could.

We look forward to seeing you all in Baton Rouge....Nov. 5 through Nov. 10. Stay safe and healthy.

Al and Gwen Miller

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President's Message

The 2022 Bismarck, ND Reunion is in the books! It was a great reunion enjoyed by approximately 100 members, family, and friends.

On 21 August, we had our "Pizza Meet & Greet" and met our 2022 attendees.

Our Memorial Service was held on 22 August at the ND Heritage Center & Museum, an amazing place to visit. A light lunch and tour of the ND Capitol building followed.

On 23 August, we toured Fort Mandan & the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. A great look into the past and how Lewis and Clark lived on their quest to get to the west coast.

On 24 August, we went to Fort Abraham Lincoln and Slant Village, a huge park that has General Custer's house. He lived there prior to going to the Battle of Little Big Horn and being killed by the combined forces of the Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians. We toured his quarters then a delicious lunch at the visitors center. Then, we headed to the Missouri River for a riverboat cruise. A great day enjoyed by all.

The Ladies Auxiliary Auction Dinner was held on 23 August and was, as usual, a great time that was fun for all....especially when we have husbands unknowingly bidding against their wives!!

Our Plankowner's Dinner was held on 25 August following pictures being taken for the yearbook. Another great night enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Next year in November 2023, we will have our reunion in Baton Rouge, LA "Acadiana" or "Cajun Country" as it is better known. We had our 2003 reunion in LaFayette, LA. If you have never been in this part of the country, you will really enjoy this area. As the say in Cajun Country **"Laissez les bon temps rouler!!"**

Plan on coming to Baton Rouge, you won't regret it! Till next time, stay well, stay safe, and I'll see you in Louisiana!!!

Bob Hayner

President

Secretary-Treasurer

Sorry that Ruth and I missed the North Dakota reunion. Thank you everyone for the card. I'm getting better, still on oxygen, , down to 1 liter when sleeping and 3 liters when walking or exercising and none when just sitting. I have 2022 rosters, they are \$10, which includes postage. 2022 dues are due, they are \$20 for the year, \$22 for new members and \$150 for a life time membership. Thank you everyone for keeping on as your treasurer.

I hope to see everyone next year in Baton Rouge.

Chuck

Annual dues in the amount of \$20 are due. If you haven't already, please send your dues to:

USS Shangri-La Reunion Association

PO Box 1367

Aliquippa, PA 15001



LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Everyone! What a fantastic reunion we had in Bismarck, North Dakota – if you were there, you were a part of it and if you were not there, we missed you! We had elections this year – the new Auxiliary officers are: Terri Whitehead – President, Rose McGowen – 1st VP, Carolyn Moon – 2nd VP, Judy Sexton – Secretary and Debra Clark – Ship's store and Treasurer. Thank you to those that stepped up to help! A big hank you to the outgoing officers, Cindy Freeland, Cathy Harmon and Patty Theisen! I enjoyed working with you and look forward to working with the new officers. Next year we will be in Louisiana. Start thinking about items for the Auction and maybe items for a "silent auction bag".

I hope everyone has a wonderful year – enjoy the holidays coming up – be safe – stay healthy! YISS (yours in shared service)

Terri Whitehead
President

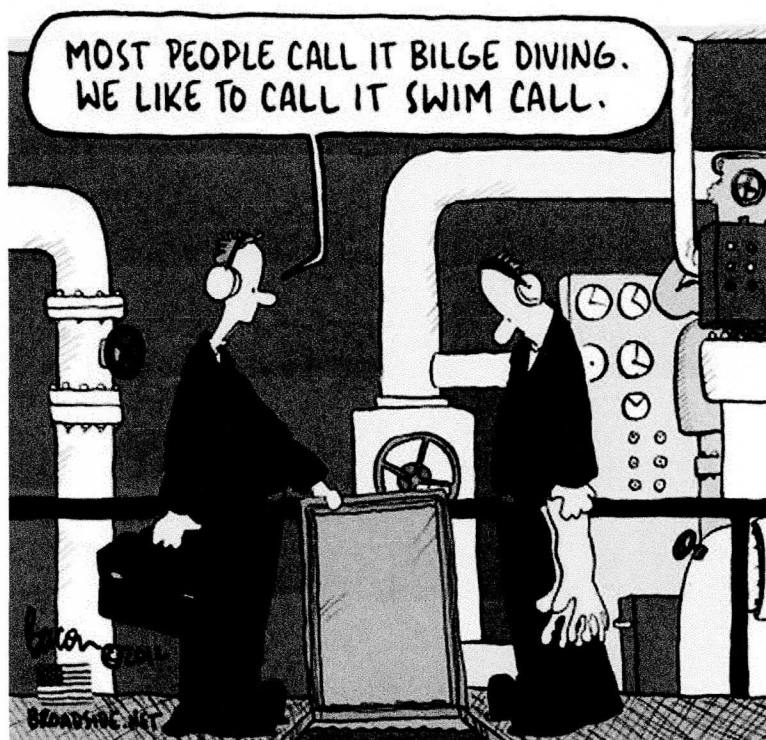
Aux. Treasurer/Store Manager

Thanks to all for the cards and kind thoughts. I feel well and continue to improve, just low immunity keeping me from crowds.

Thanks also to Terri and helpers for running the Shop's Store again! It did well! New items this year were Tokyo Express and long sleeve T-shirts for men, RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) T-shirts for men and women, and new V-neck shirts for women. We only accept cash, check or money orders. Remember to get any holiday orders in to allow for shipping time.

The auction took in \$1,546 and 50/50 shared \$720. Dues remain \$5 per year or \$50 for Lifetime. Mail them to me at PO Box 103, Conneautville, PA 16406.

Keep well and hope to see you next year!
Debra Clark, Treasurer/Store Manager





Taps List for 9/1/2021 to 8/1/ 2022

Attardo, Albert A., Onboard: Early 1950's, DOD: 24 February 2022
Baker, James R., AE2/c, VA-106, Onboard: Early 1960's, DOD: 17 July 2022
Balakir, Robert J., Electrician, Onboard: 1960's, DOD: 25 March 2022
Barr, Gary H., Aircraft Mechanic, Onboard: 1958-59, DOD: 7 August 2021
Borry, John, AMM, Plane Captain, VF-13, Onboard: 1965-69, DOD: 16 August 2021
Boyce, James "Spike", MR3/c, A Div, Onboard: Late 60's – 1971, DOD: 22 Oct 2021
**Brandstetter, Doris Gendron , "Miss Shangri-La 1946", DOD: 4 September 2021
Budd, Larry Earl, Onboard: 1958-1960, DOD: 1 January 2022
Bush, Roy, CPL USMC, Plankowner, DOD: Unknown
**Brinson, Charles, B- Div, Onboard: 1958-62, DOD: 7 September 2021
Campos, Lorenzo, Commisaryman, Onboard: 1957-59, DOD: 2019
Campos, Luciano, Commisaryman, Onboard: 1957-59, DOD: 2022
Choppin, Joe, Onboard: V-3 Div, 1961-63, DOD: 23 Aug 2021
Coates Jr., John C., Onboard: Early 1950's, DOD: 4 June 2022
Coffey, John F. "Fred", Onboard: 1954-55. DOD: 17 May 2022
Coker, James F., Onboard: 1960's, DOD: 26 June 2022
Cox, Gerald "Jerry" L., Onboard: 1963, DOD: 20 June 2022
Danz, Donald R., Onboard: Late 1960's, DOD: 24 January 2022
Decatur, Gerald "Jerry", Onboard: 9/1963- 8/1967, DOD: 20 January 2022
Elliott, Walter, Cook, Onboard: 1944-1948, DOD: 1985
Ellis, Gene, Onboard: 1959-63, DOD: 29 April 2022
**Emmons, Brian "Buddy", GM Div, AO3/c, Onboard: 1966-68, DOD: 31 Dec 2021
**Fagley, Ken, YN3/c, X Div, Onboard: 1966-68, DOD: 26 May 2022
Fiechtner, Ervin E., Radioman, Onboard: 1953-1956, DOD: 24 November 2021
Getty, Calvin "Cal", Onboard: Mid to late 1950's, DOD: 26 November 2021
Gilliland, Robert, FN, B Division, Onboard: 1968-71, DOD: 22 April 2022
**Given, Charles K "Bud"., MM3/c, A Div, Onboard: 1960-64, DOD: 8 January 2022
**Grajek, Donald R., AQ2/c, VF-114, Onboard: 1958-59, DOD: 18 October 2021
Gregory, Fred P., Onboard: Vietnam Era, DOD: 20 January 2022
Gwynn, Juel B., S1/C, Onboard: 1945-1948, Bikini Atoll Atomic Tests, DOD: 24 December 2021
Harrower, Andrew "Red", Onboard: 1945, DOD: 24 February 2022
Hanz, Ron H., YN3/c, X Div, Onboard: 1966-68, DOD: 6 September 2021
**Heasley, Donald, E-6, S-3 Div, Onboard: 1957, DOD: 27 May 2022
Hoback, Johnny W., Electronics Tech, Onboard: 1950's or 60's, DOD: 25 May 2022
Ide, Victor, Carpenters Mate 3/c, Onboard: 12/1945 to 11/1947, DOD: 5 August 2021
Jackson, Tim, Onboard: 1967-68, Aviation (Flight Deck), DOD: 28 August 2021
Kuharski, Anthony "Tony", Aviation Dept., Onboard: Late 1960's, DOD: 5 July 2022
Lanning Jr., Jack, AJ-2 Navigator/Bombardier, Onboard: Mid 1950's, DOD: 2 December 2021
**Lewis, William A., EM1/c, E Div, Onboard: 1944-45, DOD: 1 June 2020(Age 102)
Lindstrom, Ron L., PO 3/c, Onboard: 1965-69, DOD: 20 September 2021



Low, James K., Onboard: 1958-62, DOD: 19 June 2022

**Lupia, John D., V-2 Div, Onboard: 1957-59, DOD: 13 May 2022

**Marra, Richard F., ABE3/c, V-2 Div., Onboard: 1959-63, DOD: 19 May 2019

McCammack, Ronnie E., X Div, Onboard: 1966-67, DOD: 10 September 2021

**McCormick, Donald, PHM2/c, Plankowner Onboard: 1944-46, DOD: 20 February 2022(97 yrs old)

McVadon, Rear Adm. Eric A., Pilot, Onboard: 1967-68, DOD: 15 February 2022

**Moore, Guy "Carroll", Ltjg, R & M Div's, Onboard: 1962-65, DOD: 19 Jan 2022

**Moore, John H., Ensign, Pilot VF-85, Onboard: 1945, DOD: 3 February 2022

**Moss, Richard A., IC3/c, E Division, Onboard: 1957-1960, DOD: 3 February 2022

Owen, William C., Onboard: 1966-68, DOD: 24 November 2021

**Pence, Gordon C., F Div, FT2/c, WWII Plankowner Onboard: 1944-45,, DOD: 12 October 2021

**Paschal, Geraldine "Jerri", Wife of Member Joe Paschal, DOD: 28 October 2021

Ramsaur, Bill, Radio Officer, Onboard: Early 1960's, DOD: 19 February 2022

**Renteria, Chief Joe, PHC, Onboard: 1950's, DOD: 26 September 2021(Age 104)

Rickman, W.M., Ltjg, VA-6A "Torpcats", Onboard: 1947, DOD: 26 March 2020

Risen, Carl Wayne, Ship's Serviceman, Onboard: Late 1950's, DOD: March 2021

**Shirley, Paul, Photographer, Onboard: WWII, DOD: 11 June 2022

South, Carl M., Onboard: 1968-1971, DOD: 24 July 2022

Storm, Merrill W., Air Dept., Onboard: Approx. 1960, DOD: 19 March 2022

Tanner, Richard H., Aviation Fire Controlman, Onboard: 1971, DOD: 16 July 2022

Tarro, James K. "Jammer", PFC MarDet, Onboard: 1940's, DOD: 28 October 2021

Thomasson, LCDR James, Surgeon, Onboard: Early 1960's, He was highlined to the Newman K. Perry after the collision with Shangri-La August 1965 to assist medically, DOD: 23 November 2021

Vellutini, Fred. G., Onboard: 1944, DOD: 8 May 2022

**Waller, Sonny, Onboard: Mid 1960's, DOD: 30 August 2021

Weller, Al, Onboard: 1960-64, B Div, DOD: 2018

Wilber, Fredrick M., Signalman, Onboard: 1944, DOD: 9 May 2022

Wilhite, Howard E., ADJ 3/c, Onboard: 1970, DOD: 5 June 2022

** Denotes Association member or member's immediate family member



SHIP'S STORE

New items in the store are: black T-Shirts for the men, V-Neck shirts for the Ladies and Flag Beach Towels. Sales were good! Thanks to all who shopped.

Suggestions for future items were: Red T-shirts, Henley in navy blue, long sleeved T-shirt in navy and shirts with T-wick or wet/dry material.

Other item was license plate holder. Minimum order in plastic is 200. Metal ones would be \$15-\$20.

Please let me know your preference on these or any other suggestions.

Debra Clark





| USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY SHIP'S STORE 08/2022 | | | |
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| | NAME | | |
| | ADD | | |
| | E-MAIL | PHONE | |
| TOTAL | PRICE | ITEM DESCRIPTION | CHECK OR CIRCLE SIZE/COLOR |
| | \$4 | BUMPER STICKER | OR BUMPER MAGNET 3"x11" |
| | \$5 | DECAL LOGO | -INSIDE WINDOW 3' |
| | \$6 | FACE MASK, NAVY, GOLD SHIP'S NAME AND SOLHOUETTE | |
| | \$16 | LOGO, WOODEN ORNAMENT | 3 1/4" |
| | 4/\$1 | POSTCARDS | B/W CV38 |
| | \$5 | PATCH-- LOGO EMBROIDERED | 4" |
| | \$4 | ROCKER PATCH-- | USS SHANGRI-LA EMBROIDERED |
| | \$3 | SLATE COASTER, LOGO | |
| | \$6 | TIE OR HAT PIN-- | LOGO |
| | \$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 |
| | \$16 | WOOD ORNAMENT, LOGO | |
| | \$15 | VISOR, CLOTH, EMBROIDERED, VELCRO | NAVY OR WHITE |
| | \$17 | BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE | LOW PROFILE |
| | \$17 | BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE | CV CVA CVS |
| | \$17 | BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE | -DATE 1944-1971 |
| | \$24 | HENLEY, 2 BUTTON, EMBROIDERED | S, M, L, XL LIMITED -CHECK AVAILABILITY |
| | \$26 | 2XL 3XL | MAROON OR LIGHT BLUE |
| | \$18 | TOKYO EXPRESS T-SHIRT W/POCKET, LOGO, NAVY | LT. BLUE BLACK S M L XL |
| | \$20 | SAME IN 2XL | |
| | \$15 | T-SHIRT W/POCKET, LOGO, NAVY | WHITE BLACK RED S M L XL |
| | \$17 | SAME IN 2XL 3XL | |
| | \$18 | LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT, LOGO, BLACK | S M L XL |
| | \$20 | SAME IN 2XL | |
| | \$30 | GOLF SHIRT W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED | NAVY WHITE S M L XL |
| | \$32 | SAME IN 2XL 3XL | |
| | \$36 | JACKET LT. WT. NYLON, LINED, EMBROIDERED | NAVY S M L XL |
| | \$38 | SAME IN 2XL 3XL | |
| | \$53 | TEAM JACKET W/HOOD, NYLON W/FLEECE LINING, EMBROIDERED | S M L XL |
| | \$55 | SAME IN 2XL 3XL | |
| | \$27 | MEN'S DENIM, LONG SLEEVE W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED, LT BLUE | M L XL |
| | \$29 | SAME IN 2XL | |
| | \$22 | LADIES V-NECK, EMB: | BRIGHT PINK BLUE TURQUOISE S M L XL |
| | \$24 | 2XL 3XL | |
| | \$15 | LADIES T-SHIRT, EMBROIDERED | DK. PINK LT. BLUE RED S M L XL |
| | \$17 | SAME IN 2XL 3XL | |
| | \$27-\$29 | LADIES DENIM LONG SLEEVE, EMBROIDERED | LT. BLUE M L XL ADD \$2 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-\$22=\$6 \$23-\$50=\$9 \$51-\$80=\$12 OVER \$81=\$16 | | | |
| PAYMENT (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY)MADE OUT TO: USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY | | | |
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A black and white photograph of the USS Shangri-La (CVA-38) at sea, with the ship's hull number "38" clearly visible. The ship is a large aircraft carrier with multiple decks and aircraft visible on the deck.

**USS SHANGRI-LA CVA 38
REUNION ASSOCIATION**