



U.S.S. SUWANNEE CVE 27 NEWSLETTER 2010 #1

Editor's Note

I hope everyone out there in the Suwannee family is doing well and ready to start making arrangements to attend this year's reunion in St. Louis, Missouri. Norm Jennewein has provided details about that, and they appear below.

At the 2009 reunion in Reno the membership discussed ways of controlling the costs of producing and distributing the newsletter, which currently goes out in print to over 350 addresses. It was determined that we would continue to mail newsletters to all shipmates and air group members but would ask all others to let us know if they still want to receive it. That way we can be sure we are not incurring costs to provide newsletters to people who don't really care to receive it. If you did not serve aboard the Suwannee but want to continue to receive the newsletter, please let us know as soon as possible in one of the following ways:

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San Antonio, TX 78230

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If you currently receive the newsletter via email, you do not need to do anything. Since sending the newsletter by email does not incur any costs, we will continue to send those as we have been.

I would also really like to thank Paul "Cactus" and Terry Ann Walters for the fantastic job they did in Reno for the 2009 Reunion. Attendance was good and there were plenty of activities to keep everyone busy, along with a lot of time to visit among ourselves. I think everyone I talked to during and after the reunion expressed what a great time it had been.

-- Bill Reddell

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President's Message

I want to take a moment for a personal note. I would like to thank all of those of you who contacted me after the passing of my beloved Helen on December 21, 2009. Your kind words meant a great deal to me at a time of such great loss.

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to this year's reunion. Norm Jennewein will be hosting in St. Louis, and I am really looking forward to it.

"Cactus" and Terry Walters did such a great job with the 2009 reunion in Reno. I know that everyone who attended would join me in giving them a big pat on the back.

I hope you and your family have a great summer, and that I will see you in St. Louis this coming October. So long.

**Charles Casello,
President**

Reunion 2010

Norm Jennewein has informed us of the details of this year's reunion of the USS Suwannee CVE 27 and attached air groups. It will be held October 13-16, 2010 at the Sheraton Westport Inn in St. Louis, Missouri. The hotel's website is located at www.sheratonwestport.com.

The hotel is located near all of the major highways going through St. Louis, and is only ten minutes from St. Louis International Airport. Free transportation is available from the airport to the hotel. The hotel provides complimentary garage and surface parking. It is right next to the Westport Plaza, which offers more than 18 restaurants - www.westportstl.com/Map.html

While you are in St. Louis for the reunion you can visit their world-famous Botanical Gardens, Grant's Farm, the Gateway to the West Arch and the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

This summer you will be receiving a registration packet with everything you need in order to get signed up.

Norm or Dorothy Jennewein
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Photos from Reunion 2009 in Reno



Michael Jennewein, Norm Jennewein and Don Michie



Johnny Lozano (2nd from left) and his family



Wanda Michie, Lorraine Kovac and Flora Stephenson



Paul and Dotti Swenson and their family.



John Kilchrist, Robin Kilchrist and Victor "Frenchie" Kilchrist



Bill Moore, George (Lee's brother), Lee Norell and George Norrell



Tom O'Connell, Tim O'Connell and Joe O'Connell



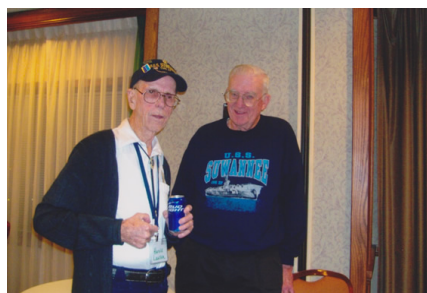
Russell Reinhart (3rd from left) and his family



Bob and Charlotte Eustace with an unidentified couple.



Paul Swenson (standing) and Allen Phair (far right) with unidentified couple



Harold Lawson and Luke Fronaphel

I'd like to thank Mary Lou Lawson for the photos from the 2009 Reunion in Reno. I sent out an email message requesting photos, as I did not have a camera with me in Reno to take any. As usual, Mary Lou came through for the Suwannee family. She sent more photos than we had room for. Thanks again.

-Larry Reddell



Chief Gunner (retired) **Patrick O'Neal**, 98 years old, is pictured with his oldest great granddaughter, Kelly Jones, May 2009. He purchased a new uniform to wear to the wedding of his youngest granddaughter. Patrick lives in Memphis, TN, at The Pointe at Kirby Gate, a residential assisted living facility and loves reading about his former shipmates aboard the USS Suwannee.



David Edward Anderson's family worked to raise the funds to create this veterans' memorial in his hometown.

- Taps -

John A. Ash	7/4/2009
Girard F. Bouchard, Sr.	1/23/2003
John DiGiovine	1/18/2010
Bob Eustace	1/31/2010
Ralph Fearar	01/20/2010
Ralph Gaither	7/19/2000
Cuman E. Grissom	8/28/1998
Ollie James Haddix	1985
Wilford Hickman	2/21/2004
William (Bill) Honner	March 1991
Vernon C. Johnson	June 2007
Harold Lobaugh	1971
Oscar N. Mullins	4/14/2010
Paul W. Nichols	1976
Gilbert F. (Bud) Peglow	4/11/2009
Robert H. Rohatch	2/17/1991
Julian Santistevan	12/1/2009
Walter (Buck) Swiger	1967
Stanley Wyrebek	7/6/2006
James E. Yuncker	3/31/2009



!!!S.O.S.!!!

If you served aboard the *USS Suwannee*, we need your help. We cannot make this newsletter the kind of valuable tool it needs to be in telling the story of the ship without your assistance. Please take the time to write down some of your experiences during your service and send them to:

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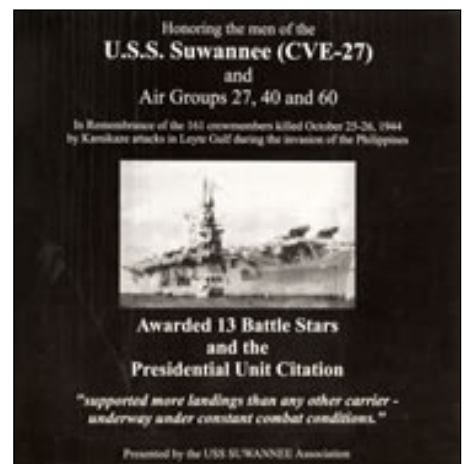
The history of the *Suwannee* is ***your*** history. **Please don't let it go untold.**



George W. Roth furnished this photo of his father's plane very nearly going over the side during the Okinawa operation.



Darrell W. Cook provided this photo of his father George O. Cook, taken in 1944.



For those of you who have not been to the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas, the plaque pictured above is displayed there in honor of the USS Suwannee CVE 27.

Contacts Sought by Suwannee Relatives

Over the past few months we have had several people contact us by way of the website who are looking for someone who might remember a relative of theirs who served on the Suwannee. If you recognize the name of a shipmate, the relative listed next to their name would like to hear from you.

Shipmate	Shipmate's Relative	Contact Method	Other Information
David Edward Anderson **	Sheryl Leddon (Niece)	led2edu@millry.net	Millry, AL
Jerome (Pops) Bauter	Curtis J. Bauter (Son)	curion@att.net	LaFargeville, NY
Girard (Jerry) F. Bouchard, Sr.	Aimee Ambrosino (G-daughter)	sionnaingal@gmail.com	Providence, RI
George O. Cook	Darrell W. Cook	twofeathers52@gmail.com	Aviation Mechanic
Harold (Harry) Ebbeson	Harry Ebbeson (Son)	hebbeson@fbdover.com	Gunner on a bomber
Sidney Johnson (S.J.) Chance*	James West (Brother-in-law)	jndplace@sbcglobal.net	Starboard side 20 mm
William F. Eichler ***	Dave Conrad (Cousin)	carolanddave@charter.net	KIA 10/25/44
James Ralph Gaither ***	Dean Naylor (G-nephew)	jnaylor@ctc.net	Machinist's Mate
	Terry Gaither (G-daughter)	tdgaither@nalco.com	North Carolina
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Joseph Halchak	John Halchak (Nephew)	John.Halchak@pwr.utc.com	
Wilford Hickman	Dawn Hung (G-daughter)	wb5ful@gmail.com	Store-keeper
William (Bill) Honner **	Joan H Sutherland (Daughter)	beyond.design@comcast.net	
Roy Johnson *	Tim Cass (Son-in-law)	CASST@MESABI.com	Operation Torch
Vernon C. Johnson	Blake Hoagland (G-g-son)	blazing.blake@yahoo.com	
William Miller *	Self	williamemiller@sbcglobal.net	Warrant Officer
Paul W. Nichols	Paul M. Nichols (Son)	pmnichols1@comcast.net	6' 4" Gunner's Mate
Elmer Jefferson (Rebel) Moon	Harry Moon (Son)	hmoon@telus.net	Wounded at Leyte
John Lawrence (Tub) Perry	Matt Corns (Grandson)	myrmidon76@verizon.net	Gunner's Mate
Clifford Emanuel Person	Sandi Spadafora (Niece)	gizmosmom@cox.net	AMM 3/C - KIA
Roy Reukauf **	Jane Anne Reukauf (Daughter)	(716) 662-4635	Wounded in Op. Torch
Walter (Buck) Swiger	Ann (Swiger) Bauer (Daughter)	agb4003@yahoo.com	Electrician
Stanley Wyrebek	Bill Wyrebek (Son)	wwyrebek@comcast.net	Aircraft Mechanic

* Shipmate still living ** See photo below *** KIA



Roy Reukauf



William (Bill) Honner



William Edward Anderson

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