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From the President

Another great reunion has passed. Thanks to Ray and Donna Rabus, our hosts, and AFRI for putting on another memorable reunion in San Antonio. I personally would like to thank the many members who volunteered their time in making this reunion very special by stocking and running hospitality room, the memorial service, Ken Reightler Sr. for filling in as Chaplain and our historian Bob Ketenheim for bringing all the display items and cruse books. A special thanks to Al Miller for arranging to have Col. Dick Cole, Jimmy Doolittle's copilot of Doolittle Raiders, attend our reunion. What an inspiration he was to all who were present. The association presented a ship's hat and a golf shirt to Col. Cole; he was very grateful and was going to wear it the next morning for breakfast when a group of men meet together. We saw many interesting sights as a group and on our own.

Thank you to the membership for your vote of confidence in the election. Officers for next 2 years are: Pres.-Gary Clark, 1st VP-Bob Hayner, 2nd VP-Al Baker, 3rd VP-Pat Smith, Sec./Treas.-Chuck Hull, Historian-Bob Ketenheim and Chaplain-Don Garrison.

Next year's Reunion will be the last week of May, 2015 in Charleston, SC. Watch for details! Thank you to the Reunion Committee for giving a list of tentative Reunion sites for the next few years. They are: 2016- St. Louis, 2017- Las Vegas, 2018-Norfolk and 2019- Atlanta.

I need to pass on a note from Karen Peters thanking "The kind and generous men and women who provided for the Reunion week, the behind the scene work and those who keep the reunion going."

Keep safe and well!

Gary Clark, President

1st Vice President

REUNION 2014
San Antonio, TX

Another GREAT reunion is now in the books! The "Riverwalk", where the reunion hotel was located, proved to be everything they say about it. Many shops, restaurants, kiosks, and other attractions make it a spectacular place to see.

This year the reunion tours took us to the Buckhorn Museum, El Mercado, a city tour, and the National Museum of the Pacific War. We also held our annual memorial service at the Pacific War Museum. During our free time many of our attendees visited the Alamo and many of the great restaurants near our hotel area.

We had the pleasure and the honor of having Col. Dick Cole, Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot, join us for a few hours in the hospitality room. He signed autographs, chatted, answered questions from our attendees. It was truly an honor to have him with us for a short visit. Col. Cole is one of 4 remaining Doolittle Raiders and will be 99 years young in September of this year. His hearing is not great, but overall he is in terrific shape!

Thanks to Barbara Smith Powell, I was able to present to the Association the flight jacket that belonged to Capt. I.A. Peters, Shang's CO in the early 60's. Barbara was the successful bidder for this jacket on eBay. She donated the jacket to our museum in memory of her brother T.G. Smith NW1/c, who died aboard Shang due to an explosion on 6 April 1960. The jacket is now in the hands of our museum curator Allen Elston, and it will be displayed aboard Hornet in our museum in the near future. Thank You Barbara for making this possible!

Now it's on to Charleston, SC next May for the 2015 reunion. Keep an eye on the website for reunion information as it becomes available.

Until next time....
YISSS,

Bob Hayner

1st Vice President & Webmaster

We continue to try to streamline the Horizon newsletter by making our snail mail list shorter. If you have internet access and would like to get your Horizon access by email, please consider doing so by contacting me at bopahay@comcast.net or our Sec/Treas Chuck Hull. We will then take you off the mailing list and put you on the email notification list. This will help the Association save some money on our large mailing costs.

From the Secretary-Treasurer

We have had the following new members join the association since June: David Anderson, Robert Isard, Charles Given Jr., John Coleman, Tom Freeland, Frank Lane, and Ray Snyder. The following are new Life Members: Eugene Schmidt, William Wells, Tom Oliver, Tom Ehlert, Robert Schultz, Richard Benson, Gene Turner, and Dave Clark, who changed his regular membership to a Life Member. WELCOME ABOARD!

Anyone who has moved or changed their e-mail address, please notify us so we can update our records. We have had some Horizons returned because they were undeliverable because of old addresses and/or changed e-mails.

I have new 2013 rosters for sale for \$6.00. The reunion memory books should be done around Thanksgiving. If anyone would like one, they are \$26. I will have some extras.

Chuck Hull, Secretary-Treasurer

Ladies Auxiliary President

Dear Shang Members,

I heard it was a great reunion and I very much regret that Chuck and I couldn't attend. I want to thank everyone for the get well card and for keeping me in

their prayers. Recovery is moving along but naturally at a very slow pace. Hopefully, we will be able to attend next years reunion and get to see everyone and meet all our new members.

I would like to congratulate our newly elected offices of the Ladies Auxiliary. Congratulations to our First Vice President Cathy Harmon, Second Vice President Marilyn Deal, and our new Recording Secretary Patty Theison. I also would like to thank Carolyn Balthis for volunteering to be a backup for Debbie Clark to manage the store if ever needed, Congratulations to all the elected officers of the Ladies Auxiliary and to all the elected male officers of the USS Shangri-la Reunion Association

A very special thank you to all those who lent a hand carrying on this years Ladies Auxiliary Auction. I was saddened that I couldn't be there but I was happy to here that it went well and everyone had a good time. Thanks to all of our members for participating and making this event a success. I hope everyone will start planning on your donations for next year. Remember, every donation is appreciated and this event is what helps keep our organization afloat.

Keep safe and God Bless until we meet again next year.

Love

Ruth Hull, Ladies Auxiliary President

Auxiliary Treasurer Report

What another wonderful reunion in San Antonio. Thanks Ray, Donna, and the committee!

New Members since last reporting are: Cindy Freeland, Judith Dobbs and Linda Lane. New member joining as Lifetime Member is Linda Schmidt. Upgrading to Lifetime Members are: Cynthia Clark, Roselyn D'Alessandro and Karen Peters. Dues run from June 1 to May 31 of each year and are \$5 a year or \$50 for Lifetime.

Thanks to the generosity of all, we took in \$643 from the Auction and \$200 from the 50/50. Plank Owners were again reimbursed for their dinners and \$1000 was given to the Reunion Association.

Debra Clark, Treasurer

Ship's Store Update

Reunion sales were good even with lower attendance. New items were Blue T-shirts for Ladies and Sand for the men. Again, Texas Reunion pins were given to the Shipmates and extras sold in the Store.

Please let me know of any item, size or color you would like in the Store. Shang38store@hotmail.com

Debra Clark, Store Manager

Saluting in Civilian Clothes

There was discussion at the reunion about the law that authorizes veterans to salute the colors while in civilian clothes. The following is from the American Legion website:

Question:

Can members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform render the military right hand salute when the flag is hoisted, lowered or is passing?

Answer:

The law does allow members of the Armed Forces and veterans not in uniform to render the right hand salute, but does not mandate it. If you feel uncomfortable in any situation where the flag is being raised, lowered or is passing in review, the traditional right hand over the heart – with the hat removed – is still a viable and very respectful alternative. (Americanism Commission)

Collision at Sea

During the early morning hours of August 27, 1965, SHANGRI-LA and NEWMAN K. PERRY (DD-883) collided in the Mediterranean. The collision occurred at the conclusion of an electronic warfare exercise and it resulted in the death of one sailor and injury to another sailor aboard the destroyer.

The report of the Navy's investigation and findings was obtained by the Association through a Freedom of Information request. A copy of the report has been posted on the SHANGRI-LA Facebook page. A email copy of the report can also be obtained by sending an email to ShangHist@aol.com and putting COLLISION REPORT in the subject line.

1962-1963 Yard Period

SHANGRI-LA was in the New York Naval Shipyard during the period 15 October 1962 to 15 March 1963. During this period all eight boilers were overhauled, new air search and height finder radar were installed and new communications equipment was installed, a magazine for the stowage of Sparrow III missiles was built, a Van Zelm arresting gear system was installed, and a dry cleaning plant was installed. Four 5"/38 guns were removed, one from each sponson. Extensive overhaul and repairs were made to almost all parts of the ship.

Although SHANGRI-LA did not participate directly in the Cuban crisis because of this yard period, the entire Weapons Division was transferred to LEXINGTON (CVA-16) for 45 temporary duty. Fourteen officers were also TAD to LEXINGTON during the crisis.

SHANGRI-LA had numerous yard periods during her life for modernization, overhauls, and refits. Information on other yard periods will be covered in future HORIZONS.

Damage Control

During World War II, one of the lesser-known advantages that the United States Navy had over the Japanese was the damage control skill of the American sailor. The intense fire fighting and

damage control training of the U.S. Navy saved many ships that the Japanese were certain they had sunk. The Japanese often reported the same American ship sunk several times because they could not believe the American ship could survive the extent of damage the Japanese aviators reported they had inflicted on her.

(Source: THE YARD: Building a Destroyer at the Bath Iron Works by Michael S. Sanders.)

India Weighing Nuclear Powered Carrier

By: Sam LaGrone

India is considering powering its second domestically built aircraft carrier with a nuclear propulsion plant, according to a Tuesday report by news agency *Press Trust of India*.

The design of the carrier is ongoing and nuclear power is still an option for the carrier, said Director General of Naval Design Bureau, Rear Admiral Atul Saxena, in response to questions from reporters. India's first domestically built carrier—the 40,000-ton *INS Vikrant* currently under construction in Cochin Shipyard in Southern India — will be powered by four General Electric LM-2500 gas turbines. The second carrier *Vishal* is planned to be much larger — up to 65,000-tons — and is still in the conceptual design process, Saxena said.

Last year Indian officials said the two major decisions for the carrier were its power supply and launching and recovery methods for the planned *Vishnal*. Though more technically complicated in design and construction stages, a nuclear powered carrier provides greater flexibility to commanders once in operation, Eric Wertheim, author of the *Naval Institute's Combat Fleets of the World*, told USNI News on Wednesday.

"Nuclear power frees up space," he said.

"You don't have to store fuel for your ship onboard."

Nuclear carriers have more room for ammunition and fuel for aircraft on the ship and shedding the requirement for refueling the ship simplify the logistics of resupplying the carrier at sea. However, it's unclear if India can overcome the technical requirements to fielding a nuclear carrier. "It's a big if. There's a lot of challenges to overcome," Wertheim said.

"I'm skeptical how soon India would be able to master that ability."

India's new leadership is bullish on the country's carrier ambitions, writ large.

In July, India's new Prime Minister Narendra Modi backed funding the \$3.18 billion needed to complete *INS Vikrant*, following a visit to India's Russian built carrier, *INS Vikramaditya*.

Vikrant supposed to be completed in 2013 but delays in construction have pushed the operational date to 2018.

Eventually, India wants to operate three carrier battle groups (CBG).

Part of India's push to create a carrier force widely seen as a hedge against Chinese expansion and the growing capabilities of the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN).

China is currently working on its own domestic carrier program with a reported goal of four ships. The Indian Navy currently operates two originally foreign carriers — the Russian built *INS Vikramaditya* and the 50 year-old carrier *INS Viraat* — the former British carrier *Hermes*.

(Source: United States Naval Institute News)

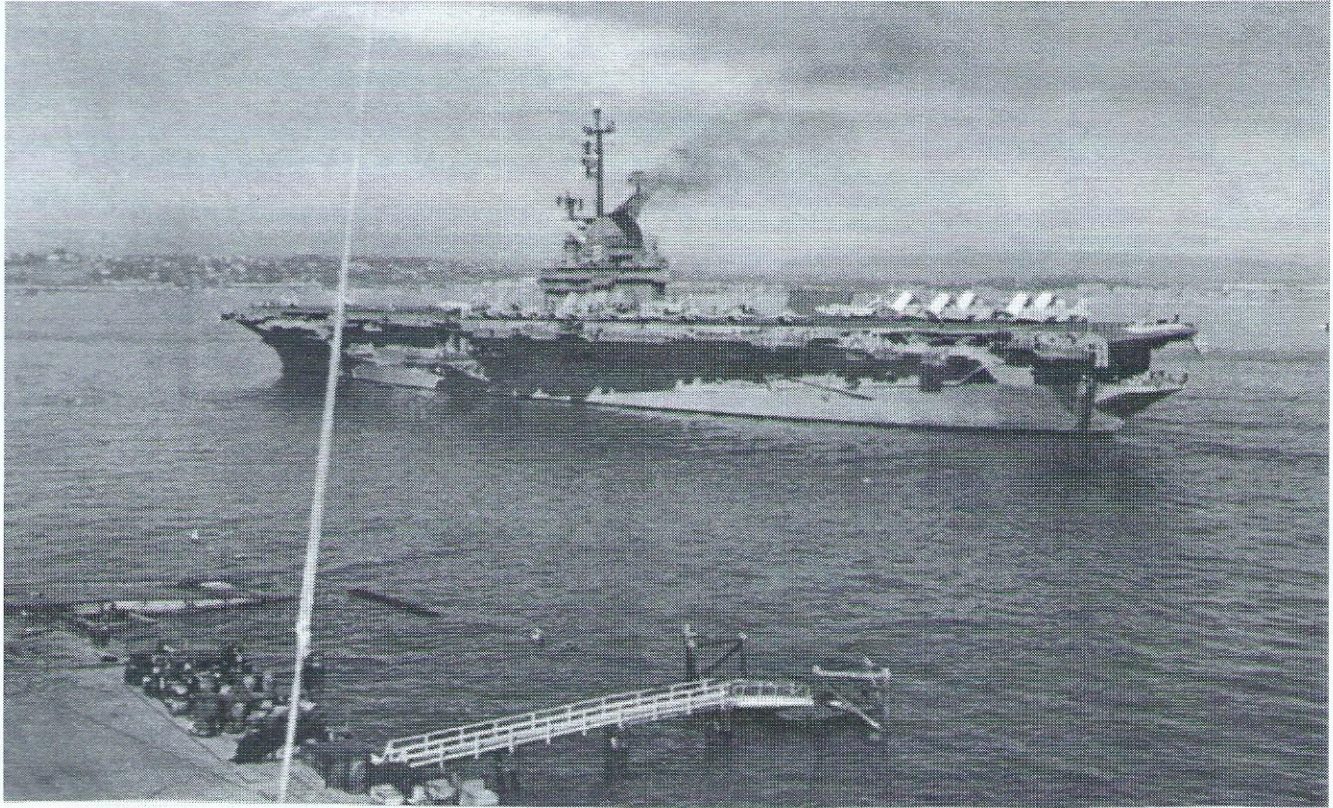
CALL SIGNS

SHANGRI-LA's International Call Sign was NTIF (November Tango India Foxtrot). Her tactical voice call sign during World War II was first "Spider" and later "Sharpshooter." Her voice call sign in the '60s and 70s was "Allstar." A search is on for her call signs in the late '40s and '50s.

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PRICE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	CHECK OR CIRCLE SIZE / COLOR	
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\$20	REPLICA ZIPPO LIGHTER, BRUSHED CROME: SILHOUETTE		
\$2	BUMPER STICKER, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME		
\$5	PATCH, EMBROIDERED, LOGO 4 IN		
\$10	CHALLENGE COIN- USS SHANGRI-LA WITH BLANK BACK		
\$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 VETERAN" OR RED "USMC VETERAN"		
\$4	TIE OR LAPEL PIN, "UNITED STATES NAVY" W/ 2 FLAGS		
\$4	TIE OR LAPEL PIN, "UNITED STATES NAVY" W/ OAKLEAF		
\$4	TIE OR LAPEL PIN, WORD "NAVY" IN GOLD LETTERS		
\$5	TEXAS REUNION or LUGGAGE TAG		
\$5	LICENSE PLATE HOLDER WITH NAME & WEB ADDRESS		
\$14	BALL CAP, NAVY BLUE, EMBROIDERED W/ DATE: 1944-1971, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME, CLOTH		
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\$31	FOR SIZE 2X, 3X		
\$25	SWEATSHIRT, EMBROIDERED, SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME - NAVY OR WHITE S, M, L, XL		
\$27	FOR 2X,3X NAVY 2X WHITE		
\$32	HOODED SWEATSHIRT /W ZIPPER, EMBROIDERED, NAVY S, M, L, XL		
\$34	FOR 2X ,3X		
\$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, XL		
\$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		
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\$25	LADIES GOLF SHIRT, EMBROIDERED, WHITE XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL		
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flashback to 1958



Mar. 8 - 0000hrs. Moored starboard side to Pier O-P, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA.¹

0720hrs. Draft: fwd 31' 3", aft 29', mean 30' 1.5". Displacement: 42,600 tons.¹

0844hrs. Underway in accordance with COMCARDIV 7 Op Order 204-58. Steaming in company with TG-16.1 composed of HOPEWELL (DD-681), BOYD (DD-544), KIDD (DD-661), MCDERMUT (DD-677), WEDDERBURN (DD-684), UHLMANN (DD-687). OTC is COMCARDIV 7 in this vessel.¹

1014hrs. Entered International waters.¹

Positions: 1200 - Lat. 32-31.2N, long. 117-17W; 2000 - Lat. 31-39.7N, Long. 120-17.2W.¹

Mar. 9 - 0000hrs. Steaming in company with TG-16.1 of COMCARDIV 7 and DESRON 15 enroute from San Diego to Pearl Harbor.¹

0113hrs. A seaman from Third Division was relieved as helmsman due to difficulties with vision.¹

Positions: 0800 - Lat. 31-11N, Long. 124-55.6W; 1200 - Lat. 30-49N, Long. 126-28W; 2000 - Lat. 30-04N, Long. 129-18.1W.¹

Mar. 10 - 0000hrs. Steaming in company with TG-16.1 enroute from San Diego to Pearl Harbor.¹



SAVE THE DATE

May 26 - June 1, 2015

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