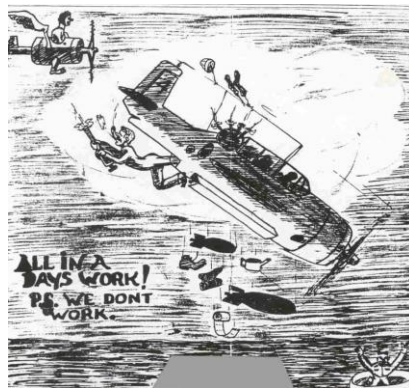
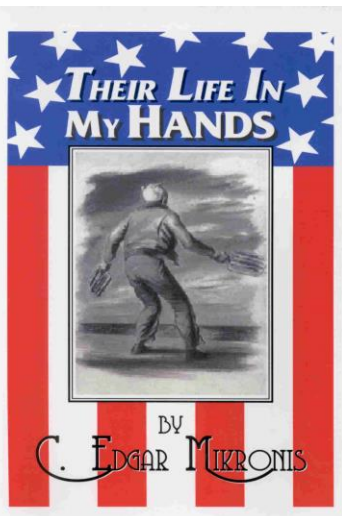


USS BATAAN CVL-29 IT TAKES A FIRST CLASS FIGHTING PERSON TO MAN A SHIP THAT IS CALLED BATAAN !

BEFORE I GIVE YOU A RUNDOWN OF OUR UPCOMING REUNION, I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST TELL YOU OF TWO OF OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN BOOKS ABOUT THEIR WARTIME EXPERIENCES. THESE ARE NOT JUST STORIES OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, THEIR SHIPMATES, AND THEIR SHIP(S), BUT STORIES THAT PUTS YOU IN THE COCKPIT OF PLANES THAT THEY FLEW. THESE ARE STORIES THAT ARE WRITTEN BY THOSE THAT WE KNOW, AND OF CONDITIONS THAT WERE REAL. AS I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES, THE EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE OCCURRED DURING WWII AND KOREA ARE NOW FIFTY PLUS YEARS. SOME OF OUR SHIPMATES THAT HAVE LIVED THESE OCCASIONS ARE NO LONGER WITH US, AND THE EXPERIENCES THAT THEY ENDURED, ARE MANY TIMES, LOST. IT IS ONLY BY THE WRITTEN WORD THAT HISTORY IS RECORDED. THESE TWO BOOKS ARE GREAT, AND AS I MENTIONED, WRITTEN BY SHIPMATES OF THE USS BATAAN CVL-29. IF YOU ENJOY READING ABOUT HAIR RAISING EXPERIENCES DURING WWII, THEN YOU MUST GET THESE TWO BOOKS. FOR WWII VETS AND/OR MEMBERS OF AIR GROUP 50, OR THOSE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN READING ABOUT HISTORY FIRST HAND, THEN YOU MUST GET THESE TWO BOOKS.



TO GET THESE BOOKS IS SIMPLY WRITING TO THE AUTHORS AND REQUEST YOUR COPY. THEIR ADDRESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**GIL JOHNSON
56 RICHMOND AVE
WEST HAVEN CT
06515**

**C. EDGAR MIKRONIS
2142 COOSA WAY
BLAIRSVILLE GA
30512**

FOR GIL'S BOOK – LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER, THE PRICE IS \$8.00, WHICH INCLUDES SHIPPING, AND FOR C. EDGAR'S BOOK, THE PRICE IS \$12.50, AND THAT INCLUDES POSTAGE. CDR. CLIFF FANNING, USN, RET, PILOT IN AIR GROUP 50, PUT ME ONTO THESE BOOKS, AND I THANK HIM FOR IT. AS I MENTIONED, THESE BOOKS WERE WRITTEN FROM THE HEART WITHOUT THEATRICAL NONSENSE. I AM SURE MANY WILL READ EACH BOOK IN ONE SITTING – THEY ARE THAT INTERESTING.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK-JANUARY 2004

Richard L "Dick Weaver, 170 Saint Andrews Loop, Kerrville, TX 78028; Tel: 830.257.3744; <rlwesw@ktc.com>

1. STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP:

411 ACTIVE MEMBERS

NO NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER. ANYONE WHO IS ON THE INTERNET AND WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO "CHASE DOWN" SOME OF OUR SHIPMATES, PLEASE NOTE PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW. I CAN PROVIDE NAMES, RATES AND NAVAL RECRUITING STATIONS THRU WHICH OUR WWII AND KOREAN ERA SHIPMATES WERE RECRUITED INTO THE NAVY. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH SOME OF OUR SHIPMATES FOLLOWING THEIR SERVICE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL CONTACT THEM REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN OUR ASSOCIATION.

ALERT FOR THE MEMBERSHIP- AS WE GO TO PRESS WITH THIS JAN 2004 NEWSLETTER WE HAVE: 63 MEMBERS DELINQUENT IN DUES PAYMENTS SINCE (MAY 02) AND 59 MEMBERS DELINQUENT IN DUES PAYMENTS SINCE (MAY 03). UNDOUBTEDLY SOME OF THOSE WHO ARE LISTED AS DELINQUENT HAVE PASSED AWAY. IF YOU KNOW OF DECEASED SHIPMATES, PLEASE HELP US OUT BY NOTIFYING DICK WEAVER, SO WE CAN KEEP OUR ROSTERS CURRENT.

2. ROSTER INFORMATION: Please let us know when you change your e-mail address, home address and/or phone numbers. Also, some members who have e-mail, have not included others of the USS Bataan Association as authorized "communicators", therefore we cannot communicate with you using e-mail. If you want to receive e-mail correspondence from one or more members of the membership, please place us on your "authorized" list.

3. REMINDER: PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FOLLOWING YOUR NAME ON THIS NEWSLETTER ADDRESS LABEL, I.E. (MAY 04). THIS IS YOUR DUES EXPIRATION DATE. IF THE DATE (MAY 02) APPEARS FOLLOWING YOUR NAME, AND YOUR DUES ARE NOT BROUGHT UP TO DATE, YOU WILL BE MOVED FROM THE "ACTIVE" MEMBERSHIP FILE TO THE "INACTIVE" FILE AS OF 1 JUNE 2004.

4. Status of list of EVERY shipmate and fellow Marine who served on USS Bataan (CVL-29) during WWII and Korean Wars: More than 6,500 shipmates and Marines have been identified and the project continues under development.

5. PERMANENT, laminated membership cards are being issued with dues renewals. These permanent cards will be reissued only if lost or defaced.

BATAAN SAILS TOWARD IRAQ; STRIKE FORCE TO FOLLOW :

THE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP BATAAN LEFT PORT MONDAY ON ITS FOURTH DEPLOYMENT IN FOUR YEARS, HEADING BACK TO THE PERSIAN GOLF ON AN UNEXPECTED MISSION TO HELP RESUPPLY THE MARINES.

SOME BATAAN CREW MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ON ALL OR MOST OF ITS FOUR TRIPS SAY THEY ARE NO LONGER SURPRISED BY THE HEAVY SCHEDULES TAKING THEM AWAY FROM HOME.

SINCE COMING INTO SERVICE SIX YEARS AGO, THE BATAAN HAS BEEN AMONG THE MORE HEAVILY WORKED SHIPS ON THE NAVY'S WATERFRONT. IT DEPLOYED FROM SEPTEMBER 1999 TO MARCH 2000, FROM OCTOBER 2001 TO APRIL 2002, AND AGAIN IN JANUARY 2003 FOR SIX MONTHS. THIS ASSIGNMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE JUST THREE MONTHS.

THE BATAAN IS TRAVELING SOLO ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO DELIVER A LOAD OF HELICOPTERS AND SUPPLIES THAT WILL BE NEEDED BY APPROXIMATELY 25,000 MARINES WHO ARE BEING ROTATED INTO IRAQ DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS FROM BOTH PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC FLEETS.

THE BATAAN HAS A CREW OF ABOUT 1,100 AND WILL BE TAKING UP TO 400 CAMP LEJEUNE AND NEW RIVER, N.C. MARINES.

MONDAY'S SAILING DOES NOT COUNT AS AN ACTUAL DEPLOYMENT , BATAAN'S COMMANDING OFFICER CAPTAIN EARLE S. YERGER SAID. THIS MEANS THAT THE BATAAN DOES NOT STEP OUT OF THE ROTATION SCHEDULE THAT HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR THE FLEET.

(THE ABOVE WAS TAKEN FROM *THE VIRGINIAN PILOT*, A NEWSPAPER IN NORFOLK THAT WAS SENT TO ME BY JOE MOORE.).

FOR THOSE THAT WERE AT *THE BATAAN APPRECIATION DAY*, I AM SURE YOU RECALL THAT THE USS BATAAN LHD-5 WILL HAVE A CHANGE IN COMMAND DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, AND THAT MEMBERS OF THE CVL-29 WERE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND; THIS I AM SURE HAS CHANGED. ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE USS BATAAN CVL-29/LHD-5 ORGANIZATION, WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES TO CAPTAIN NORA TYSON WHO WILL BE THE NEXT COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE USS BATAAN LHD-5.

Notes from the Board of Directors

Following our Annual meeting last May the 5 Association's officers got together via E-mail and set up a "Board of Directors" as outlined in our new by-laws. Our first official duty was to finalize and sign the new by-laws. Once that was done a whole series of events diverted our attention. First, the U S Navy Memorial and then the LHD-5 Appreciation Day and those events that have previously been reported. We did however, while everything else was going on, approve a new "Application Form for New Members", developed by our Treasurer Dick Weaver, and set up a new audit procedure with an Audit committee headed by shipmate Jim McDonald for 2004. Once we got back from Norfolk shipmate John Timpe brought our attention to the upcoming W W II Memorial Dedication in Washington, DC. The Board accepted John to head up the Associations delegation to the memorial and he will coordinate our members wishing to attend. (See related article)

As we look forward to our 2004 Annual Meeting we hope to have a firm plan for our 2005 reunion in place and presentations concerning 2006 so that we can get back on track with a two year lead time for future reunions. Anyone interested in hosting a reunion in 2006 or 2007 please contact one of the Board members. We are also interested in any new business that members might wish to present to the annual meeting so proper research can be done ahead of time if necessary. Remember it is your Association and your input is important to keep the Association headed in the direction you want. Please let us know your thoughts.

For the Board of Directors
Hugh Sullivan, President

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: Since our last Newsletter the following deaths were reported. **Bernard J. McCauley**, DOD 26 October 2002; **Don Seig** DOD sometime in 2002; **William Welch** DOD 24 December 2003; **Ernest Lucini** DOD 13 January 2004.

We were further advised that **Shirley Ankiewicz**, wife of Larry, passed away on 23 December 2003. Shirley and Larry, you may recall, were the very able Host's for last year's Reunion in Nevada.

The Board was also notified that **Marjorie Kips** died on 19 January 2004. Mrs. Kips was the wife of a Bataan Death March survivor. When she heard that our Association was asking Congress to name a ship BATAAN she came to our aid and traveled to Washington to plead our case with the Congress. She also contacted various organizations of the Death March and asked for their help. As a result of Mrs. Kips' efforts, our Association presented her with a plaque for her assistance.

Remember, if any of you hear of a shipmate or Association member who has fallen ill or has passed away, please notify me.

Bill Butler, Chaplain
28024 Cavendish Ct. #5303
Bonita Springs, FL. 34135

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL – IF YOU RECALL, APPROXIMATELY 2+ YEARS AGO, THE BODY VOTED TO HAVE OUR ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED AT THE WWII MEMORIAL. JOHN TIMPE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE “GO-BETWEEN” WHAT FOLLOWS IS SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT JOHN SENT ME:

Nearly 59 years after the end of World War II, the National World War II Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May29, 2004.

The Memorial Day weekend celebration on the National Mall will culminate an 11-year effort to honor America's World War II generation. The memorial was authorized by Congress in 1993. Construction began in September 2001 after several years of fund raising and public hearings.

The official dedication celebration will span four days and will include a WWII-themed reunion exhibition on the National Mall staged in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, a memorial service at the Washington National Cathedral, and an entertainment salute to WWII veterans from military performing units. Other related activities in cultural venues throughout the city are expected.

Dedication Ceremony

The memorial will be dedicated on Saturday afternoon, May 29, at 2 p.m. Gates will open at 11 a.m. Two hours of lively pre-ceremony entertainment beginning at noon will take attendees back to the wartime era through music, video images, newsreel clips, and reminiscences of the time. Big band and swing music will be highlighted along with a patriotic finale. Musical groups from the armed forces will entertain.

The dignified dedication that follows will recognize the important addition of the memorial to the National Mall and pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the WWII generation. President Bush has been invited to receive the memorial on behalf of the nation. Other dignitaries will participate in the ceremony, including former Senator Bob Dole, who served as the voluntary national chairman of the memorial fund-raising campaign.

There is strong, nationwide interest in attending the dedication ceremony, particularly by members of the WWII generation. We expect tens of thousands of those who lived and served during the war to attend with their family members. A ticketing system will be used for two of the events – the Dedication Ceremony and the Salute to WWII Veterans – to give priority to members of the WWII generation and to provide as much seating as possible for those whom the memorial honors.

Now here is what **MUST** be done --- In order to be invited to the dedication on Saturday, you must have a ticket, and, only Veterans will be given tickets. If you are planning to attend the ceremonies, John will get your ticket for you, BUT, he must have your commitment no later than Sunday, March 14, 2004. John suggests that we show our allegiance to our organization by wearing our **Bataan Hat**. If you plan to attend, write to:

**JOHN TIMPE
110 RANDOMWOOD WAY
ALPHARETTA, GA 30022-5070
TEL # 770-475 5797**

HELP –MEMBER WAYNE VON STETTEN, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING WHERE HE MIGHT FIND A REPLICA OF THE **BATAAN** (METAL OR PLASTIC). IF ANYONE KNOWS WHERE HE CAN GET ONE, PLEASE CONTACT WAYNE AT:

**950 WILLOW VALLEY LAKES DRIVE
APARTMENT I-205 @ SPRING RUN
WILLOW STREET, PA 17584
TEL: 717-464 0845**

AND NOW FOR THE UPCOMING REUNION -----

**USS BATAAN CVL-29/LHD-5 ASSOCIATION REUNION
DATES ---MAY 12TH TO 16TH 2004**

**PLACE ---THE DRAWBRIDGE VILLAGER PREMIER
2477 ROYAL DRIVE
I- 75 & BUTTERMILK PIKE (EXIT 186)
FT. MITCHELL, KY 41017
1-800-354 9793
www.drawbridgeinn.com**

NOTE: ATTENDEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE DRAWBRIDGE HOTEL. (ROOM RATES ARE \$75.00 + \$10.25 TAX PER NIGHT). THE NUMBER TO CALL IS ABOVE THIS NOTICE.

REUNION FEES WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO KENNETH L. MORRIS (CHECK PLEASE), 1550 OLDHAM DR, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45503. PHONE # 937-390 2713.

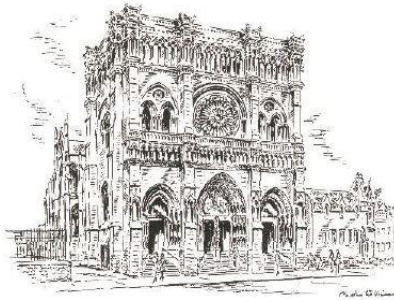
IF YOU ARE NOT STAYING AT THE DRAWBRIDGE, PLEASE INFORM KEN MORRIS OF WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING.

REGISTRATION AND FORMS TO BE COMPLETED AND SENT WITH PAYMENT

WED, MAY 12TH REGISTRATION FEE _____ PERSONS @\$20.00EACH =\$ _____
 BUFFET _____ PERSONS @\$32.00EACH= \$ _____

(NOTE – THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE USED FOR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, FLOWERS, AND HOSPITALITY ROOM EXPENSES)

THUR, MAY 13TH MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL
 BASILICA OF THE ASSUMPTION.



ALSO DINNER ON THE OHIO _____ PERSONS @\$37.00EACH = \$ _____



Bell of Cincinnati

FRIDAY, 14TH MAY CINCINNATI MUSEUM AND NEWPORT ON THE LEVEE
 _____ PERSONS @ \$24.00 EACH=\$ _____

CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER AT HISTORIC UNION TERMINAL, IS LIKE NO OTHER PLACE ELSE IN THE WORLD. THERE IS NO PLACE BETTER SUITED FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT AS ONLY MUSEUM CENTER CAN CLAIM SUCH HISTORY, UNIQUENESS, AMBIANCE, AND EXCITEMENT.(FOR YOUR CIVIL WAR HISTORIANS, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBIT SHOWING TWO BOARDER STATES—ONE FREE AND ANOTHER SLAVE.



Newport on the Levee



SATURDAY 15TH MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND DINNER DANCE
PERSONS @ \$37.00 EACH = \$ _____

NOTE – THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF MONIES IS 26TH APRIL 2004.

ALSO – THE HOTEL AND EVERYPLACE WE VISIT IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

ATTENDANCE CONFIRMATION FORM
(Please print ALL information)

NAME _____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Tel. # _____

ADDITIONAL GUESTS

If you have any question(s) please call Ken Morris @ 1-937-390 2713.

Let's help to make this a Reunion of Reunions.

May the Good Lord Keep You Safe Always.

Sando