



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

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2017 Reunion Registration Information

A PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR'S STORY

I am a civilian survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I was 2 ½ years old at the time of the attack. We lived in a 4-plex on Ford Island near the battleship MARYLAND. My Dad had gone to work at the Radio Communications Building near the airfield. Mom and I were sleeping. When the attack began, we were awakened and she yelled to a neighbor to see what was going on. My only memory is standing in bed, my hands on the window sill and I am looking outside and seeing the whole world on fire and everything is in color.

My mother suffered "shell shock", what today we call PTSD, and couldn't stand low flying airplanes or watching war movies on tv. That morning when she ran for safety with me, she grabbed two bottles of milk and a blanket. Because she was right-handed, she probably carried me down the stairs to the basement in her left arm. Japanese machine gun bullets came through the walls and windows. One bullet went through her night gown. We hid in a small concrete basement room that housed a huge water tank and water heating units for the quarters above. It was a good place to go except the room had a window wall and the bullets came in and ricocheted around, burning her chest and arm. We were found by a search party at about 1500 and taken to the Bachelor Officers Quarters. A 500-pound bomb was found between our building and the building next to us. Had it exploded, Mom and I may not have survived.

My father was the Chief Radioman to Rear Admiral Patrick N. L. Bellinger, Commander, Patrol Wing 2, based at Ford Island. He often walked the quarter mile from our quarters to

the Radio Building, but that day drove his Buick. The car was later found with many Japanese bullet holes. Dad and a young Navy pilot were inside the Radio Building awaiting the arrival of a flight of 12 Army B-17s from California. The Navy pilot was Lt. Kane, who Dad said later earned the nickname "Killer Kane" for his ability to shoot down Japanese planes.

Dad said he poured a cup of coffee just before 0755, but never got a drink all day long. There was an explosion at the end of the runway, out of their sight. Lt. Kane phoned to dispatch Fire and Aid to what was thought to be a plane crash. A plane rose at a steep angle at the last second to go over their building. Lt. Kane said, "That's a Japanese plane. World War Two has now started." Dad said at that point in the war he only knew that the markings were strange. Dad sent the message, "This is no drill: We are being attacked by enemy forces." He said he later added the word "Japanese."

Within a few minutes the power had failed. Dad and Lt. Kane started a portable generator, but it ran only a short time and could not be restarted. While the generator was running, Dad was able to contact the Army bombers to warn them of the attack, but they had to continue to Hawaii because of low fuel. The bombers carried no ammunition, after all, it was peacetime, and they landed anywhere they could at different airfields, even on a golf course.

With no power for the radios, Dad walked out of the building and saw two "kids" who had yanked a .30 caliber machine gun out of a wrecked plane. Dad was the senior petty officer and was also an "old man" in Navy lingo because he had been in the Navy for 17 years. The gun needed ammunition, so Dad went to get it, but the keeper of the magazine would

not give it without a proper chit. Dad forcefully requested the ammunition and came back with several ammo belts for the gun. He said they fired at planes flying overhead. The Japanese pilots were looking for more important targets and didn't pay much attention to them. Dad told the gunner to stop for a few minutes as the barrel was getting too hot and changing color. The gunner resumed firing after the barrel cooled. Dad said he didn't think they hit any of the planes but trying gave them some little part in fighting back.

There was a break between the two main air attacks and they stood, stretched, and talked. The young sailor who was the gunner looked around and upon seeing that bullets had torn up the tarmac around them, said "Those guys were trying to kill me!" He fainted and fell to the ground. The war had suddenly become real to him.

Dad found Mom and me around midnight sleeping on a mattress in a hallway in the Bachelor Officer Quarters. What a joyful reunion that must have been to find we had all survived.

Allan G. MacKay, Jr.

(Allan was a Fireman in R Division aboard SHANGRI-LA in 1957-1959 and he is our Association Chaplain. He is a retired Chief Warrant Officer and President of Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, North Cascade Chapter #5 in Mt. Vernon, Washington. Allan and his wife Karen live in Sedro-Woolley, Washington.)

2017 Reunion News

Doubletree by Hilton at the Norfolk International Airport. Room rate is \$119 based on single-quad occupancy, plus state and local taxes. Rate will be available 3 days before and 3 days after the contracted reunion dates. Rate includes complimentary breakfast buffet. There is free wifi throughout the hotel. A limited number of suites and handicapped rooms are available. This is a pet-friendly hotel. There is a \$50 non-refundable pet fee per stay.

Room reservations are made on an individual basis by calling the hotel direct at 757-466-8000 or 800-222-TREE (8733). You must identify yourself as a member of the Shangri-La Reunion Association to receive the special rate.

Reservations must be made no later than May 6, 2017. Check-in begins at 1600 and check-out is at 1100.

On-site parking is free for registered guests. RV parking is available however no hook-ups are provided.

A free shuttle runs between the hotel and the airport upon request from 0430 to 0030hrs.

Ship's Store Update

New items this year were Henley, 2 button shirts in maroon and light blue, 3"x 11" Bumper Stickers and Magnets with Assoc. web site and a smaller 3"x 9" magnet. Store sales were way down from previous years and with shipping going up I would like to know what to order. Ladies please let me know color and size of V-Neck shirt you would like as I can combine colors to get a better quantity price. Men also let me know size of Yellow with blue trim golf shirt (no Pocket) and Hooded Team Jacket as there seems to be an interest in obtaining these. Please let me know ASAP, so I can have

them ordered and available at the Norfolk Reunion in May. E-mail: Shang38Store@hotmail.com or phone: 814-587-2122.

It has been my pleasure to serve you in managing the Ship's Store.

Debra Clark, Store Manager

Request For Information

Ron Howard posted on the ship's Facebook page asking anyone who remembers his father, Glyndon Ray Howard (1944-45) to contact him. Contact can be made thru Bob Hayner (Bopahay@comcast.net), who maintains our Facebook page.

Taps

Ronald H. Neverman
1955-1959
DOD: 22 Oct 2016

Lonnie E. Hamilton*
Corp., Mar Det
1961-1963
DOD: 18 Sep 2013

J. John Gwiazdowski*
Radarman, V3R Div.
1945-1946
DOD: 2 Oct 2016

Robert L. Cole*
ADJ1, VF-53
1956
DOD: 22 Mar 2016

Samuel W. Hubbard, Jr.
Cdr., VF-62
1968 – 1969
DOD: 2 Jan 2017

William J. Gebo*
S1c, V-1 Div.
1944-1946
DOD: 18 Jan 2017

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

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.

The HORIZON is published by the USS SHANGRI-LA Reunion Association. Comments, additions, corrections and other material for future issues should be sent to ShangHist@aol.com, Subject: HORIZON.

USS SHANGRI-LA ASSOCIATION REUNION
JUNE 7 – 12, 2017
DOUBLETREE AIRPORT – NORFOLK, VA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Reunion Registration Open
Hospitality and Ship Store Open.
Dinner on your own.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

9:00am - 9:30am

9:45am - 3:30pm

4:30pm - 5:30pm

6:00pm - 7:00pm

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Reunion Registration Open
NORFOLK NAVY BASE/NAUTICUS MUSEUM AND USS WISCONSIN TOUR
Reunion Registration Open
Cash Bar Reception
Dinner in Honor of Plankowners

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

8:45am - 1:30pm

3:30pm - 4:30pm

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL/SPIRIT OF NORFOLK LUNCH CRUISE
Reunion Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

10:15am - 3:45pm

6:00pm - 7:00pm

7:00pm - 11:00pm

VIRGINIA AQUARIUM
Cash Bar Reception
Ladies Auxiliary Auction Dinner

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:30am

9:30am

6:00pm - 7:00pm

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Men's Business Meeting
Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting
Free Day
Cash Bar Reception
Banquet Dinner

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Farewells and Departures

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date (May 5, 2017), Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

**USS SHANGRI-LA ASSOCIATION REUNION
TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

**NORFOLK NAVY BASE/NAUTICUS MUSEUM
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017**

Tour the Norfolk Naval Base, the world's largest naval facility. Your guided bus tour will include: Admiral's Row, the Naval Air Station, and the piers. Enjoy a buffet lunch at one of the Clubs on base, featuring a salad bar and hot entree. After lunch, head downtown to Nauticus, an exciting 120,000 square-foot science and technology center that explores the power of the sea with interactive and educational exhibits. On the second deck of Nauticus is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, which features a large collection of naval artwork, ship models and underwater artifacts. Also part of Nauticus is the USS Wisconsin. The Wisconsin is one of the largest and last battleships to be built by the U.S. Navy. Note: If for any reason the Naval Base is closed to the public (ie: security issues), the tour length will be shortened, but refunds can't be issued. Due to heightened security, participants may be searched and a photo ID is required.

**10:15am board bus, 4:15pm back at hotel
\$61/Person includes bus, escort, lunch, and
admission.**

**MACARTHUR MEMORIAL/SPIRIT OF NORFOLK LUNCH
CRUISE**

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017

Downtown Norfolk is home to the MacArthur Memorial, the final resting place of the late General and eleven-gallery museum. Visit the gift shop and see a film summarizing the General's life and achievements. Next stop is the Spirit of Norfolk, the premiere cruise boat on Norfolk's waterfront. The harbor lunch cruise with live entertainment features the sights of Hampton Roads harbor and the mighty ships at the Norfolk Naval Station. Enjoy a wonderful buffet while the captain narrates.

**9:45am board bus, 2:30pm back at hotel
\$83/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.**

**VIRGINIA AQUARIUM
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017**

Spend the day at the Virginia Aquarium. Upon arrival, enjoy nearly 100 participatory exhibits, including a weather room where you can create waves or start a storm. Hands-on exhibits include a touch tank where you can hold a sea star, see a hermit crab's home, or pet a horseshoe crab. This museum recently tripled in size, adding over 500,000 gallons of aquariums. New exhibits include the Norfolk Canyon Aquarium, featuring sharks and other large ocean dwellers, a 70,000-gallon sea turtle aquarium, a river otter habitat, and an outdoor aviary. Watch the resident decoy carver practice his craft, or walk a boardwalk through a salt marsh. For a nominal fee enjoy an IMAX presentation. Lunch on your own in the Osprey Café, which offers a variety of soups, salads, and sandwiches, along with daily specials.

**10:15am board bus, 3:45pm back at the hotel
\$56/Person includes bus, escort, and admission.
Lunch and IMAX on your own.**

Driver and Escort gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

USS SHANGRI-LA ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – JUNE 7–JUNE 12, 2017

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 ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order, or register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/shangrila2017 (3.5% will be added to total). If a valid email address is provided, a receipt will be emailed. Otherwise, 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 May 5, 2017. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you keep a copy of this form. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: USS SHANGRI-LA

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 5/5/17

	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS			
THURSDAY, 6/8: NORFOLK NAVY BASE/NAUTICUS MUSEUM	\$61		\$
FRIDAY, 6/9: MACARTHUR MEMORIAL/SPIRIT OF NORFOLK LUNCH CRUISE	\$83		\$
SATURDAY, 6/10: VIRGINIA AQUARIUM	\$56		\$
MEALS			
THURSDAY: DINNER IN HONOR OF PLANKOWNERS <i>(Please select your entrée below)</i>			
<i>Beef Tenderloin</i>	\$41		\$
<i>Chicken Francaise</i>	\$41		\$
SATURDAY: LADIES AUXILIARY AUCTION DINNER <i>(Please select your entrée below)</i>			
<i>Roasted Pork Loin</i>	\$38		\$
<i>Tempura Salmon</i>	\$42		\$
SUNDAY: BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée below)</i>			
<i>Prime Rib</i>	\$53		\$
<i>Grilled Chicken Marsala</i>	\$39		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE			
Includes various reunion and administrative expenses.	\$ 20		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

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

FIRST _____ LAST _____ RATE/RANK _____

DIVISION ON BOARD _____ YEARS ON BOARD 19____ - 19____ PLANKOWNER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____ GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

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

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

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

By submitting this form you will be enrolled in our monthly newsletter subscription. To opt out of this service, please check the box. ☐
 For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program.

CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-4:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays). Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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USS SHANGRI-LA SHIP'S STORE 9/2016

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADD _____

E-MAIL _____

TOTAL PRICE ITEM DESCRIPTION CHECK OR CIRCLE SIZE / COLOR

4/\$1 POSTCARDS CV 38

\$4 SMALL MAGNET, SHIP SILHOUETTE, NAME & WEB SITE, 3"X 9"

\$4 BUMPER MAGNET, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME & WEB SITE, 3"X 11"

\$4 BUMPER STICKER, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME & WEB SITE, 3"X 11"

\$5 PATCH, EMBROIDERED, LOGO 4 IN _____

\$5 DECAL, SHANGRI-LA LOGO, INSIDE WINDOW

\$6 TIE OR LAPEL PIN, SHANGRI-LA LOGO

\$4 TIE OR LAPEL PIN, ROUND, NAVY VETERAN

\$4 TIE OR LAPEL PIN, OVAL CHOOSE: BLUE "NAVY VERTEAN" _____ OR RED "USMC VETERAN" _____

\$4 TIE OR LAPEL PIN, "UNITED STATES NAVY" W/ OAKLEAF

\$4 TIE OR LAPEL PIN, WORD "NAVY" IN GOLD LETTERS

\$30 BEACH TOWEL, EMBROIDERED "USS NAVY & USS SHANGRI-LA" RED LIMITED LEFT

\$3 SLATE COASTER, SHANGRI-LA LOGO

\$3 SLATE MAGNET, 2X3, USS SHANGRI-LA, CV 38, 2 ANCHORS in white lettering

\$3 LUGGAGE TAG, EMBROIDERED, SHIP SILOUETTE, USS SHANGRI-LA, CVA, CVS

\$15 VIET NAM BRACELET, WOVEN

\$14 BALL CAP, NAVY BLUE, EMBROIDERED W/ DATE: 1944-1971, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME, CLOTH

\$14 BALL CAP, NAVY BLUE, LOW PROFILE W/ SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME (LADIES OR MEN'S) CLOTH

\$16 BALL CAP, NAVY BLUE, EMBROIDERED W/ OAK LEAF, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME, CLOTH

\$14 BALL CAP, NAVY BLUE, EMBROIDERED W/ DESIGNATION, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME, CLOTH

CV _____ CVA _____ CVS _____

\$24 HENLEY, 2 BUTTON, EMBROIDERED W/SHIP NAME & SILHOUETTE, S _____, M _____, L _____, XL _____

\$26 2XL _____, 3XL _____ MAROON _____ OR LIGHT BLUE _____

\$29 T-SHIRT NAVY SILKSCREEN BACK "TOKYO EXPRESS" M, L, XL, 2XL

\$14 T-SHIRT W/ POCKET NAVY _____ WHITE _____ SAND _____ S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X

\$29 GOLF SHIRT W/ POCKET, EMBROIDERED, SHIP SILHO/NAME NAVY OR WHITE S, M, L, XL

\$31 FOR SIZE 2X, 3X

\$25 SWEATSHIRT, EMBROIDERED, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME - NAVY S, M, L, XL

\$27 FOR 2X, 3X

\$32 HOODED SWEATSHIRT W/ZIPPER, EMBROIDERED, NAVY S _____, M _____, L _____, XL _____ ONLY

\$36 JACKET, LT. WT, NYLON LINED, EMBROIDERED, SHIP SILHO & NAME, NAVY S, M, L, XL

\$38 FOR 2X & 3X

\$49 TEAM JACKET W/HOOD, NYLON W/ FLEECE LINING, EMBROIDERED, SHIP SILHO/NAME S, M, L

\$51 FOR 2X & 3X

\$25 MENS, DENIM, LONG SLEEVE W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED, LT. BLUE S, M, L, XL,

\$27 FOR 2X

\$11 LADIES T-SHIRT, EMBROIDERED, LT.PINK _____ DK.PINK _____ LT.BLUE _____ S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

\$25 LADIES, DENIM, LONG SLEEVE, EMBROIDERED XS, S, L, XL

\$27 FOR 2X

SALE: LIMITED SIZES AND COLORS

\$5 LADIES GOLF SHIRT, EMBROIDERED, WHITE XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

\$5 LADIES V-NECK KNIT SHIRT, EMBROIDERED, NAVY S, M, L, XL, 2X L, 3XL

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING FOR PACKING/SHIPPING:

\$1-\$25=\$6

\$26-\$75=\$9

\$76-125=\$12

OVER \$125=\$11

SEND ORDER & PAYMENT(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY) TO:

USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY, C/O DEBRA CLARK, PO BOX 103,

CONNEAUTVILLE, PA 16406-010:

TOTAL COST _____

SHIPPING _____

ENCLOSED _____

VISIT WEB SITE TO VIEW ITEMS: WWW.USS-SHANGRI-LA.COM

E-MAIL QUESTIONS TO: SHANG38STORE@HOTMAIL.COM

PLEASE ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY