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The Savannah- Tybee Island Experience



Special Reunion Issue

Savannah-Tybee Island, Georgia

For the *Ninth LST 1156 Reunion* the red carpet was rolled out for former LST 1156 crewmembers and guests at this year's reunion. The 2012 event was hosted in May at the Ocean Plaza Resort on Tybee Island, Ga.



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

As in past programs, this year's attendees represented many different eras of service aboard the 1156, and enjoyed four days of fun-filled activities including a T-Bone Kick-off Reception;

evening dining; command briefing and tour of Hunter Army Airfield; a Savannah Experience tour including the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum, the Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum, lunch at the famous Paula Deen's Lady & Sons Restaurant; a narrated riverboat cruise aboard the paddle-wheeler *The Savannah River Queen*; and, of course, much shipmate camaraderie.

Commemorative gifts for attendees this year included a 16 oz. TravelWare Thermal view travel tumbler, (seen below) that tells the whole story in full color wrap-around printing that includes LST 1156 history, ship milestones, and Navy lore.



Other gifts included 2012 commemorative ball caps for the former officers and crewmembers, and customized USN America's Bravest lapel pins, below.



Guests received a KOOZIE ® Six-Pack Cooler, with shoulder strap, in apple green color, imprinted with the ship's name in Navy blue.

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This year's dinner banquet guest speaker Commander **Timothy Tobiasz**, USCG, Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Savannah gave an informative and PowerPoint presentation that included a brief history of the Coast Guard, and the Coast Guard's role in evacuating residents of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina in 2007.



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member

The **USMC Beach and Terminal Operations Company Color Guard** from Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah provided ceremonial support posting and retiring the flag.

The Color Guard four-man team presented the flags of the United States and that of the Marine Corps, flanked by two rifle-bearers, shown above.

Following the posting of colors the *National Anthem* was sung by the LST 1156's last Commanding Officer, CDR **Mark V.V. Nelson**, USN (Ret.).

First time T-bone reunion attendees included: **Gene "Cranny" Cranford**, BM3, ('68-'71) and his wife Maxine; and *Associate Member*, **Barbara Talbert**, and her sister **Kc Adcock** from Charlotte, N.C., daughters of deceased shipmate **Bill Adcock, II**, En3, ('64-'65)

Also in attendance at the dinner banquet was Ms. **Kristin Detwiler**, President of Savannah Destination Management, LLC, our Savannah tour coordinator.

Our traditional *Tolling of the Bell* ceremony to honor deceased shipmates included **Dave Henk**, GM3, ('61-'64), Toller of the Bell, and **Nick Gardner**, QM3, ('59-'61), reader, followed by the singing of the traditional funeral verse of the *Navy Hymn* by CDR **Mark Nelson** ('70-'71).

All Hands on Deck



Photo by Nancy Heffernan Photography

Seated (L-R) George Fox, FT3; Pete DeWolf, ET3; Harold Templet, PN2; Jimmy Reece, GMG2; CDR Mark Nelson; *Plankholder* Ron Bloss, Sr., GM3; Nick Gardner, QM3; Ron "Lew" Lewis, RD2; Alan Miller, RD3; Terry Rowe, SK2. Standing: CDR Timothy Tobiasz, USCG (Guest Speaker); Bob Slovey, YN3; Denis Carter, EMC; Fred "Speedy" Langford, EM3; Bill Baumgartner, EN2; Chester Bentley, Jr.; Dave Henk, GM3; Larry Van Der Snick, EN3; Rick Erisman, RM3; Jim Gilbert, SM2; Leon Stolz, AO3; Fred Kraemer, QM2; Gene "Cranny" Cranford, BM3; LT(jg) Thomas "Monty" Billings; Jerry "Buck" Deardorff, EN3; Ron Robinson, CSSN; Gordon Robinson, YN3; Mike Brost, EN2; Gary Crossland, RM2; Homer "Skip" Moore, PN3; Les Wise, EN3; John Groff, EN3; and Dave Bader, JO2.



Shipmates and Guests



Photo by Nancy Heffernan Photography

Paparazzi



Photo by Nick Gardner, QM3



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member

EN2 Bill Baumgartner and Commander Timothy Tobiasz meet at the banquet dinner.

Savannah Riverboat Cruise



Photo by Nick Gardner, QM3



Photo by Nick Gardner, QM3

Dave Henk, GM3, Sue and Ron Lewis RD2, Joyce Gardner, Alan and Carol Miller waiting to board the cruise ship on Saturday.



Photo by Nick Gardner, QM3



Photo by Nick Gardner, QM 3



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member

Nick Gardner, QM3, reads the names of deceased shipmates at Friday Tolling of the Bell Ceremony.



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member

Shipmates from the 50s - Chester Bentley, Jr., EN2 and Bill Baumgartner, EN2.



Photo by Meg Groves

Reunion Guests Wendy Tobiasz, wife of CDR Tobiasz, Kristin Detwiler, President Savannah Destination Management, and Associate Member, Beverlee Keels following the dinner banquet.



Photo by Joyce Gardner

Above photo shipmates, Terry Rowe, SK2, Nick Gardner, QM3, Gordon Robinson, YN3, Fred Kraemer, QM2, and Ron "Lew" Lewis, RD2, in the hospitality suite.

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Annapolis - Baltimore, Maryland

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Photo Highlights

Crewmembers and guests at Friday night's banquet.



Photo by Nick Gardner, QM3



Photo by Nick Gardner, QM3



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Attendees viewing WW 2 Jeep on display at the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum.



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Tour Director explains World War II aircraft displays during the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum tour on Thursday.



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Tybee Pier Pavilion



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3



Photo by Jean DeWolf

Joyce and Nick Gardner, QM3, Beverlee Keels, Associate Member, and Darlene DeWolf at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum on Thursday



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member

Handsome couple from Albuquerque - Jean and Pete DeWolf, ET3, before the banquet dinner.



Wendy Tobiasz, Meg Groves, and Kristin Detwiler at the Friday evening dinner banquet.

Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3



Photo by Jean DeWolf

Quarterdeck Petty Officer of the Watch, Pete DeWolf, ET3, getting ready to check liberty cards.



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Bob Slovey, YN3, bikes in from Michigan

World-Famous Paula Deen's Restaurant



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Dorothy & George Fox, FT3, and Darlene DeWolf getting ready to order some southern cooking.

Hunter Army Airfield



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

CW3 Dave Thorensen explains the Apache attack armament during a group briefing at Headquarters, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade at HAAF. The briefing was followed by a walking tour of base facilities, and simulated helicopter pilot training.



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

USCG Air Station Savannah



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

LT Daniel Lavinder, USCG, explains the use of the air rescue basket. Harold Templet, PN2, looks on.

My Turn Pete



Photo by Jean DeWolf



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Bob Slovey, YN3, doing a quality check on Coast Guard copter rotor blades.



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

LT Lavendir answers questions from Bill Baumgartner, EN2, about air and rescue operations at sea.



Photo by Jean DeWolf

Dave Bader gets set for take-off, with Navigator Bob Slovey, YN3, in background.



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

HAAF Chow Hall



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Tribute to Savannah at 8th AF Museum



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member

All Aboard the Hunter Army Air Field Express



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Tuskegee Airmen Tribute 8th Air Force Museum



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member



Photo by Pete Dewolf, ET3

Nick and Joyce Gardner arrive at Ocean Plazain style.

Savannah Riverboat Cruise



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3



Photo by Donna Erisman, Associate Member

Decommissioning Crew 1968-1971: left to right Rick Erisman, RM3, *Ship's Historian*; Bob Slovey, YN3, *Association Secretary*; Denis Carter, EMC; CDR Mark V.V. Nelson, Jim Gilbert, SM2; Gene "Cranny" Cranford, BM3; LT(jg) Monty Billings; and Harold Templet, PN2, at reunion dinner banquet.

Reunion Reflections



By **Barbara Talbert**, Associate Member

Charlotte, N.C.

My sister **Kc Adcock** and I would like to thank everyone for the hospitality that was given to us when we attended our first reunion in Savannah with you.

We both thought everyone was very welcoming and made us feel comfortable. Kc and I went to the reunion to honor our deceased father, **William J. Adcock, II**, EN3, 1962-1964 and came away with many memories.

The tolling of the bell ceremony was very emotional for us. It was heartbreaking but we are very proud of our father.

Although we only participated in the dinner, we were very impressed with all of the activities that the planning committee put together for the reunion.

We really enjoyed meeting and talking to people who knew our father.

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“To do the reunion and ceremonies every year is a special thing with recognition of their crewmembers, themselves and what they did and why and should never be forgotten.”

- **Kc Adcock**



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member

Nick Gardner, QM3, Kc Adcock, Associate Member Barbara Talbert, from Charlotte, N. C. (daughters of deceased shipmate Bill Adcock, II, EN3), and Dave Bader, JO2, following the dinner banquet.



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Maintaining the freedom of the seas.

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9th LST 1156 Reunion Attendees



Ocean Plaza Resort

Tybee Island, Georgia

- **David Henk**, GM3, ('61-'64)
- **David Bader**, JO2, ('54-'56)
Guest: **Beverlee Keels**, *Associate Member*
- **Gordon Robinson**, YN3, ('58-'62)
Guest(s): **Marlene Robinson Edge**
Alice Robinson Rudisill
- **Rick Erisman**, RM3 ('70-'71), *Historian*
Guest: **Donna Erisman**, *Associate Member*
- **Mark V.V. Nelson**, CDR, CO, ('70-'71)
Guest: **Mary (Meg) Groves**
- **Leslie Wise**, EN3, ('59-'63)
Guest(s): **Rachel Wise & Nicole McCoy**
- **Gary Crossland**, RM2, ('57-'59)
Guest: **Jeanne Crossland**, *Associate Member*
- **Terry Rowe**, SK2, ('59-'62)
Guest: **Shirley Rowe**
- **Leon Stolz**, AO3, ('60)
Guest: **Sherryl Stolz**
- **Harold Templet**, PN2, ('70-'71)
Guest: **Margaret Templet**
- **John Groff**, EN3, ('61-'64)
Guest: **Judy Groff**
- **Ron Robinson**, CSSN, ('58-'59)
Guest: **Judy Robinson**, *Associate Member*
- **Jerry "Buck" Deardorff**, EN3, ('63-'67)
Guest: **Sonja Deardorff**
- **Alan Miller**, RD3, ('63-'64)
Guest: **Carol Miller**
- **Larry Van Der Snick, Sr.**, EN3, ('62-'65)
Guest: **Lynda Van Der Snick**
- **Nick Gardner**, QM3, ('59-'61)
Guest: **Joyce Gardner**
- **Pete DeWolf**, ET3, ('55-'57)
Guest(s): **Jean DeWolf & Darlene DeWolf**
- **Homer "Skip" Moore**, PN3, ('61-'63)
Guest: **Nancy Moore**
- **Rev. George Fox**, FT3, ('59-'61)
Guest(s): **Rev. Dorothy Fox**, *Associate Member & Janet Fox*

- **Mike Brost**, EN2, ('63-'67)
Guest: **Lynn Brost**
- **Jimmy Reece**, GMG2, ('61-'64)
Guest: **Janett Reece**, *Associate Member*
- **Bob Slovey**, YN3, ('68-'71)
Association Secretary
- **Ron "Lew" Lewis**, RD2, ('59-'62)
Guest: **Susan Lewis**
- **Ralph "Eddie" Reynolds**, FT3, ('68)
Guest: **Judy Reynolds**
- **Ron Bloss, Sr.**, GM3, *Plankholder*
Guest: **Denny Rohrbaugh**
- **Fred Kraemer**, QM2, ('58-'62)
Guest: **Norma Kraemer**
- **Gene "Cranny" Cranford**, BM3, ('68-'71)
Guest: **Maxine Cranford**
- **Jim Gilbert**, SM2, ('66-'69)
Guest(s): **Janet Gilbert**
Michael Gilbert & Amy Davis
- **Bill Baumgartner**, EN2, ('54-'57)
- **Denis Carter**, EMC, USN (Ret.)
Guest: **Bobbie Carter**
- **Chester Bentley, Jr.**, EN2, ('54-'58)
- **Fred "Speedy" Langford**, EM3, ('54-'56)
Guest: **Alice Langford**
- **Thomas "Monty" Billings, Jr.**, LT(jg), ('67-'70)
Guest: **Sarah Billings**
- **Barbara Talbert**, *Associate Member*,
daughter of deceased shipmate **William (Bill) Adcock, II**, EN3 ('62-'64)
Guest: **Kc Adcock**, daughter of deceased shipmate **William (Bill) Adcock, II**, EN3, ('62-'64)
- **Commander Timothy Tobiasz**, USCG, & Mrs. **Wendy Tobiasz**
- **USMC Beach and Terminal Operations Company Color Guard**
- **Kristin Detwiler**, President, Savannah Destination Management, LLC

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'AHoy! NOW HEAR THIS'



9th LST 1156 Reunion Banquet Anecdotes

By **Rick Erisman**, RM3, Ship's Historian

Pittsburgh, Pa.

For those readers of our **Newsletter** who were not at our reunion, what follows are excerpts of my comments at the dinner banquet held at the Ocean Plaza Resort on May 18.

'Ahoy! Now Hear This'

Ever wonder about the origin of the Navy term "Ahoy! Now Hear This"? According to shipmate **Jimmy Reece**, GMG2 ('61-'64), "This old traditional greeting for hailing other vessels was originally a Viking battle cry."

Scuttlebutt

Another common Navy term: "Here's the *Scuttlebutt*". Also according to Jimmy that's where the rumors about the ship or voyage would begin.

Cartagena, Columbia

Have you heard references to Cartagena, Columbia in the news lately? Well, the "T-Bone" visited there July 26 to August 4, 1971 within three months of her decommissioning and transfer to the Spanish Navy October 29, 1971. We were on our best behavior and had good liberty there.

I returned for a port visit there on the USS York County LST-1175 February 14-20, 1972 within five months of her decommissioning and transfer to the Italian Navy July 17, 1972.

Navy Breathalyzer Tests Due

The Navy soon will begin giving Breathalyzer tests to many of its sailors before they report to work aboard a ship under a new program that eventually will spread to the Marine Corps as well.

On March 5 Navy

★★★★★★★★★★ Secretary Ray Mabus announced the plan's implementation during a rare "all hands" call from aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) at Naval Station Norfolk.

★★★★★★★★★★ The Breathalyzer tests are already in use aboard submarines in the Pacific Northwest.

The 'Tybee Bomb'

'Since U.S. and Russian planes and submarines began carrying nuclear warheads around the clock, 92 have been lost in military mishaps.

"The U.S. Government lists only 11 of its abandoned bombs as still unrecovered, including two offshore from Atlantic City, N.J., and another four miles off Tybee Island, near Savannah, GA.

"On July 28, 1957, an Air Force C-124 flying out of Delaware's Dover Air Force Base lost power and jettisoned two of its three nuclear bombs into the ocean 50 miles from Atlantic City. They were never recovered.

"The so-called "Tybee bomb" dumped into the shallow waters off Tybee Island, is said to be 100 times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945. But Maj. Cheryl Law, speaking for the Air Force in 2001, told the Associated Press that the Tybee bomb isn't capable of nuclear explosion.

"Retired Air Force Col. Howard Richardson, the pilot who jettisoned the Tybee bomb [Feb. 7, 1958] before making an emergency landing at Hunter Air Force Base, has said as much, as recently as 2008. His B-47 bomber took off from Florida's Homestead Air Force Base, where records show that no plutonium capsules – the necessary component for a nuclear weapon – were stored.

"No story written about the Tybee bomb told how the strange news was broken in 1958 by a local radio reporter in Savannah (George Zucker).

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"The day Richardson jettisoned the bomb four miles off the island's beach, the Pentagon tried to keep it quiet. I was discharged from the Air Force and working as a reporter for a local radio station. My old boss, the public information officer at Hunter Army Airfield, was ordered by the Pentagon not to say anything about the dumped bomb until the first press inquiry, which came from me.

"On Feb. 7, callers to my radio station were reporting odd activity off Tybee Island, about 20 miles from town. Most callers thought that someone probably drowned, but the sheriff said it was a military matter.

"A statement from the Pentagon...said simply that a B-47 preparing to make an emergency landing at Hunter had been forced to jettison its 'nuclear device' near Tybee Island. The statement said there was no danger of radiation or nuclear explosion, and no cause for public alarm.

"The B-47 had collided with an F-86 jet fighter plane, ripping the left wing off the smaller aircraft. The pilot ejected safely, and the F-86 crashed and burned.

"The B-47 and its three-man crew made several attempts to land at Hunter but could not maintain the airspeed needed for a safe landing. Because of its 7,600-pound weight, the bomb had to be jettisoned.

"More than 50 years later, the Tybee bomb and a handful of other lost nukes are still a source of controversy and even fear.

Military authorities have decided that wherever these weapons are, they're safer there than trying to remove them.

"A month after the Tybee bomb fell, another B-47 en route to Hunter accidentally released its own "nuclear device" onto the Walter Gregg farm near Florence, S.C. blowing up a backyard chicken coop and heavily damaging the farm house...Six chickens died. That bomb was recovered."

Source: *The American Legion Magazine* April 2012

LST 1156 Plankholder Reflections

I received a couple of interesting emails on March 20 and April 30 from *Plankowner* **Joe Klinger**, BM2 ('52-'55). Joe mentioned that some of the members of the "T-Bone" came from the Ceremonial Guard in DC. In addition to himself, *Plankowners* **Ed "Bo" Bobal**, BM3 ('52-'55); **Kendrick**, SN ('52-54); **Ralph Adamy**, SN ('52-

54); **Joe Messina**, QM2 ('52-54); **Ken Kirbach**, FCSN ('52-54); **Gene Bahn**, SN ('52-'54); and **Simkins**, FC1 ('52-'54) were participants.

Joe said that, "some of us were members of the drill team. We did a silent display also and won many competitions in the DC area against all other service branches, including the Marines.

"However, we didn't have an officer walking between us when we were doing our drills as is done in today's U.S. Navy Silent Drill Team performances.

"While in the Ceremonial Guard we were at Arlington Cemetery on a daily basis giving honors to those killed in Korea.

"When CNO Forrest Sherman died, we marched along with all of the other service branches including the military academies in parade form from 12th & Pennsylvania Ave. to Arlington Cemetery. The drill team was on local TV once. We were in numerous local parades and we performed at Griffith Stadium for the Masonic event called *Night of Thrills*, drill team only.

"We spent a lot of our own pay for the ceremonial attire: white gloves; heel and toe taps; double soles on shoes; white guard belts; extra white hats; and white uniforms.

"Sometimes we had to go out twice a day and had to have a fresh uniform. We did our own laundry and pressed our own clothes.

"A tour was 12-15 months. When you were about to go to sea duty, you received a call to inquire what you wanted to serve on with either the 6th or 7th Fleets.

"While I participated in the Ceremonial Guard, every request was met until our group was called to report aboard LST 1156.

"The ship required a crew right away although she was still being built at the Bath Iron Works in Maine.

"As a result, we spent the several months between July and November cleaning up the old "rust buckets" that came out of moth balls in Florida. We ran drills and lived in the troop compartments."

Business Meeting Motion

During this year's association business meeting on May 17 **Les Wise**, EN3 ('59-'63), motioned that the Association present a plaque in memory of **Bill McKnight**, CSSN, *Plankholder*, ('52-'54) and Association Vice-President, to his family.

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The membership vote on the motion was unanimous.

Adjacent to this column is Bill's obituary.

Plaque Photo & Inscription



The inscription reads:

USS Terrebonne Parish LST 1156

**Presented to the Family Of
William "Bill" McKnight, CSSN,
Plankholder**

**Vice-President of LST 1156 Association
2002-2012**

The Association with this Symbol

Recognizes

His Dedication and Work

In Keeping The Navy Tradition

**USS TERREBONNE PARISH
(LST 1156)**

IN MEMORIAM



**Bill McKnight, CSSN
1932 – 2012**



Plankholder and LST 1156 Association Vice-president, **Bill McKnight, CSSN**, ('52-'54), age 79, of Buckhannon, WV died on May 7, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon, West Virginia. He was born October 23, 1932 in Burnsville, West Va.

Bill served as a Commissaryman Seaman on the USS Terrebonne Parish (LST 1156), from 1952 to 1954, and also served on board the USS Fox (DD 234). He attended boot camp at the Great Lakes.

He was one of the original *Plankholder* members of the association, and actively participated in all of the association's program initiatives as an Executive Board member.

Bill fully enjoyed each of the reunions he attended and helped to plan, and he was always anxious to attend the next one. He was very proud to be a part of the LST 1156 Association.

He served his country with honor and helped to extend the proud tradition of the Navy through his tireless efforts in our ship's association.

In his civilian career, Bill was the owner of the Wooden Nickel (Dairy King), K and M Mobile Home, Central Towing, U-Haul Rentals and McKnight Sales and Service.

His legion of friends with the LST 1156 Association, and his former shipmates will miss him enormously, and all of the LST 1156 family will remember his presence, his warmth, his sense of humor, and his smile.

Bill was active in many national and local community organizations, and received awards from Burnsville Alumni, Rotary, West Virginia Strawberry Festival and numerous other organizations.

Funeral services were held on May 10, 2012 in Buckhannon. Representing the T-Bone association at the services were **Rick Erisman, RM3**, (*Ship's Historian*), **Donna Erisman**, *Associate Member*, and LST 1156 *Plankholder* **Gilbert Beamer, GM3**.

**9th LST 1156 Reunion
Dinner Program**



*Tybee Island, Georgia
Friday, May 18, 2012*

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES
David Bader, JO2**

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS
USMC Beach and Terminal
Operations Company Color Guard**

***THE NATIONAL ANTHEM*
CDR Mark V.V. Nelson, USN (Ret.)**

**TOLLING OF THE BELL
Nick Gardner, QM3, *Tolling of Bell Reader*
Dave Henk, GM3, *Toller of the Bell***

***THE NAVY HYMN (Solo)*
CDR Mark V.V. Nelson, USN (Ret.)**

**INVOCATION
Rev. Dorothy Fox, *Associate Member***

**- DINNER FOR OFFICERS, CREW
AND GUESTS -**

**GUEST SPEAKER
CDR Timothy A. Tobiasz, USCG
Commander
Coast Guard Air Station Savannah**

**T-BONE ANECDOTES
Rick Erisman, RM3
*Ship's Historian***

**SET THE SPECIAL DETAIL
David Bader**



Past Reunion Guest Speakers

2010

**Colonel Brennan T. Byrne, USMC
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations
1st Marine Expeditionary Force
Camp Pendleton, Calif.**

**Special Guest Colonel Frank B. Gregory
U.S. Army (Ret.)
Monterey, Calif.**

2009

**William W. Crow, Captain, USN
Commanding Officer
Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va.**

2007

**Paul L. Kratochwill, Commander, USN
Commanding Officer
Naval Operational Support Center
Chicago, Ill.**

2006

**Lee H.C. Little, Captain, USN
Commander
Training Air Wing SIX
NAS Pensacola, Fla.**

2005

**H. C. Rodriguez, Major, USMCR
Acting Inspector-Instructor
4th Reconnaissance Battalion, I&I
San Antonio, Texas**

2004

**Robert M. Zalaskus, Captain, USN
Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station
Charleston, S.C.**

2003

**C. J. Christ, President and Chairman of the
Board
Regional Military Museum
Houma/Terrebonne Parish, La.**

2002

**John T. Nawrocki, Captain, USN
Commanding Officer
USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7)
Norfolk, Va.**

Photo Highlights



Photo by Beverlee Keels, Associate Member

Women Aviators in WW 2 display gallery at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. Gallery pays tribute to women who test-piloted aircraft in World War II.



Photo by Pete DeWolf, ET3

Jerry "Buck" Deardorff, EN3, and Nick Gardner, QM3, on the Savannah River Queen's bridge during the Saturday afternoon luncheon cruise.

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Guest speaker Commander Timothy Tobiasz, USCG, shares his thoughts on receiving recognition plaque from Dave Bader, JO2, following his PowerPoint presentation of the rescue efforts following Hurricane Katrina.

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