



**The USS Gatling (DD-671)  
Reunion Association**

March 2011 Newsletter

**2010 REUNION NOTES**

Another successful joint reunion held with the Gatling, Cotten & Daly in San Antonio last September, 2010. In Attendance from the Gatling were Dennis & Faith **Holt**, Bobby & Heather **Suggs**, Roger & Doris **Sabo**, Casper & Marlene **Winkler**, Jim & Karen **Samson**, Bill & Emily **Millar**, Bob **Smithson**, Josie **Aliferakis** with her granddaughter & special guest Martin Gatling Lyons.

At the business meeting it was voted on to change the name of the associations to DESRON 30 and the bylaws were discussed and approved. Dues remain at \$10. The DESRON 30 web sight was explained. Dayton, Ohio was selected & voted on for the year 2012 reunion site. For details of the meeting and the web site go to [www.desron30.org](http://www.desron30.org) & click on Newsletters then the Cotten newsletter.

The tours included going to a shoe factory, in which Bobby Suggs FN 55-59 won a free pair of shoes (\$114), a mission, the Alamo & Fredericksburg with the new National Museum of the Pacific War.

The reunion concluded with the usual banquet & goodbye's. See all in Tucson!

Thanks to Heather for the info about the reunion & thanks to Dennis for keeping the Crew together.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Notifications of deceased shipmates since the last reunion.

Cripe, Kenneth C. SoM3 45-45  
Irons, Gordon J. BM2 COMM-45

Mahony, Donald J ET2 51-55  
Melton, Kenneth L. S1c COMM-45

Names of the deceased we recognized at the last reunion..

Fitzgibbons, David GM3 44-46  
Froehle, Joseph F. FC3 44-46

Lyons, Stephen CRT 43-45  
Smith, Sylvester H. SN 51-53

Also the six men that died in the 51 accident were remembered.

## CREW NEWS, NOTES

Tom Burns CS3 54-56 & Betty Burns say they miss everyone & that Tom is much better & back to work. He was off from work for 5 months due to surgery. They are thinking of everyone & wish all have a good time at the reunion.

Mary Fitzgibbons, widow of David has moved from Sarasota, FL to 2460 Glebe St., Carmel, IN 46032. I'm sure she would like to hear from David's Shipmates.

Diana Hays Barton, Daughter of Marion Barton SN who was killed in the 51 Gitmo accident, wanted a hard copy of the last newsletter because of computer problems. She also had surgery on her right shoulder Rotator Cup.

Walt McKay RM3 52-55 sent word that shipmate Don Mahony ET2 51-55 had deceased last December. Walt's new E-mail address is: [wmck@verizon.net](mailto:wmck@verizon.net).

Glen Osborne WT2 44-46 sent in \$20 for his 2010 & 2011 dues. He appreciates being kept up with the newsletter & is sorry for missing the last few reunions. Thanks Glen.

Russ Cable SM3 44-45 said he had minor surgery but is doing well but doesn't take long trips anymore although he would like to. Hope to see you in Tucson Russ, it's not too far from CA.

A new shipmate, William E. Houck SN 52-54 was found thanks to his Stepdaughter Tracy Kaswinkle. She noticed that he was wearing a Gatling hat & E-mailed our Gatling site. Bill got the info about our ship & sent in his dues. Thanks Bill!

Max Selby PN2 53-54 reported that Carl W. (Whitey) Tauch DKSN Recomm-54 inquired about dues. Also that Al Garlington ET3 53-55 is now in an Assisted Living Home in his home town of Fayetteville, Ga. We pray that all will turn out OK for Al.

Max has had a spinal back problem & is taking tests & therapy. We all hope he gets better soon.

Bob Smithson BT3 52-54 is now the editor of the newsletter. Please send any correspondence, information, pictures or interesting articles that you would like to have in the newsletter to Bob at: 9645 S. 51<sup>st</sup> St. ,Phoenix, AZ 85044-5690 - or call: 480-496-0705 - or Email: [busibob@aol.com](mailto:busibob@aol.com).

Although we are with DESRON 30 our annual dues remain at \$10. Send dues payable to Dennis Holt or DESRON 30 at 62496 E. Amberwood Dr., Tucson, AZ 85739-1830. See dues form below.

### **See you at the 26th Reunion!**

DESRON 30 joint reunion held with the shipmates of the USS Cotten (DD-669)  
and USS Daly (DD-519)

October 2-6, 2011

Desert Diamond Casino/Hotel Tucson, Arizona

Tucson, Arizona

Host: Dennis MM3 58-60 & Faith Holt

Details about the reunion to come soon on the [www.destroyers.org/uss-gatling/](http://www.destroyers.org/uss-gatling/) site  
and the [www.desron30.org](http://www.desron30.org) site.

Please mail the completed Dues Request and payment to:

**Richard Myers**  
**428 Lockwood Terrace**  
**Decatur, GA 30030**

Make checks payable to:  
**DESRON 30 ASSOCIATION INC.**

## 2011 DUES REQUEST

AND MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

**IF YOU ARE A WIDOW OR YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR 2011 DUES,  
PLEASE DISREGARD THIS REQUEST.**

**PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH ANY CHANGES TO THE ROSTER.**



PLEASE CHECK HERE FOR ANY  
CHANGES TO 2010 ROSTER, AND  
SHOW CHANGES BELOW

**\$10.00**

This is a first request for  
2011 dues.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell / Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### SHIP SERVED ON AND DATES (Check one)

USS Cotten (DD-669) \_\_\_ USS Daly (DD-519) \_\_\_ USS Gatling (DD-671) \_\_\_

Dates Served Aboard Ship \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Rate Aboard Ship (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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