



# Sleepless in Seattle



## USS Pyro Association

Reunion 2013  
May 15-19, 2013

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**May 15-19, 2013 DoubleTree Suites, Seattle Airport/Southcenter**



## **REUNION ACTIVITIES**

**Wednesday 15 May 2013**

**Welcome Reception**

**Thursday 16 May 2013**

**Seattle Duck tour, Space Needle and Seattle City Tour**

**Friday 17 May 2013**

**Remembering the departed on the USS Turner Joy; Bremerton Naval Museum**

**Saturday 18 May 2013**

**Membership Meeting**

**Awards Banquet – Group photos, cocktail, great dinner and dancing**

# Remembering Fallen Comrades



The annual memorial service honoring departed — but not forgotten — members of the Pyro Family is in many ways the most meaningful moment of our reunions, yet one we all wish were unnecessary. But time continues to take its toll.



# Heroes and 'Sheroes'

Truth is, everyone who attends contributes to the fun we have at Pyro reunions, but as Bob Hauge, Gary Jaeger, Bob Smith, Tom Sanborn, Larry Shepline and everyone else who has planned one of these affairs know, it's a lot of work. So special recognition is due to special people (and their spouses) who put their shoulders to the wheel, noses to the grindstone and did the hard work, work that money couldn't buy.

With apologies in advance for inevitable omissions, this year's honors list:



The local hosts, Pat and Gary Michael, did all the detail work with great efficacy and cheer while keeping the 'sauce' and salsa flowing in the hospitality room; Not-so-Twilight Sailors Bob Hauge and Ed Stone are the heart and soul of our organization. Whether taking over the microphone as master of ceremonies or dancing for dollars, the two AE-1 sailors epitomize the Greatest Generation; M&M Mary Ellis and Myra Eckstine: What can I say: No ticket sales, no scholarships. No 'good time girls,' no good times!



Joe Valenzuela and Diane Otero preserve reunion memories with their photographic talent; Quilt Queen Lavonne knits 'em, Jasper auctions 'em and kids get scholarships; Sally Nichols knits exquisite quilts while C. Ray labors year around to maintain and expand the association website.



Officers and (snipe) gentlemen: VP Billy Eckstine, a voice of calm in stormy seas; Doug Wisher, super secretary; Bill Hogan, terrific treasurer; Angel Otero, VP, duty gadfly and enforcer; Kimberly Box, membership maven; Jack-of all-trades Gary Golay, president emeritus, boogie-woogie bugler boy and acting chaplain.



Bored of Education: Frank Fanning (savior of Pyro women from dry skin with Trilipiderm samples) and John Wichtrich for contributions of labor and treasure to the scholarship program; Peg and Bob Smiley for their convivial generosity to the Pyro website and all association activities; Sharon and Fred Hamlin for 'sewing up' and showing up despite adversity; Ann and Lud Miller for willingness to help and constant kindness to all.

# Hospitality Hijinks



Bill Hogan stocks the bar; Mary Ellis greets Ed Stone.



The Sullivans and Smiths report aboard.



Clans Williams and Nichols at their duty stations.

# Hospitality Hijinks



Jack Hon and the Strunks



John Parker and Mile Driscoll; Sue and Albert Duplantis.



Gary and Helen Golay; Lud and Ann Miller

# Hospitality Hijinks



Sondra and John Mangin; Pat and Gary Michael



Linda and Doug Wisner; Jared Cameron and Angel Otero



Ladies line up for Frank Fanning's lotion; Mike Dodge and the Mangins.

# Hospitality Hijinks



**Karl Groth; Gary and Janece Norrington**



**Billy Eckstine and Marian Nolan; Pat Michael, Billy Eckstine, Myra Eckstine and Angel Otero.**



**Tom and Carol Moulton; Ron and Shirlene Kynaston.**

# Hospitality Hijinks



David and Nancy Green; Robyn and Steven Groen.



Rick and Linda Hiatt; Michelle Molina and Loren Kanberg.



Kimberly Box and Joe Valenzuela.

# Hospitality Hijinks



Bob Hauge; Jeanne Desilets.



Lloyd Ellis; Bob and Gloria White.



Ed Stone with daughter Susan Zenger and David Zenger; Rose and Felix Tafoya,

# Seattle Tour



Leaving the hotel and arriving at the 'Duck Port.'



The Duck skipper briefs the crew...and into the briny lake.



Wishers, Eckstines Ellises Nichols shift colors.



# Seattle Tour



The boys (and girls) on the bus.



The Tayoyas, Wishers Strunks, Hogans et al.



Two boats, two captains, two briefings.

# Seattle Tour



Millers and Moultons, Hiatts et al underway,



High spirits on the high seas?



You didn't have to tip the skipper to get liberty on the Pyro.

# Pyro Hunks & Hunkettetes



Are there any limits as to what M&M — Mary Ellis and Myra Eckstine — will do to raise money for the association and our scholarship fund?

None we've seen yet!

At the Seattle gathering the Good Time Girls came up with the idea of a Pyro Hunk/Hunkette calendar and extorted — I mean gently solicited — \$10 scholarship fund contributions for photos.

Then in theory at least, a Hunk/Hunkettes of the USS Pyro calendar will be created by your allegedly tech-savvy president. That's the best laid plan of M&M and only time will tell how that plot will evolve.

In the meantime with an eye to staving off breach of promise suits from \$10 contributing hunks and hunkettes, the 2013 Reunion Memory Book presents — drum roll, please —

Hunks and Hunkettes of the USS Pyro



Topless: Hunks Cameron and Strunk got it and flaunt it!



Hunks Hogan and Duplantis.

# Pyro Hunks & Hunkettetes



Hunks Tafoya and Stone.



Hunks Otero and Green.



Hunks Ellis and Eckstine paid to pose with their spouses.

# Pyro Hunks & Hunkettetes



Hunk Driscoll and Hunkette Box.



Hunketts Desiliets and Otero



Hunkette Nolan and Hunk Jaeger



# Pyro Hunks & Hunkettetes



Hunk (not particularly) Porky Parker; Hunk Jack Hon.



Hunks Francis and Kynaston.



Hunks Nichol and Hauge.



# Pyro Hunks & Hunkettetes



Hunks Smith and Michael.



The Hunks Wisner (note Doug's right hand) and Bobby Hunter.



Hunks Valenzuela and Williams.



# Pyro Hunks & Hunkettetes



Hunks Miller and Hamlin.



Hunks Dodge and Kanberg.



Hunks Smiley and Wichtrich.



# Memorial Service



Arriving in Bremerton...



Bob Hauge and Ed Stone with the AE-1 bell at the Bremerton Naval Museum; USS Turner Joy.



Turner Joy plaques; Don Sullivan, Mick Dodge and John Wichtrich.

# Memorial Service



The honor guard greets Mary Ellis, Ed Stone and Myra Eckstine; The Norringtons, Tom Moulton and Marian Nolan.



Kimberly Box, Bob Hauge and Gary Golay board; The Kynastons and Jaegers.



Linda Wisner learns ball cap management from Gary Golay; Gloria and Bob White with Frank Fanning.

# Memorial Service



Jasper Strunk renders a snappy salute and the ceremony begins.



Acting Chaplain Golay offers prayer; Bill Hogan begins the program.



Ed Stone and Bob Hauge eulogize the late Don Green.

# Memorial Service



John Wichtrich and Frank Fanning recall tales of legendary Pyro Engineer B.J. Nolan.



Billy Eckstine and Marian Nolan remember Bob Nolan.



As the crew looks on, the bugler plays *Taps*.

# Memorial Service



Jasper Strunk and Gary Golay toss flowers in remembrance of all the departed.



The ceremony concludes...



...as memorial flowers flow to the sea.

# About Town



JoAnne McClurg, Susan Scanlan and Carol Moulton shop till they drop at Chihully Glass; Cameron and Wichtrich stock up on cholesterol.



Sullivan, Box, Fox, the Hogans and Nichol dine; Jack Hon shops.



The Hiatts shop the Pike Place market; Smiley leads reminiscences.

# Membership Meeting



Above: Gary Golay offers prayer; Don Sullivan makes a point at the membership meeting.  
Below: President Cameron is inaugurated for yet another term.  
(What can I say? No one took any photos at the meeting!)



# Couples and Chums

## Banquet Participants Who Served on a Pyro



(Front to back and right to left) Gary Norington, C. Ray Nichol, Bill Hogan, Pat Williams, Jared Cameron, Joe Valenzuela, John Wichtrich, Don Sullivan, Steve Groen, David Green, Ron Kynaston, Jack Hon, Albert Duplantis, Bob Smith, Angel Otero, Kimberly Box, Loyd Ellis, Jasper Strunk, Billy Eckstine, Fred Hamlin, Tom Moulton, Doug Wisher, Don McClurg, Felix Tafoya, Mike Dodge, Gary Michael, Bob Smiley Lud Miller, Rick Hiatt, Gary Golay Bob White, Bobby Hunter, Loren Kanberg, Frank Fanning, Gary Jaeger, and Perry G. Francis. Bob Hauge was in attendance at the banquet, but UA from this group photo; Ed Stone chose to be photographed with the non-Pyro group because there were more women in that shot. Some folks attended other reunion events, but were not at the dinner/in this group shot.

# Couples and Chums

## Banquet Spouses and Guests



(Front to back and right to left) Rose Tafoya, JoAnne McClurg, Susan Zenger, Sally Nichol, Ruby Jaeger, Lynn Sullivan, Susan Scanlan, Linda Hiatt, Dianne Otero, Pat Michael, Lavonne Strunk, Linda Hogan, Sandra Roberts, Gloria White, Janece Norrington, Ed Stone (who did serve on AE-1, but prefers the company of ladies), Carol Moulton, Mary Ellis, Marian Nolan, Sharon Hamlin, Myra Eckstine, Jared Cameron (who served, but did not work on AE-24 and follows Ed Stone everywhere), Betty Smith, Jeanne Desilets, Robyn Groen, Michelle Molina, Nancy Green, Sue Duplantis, Linda Wisher and Shirlene Kynaston.

# Couples and Chums



Ann and Ludwig Miller; Patricia and Gary Michael



Bob Hauge; Rose and Felix Tafoya.



Betty and Bob Smith; Diane and Angel Otero.

# Couples and Chums



Lavonne and Jasper Strunk; Linda and Bill Hogan.



Sally and C. Ray Nichol; Billy and Myra Eckstine.



Lloyd and Mary Ellis; Sharon and Fred Hamlin.

# Couples and Chums



Shirlene and Ron Kynaston; Bob and Gloria White.



Jack Hon; Gary Golay.



Peg and Bob Smiley; Linda and Rick Hiatt.

# Couples and Chums



Michelle Molina and Loren Kanberg; David and Susan Zenger with Susan's dad, Ed Stone.



Jeanne Desilets; Sue and Albert Duplantis.



Pat and Mary Williams; Kimberly Box,

# Couples and Chums



Linda and Doug Wisner; Joe Valenzuela.



Renee and Dan Sundee; Ruby and Gary Jaeger with Sandra Roberts



Lynn and Don Sullivan; Mike Dodge.

# Couples and Chums



JoAnne and Don McClurg; Arlene Rios and Ed Rivera.



John Wichtrich; Robyn and Steve Groen.



Nancy and David Green; Frank Fanning.

# Couples and Chums



**Carol and Tom Moulton; The Greatest Generation: Bob Hauge and Ed Stone.**



**Susan Scanlan and Jared Cameron; Janese and Gary Norrington, Marian Nolan.**



**Sondra and John Mangin; John Parker and Mike Driscoll**

# Couples and Chums



Betty and Bob Smith; Hon, Hiatt, Kanberg, Dodge and Velezuela.



Doug and Linda Wisner; Carol Moulton, Myra Eckstine.



Betty Smith, assorted nephews and nieces with Gunner Bob Smith;  
Bill Hogan greets Marian Nolan

# Auction Art and Swag

Just a few of the beautiful items created or contributed by the Pyro family for auction...



# Auction Art and Swag



Driscoll and Parker display prizes.



Lucky winners Michelle Molina and Peg Smiley.



Mary Ellis flogs a wrap; Marian Nolan models her new quilt.

# Awards Banquet

Dinner for the crew...



# Awards Banquet

Watch reliefs to the head of the chow line



# Honorees



Cameron introduces master of ceremonies Hauge; 2012 winner Kimberly Box presents the Glue 2013 Pot Award to John Wichtrich.



Frank Fanning was honored for time and treasure spent on Pyro scholarships; Webmaster C. Ray Nichol won praise for his work on USS Pyro.com.



Jasper Strunk was honored for ongoing service; Mike Dodge for greatest distance traveled.

# Shall we dance?



Susan Fox and Kimberly Box outbid avid rivals for the first dance with Ed Stone.



Linda and Doug Wisner join Myra and Billy Eckstine in cutting a rug.



Carol and Tom Moulton join Jeanne Desilets and John Wichtrich on the dance floor.

# Shall we dance?



Jeanne Desilets, Mary Ellis and Shirlene Kynaston join the frey...



And the night heats up; Susan Zenger dances with Dad,



Ed Stone and Susan Fox; Bob Smiley lures Carol Moulton onto the dance floor.

# USS PYRO Association 2010 Memory Book



*This 2013 USS Pyro Association Memory Book was edited by Jared Cameron who is solely, if reluctantly, responsible for all miscaptioned photos, incorrectly spelled names and mismatched spouses.*

*Photos were shot primarily by Diane Otero and Joe Valenzuela with help from Bob Smiley, Jared Cameron and Don McClurg. We 'shot 'em like they saw 'em' — often with a cup of cheer in hand and using viewfinders designed for younger eyes. But this year we experienced an embarrassment of riches, hundreds of great hi-res shots that had to be sorted and reduced in size to keep this memory book a reasonable size.*

*If there are too many or too few photos of you, remember: Married photographers — with some notable exceptions — tend to snap more shots of their spouses than your spouses out of longstanding affection, a desire to assemble background material for post-reunion department critiques and the hope of surviving to attend future reunions.*

*The editor and photographers are **not** responsible for odd expressions, excessive gyrations of nether parts whether dancing or not, dubious deportment brought about by reunions with bad role models from our youth, dress inappropriate to traditional gender roles, silly head coverings, the actions of sailors whose spouses allow them to attend reunions without adult supervision or pounds added since your salad days of Naval service.*

*We believe we included at least one photo of every participant, but if we missed you (or your best angle), we apologize abjectly.!*

Somewhat sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jared'.

*The editor*

