

USS GUAM LPH-9 Association  
Newsletter

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Richard Daggett

Greetings Shipmates, Members and Guest

The Spring newsletter is finally here, President Jim Webb and Vice President John Coburn would like to thank Richard Daggett for the work he has been doing on membership and being Treasurer, it is a big

responsibility to handle all of the Guam's funds. Also a big thank you to Al Getter in sending out letters to all of the Guam shipmates. We had a great response in membership in the Association, and for all the pictures on the web site of the San Diego Reunion. They would like to remind everyone that we only have a few months before the Reunion in Branson, Mo on September 9-14, 2012. Please make your reservations as

soon as possible. If you have any questions you can contact Gatherings Plus @ 1-417-338-4048 or [www.reunionproregistration.com/ussguam.htm](http://www.reunionproregistration.com/ussguam.htm)

Bios on our Treasurer and Secretary

Richard Daggett Treasurer of the USS Guam LPH-9 Association:

Richard Daggett has been our Treasurer since August 2007 till present.

I was born in Quincy Illinois, on February 10, 1949. I graduated from high school in 1967. Richard went to work Motorola right out of school. In 1969 I changed jobs and started working at the Army Ammunition Plant in Burlington Iowa. I was a safety inspector on the 105 millimeter balloon buster shells and on the hand grenade lines. I joined the Navy in 1970 when the recruiter promised me I would become a Hospital Corpsman like my father was. After boot camp I was sent to OS class A school, Basic Electronics school, ASW school. After all the schools I was reported on board the USS Guam in 1971 as Operations Specialist. I was aboard when we converted to a ISCS (Interim Sea Control Ship) in order to test Harriers for the Marines and perform ASW (Anti Submarine Warfare), and AAW (Anti Aircraft Warfare) all at the same time. We did most of the testing in the Arctic Circle area, not too far from the Russian Coast.

We had Russian Trawlers (fishing boats with too many antennas and radars for fishing.) We also had Russian aircraft (Bears) flying over just about every day.

After our second trip to the Artic, I began having pains in the small of my back. The Navy Doctor's said I had contracted a rare disease called Marie Strumple Spondelitis. They said it was caused from being exposed to extremely cold tempetures.I was discharged Honorably with a 40% disability in 1974, it was

raised to 100% in 1998.

On February 17th 1979, I married Debbie. We had 6 children, Roberta,

Laura, Robert, Rachael, Catherine and Art. Our youngest son Art died when his truck was hit by a Semi, June 13th 2000. Just two weeks after graduating from high school.

After being discharged from the Navy I went on to college. After college, I worked as a City Jail Superintendent for 2 years. Went onto work for the Post Office in 1983 until 1998 and at that time I broke my neck and retired from the Post Office. Since that time I joined NARFE9 (National Active and retired Federal Employee's Association.) This is the only group that fights to protect the earned benefits of the Federal Employees. I became the Missouri President from 2004-2006.I was responsible for the 8000 members in Missouri. I spent a lot of time talking to politicians. I am still on the Executive Board Missouri, so if there is any other retired or current employees of the Federal Government in our Guam Association give me a call and I will be glad to explain the benefit of joining NARFE.

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AI Getter Secretary of the USS Guam Association LPH-9:

Allen H. Getter (AI) Born September 1, 1947 Detroit, Michigan  
Enlisted: Navy June 5, 1967 after one year on college –Highland Community College, Attended Great Lakes Naval Training Center for Boot Camp (6-5-67)-(8-18-67) Report aboard the USS Guam LPH-9 as a Seaman Apprentice-(12-30-67) San Juan, Puerto Rico.Worked in the Personnelman.Was awarded USS GUAM

Sailor of the Month (February 1970).

Departed the USS Guam as a Personnelman 2nd Class- (6-29-1970) Canal Zone, Panama after Earthquake Relief Mission. Became a Shellback when we crossed the equator on (6-10-1970). Reported for Shore Duty at EPDOPAC (Enlisted Personnel Distribution Office Pacific Fleet) North Island San Diego area since Leaving the

Navy.

Work/ Education History: Editorial Assistant at KSDO News & talk  
Radio San Diego ('71-'73)

Attended San Diego City College ('73-'76) (received AA Degree)

City of San Diego- Dial-A-Ride Dispatcher (Special Transportation  
for Seniors & Handicapped)

1976-1979

Greyhound Bus Lines (Driver – Shop Stewart) ('79-'88)

San Diego Trolley-(Train Operator – Shop Stewart) ('88-'03) ...Retired

June 2003

Married to his lovely Wife Joanne April 9, 1983 they have the cutest

little doggy girl Shawna

USS GUAM LPH-9 Association Membership: Member since August 3, 2003

Secretary Since: August 17, 2006

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#### “From An Honorary Members Point of View”

My husband Rich (Zim) was a Plank Owner aboard the USS Guam LPH-(and

he was also a Plank Owner in the in the Association. We were at the very first  
reunion and decommissioning of the ship. We were reunited with many long lost  
shipmates whom some of them we hadn't been in touch  
With for as many as twenty (20) years. That was the start of a tradition that  
has lasted until present. We attended all but one reunion (Mobil, Al)

As of 2010 , attends in spirit and I couldn't stay away from our  
“Guam Family” so I continued to attend the reunions out of deep respect and love

for our Associations members.

I can't begin to describe the emotions I felt when the membership  
voted to make me An Honorary Member. Pride, Love and knowing I truly was a part

of this "Guam Family and Association.  
To me that was your way of saying you wanted me to continue to attend our Reunions. I can't imagine not attending and connecting with my extended Guam Family (or not doing the Chicken dance) at our yearly reunions.

The comradary with this group is the best, whether the guys agree or disagree... It's always with the best interest of the Association at heart.

My Guam "Sisters" are the most caring, loving, fun group of gals ever to be in one group. It's impossible to think about any one of them without a big smile coming to my face! Miss a reunion ? I don't see that ever happening unless I'm physically unable to get there or I've gone to join my Honey...

On that note I shall close with one last thought... Looking forward to seeing all of you in Branson, MO in September!!

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From Warrior Aviation/ Flight Team

Warrior Aviation thanks you for your kind and generous support on behalf of our "Wings of Opportunity" Programs. Your support helps make a difference in the lives of those who have served and sacrificed for their country and deserve an opportunity to continue to serve in their desired capacity

of productive citizenship.

Thank you for hosting an event to which proceeds of \$250.00 were donated to Warriors Aviation. It is through continued support that we are able to help provide career training and job placement directly to veterans of recent theatres.

Please visit [www.warrioraviation.otrgfor](http://www.warrioraviation.otrgfor) more information about our recent and upcoming events.

Kind regards,

WARRIOR AVIATION/FLIGHT TEAM

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I hope ALL of you are planning to attend next year's reunion in Branson, MO. Richard and Frank have worked at making this reunion hopefully one without an earthquake or hurricane. But one of fun and laughs. If you want to see who is signed up so far for the reunion you can go into the web site reunion and see all your shipmates who have signed up.

We would like to bring this to your attention. Our dues for membership is \$ 25.00 the increase for membership was voted on at our reunion 2011, the increase

was to take affect January 2012.

I would like to take a few lines to ask that if you know one our members that have been ill or in the hospital please call and let John Coburn or I know so we

can post it on e-mail or facebook. Sometime a card or a phone call can make a difference in their day. We have had a lot of our officers ill or in the hospital lately, Harvey Spinowitz and Richard Daggett.

From the Desk of the Treasurer:

The USS Guam LPH-9 Association is in good sound shape financially. We currently

have a balance of \$4527.87 as of March 15, 2012.

Our fiscal year is from the end of last year's reunion to the beginning of next years.

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| Beginning balance at the end of Annapolis reunion was | \$3,305.90 |
| Dues received so far                                  | \$1,020.00 |
| Bank interest                                         |            |

\$ 1.97

Balance

\$4,527.87

We currently have 69 members who have paid dues for 2012 that is about 10% of current roster.

We also have 71 members who have paid membership dues at least once in the past 3 years but who have not paid for 2012.

USS Guam LPH-9 Treasurer  
Richard Daggett

We want this newsletter to inform everyone of up coming events, news about our shipmates and spouses, and of all our friends we have met in the last few reunions. If you have something you would like to have put in the newsletter please contact Patti Gavin @ 330-699-0161 or by e-mail [gavin\\_j@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gavin_j@sbcglobal.net) there is an under score line between the n and j. We will be doing BIOS on all of our officers in the up coming newsletters

In closing if you have any question or concerns please contact Jim Webb or John Coburn I'm sure they will be able to answer or help you if they can.

To those who have been ill we wish you a speedy recovery. To those who have lost

a loved one our Deepest Sympathy