

# The Sumner Sentinel ©

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## Sumner Was Speaker's First Assignment

A native of Girard, Ohio, and a 1968 graduate of the United States Naval Academy majoring in Applied Mathematics, Captain Glenn F. Gottschalk, USN (Ret) is the featured banquet speaker at the

May reunion of the USS Allen M. Sumner Association.

His first assignment following graduation was aboard the Sumner (DD 692), where he served tours as First Lieutenant, Main Propulsion Assistant and DASH Officer.

Other sea duty included consecutive



Capt. Glenn Gottschalk

Engineering Officer tours aboard U.S Garcia (FF 1040) and USS Brumby (FF 1044) and an assignment as Material Officer and Battle Group Watch Officer on the staff of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group EIGHT.

He also served as Executive Officer of USS Caron (DD 970) before becoming Commanding Officer of USS Pegasus (PHM 1) and the USS Spruance (DD 963).

Capt. Gottschalk's shore billets include a tour as Marine Engineering instructor and Company Officer at the United States Naval Academy; duty as Operational Requirements Officer at Fleet Combat Directions Support Activity in Dam Neck, Va.; assignment in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) as head of both the Surface Combat Direction Systems and Combat Systems Integrations sections and assignment as the Surface Warfare Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering, and Systems).

He returned to the Naval Academy in 1988 as the Chairman of the Department of Seamanship and Navigation. In June 1990 he became the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and served in that position until his retirement in June 1992.

The captain assumed his current position as Director of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment in July 1992. He was also assigned responsibility for the initial stand-up of the Naval Academy Character Development Department in 1994 and served collateral duty as Deputy Director from 1994-96.

A graduate of the Naval War College, Capt. Gottschalk holds a Masters Degree in Computer Science from the Naval Postgraduate School. He has proven subspecialty designations in Computer Science, Command and Control, and Weapons Systems Acquisitions Management.

His personal awards include the National Defense Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit with gold star.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Well our reunion in Annapolis is less than 1½ months away. Time flies, doesn't it.

I don't know about you, but I get "channel fever" about this time.



Frank DiBello

You remember that feeling - when you were on a cruise for several months and were heading for the home port and the dark blue water turned to green.

When our photographer Don Hayden made his hotel reservation in mid-February, he was told that rooms were filling up fast

So he made Joe aware and he put the message on the website.

I hope everyone has made their reservations.

We have a special speaker for our banquet - Capt. Glenn Gottschalk, USN (Ret.) whose first tour of duty after the naval academy was on the Sumner!

Our webmaster - Fred Willshaw (Stores) has a PDF registration form on the website for easy downloading and printing.

With all the things to do in the Annapolis-Baltimore area, it might be a good idea to come early and/or stay late.

We'll need time to sample all that crab and lobster the area has to offer.

Remember, if you're short of funds, to take advantage of our shipmate assistance fund. We're more than happy to help out and all inquiries are kept confidential. (See Page 5)

See you all in May.



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# TIME TO RELIEVE THE WATCH

Shipmates, Ladies & Friends,

It is time for the Chief to retire from the position of Secretary-Treasurer and Reunion Coordinator, AFTER this reunion.

This June will mark 28 years since I founded



Chief Joe Gall

this organization, and it has been my pleasure and privilege to guide this band of shipmates and first mates.

It has been a labor of love, and in some ways I hate to relinquish the guardianship of this great organization and become an attendee, instead of the head honcho

I would like to thank all the great helpers I have had along the way; as we could not have come this far without all your great help. You have ALL helped in one way or another.

A few people I will single out for recognition

are my son Joe and his family. He had a computer before anyone else I know, and his expertise and help was invaluable.

Also my darling Dottie was an invaluable helpmate. At the first reunion my Mom and my Aunt took care of registration.

Joe, Tammy and kids helped put the newsletters together, and worked like workhorses at the reunions.

I hope that whomever I pass this torch to, has as much passion to keep it going, as I had to get it going. Please don't let it falter.

I will retain the VERY critical position of hotel negotiator, and I will always be available as an advisor, whenever asked.

I will be relocating to DeLand, Fla., where I currently am, but will return to Tonawanda to take care of Renion business. I am playing music 3 or 4 nights a week, which I love to do. Time to kick back and smell the roses

I want you to know that this has been, for several reasons, the hardest article I have ever written.

May God Bless you all.

### Past Reunions - In some instances, attendee count is approximate

1989 Buffalo, NY- 32 Attendees

1990 Rochester, NY- 41 Attendees

1991 Washington, DC- 72 Attendees

1992 Tidewater, VA - 90 Attendees

1993 Charleston, SC - 95 Attendees

1994 Portsmouth, RI- 90 Attendees

1995 Louisville, KY - 85 Attendees

1996 Corpus Christi, TX- 58 Attendees

1997 Myrtle Beach, SC – 95 Attendees

1998 Niagara Falls, NY- 98 Attendees

1999 Baton Rouge, LA -75 Attendees

2000 Washington, DC - 161 Attendees

2001 San Diego, CA - 92 Attendees

2002 Mobile, AL - 89 Attendees

2003 Mayport, FL - 151 Attendees

2004 Portland, ME- 70 Attendees

2005 Branson, MO – 90 Attendees

2006 Seattle, WA - 60 Attendees

2007 Milwaukee, WI – 72 Attendees

2008 Charleston, SC - 90 Attendees

2009 San Antonio, TX - 79 Attendees

2010 Pensacola, FL-75 Attendees

2011 Buffalo, NY -80 Attendees

2012 Norfolk, VA- 102 Attendees

2013 Colorado Springs, CO -60 Attendees

2014 League City, TX -48 Attendees

# USS ALLEN M. SUMNER- 27th Annual Reunion REGISTRATION FORM

## Annapolis, Md. 03-06 May, 2015 (Sunday-Wednesday)

\*Print names as they are to appear on Nametags!

| Name   | Never had one?     |  |
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| Spouse or guest  | Never had one?     |  |
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| E-mail   |                    |  |
| Served on Sumner from to   |                    |  |
| Rate or Rank on Sumner   |                    |  |
| No. Of people attending reunion. `15<br>`15 or `16 Dues (specify)                                    | x \$120=<br>+ \$15 |  |
| ALL DAY TourNaval Academy  | +\$20              |  |
|  | Total              |  |
| Checks made out to: USS A. M. Sumner Assn<br>Mail to: 56 Amsterdam Ave.<br>Tonawanda, NY 14150-5416  |                    |  |
| Questions?? Call Joe Gall @ 716-692-2697 * Food allergies or special dietary REQUIREMENTS? List here |                    |  |

## Revised Plan of the Day

Sunday (4 May)

1400 - Registration begins in the Hospitality Suite, Open Bar opens, Silent Auction begins, get together Soiree later in the day

Monday (5 May)

1000 - Memorial Service (Naval Academy Chapel)

Following service watch cadets noon time formation and march off Lunch at an eatery on Academy grounds & Academy tour

1600 - Return to hotel

1730-1800 - Food & Beverage in Hospitality Suite

Tuesday (6 May)

Open Day for Sightseeing

1400 - Annual Business Meeting

1730 - Bar opens in Banquet Hall

1800 - Annual Banquet, Guest Speaker & Awards

Wednesday (7 May)

0600-0800 - Farewell Breakfast

#### What to Wear

Every day: Dress casual and comfortable. Memorial Service: Tropical Whites or be patriotic Banquet: Men - Dress Blues or jacket and tie

Ladies - Cocktail dress or pants suit

## **REUNION ASSISTANCE FUND**

Are YOU a former Sumner shipmate? Have YOU ever wanted to go to one of our Annual Reunions?

For those shipmates who are in need of financial assistance, the Association has created a Special Committee to help YOU out. The funds available come from donations of the Sumner crew in the hope YOU will join us.

The Fund is managed in strict confidentiality and no one other than the Committee will ever know of these transactions

If interested and to find out more about the Fund, please contact one of the following Committee Members:

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Terry Conaway TERRY@DD-692.com (909) 647-3741

Jose Garcia JOSE@DD-692.com (305) 431-3027

To donate to the Fund and assist your shipmates, make your contributions (any amount is greatly appreciated) by check and send to:

USS AM Sumner Reunion Association

56 Amsterdam Avenue

Tonawanda, New York 14150-5416

Mark the check and/or envelope "for the Reunion Assistance Fund"

## DoubleTree by Hilton - Reunion Headquarters



#### **Directions**

From the South and Washington DC: Take Route 50 East to Exit 22, Riva Rd. Follow signs to Riva Rd. and make left at light onto Riva Rd. Second light, left onto Holiday Court.

From the North: Take I-95 to I-895 South to I-895 Spur South . Exit onto I-97 South, continue on Route 50 East to Exit 22-Riva Rd. Follow signs to Riva Rd. and make left at light onto Riva Rd. Second light, left onto Holiday Court.

From the East: Take Route 50 West across the Bay Bridge. Continue on Route 50 to Exit 22, Riva Rd. exit. Follow signs to Riva Rd. and make a left at light onto Riva Rd. Second light, left onto Holiday Court.

From the West: Take I-70 East to I-695 South, Exit onto I-97 South, continue to Route 50 East to Exit 22 Riva Rd. Follow signs to Riva Rd. and make a left at light onto Riva Rd. Second left onto Holiday Court.

From Baltimore/Washington International Airport: it is 18 miles from the DoubleTree, if driving from the airport take 97 South to Route 50

East. Take Exit 22 and turn left on Riva Rd. Turn left at 2nd light onto Holiday Court. If not driving the estimated minimum fees for transportation are Limousine \$58; Super Shuttle \$38; Taxi \$60.





## Membership Renewal Form

If the year '15, '16, etc. after your name on Joe's newsletter mailing label does not reflect the current year, you need to renew your membership in the USS Allen M. Sumner Reunion Associoation. Our membership year is based on a regular calendar year.

If you believe there is an error, contact Joe Gall who will check on it.

If you cannot affort the \$15. send what you can (if anything) as we will not deny a shipmate membership because of a hardship. And no one else needs to know.

If you are a member in good standing, you should have a permanent plastic membership card.

This was issued to you when you became a member. If you do not have one, again, contact Joe Gall.

They were designed many years ago by Joe Jr.

| Name  | Spouse_                   |     |          |  |  |  |
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| Rate/Rank on Sumner                               |                           |     |          |  |  |  |
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## The SS John W. Brown - a Historic Ship

Editor's Note: This is the second featured ship from the Historic Naval Ship Association.

The feature will be on the Liberty Ship SS John W. Brown.

One of only two surviving fully operational Liberty ships preserved in the U.S., SS John W. Brown is a product of the Emergency Shipbuilding Program that built more than 2,700 liberty ships during World War II.

(The editor's late father worked as a welding inspector on the other surviving liberty ship - the SS Jeremiah O'Brien - built at the South Portland (Maine) Shipyard).



Class: EC2-S-C1 Type Liberty Ship Launched: September 7, 1942

At: Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Baltimore,

Maryland

Length: 441 feet, 7 inches

Beam: 57 feet

**Draft:** 27 feet, 9 inches **Displacement:** 14,245 tons **Gross Tonnage:** 7,176 tons

**Deadweight Tonnage:** 10,920 long tons **Armament:** Three 3-inch/50 caliber guns; one

5-inch/51 caliber gun; eight 20mm guns.

Designed for quick and relatively easy construction, Liberty ships made possible the massive sealift of troops, arms, and material to all theaters of the war.

The Brown was built in 56 days by the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard in Baltimore.

The Brown made 13 voyages during and immediately after the war. Those voyages took her to the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean Sea, and northern Europe.

The Brown was at the Anzio beachhead and was part of the invasion force at Operation Dragoon, the invasion of southern France in August 1944.

The Brown was awarded the merchant marine Victory Medal, the Combat Bar, and war zone medals for the Atlantic, the Mediterranean/Middle East, and the Pacific theaters.

After carrying Marshall Plan cargos to Europe to aid in post-war rebuilding, the ship was used as a vocational high school in New York City from 1946 to 1982.

She was then returned to the James River Reserve Fleet until acquired by Project Liberty Ship in 1988. The Brown has been fully restored and is an operating museum ship and memorial.

She is the only operating Liberty ship on the east coast. The ship is located in the Baltimore harbor and travels to other east coast ports.

John W. Brown is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has received the World Ship Trust's prestigious Maritime Heritage Award.



### **Actors Serving Their Country in World War II**

#### Probably Not a Complete List

Stewart (Sterling) Hayden, US Marines and OSS. Smuggled guns into Yugoslavia and parachuted into Croatia.

James Stewart, US Army Air Corps. Bomber pilot who rose to the rank of General.

Ernest Borgnine, US Navy. Gunners Mate 1c, destroyer USS Lamberton.

Ed McMahon, US Marines. Fighter Pilot. (Flew OE-1 Bird Dogs over Korea as well.)

Telly Savalas, US Army.

Walter Matthau, US Army Air Corps., B-24 Radioman/Gunner and cryptographer.

Steve Forrest, US Army. Wounded, Battle of the Bulge.

Jonathan Winters, USMC. Battleship USS Wisconsin and Carrier USS Bon Homme Richard Anti-aircraft gunner, Battle of Okinawa.

Paul Newman, US Navy Rear seat gunner/radioman, torpedo bombers of USS Bunker Hill

Kirk Douglas, US Navy. Sub-chaser in the Pacific. Wounded in action and medically discharged.

Robert Mitchum, US Army.

Dale Robertson, US Army. Tank Commander in North Africa under Patton. Wounded twice. Battlefield Commission.

Henry Fonda, US Navy. Destroyer USS Satter-lee.

Lee Marvin US Marines. Sniper. Wounded in action on Saipan. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery,

Art Carney, US Army. Wounded on Normandy beach, D-Day. Limped for the rest of his life.

Rod Steiger, US Navy. Was aboard one of the ships that launched the Doolittle Raid.

Tony Curtis, US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus. In Tokyo Bay for the surrender of Japan.

Larry Storch. US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus

with Tony Curtis.

Forrest Tucker, US Army. Enlisted as a private, rose to Lieutenant.

Robert Montgomery, US Navy.

George Kennedy, US Army. Enlisted after Pearl Harbor, stayed in sixteen years.

Mickey Rooney, US Army under Patton. Bronze Star.

Denver Pyle, US Navy. Wounded in the Battle of Guadalcanal. Medically discharged.

Burgess Meredith, US Army Air Corps.

DeForest Kelley, US Army Air Corps.

Robert Stack, US Navy. Gunnery Officer.

Neville Brand, US Army, Europe. Was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Tyrone Power, US Marines. Transport pilot in the Pacific Theater.

Charlton Heston, US Army Air Corps. Radio operator and aerial gunner on a B-25, Aleutians.

Danny Aiello, US Army. Lied about his age to enlist at 16. Served three years.

James Arness, US Army. As an infantryman, he was severely wounded at Anzio, Italy.

Efram Zimbalist, Jr., US Army. Purple Heart for a severe wound received at Huertgen Forest.

Mickey Spillane, US Army Air Corps, Fighter Pilot and later Instructor Pilot.

Rod Serling. US Army. 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific. He jumped at Tagaytay in the Philippines and was later wounded in Manila.

Gene Autry, US Army Air Corps. Crewman on transports that ferried supplies over "The Hump" in the China-Burma-IndiaTheater.

Wiliam Holden, US Army Air Corps.

Alan Hale Jr., US Coast Guard.

William Conrad, US Army Air Corps. Fighter Pilot.

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Jack Klugman, US Army.

Jackie Coogan, US Army Air Corps. Volunteered for gliders and flew troops and materials into Burma behind enemy lines.

Tom Bosley, US Navy.

Claude Akins, US Army. Signal Corps., Burma and the Philippines.

Chuck Connors, US Army. Tank-warfare instructor.

Mel Brooks, US Army. Combat Engineer. Saw action in the Battle of the Bulge.

Robert Altman, US Army Air Corps. B-24 Co-Pilot.

Pat Hingle, US Navy. Destroyer USS Marshall Fred Gwynne, US Navy. Radioman.

Karl Malden, US Army Air Corps. 8th Air Force, NCO.

Rock Hudson, US Navy. Aircraft mechanic, the Philippines.

Harvey Korman, US Navy.

Aldo Ray. US Navy. UDT frogman, Okinawa.

Don Knotts, US Army, Pacific Theater.

Don Rickles, US Navy aboard USS Cyrene.

Robert Stack, US Navy. Gunnery Instructor.

Soupy Sales, US Navy. Served on USS Randall in the South Pacific.

Lee Van Cleef, US Navy. Served aboard a sub chaser then a mine sweeper.

Ted Knight, US Army, Combat Engineers. Jack Warden, US Navy, 1938-1942, then US Army, 1942-1945. 101st Airborne Division.

Don Adams. US Marines. Wounded on Guadalcanal, then served as a Drill Instructor.

Brian Keith, US Marines. Radioman/Gunner in Dauntless dive-bombers.

Fess Parker, US Navy and US Marines. Booted from pilot training for being too tall, joined Marines as a radio operator.

Charles Durning. US Army. Landed at Normandy on D-Day. Shot multiple times. Awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. Survived Malmedy Massacre.

Raymond Burr, US Navy. Shot in the stomach on Okinawa and medically discharged.

Hugh O'Brian, US Marines.

Robert Ryan, US Marines.

Eddie Albert, US Coast Guard. Bronze Star with Combat V for saving several Marines under heavy fire as pilot of a landing craft during the invasion of Tarawa.

Cark Gable, US Army Air Corps. B-17 gunner over Europe.

Charles Bronson, US Army Air Corps. B-29 gunner, wounded in action.

Peter Graves, US Army Air Corps.

Buddy Hackett, US Army anti-aircraft gunner.

Victor Mature, US Coast Guard.

Jack Palance, US Army Air Corps. Severely injured bailing out of a burning B-24 bomber.

Robert Preston, US Army Air Corps. Intelligence Officer

Cesar Romero, US Coast Guard. Participated in the invasions of Tinian and Saipan on the assault transport USS Cavalier.

Norman Fell, US Army Air Corps., Tail Gunner, Pacific Theater.

Jason Robards, US Navy. was aboard heavy cruiser USS Northampton when it was sunk off Guadalcanal. Also served on the USS Nashville during the invasion of the Philippines, surviving a kamikaze hit that caused 223 casualties.

Steve Reeves, US Army, Philippines.

Dennis Weaver, US Navy. Pilot.

Robert Taylor, US Navy. Instructor Pilot.

Randolph Scott. Tried to enlist in the Marines but was rejected due to injuries sustained in US Army, World War 1.

And of course we have Audie Murphy, America's most-decorated soldier, who became a Hollywood star as a result of his US Army service that included his being awarded the Medal of Honor.

(Editor's Note: Quite a list!)

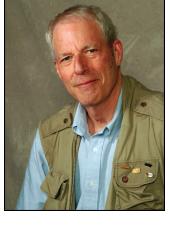
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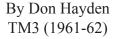
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## Going the Extra Mile - Part I

Now that I don't photograph weddings anymore, I look back at how I helped those celebrations run smoothly and lessened the stress of the participants.

I think it was about the fourth wedding I covered and I was back with the groom and his guys, all dressed except for their boutonnieres.

I observed that they appeared totally outside their element and couldn't figure out how to pin them on.

Then one said "Hey, I'll bet the photographer knows how these go," and proceeded to come over to me and hand me the flower and pin.

Although I had also never performed this action I ascribed to the theory "fake it 'till you make it."

Fortunately, it was relatively easy and shortly thereafter I had them all pinned and ready for photographs.

I realized at that point that I could not only make things smoother for the wedding party, but also speed things up for me.

It also ensured that the flowers would be on the correct side of the tuxedo.

Upon relating this story to some of my photo buddies, I was chastised and told this wasn't what I was hired for.

Seeing this as good customer service, I ignored them.

And, for the next 500-plus weddings, I kept pinning and winning.

It was about that time some photographer talked about an "emergency kit" he carried containing pins, needles, thread, etc.

Being a gadget sort of person - long before I got into photography - I probably overdid my own kit.

In addition to the above, I crammed bobby pins, safety pins, buttons and a small pair of scissors into an old coin purse my wife had discarded.



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