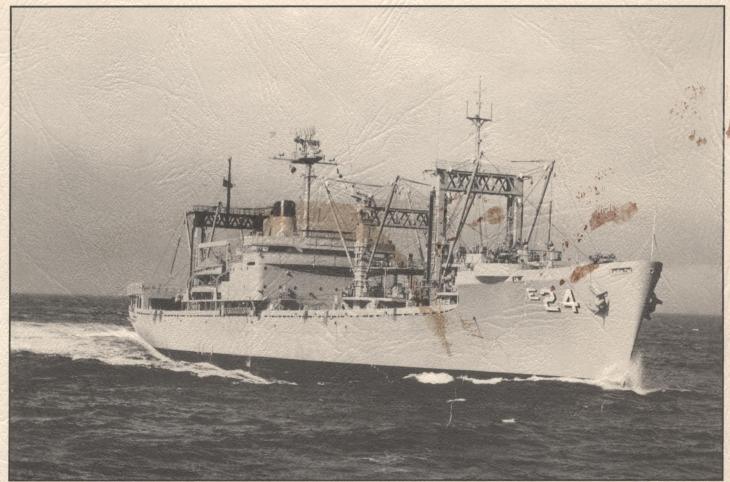
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USS PYRO ASSOCIATION AE-1 & AE-24 REUNION MAY 16-20, 2001





# "THAT WHICH WE LOVE WE MOURN, BUT MUST REJOICE THAT WE HAVE EVER HAD."



### THE ADMIRAL NIMITZ MUSEUM

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DONALD C. SOUTH	AE-24	BORN 9-26-25	DIED 3-31-2000
ROBERT B. WATSON	AE-1	7-20-24	8-29-2000
EUGENE KOERBER	AE-1		2000
GENE O. WRIGHT	AE-1	10-16-27	3-01-2001
DEAN E. FITZWATER	AE-1	10-13-19	3-26-2001

"TRADITION - PRIDE - REMEMBERANCE"

# NAMES WITH AN ASTERISK DENOTES PYRO "VIRGINS," WELCOME!

\*Ygnacio Benitez
Frances & Clifford Bourassa
Mary & Murray Brown







\*Dr. John & Sandy Burtoft

\*Jared Cameron & Kirk Keeler

\*Millie & Art Derry







\*Myra & Billy Eckstine

\*Loyd & Mary Ellis

Paul & Shirley Flynn







Ellie Fricke

\*Lon Frye

\*Bailey George













Raymond & Betty Gillman

\*Jeri & Patrick Glenn

Robert Kelly & Gary Golay







Donald & Virginia Green

\*Kenneth Grissom

Jack & Margaret Gunter







\*Fredrick & Sharon Hamlin

Robert Kelly & Robert Hauge

Bobbie Allen, Daughter of
Robert Hauge, Gina Siste, Grand-Daughter







John & Dorothy Hobizal

Dinah, Keith & Gary Holmes

Donald Hunt

Howard & Charlene Iversen

Bernice & Robert Kelly

\*Marion & Tamami Logsdon







Donald & Esther Lowe
Richard & Connie MacDonald
David Sprague & John Madsen







Robert Mahan (We miss Ida too)

Tony Mahan

\*Donald & JoAnne McClurg





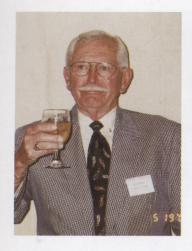


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Ginger & Harry Minnich
Joseph & Ruth Ann Nalle











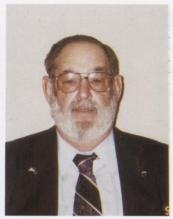


Irvin Palm

Tom & A.J. Partlow

\*Joseph & Sybil Psuik







Frank & Pearl Ryan

\*Martin "Dutch" Schwendeman

\*James & Robert Smiley, Jr.







Bonnie & Robert Smith
Lewis & Shirley Steele
Edward & Eleanor Stone







\*Donald & Lynn Sullivan

\*Richard & Rita Tully

Charles & Marianne Waller

Donald Wikeen

Roz & George Graeber

\*Bill Skinner, Pat & Jeri Glenn







Paul Flynn & \*Gary Barton

Louise & Paul Hisel

Robert Hauge & Daughter Bobbie Allen "I finally did somthing right"







Trey Stone & Gina Siste

Jim Allen & Deanna Siste

"Old Friends" Ken Grissom &
Lew Steele







Keith, Dinah & Gary Holmes

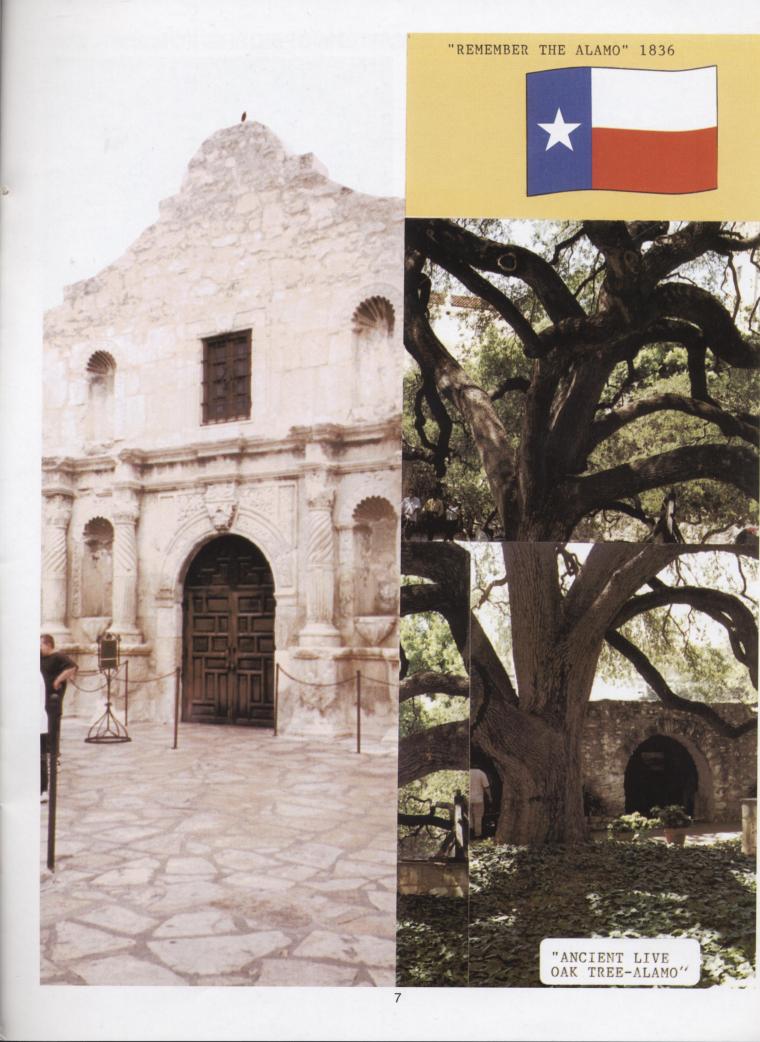
Paul Hisel & Grand Daughters Katy & Chrissy

Many thanks to Liz Domrowski, Hotel Coordinator









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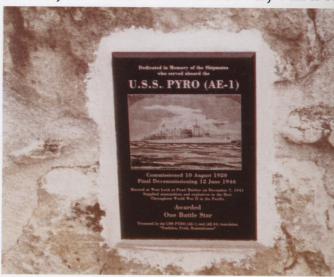


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# MAY 18, 2001 ADMIRAL NIMITZ MUSEUM, FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS



Rear Admiral Charles Grojean, Ret. US Navy Executive Director of the Nimitz Foundation



Uss Pyro AE-1 Plaque in the Wall of Remembrance



Dedication of Plaque by Ed Stone & Pearl Harbor Survivors



Bob Hauge who never gave up on this project



The Bell tolls for the deceased. Named by Don Wikeen & Ringing of the bell by Richard MacDonald



Don Wikeen, Bob & Bonnie Smith

# **HOSPITALITY SUITE, NOSTALGIA: WELCOMING NEW FACES!**



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### "MORE NOSTALGIA"



Connie MacDonald & Bob Kelly, Trustee



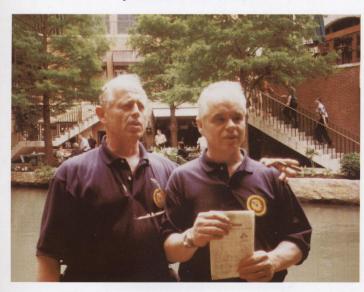
Ray Gillman, #1 Recruiter



Lynn & Don Sullivan



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Bob & James Smiley "River Walk"



"Pearl Harbor Survivors"

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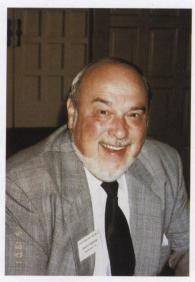
# WELCOME TO THE VIRGINS (FRANK, IRV & DON WILL NEVER BE VIRGINS AGAIN)



Gary Barton



Frank Ryan & "Dutch"
Schwendeman



Jared Cameron



Sybil & Joe Psuik



Myra & Bill Eckstine



Irv Palm & Don Hunt



John Madsen, "The face of a Cherub & loves Martini's."



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Our President, Gary Golay, member of the Infamous "Rat Pack" is now planning Reunion 2002.

Please be there!

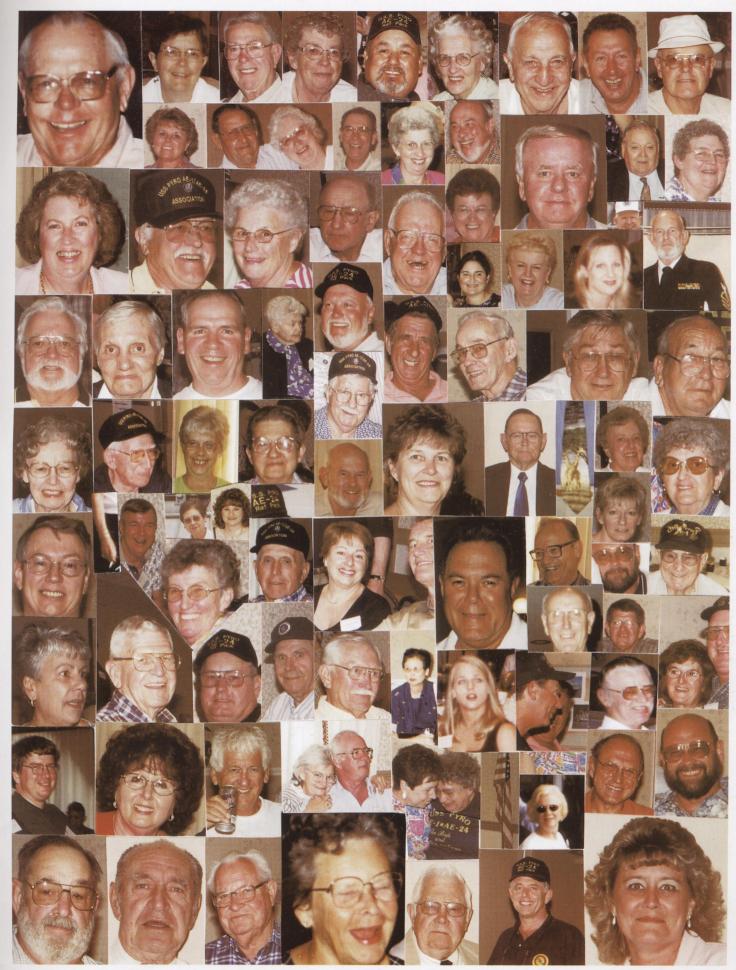
The Web Site was made possible through the generosity and perseverance of Bob Smiley. Membership in the Association has been greatly enhanced through this and the indefatigable efforts of Ray Gillman. You deserve our applause!



Joe Psuik, Bob Smiley & Ray Gillman



The River Walk, one of the true beauty spots in Texas.



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ROBERT SMILEY	JAMES SMILEY, BROTHER.	

#### "A NOTE FROM ELLIE"

Five years ago, enroute home from the Cedar Rapids, Iowa reunion, my brother Dean Fitzwater requested a firm commitment from Ellie. Should he no longer be able to attend this annual event, I would go in his stead. This promise was renewed each year. Dean wanted and needed to be with you and evidently felt I was in need of your friendship also. To those who telephoned, wrote letters and cards after his death, my heartfelt thanks. Dean has now earned another stripe, the GUARDIAN ANGEL of the USS PYRO ASSOCIATION.

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Thanks to Ed Stone, Frances Bourassa, Margie Gunter, Don Wikeen and Bob Smith for contributing photo's and sincere appreciation to you Dave Sprague for assisting and keeping me centered. To all the "VIRGINS" and their first REUNION, they get better each year. PLEASE COME BACK in 2002.

Gratefully, Elie

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