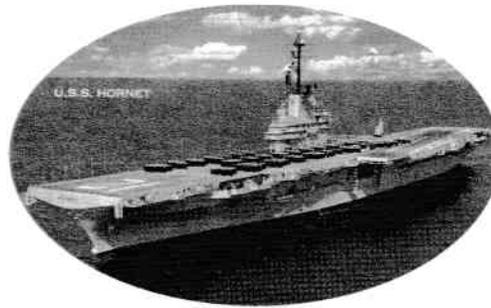


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Ahoy Everyone,

Another USS Hornet Reunion has come and gone; it was a great reunion. It was again a joint reunion with the shipmates and families of the USS Constellation. The two groups have been working to mesh the two associations. We have done a lot of work and things are getting together very well. Even though we do things a little bit differently; it is working. It was great working with Gayland and Dinah Rushing, the USS Constellation hosts.

We had a wonderful memorial service. Thanks to Gayland Rushing from the Connie group we had the honor of having the Lake Highlands High School ROTC Color Guard for our Memorial Service and a DJ for after the dinner on Sunday. We had the honor of having Dan Ivey play taps for the service. We had a silent auction that went very well, plus our raffle. The proceeds from both were split between the two groups.

We attended a Rodeo at Stockyard's Cowboy Coliseum. Where we were honored by the Coliseum and put on the big screen for everyone to see. Members of the audience came over to where we were sitting and thanked the shipmates for their service. We saw long horn steers being driven down the street and had some very good bar-b-que.

The address of the USS Hornet Association has changed. I have moved it to my home address. The new address is **USS Hornet Association, 111 Hunt Club Lane, Roaring Spring, PA 16673.**

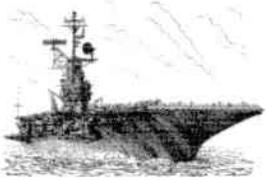
The 2024 Reunion is scheduled to be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We do not have the dates for this reunion yet.

Thank you for keeping me updated with your address changes and loss of shipmates.

May you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas with family and friends.

Sandy Burket, Secretary





FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

AHOY shipmates, family, and friends.

The 2023 USS Hornet Navy Reunion in Ft. Worth, TX along with our friends from the USS Constellation enjoyed another great get together. Although Carla and I were unable to attend this year's festivities, we heard many positive things about it. I want to thank everyone for your combined efforts in making this Reunion a big success.

The 2024 Reunion will be held in Colorado Springs, CO. I will be working with Ray Casey from Military Reunion Planners in the upcoming weeks to finalize the dates and hotel accommodation. Further details will be forthcoming in a future Buzz.

Bill Ballenger, our Plaque Chairman, has been busy once again getting another location for placement of our Hornet bronze plaque. There is a new Sailors Museum at Great Lakes and he has been in contact with them and they seem interested in having our plaque at their facility.

If a dedication ceremony takes place there, this event will be open to all shipmates and family. More details will follow as they become available.

Rolf Sabye is continuing to be active at Hornet in Oakland. If you get out that way, be sure to contact him in advance if you plan to visit the ship. Contact him at; sabyegrp2@gmail.com.

Don't forget the Ships Store for your Christmas shopping. Manager John Webster has a complete inventory of all items. Order early at; johncw69@yahoo.in.

Carla and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We also look forward to seeing everyone next year in Colorado.

Lyn A. Svendsen, COB
Board of Directors

A VIEW FROM THE HORNET

By Rolf Sabye, Hornet Association / Museum Liaison



November 2023

My wife Chris and I recently visited Eastern Canada, taking in Montreal, Quebec City, and a few other smaller towns in the region. Although Montreal was interesting, Quebec City took the prize. We walked everywhere and found a beautiful and friendly city. Here at home, we've had a great summer, and are preparing for the fall and winter rains. We're told to stand by for another super wet winter. We can only hope.

On Hornet

We've also had a busy summer on Hornet as well, with a great increase in the number of visitors throughout the season. Most recently on October 13, the History Mystery after hours tour, where guests are taken on an evening of behind the scenes of Hornet's history. A very popular tour. There's even an overnight version of this tour for groups interested in spending a night on the ship. And of course, on October 28th we had our annual Monster bash which is always sold out. Halloween Dance party onboard the "Grey Ghost".



Silver Oak Anniversary

The highlight of our fall schedule was of course the Silver Oak Anniversary, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Hornet CV 12, and the 25th anniversary of the creation of the USS Hornet Museum. We had a great VIP dinner on Friday November 10th honoring former crew members, volunteers, VIP's, and special support partners. Our guest speaker for the evening was Admiral Samuel Cox (retired). Dinner, cocktails, and music rounded out the evening.

The following day, November 11, we celebrated Veterans Day with nearly 1,700 visitors to the ship. It was a clear sunny day, perfect for honoring our veterans.

Let's Not Forget Our Volunteers

Thinking back on these last 25 years it's hard to imagine all the work that has been accomplished. The museum has been blessed with a long line of volunteers with a variety of military and civilian backgrounds. In the early years most of our volunteers were veterans from various service branches, many with service records dating back to WWII. Although most were Navy, several were Marines and some Air Force and Army. As the years past, and as our older volunteers were unable to continue, many younger enthusiasts stepped up. Veterans are still in the mix of course, but some are family members, and some, former visitors who caught the Hornet bug. As I always tell young guests, "How often does one get to play with a real Navy aircraft carrier"? The photo below shows two of our young volunteers working in our machine shop, performing the details needed to keep Hornet's history alive.



Volunteers work as security, ship and aircraft restoration, events and community outreach, docents, radio division, IT and collections and exhibits. There would not be a museum without them.

That's it from the Hornet. As always, you can contact me at my new email sabyegrp2@gmail.com or at 707-374-5053 if you have questions or concerns. I'm always available to help. So, until my next edition, stay safe and healthy. Hope to see you on the Hornet.

Wishing you Smooth sailing.

Rolf Sabye, Hornet Association / Museum Liaison

TAPS

Heavenly Father, welcome home those whom you have called before us and grant peace and consolation to their families. Like a ship that's left its mooring and sailed bravely out to sea, so, our loved one has sailed away in calm serenity. But there is a promise of a greater joy than earth can have in store, For God has planned a richer life beyond the Unseen Shore.

Jensen, Raymond W.
Calhoun, Ronald T.
O'Brien, James P.

May 15, 2012
May 31, 2023
Jan. 19, 2023

Frank, Charles
Heisler, Donavan V.

July 14, 2023
Oct. 15, 2022

MEMORIAL CERTIFICATES

The following contributions have been made to the Memorial Fund Certificate program since the last edition of the Hornet Buzz in June 2023. The "In Memory Of" and "In Honor of" Certificates were completed and mailed, along with Thank You cards to the Contributors.

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Weidenbenner
John J. Foley
George Owen Clark
George Morrow
Bill Kahler
Yolanda & Stanley Hergott
Darlene & Bob Ash
Ken Brock
Max Hellmueller
Carl Burket
Ann Ballenger
Dorothy & John Szymanski
Nora McGovern
Dawn Rogers
Harriett Fedd
Harry L. Mars
Donald E. Elliott

CONTRIBUTOR

William Ballenger
Mary A. Foley
Joseph A. Fedd
Joseph C. Waryold
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IN HONOR OF

Lincoln L. Arnold
All Veterans
Kenn Livingston

CONTRIBUTOR

Lincoln L. Arnold
Joseph A. Fedd
Barry A. Cass

DONATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND

The following Individuals sent in a Donation over and above their dues to the Associations General Fund. We sincerely thank each and every one for these Donations. They will be put to good use in the operation of our Association:

Dennis Braig

Evelyn Bryson

DONATIONS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

The following individuals sent in a Donation over and above their dues to the Associations Memorial Fund. We sincerely thank each one for these Donations. The Memorial Fund Donations are only used to purchase Bronze Memorial Plaques dedicated to all ship's crewmembers and Air Groups/Squadrons that served on the Hornets. They are placed at Naval Installations, museums, and other places of honor.

Ships Store

The ships store is well stocked, for home delivery e-mail me at: charlie09jcw@yahoo.in or call 252-232-2154 and were still looking for someone to take over the ships store. The Ships Store is a very important part of our Reunions that we do not want to lose. **So, someone, PLEASE volunteer to take over this valuable position.** If possible, I will deliver the merchandise to your door. Come talk to me about it at the next Reunion.

John Webster – Home phone 252-232-2154 E-mail: johncw69@yahoo.in or charlie09jcw@yahoo.in



Please update my information:

Name: _____

Old address: _____

New address: _____

New phone number (PLEASE): _____

New e-mail address: _____

If shipmate has passed, please give name: _____

Date of passing: _____

Would widow still like to be kept on data base and receive the Buzz? _____

Thank you, this will help us keep our database of shipmates up to date.

“HORNET” a CVA – 12 Story....1953

It sits across the harbor, The HORNET is the spot,
The town is Alameda, This site is what we got.

But starting back in fifty-three, Brooklyn Navy Yards was the place,
A mighty ship named HORNET, Made ready to join the race.

It was a time for Recommissioning, This ship from World War Two,
A ship made even better, Rebuilt all sparkling new,

The day was September Eleventh, A special day worth mention,
The flight deck was made ready, Each department, all at attention.

It seems that Brass was everywhere, Knox and Halsey had their space,
Along with the Captain and Exec, Even the Hornet Club had their place.

The Ceremony now over, All watches set to go,
The Captain said let's move her out, But first let's take it slow.

We left the Brooklyn Navy Yards, And headed for Bayonne,
Our Mast sit lashed upon the deck, Because a bridge would knock it down.

With our mast now fastened to the Island, We headed out to sea,
A shake down is our Orders, To see what we could see.

A flank speed turn was made to starboard, And then we went to port,
We cracked the hull in three places, Came the news from the Skippers report.

Back to Bayonne, NJ... chain falls held her tight, We slipped into her Dry Dock, and completed all our work,
But they missed one major object though, Didn't notice, a shaft was warped.

But our shakedown cruise to Cuba, Would soon discover this major flaw,
For when the ship went full astern, A new meaning to shakedown, now we saw.

A vibration happened, that shook the ship, Way back into the stern,
The medical department got the worst, A condition of some concern.

Now I don't know if the shaft was repaired, But it's way too late to worry,
The ship is now held very fast, A Museum now....but a real , 53 story.

By Don Buske

2023 General Business Meeting
USS Hornet Association
DFW Marriott South Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
October 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chairman Kenn Livingston. Kenn welcomed everyone to the reunion. He called for the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Treasurers report was given by Secretary, Marianne Gezich. Opening balance September 1, 2022 - \$19,557.52, income - \$42,616.52, expenses - \$15,391.80, ending balance, August 31, 2023 - \$16781.82. A motion was made by Pat McGovern to accept the report as read and seconded by Carmen Simbari. Motion passed.

Secretary, Sandy Burket passed out copies of the minutes of the last meeting to those that wanted them. She stated that the minutes would not be read because they were published in the last issue of the "Hornet Buzz". A motion was made by Jim Hill, Sr. and seconded by Pat McGovern to accept the minutes as published. Motion passed.

John Webster gave the ship's store report. Sales at the 2022 reunion were \$1,167.25, mail orders were \$174.25, and so far for the 2023 reunion sales were \$814.79.

Under new business, the need for a president at our reunions was discussed. A motion was made by Jim Hill, Sr. to eliminate the office of president. The motion was seconded by Pat McGovern. The motion passed.

The next item was the honoree of the year. Sandy Burket reported that Lyn Svendsen, COB said that we have not had any new members coming forth to do anything for the good of the association and all that attended the reunions have already been honorees. He stated that we should not do a redo of them. There was some discussion on the matter. Francis Gutowski suggested that we do some kind of power point to highlight what we have done during past reunions. A motion was made by Pat McGovern to table eliminating honorees. The motion was seconded by Francis Gutowski. Motion passed.

Kenn Livingston nominated Commander Paul Edwards as the honoree for 2024. All those in favor were asked to raise their hands. The vote was unanimous.

In 2022, Colorado Springs, CO was voted on as the destination by both the USS Hornet and the USS Constellation. Since then, some of the Connie group wanted to change the location because they have already been there two times before. We all decided that the vote we made in 2022 should stand. After talking to Ray Casey, our reunion planner, the Connie group decided to stay with the original vote and we will be going to Colorado Springs, in 2024.

The 2024 reunion site was discussed. Ray Casey suggested Nashville, TN or Hershey, PA. A motion was made by Pat McGovern to go to Nashville, TN. The motion was seconded by Francis Gutowski. The motion passed. We will inform Ray of our choice of Nashville, TN and see where the Connie group picked and go from there with further discussion. Suzanne Eubanks volunteered to help with the reunion if Nashville is selected.

Commander Paul Edwards, a new member, stated that he was from Colorado Springs and said he has volunteered to help Ray Casey with some places to visit there. Kenn Livingston asked if he would be president for that year and he accepted.

The motion made by Jim Hill, Sr. and seconded by Francis Gutowski earlier that we eliminate the office of president needed to be rescinded. Jim and Francis rescinded their motion and Commander Paul Edwards was accepted as the president for the 2024 reunion in Colorado Springs, CO. Paul stated that he is from Colorado Springs and that the time of year we have our reunions the weather is not really suitable for sightseeing. He will discuss that with Ray Casey when deciding a date.

Other new members attending were Dr. Thomas Steffen

Kenn gave a hospitality room report. He stated that the Connie group has purchased all of the supplies for the hospitality room and that we would split the cost with them. The alcohol that is here was what was left over from the Buffalo reunion, and we did not have to purchase any more.

Kenn then the honoree presentation. The 2023 honoree was Francis Gutowski. Francis thanked the Association for the plaque. Sandy Burket presented Kenn with a plaque for acting President. He thanked everyone.

Kenn made an announcement that the groups tend to click in one room, and we tend to click in the other room. He asked that we mingle more and tell our stories to each other. Let's get to know each other! Kenn asked Sandy to introduced Mabra Walley as the oldest member in attendance. Mabra has been attending reunions since 1991 when her health allows. Her husband, Murdock, was on the CV-12. Murdock served from 1943-1946 and their last tours between Hawaii and San Francisco were to bring injured troops home. They set up hospital beds on the hanger deck.

Kenn asked if there was any other business to come before the group. There being none, Pat McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carmen Simbari. The motion passed.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy Burket, Sec.

I will not be mailing out copies of the minutes to the Board of Directors this year. We did not have a Board of Directors meeting at the Dallas/Fort Worth reunion and the general business meeting minutes and financial report are published in this issue of the Buzz. If you would like a separate copy, please contact me and I will see that you get one.

The Official Agent Orange Presumptive List: Top 40+ conditions and their VA Ratings

Please go to the following website: <https://vaclaimsinsider.com/the-official-agent-orange-presumptive-list/>

There is a lot of information on this website. Way too much to include in a single issue of the "Buzz"

Submitted by Charlie Olmstead.

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 9/7/2022 TO 8/31/2023

GENERAL FUND

Opening Balance 9/1/2022	\$19,557.10
Income	\$12,616.52
Expenses	\$15,391.80
Ending Balance 8/31/2023	\$16,781.82

MEMORIAL FUND

Opening Balance 9/1/2022	\$10,998.06
Income	\$ 1,035.00
Ending Balance 8/31/2023	\$12,033.06

SHIP'S STORE

Opening Balance 9/1/2022	\$ 949.47
Income	\$ 1,341.70
Expenses	\$ 279.00
Ending Balance	\$ 2,012.17

USS Hornet Association, Inc.
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Is this a change to any of your previous information: YES NO Date: _____

Member ID#: _____ Renewal: New Member: Enclosed are Dues for the year or years: _____

Member Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

H Phone: _____ C Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Navy: Marine: Army: Air Force: Coast Guard: National Guard: Rank: _____ Rate: _____

Division/Squadron: _____ YEARS ABOARD: _____

Ship (Hull): CV-8 CV-12 CVA-12 CVS-12 Other: _____ Example: YEARS ABOARD: 1940 - 70

Annual Shipmate Dues: \$35 Annual Shipmate/Family Dues: \$45 \$

FAMILY OF HORNET Member Dues: \$45 \$

Family Membership Dues include: Husband, Wife and all Dependent Children until they become of age. Husband and Wife have Voting Rights of one vote each and are invited to take a more Active Role in the running of the Association. All Appointments are upon the approval of the Executive Board.
Reunion President, Executive Board, Board of Directors, Committees, etc.

SINGLE FAMILY OF HORNET Member Dues: \$35 \$

A Single Family Member must be over 21 years to have a Voting Right of one vote. Whether you are a Family of Hornet or a Single Family Member of Hornet - Please specify your relationship below:
(Son Daughter Brother Sister Grandchild) of Hornet Member: _____

Associate Member Dues: \$35 (Members not-affiliated with the Ship. Other US Services, etc.) \$

NOT Dues - Only Annual \$10 Subscription to the USS Hornet BUZZ. No Member ID Card \$

Memorial Fund Contribution: \$

"In Honor of" _____

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Memorial Certificate(s): Please provide names and addresses to mail the certificate(s).

Name _____

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Total: Check No.: \$

If you have more than one individual you want Memorial Certificates for, please copy this form for as many as you need.

Please remember: Individuals - \$10.00 or more, Groups \$100.00 or more. All Group Memorial Certificates will be sent to the USS Hornet Museum and displayed in the USS Hornet Association Room in an attractive frame, unless otherwise directed.

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646 Aspen Dr.

Manteno, IL 60950

Phone: (417) 840-6684

Email: mgezich@aol.com

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Thank you very much for your donation(s) and support.