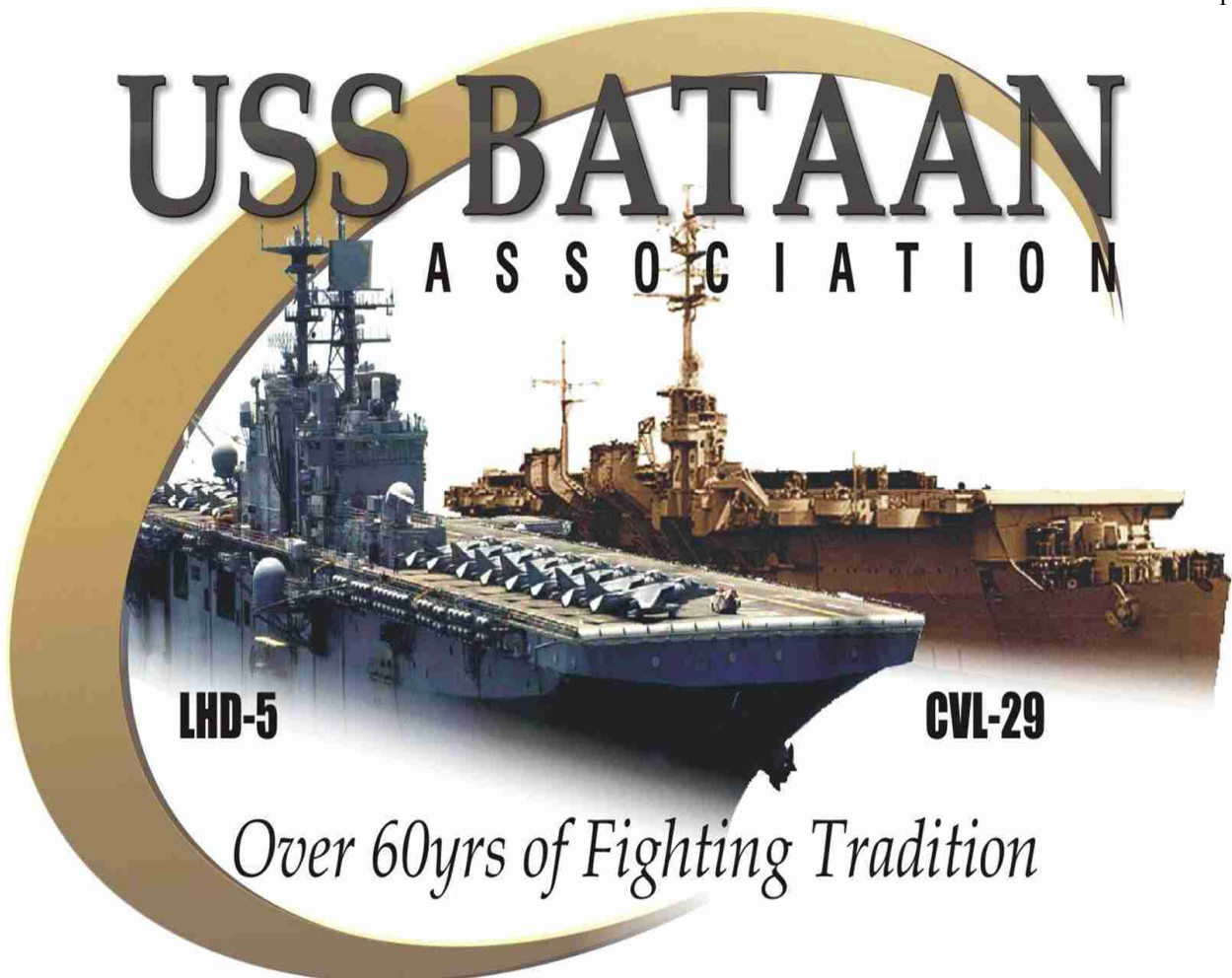


USS BATAAN

ASSOCIATION



Over 60yrs of Fighting Tradition

**IT TAKES A FIRST CLASS FIGHTING PERSON TO MAN A SHIP
THAT IS CALLED BATAAN**

***I DID IT AGAIN — I AM LATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, BUT I WILL SAY IT ANYWAY —
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !***

***IT IS WITH SINCERE HOPE THAT THIS NEW YEAR WILL BRING ALL THE JOY AND HAPPINESS
THAT YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ARE DESERVING. THE BOARD OD DIRECTORS SEND A
MOST BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS WISH TO ALL.***

THE FOLLOWING WAS SAID IN 1907 BY PRESIDENT 'TEDDY' ROOSEVELT
"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birth-place, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, **the American flag**... We have room for but one language here, and that is the **English language**... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the **American people**."

HERE IS A "LITTLE" THING THAT WAS SENT TO ME BY ROBERT FOSTER THAT I THOUGHT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO US — ESPECIALLY AT OUR AGE and LIFE AS A SAILOR.

Let There Be No Moaning at the Bar
 Old sailors sit and chew the fat about things that used to be, of the things they've seen the places they've been, when they ventured out to sea.
 They remembered friends from long ago, the times they had back then, the money they spent, the beer they drank, in their days as sailing men.
 Their lives are lived in the days gone by with the thoughts that forever last. Of the bell bottom blues, winged white hats, and good times in their past.
 They recall long nights with the moon so bright far out into the lonely sea. The thoughts they had as youthful lads, when their lives were wild and free.
 They know so well how their hearts would swell when old glory fluttered proud and free. The underway pennant, such a beautiful sight, as they plowed through an angry sea.
 They talked of the chow Ol' cookie would make and the shrill of the bos'n pipe. How salt spray would fall like sparks from hell when a storm struck in the night.
 They remember old shipmates already gone who forever hold a spot in their heart, when sailors were bold, and friendships would hold, until death ripped them apart.
 They speak of nights spent in bawdy houses on many foreign shores, of the beer they'd down as gathering around, telling jokes with a busty madam.
 Their sailing days are gone away; never again will they cross the brow. They have no regrets, they know they are blessed, for honoring the sacred vow.
 Their numbers grow less with each passing day as the final muster begins, there's nothing to lose, all have paid their dues, and they'll sail with shipmates again.
 I've heard them say before getting underway that there's still some sailing to do, they'll say with a grin that their ship has come in, and the Lord is commanding the crew.

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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Jessica
 Beaver, USS Bataan Public Affairs
PORTSMOUTH, Va. (NNS) -- A Sailor stationed aboard USS Bataan (LHD 5) was selected to play for the all-Navy basketball team for the 2007 and 2008 season.
During normal working hours, Seaman Samuel E. Tolbert is responsible for the preservation, upkeep and maintenance of more than 100 spaces on Bataan. During his off time, as a way to unwind from a busy day, he enjoys playing basketball.
"Basketball has always been a favorite recreational sport for me," said Tolbert. "I grew up

playing basketball in my hometown of Warwick, Ga."

Tolbert played his favorite sport all throughout high school. After enlisting in the Navy, he found out about the all-Navy basketball team and decided to join.

"I put in a request chit to be able to go to the tryouts that were to be held at Dam Neck Annex," said Tolbert.

Tolbert was one of 50 Sailors who competed to fill one of the 12 spots on the team. Standing 6'7" tall, Tolbert was selected to be one of them.

Once he was selected to play for the team, Tolbert joined the other new members for two weeks of training.

"We ran a lot of drills and scrimmages during those two weeks," said Tolbert. "We also learned a lot of new plays."

Tolbert has a lot to look forward to during the upcoming season.

"If we do well during the season we could even play for the all-armed forces basketball team and get a chance to play in Germany to represent the United States of America in the Olympics," said Tolbert.

Tolbert said he would even participate in the hometown area recruiting program so he could spread the word about playing basketball in the Navy.

"If I could play for the all-Navy team for 20 years, I would," said Tolbert.

The Bataan Sailor is planning to put in an officer package to either go to Hampton University or Norfolk State and hopes to play basketball for college as well.

Bataan is the fifth ship of the Navy's Wasp-class ships. She was commissioned Sept. 20, 1997, and is the second U.S. Navy warship to bear the name.



WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE USS BATAAN CVL-29, WISH SAMUEL E. TALBERT ALL THE REWARDS THAT ARE IN ORDER FOR HIS HARD WORK IN BEING NAMED A MEMBER OF THE ALL-NAVY BASKETBALL TEAM.



071205-N-15120-014 VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (Dec. 4, 2007) Chief Gunner's Mate Joseph McLendon, assigned to the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), and his daughter, skate together at the command's children's holiday party at the Haygood Skating Center. The ship's Morale, Welfare and Recreation committee hosted the party. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Stephen Oleksiak (Released)



071205-N-15120-100 VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (Dec. 4, 2007) Members of the Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) committee aboard the multi-purpose amphibious assault USS Bataan (LHD 5) bring Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves to life at the command's children's holiday party at the Haygood Skating Center. The ship's MWR committee hosted the party. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Stephen Oleksiak (Released)



071205-N-15120-064 VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (Dec. 4, 2007) Electronics Technician 1st Class James Carey, assigned to the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), and his sons, enjoy a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the command's children's holiday party at the Haygood Skating Center. The ship's Morale, Welfare and Recreation committee hosted the party. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Stephen Oleksiak (Released)



[071215-N-46800-107 NORFOLK Va. \(Dec. 15, 2007\) Habitat for Humanity Representative Jack Ferguson holds a key from Habitat for Humanity during a house dedication ceremony. Volunteers from the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan \(LHD 5\) volunteered their time to help Habitat for Humanity build two houses that were dedicated that day. U.S. Navy photograph by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Shamus O'Neill \(Released\) 071215-N-46800-107 NORFOLK Va. \(Dec. 15, 2007\)](#)



CAPT Rick Snyder
Commanding Officer
USS Bataan (LHD 5)

Captain Snyder, a native of Baltimore, graduated with honors from Tulane University in May 1983, earning a Bachelor of Science in Management, and he was commissioned in the Navy having completed the Navy ROTC program. In November 1984, Captain Snyder was designated a Naval Aviator and awarded his Wings of Gold.

Following initial training in the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter, Captain Snyder served at HSL-43, based in North Island, Ca. He completed deployments to the Western

Pacific and Arabian Gulf. After this initial sea tour, Captain Snyder attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Ca., earning a Masters of Science in Operations Research in 1990. He then served a follow-on tour as the Navy Analyst for the Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command in Seoul, Korea.

In 1991, Captain Snyder reported to HSL-40 in Mayport, Fla., as an instructor pilot in the SH-60B Seahawk. He was selected as the Squadron Officer of the Year before transferring to HSL-46, also in Mayport. While assigned to the Grandmasters of HSL-46, Captain Snyder deployed to the Baltic, Black, Adriatic, and Mediterranean seas. He also served as squadron maintenance officer and was again selected as the squadron officer of the year.

Captain Snyder transferred to the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon in 1995. He served as the Secretary's aviation liaison for public affairs. In this capacity, Captain Snyder was responsible for the Defense Department's three aerial demonstration teams; the Blue Angels, Thunderbirds, and Golden Knights. Before leaving, he headed the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference in 1998. Remaining in the Washington area, Captain Snyder next served a Federal Executive Fellowship at the Atlantic Council of the United States.

Captain Snyder returned to Mayport in 1999, serving as Executive and Commanding Officer of HSL-46. While in command of the Grandmasters, the squadron provided initial combat forces for the Global War on Terror. After leaving command, Captain Snyder reported to USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70), homeported in Bremerton, Wa., to serve as Navigator, completing an eight-month deployment in support of the war on terror. After this assignment, Captain Snyder returned to the Air Wolves of HSL-40 in 2003 to serve as their commanding officer.

Captain Snyder's most recent assignment was as Executive Officer aboard USS BATAAN (LHD 5), homeported in Norfolk, Va. During this tour, BATAAN was the first Navy responder to Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts.

Captain Snyder returned to BATAAN and assumed command in March 2007.

Personal awards earned by Captain Snyder include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), and the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards). He is married to Cheryl Eytel Snyder, and they have two daughters in college.



Commander Mark Scovill
Executive Officer
USS BATAAN (LHD 5)

Commander Scovill is a 1985 graduate of the University of Texas, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts and was commissioned via the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC).

His first sea duty assignment was aboard USS CORAL SEA (CV 43) as the Boilers Division Officer completing two deployments to the Mediterranean Sea including the "Ageless Warrior's" final cruise. In 1989, CDR Scovill was assigned to the Naval Amphibious School as a ship handling instructor. Following, Department Head School in Newport, Rhode Island, CDR Scovill served as Chief Engineer aboard USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD 41), which completed a UNITAS deployment in 1994 and participated in Operation ABLE MANNER. His following Department Head tour took place aboard USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1), again as Chief Engineer, where he deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. For his post-Department Head tours, CDR Scovill was assigned to the Surface Warfare Officers, School Command as an Engineering Instructor and at the U.S. Embassy Seoul, South Korea.

In 1999, CDR Scovill continued his sea time as Executive Officer aboard USS ARCTIC (AOE 8), where he made a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. Following this tour, CDR Scovill was assigned as Operations Officer, USS BATAAN (LHD 5), where he deployed to the Arabian Sea and participated in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and NOBLE EAGLE.

In 2002, CDR Scovill reported to Mobile Security Group Two as Chief Staff Officer. He returned to sea as the Commanding Officer of USS TORTUGA (LSD 46) in July 2004. While aboard TORTUGA, he completed a UNITAS deployment, BALTOPS deployment, and was the first U.S. Navy ship to arrive in New Orleans during the KATRINA/RITA hurricane relief efforts. In February 2006, CDR Scovill assumed command of USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43) in Sasebo, Japan, in conjunction with a hull swap deployment. He returned to USS BATAAN (LHD 5) as the Executive Officer in September 2006.

CDR Scovill holds a Masters degree from Salve Regina University and is a graduate of the Naval War College.

—NOW FOR OUR REUNION NEWS AND FORMS TO COMPLETE —

Wednesday. May 14:

Registration
7:00PM buffet and dancing

Thursday. May 15:

9:00am Hunter AFB Memorial Service
12:00pm Lunch@HunterAFB (lunch is included)
6:00pm Load bus and depart for...River Cruise
7:00pm Savannah Riverboat Dinner Cruise (meal included)
9:30pm Return to hotel

Friday. May 16:

8:45am Load trolleys and depart for...
9:00am Savannah Historic Overview Trolley Tour
11:00pm Old Fort Jackson-Field Cannon Firing
12:30pm Southern Buffet Lunch at the Lady and Son's (lunch included)
2:30pm Return to Hotel! Free evening

Saturday. May 17:

9:00am BusinessMeeting
10:00am Ladies' Paula Deen Tour (Optional ,includes lunch at UncleBubbas)
6:00pm "The Encore Band" at the hotel

Sunday. May 18:

Depart for home
Have a safe trip — see you in TULSA, OK — 2009

EVENTS PACKAGE PRICE: \$219.00 per person

OPTIONAL TOUR: THE PAULA DEEN TOUR
\$54.00 per person



NOW FOR THE COST TO YOU —

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION, YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE OR GUEST WILL PAY \$219.00 EACH TO THE COASTLINE TRAVEL INC. (THE FORM IS ON THE NEXT PAGE); ALSO, \$55.00 EACH FOR THE FOOD AND REGISTRATION FEE — FOR A TOTAL OF \$274.00 EACH— \$55.00 EACH IS TO BE SENT TO JOHN TIMPE WITH THE COMPLETED FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE — AND NOW FOR THE ‘KICKER’ — THE COST SHOULD ACTUALLY BE \$324.00 PER PERSON, BUT, THE ORGANIZATION IS GOING TO PAY \$50.00 EACH FOR THE MEMBER AND THE GUEST FOR A TOTAL OF \$274.00— EVERYONE ELSE MUST PAY \$324.00. WHY , YOU ASK YOURSELVES THE TWO FORMS — WELL, JOHN TIMPE HAS DONE A GREAT JOB TRYING TO KEEP THE COST AS LOW AS POSSIBLE, HE EVEN HAS THE HOTEL GIVING EACH PERSON STAYING THERE A \$10.00 BREAKFAST EACH MORNING — NOT A BAD DEAL — THANKS TO JOHN TIMPE.

TO ATTEND:

- 1: Phone in your Hotel Reservations Direct: 912-652-9300 or Toll Free at 877-782-9444. Be sure to say you are with the USS Bataan Group to get the group's \$129 room rate. (Hotel Questions: Speak to Gina Kress or Kelly Webb at the Hilton Garden Inn) Hotel Reservations must be made no later than April 1, 2008.
- 2: Fill out the form below, make checks payable to Coastline Travel, Inc. and mail to:

Coastline Travel, Inc.
 c/o Shane Richards
 41 Wahlstrom Rd.
 Savannah, GA 31404

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 5711 ABERCORN ST
 SAVANNAH, GA 31405

If you prefer to pay with a credit card, call Coastline Travel at 800-338-5016. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. Be sure to have your Trip # ready when you call. Events package reservations must be received no later than May 1, 2008.

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Events Package:	\$219.00	X	= \$
Optional Paula Deen Tour:	\$54.00	X	= \$
TOTAL:			



===== CUT ALONG THIS LINE AND SEND BOTTOM PORTION TO JOHN TIMPE, WHOSE ADDRESS IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM, WITH YOUR CHOICE OF MEAL(S) FOR SATURDAY'S DINNER DANCE AND REGISTRATION FEE WITH YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO USS BATAAN ASSOCIATION:

NAME _____ GUEST _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

CHOICE OF BANQUET MEAL: (PLEASE CHECK AND PLACE THE AMOUNT)

SLICED BEEF POT ROAST _____ HOW MANY _____

BAKED CHICKEN BREAST _____ HOW MANY _____

JOHN TIMPE
 110 RANDOMWOOD WAY
 JOHNSCREEK, GA
 30022

BROILED MAHI MAHI _____ HOW MANY _____

TOTAL MEALS _____ @ \$35.00 PER MEAL _____

REGISTRATION FEE @ \$20.00 PER PERSON _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUESTS @ \$50.00 PER PERSON _____

TOTAL MONIES SENT _____

Sando Cosenza — Secretary
 USS BATAAN CVL29/LHD5 ASSOCIATION
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**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE DATES OF THE REUNION
 MAY 14 — MAY 18, 2008. REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE TWO FORMS AND
 SEND THEM TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PLACES; ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO MENTION
 THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE USS BATAAN REUNION WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR
 ROOM RESERVATION. THE HOTEL IS IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY THERE IS NO
 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL; USING THE
 SERVICES OF A CAB COMPANY WOULD BE THE MOST ECONOMICAL.
 IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE TWO FORMS, OR IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORM
 ATION, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN TIMPE AT 1-770 475 5797, OR YOU CAN WRITE HIM AT
 110 RANDOMWOOD WAY; JOHNS CREEK, GA 30022.
 LET'S MAKE THIS A REUNION TO REMEMBER!!!**

Arlington National Cemetery at Christmas



Rest easy, sleep well my brothers.

Know the line has held, your job is done.

Rest easy, sleep well.

Others have taken up whou fell, the line has held.

Peace, peace, and farewell...

Readers may be interested to know that these wreaths -- some 5,000 -- are donated by the Worcester Wreath Co. of Harrington , Maine. The owner, Merrill Worcester, not only provides the wreaths, but covers the trucking expense as well. He's done this since 1992. A wonderful guy. Also, most years, groups of Maine school kids combine an educational trip to DC with this event to help out. Making this even more remarkable is the fact that Har-

ington is in one the poorest parts of the state