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**SAVE THE DATE:
2013 DENVER COLORADO REUNION:
Wednesday, September 4th 2013 to Sunday, September 8th 2013
HOST: Robin Spelman and Jim Voorheis
Registration Form and Information inside!
Or at www.cvn-cvan-65.org**

Don Thiry, Chairman

The reunion in Galveston went off without a hitch, Charlie and Sheri Teller did a great job as hosts and the weather cooperated, which was a far cry from their first attempt. The weather was beautiful and the island lived up to everyone's expectations. We also had several new faces elected to the Board of Directors, Jim Voochies was elected Vice Chairman, Ken Ford was elected as three year Board member and Tom Reed was elected as our two year Board member. Congratulations to all.

Well, the association is without its second biggest asset. With Enterprise's inactivation on December 1st, the final chapter is closed. For those plank owners who were present at the inactivation, they were able to go full circle with Enterprise, from the first day to the last. That's 51 years of serving aboard and then following her activities from deployments to yard overhauls. Seeing the ship during the final week was somewhat of a shock, the flight deck and the hanger bay were bare. No planes, no equipment, not the normal hustle and bustle of an active duty ship. The ship had scheduled several days of tours and on Friday there was a memorial service for our shipmates that lost their lives during the fire in 1969. The inactivation ceremony itself was large in attendance and Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus didn't disappoint the attendees, he announced that the third ship of the Ford class aircraft carriers would be named Enterprise. It would be CVN 80. At least the week wasn't a total disappointment, we said goodbye to "our" Enterprise and we are standing by to welcome a new Enterprise.

The association's biggest asset is our membership. Our yearly reunions pull together members from all over the country, these get together's help keep our association strong. Nothing has changed with the association or will change, we will still be awarding scholarships to our members and their dependants, our ship store will still have merchandise and we are always looking forward to our next reunion. Who knows maybe we can get more than 2 Boatswain Mates to attend.

This year's reunion is going to be held in Denver, Colorado, hosts Robin Spelman and Jim Voorhies. The dates of the reunion are Wednesday Sept. 4th thru Sept. 8th. Robin and Jim have been working to make this a reunion to remember. There is a registration form in this newsletter and on the website with a link for the hotel. We hope to see you in Denver!

29th Annual USS ENTERPRISE CVAN/CVN-65 Reunion

September 4 – 8, 2013

Inverness Hotel and Conference Center,
200 Inverness Drive West, Denver, Colorado, 80112

To reserve your room call toll free: 800-346-4891 or visit <https://reservations.synxis.com/XBE/Rez.aspx?hotel=12303&Lang=1&Promo=USSEnterprise>

Booking code: USS Enterprise

Nightly rate: \$99 plus tax

Email: robincspelman@gmail.com for more information or questions

Reunion Registration: \$110 per person

Number of persons attending: _____

Name _____	Name _____
Name _____	Name _____
Name _____	Name _____
Name _____	Name _____

Optional Tours: Coors Tour \$20pp X number of persons = _____
Idaho Spring Train Tour \$50 pp X number of persons = _____
Central City Casinos Free number of people for 9/5 = _____
Central City Casinos Free number of people for 9/6 = _____

9/4 Wednesday

8AM – 11PM	Hospitality Room Open
TBD	Museum Room Open
TBD	Ship's Store Open
2 – 4PM	Registration
6 – 8PM	Welcome Reception, Mountain View Lounge

9/5 Thursday

8AM – 11PM	Hospitality Room Open
TBD	Museum Room Open
TBD	Ship's Store Open
8 – 10AM	Registration
8 – 9AM	Association Board Meeting (Boardroom 1)
9 – 10AM	USS ENTERPRISE CVAN/CVN-65 Fund Meeting (Boardroom 1)
10 - 11AM	General Membership Business Meeting (Summit A/B)
11AM – 4PM	Visit to Golden/Coors Brewery Tour
5 – 11PM	Bus to Central City Casinos

9/6 Friday

8AM – 11PM	Hospitality Room Open
TBD	Museum Room Open
TBD	Ship's Store Open
09 – 10AM	Memorial Service (Aspen)
10AM – 4PM	Idaho Springs Train Tour
5 – 11PM	Bus to Central City Casinos

9/7 Saturday

8AM – 11PM	Hospitality Room Open
TBD	Museum Room Open
TBD	Ship's Store Open
09 – 11AM	General Business Meeting (Summit A/B)
4 – 6PM	Photos (TBD)
6 – 7PM	Reception/Cocktails
7 – 10PM	Gala and Auction Dinner (Summit A/B)

9/8 Sunday

08AM – 12PM	Hospitality Room Open
09 – 11AM	Farewell Breakfast

Thank you for attending and we look forward to seeing you all next year! Be safe on your travels home!

Event Registration Fee is \$110 per person. Room rate is \$99 plus tax per night (4.25% tax) and is available 3 nights prior and up to 3 night after our reunion for those of you that would like to see more of Denver and the surrounding areas. Just ask for the USS Enterprise rate.

The Inverness Hotel is close to great shopping and restaurants within a few minutes of the hotel. The Inverness has a very nice spa for those interested. Recommend making appointments early and you can make your spa appointments online at the same link to register. The daily facility fee of \$12.99 per room, per night is waived and includes high speed internet access in all guest rooms, wireless access in hotel public areas, unlimited local phone calls, in-room coffee, daily newspaper, access to the fitness center, valet parking, self parking and shuttle service within 5 miles radius of the hotel.

SuperShuttle and rental cars available from Denver International Airport if you want to fly to Denver. You will not need a car at the hotel since the shuttle will take you anywhere in a 5 mile radius. You can also make transportation arrangements at the same link to register for your room.

Still finalizing more details so, keep checking our website and the newsletter for more details. We are going to have a great time and look forward to seeing everyone, so RSVP and make your reservation to attend NOW!

Address for registration fees is as follows:

USS ENTERPRISE CVAN/CVN-65 Association
5315 High St W
Portsmouth, VA 23703
Reunion 2013.

NOTE: PUBLISHED TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Place your order now for the 2012 Galveston Reunion Books and Inactivation DVD—now available in the Ships Store.

Letter from the Editor

June Dumas

Everyone who is associated with the Big E, here we go on an adventure, and who knows where its going to lead us. I have never written for a big association, but I have put out plenty of news letters for school and the ex's association.

I just wanted to express our thanks to Sheri and Charley for a fantastic reunion in Galveston. It was awesome and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Everyone that I have had contact with since the reunion have expressed their feelings about the great time they had. A tour of the town was very exciting for me, I know, I had lived there many years ago and it was exciting to see how the town had rebuilt after the storm.

It is such a fun city to explore and revisit at any time. Especially to go to the Texas Star bakery and get some hot "Mexican bread" and some empanadas. Oh my, I can still remember when we would be coming into town, and we could hardly wait until we came to the bakery. Of course it has been fancied up some now, but I still knew where it was located and then there we were in front of the store. Isn't it great to remember the good times we had , even if they were a century ago?

I am so sorry that I didn't get to return to Norfolk, VA last month. But that flu bug just wouldn't let me feel good enough to make the trip. I saw some of the news about the ships return on the TV and read even more on the internet. Such excitement it must have been for the sailors to see it again for the last time, and remembering the "good ole days" they experienced while being aboard the Big E. I am so proud to become a part of this association and to the reunions each year to renew the friendships that I have encountered these past 5 years. I sincerely thank each and everyone of you that are a part of this association and the relationship that each one of you have with each other.

USS ENTERPRISE CVN65

***Dedicated to a great carrier,
the USS Enterprise CVN 65***

Who has carried many men with
pride To fight a battle and persevere
and always defend Our United States
of America with confidence and justice

To ride the seas from end to end all over the world
Going to and fro to all the seas in a fast swirl

Each sailor having a special determination
To serve with pride ,commitment and integrity
Knowing the great Enterprise would go down in
history one day

While there is still so many stories to say
And each sailor always has a tale to tell
But now at last , its time to ring the Enterprise's

FINAL BELLS !

June Dumas



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON:

1. President Signs Two Veterans Bills: President Obama signed two key veterans bills into law, each of which was supported by the VFW. The first bill was the Improving Transparency in Education Opportunities for Veterans Act (HR 4057), which was crafted by the VFW and ensures VA offers quality consumer information and consumer protections for student-veteran. The second bill S3202, is a comprehensive bill that improves cemetery protections for grieving families of veterans, establishes an open-air burn pit registry for veterans, launches a pilot program for veterans' transition resources and ensures proper maintenance of Clark Cemetery in the Philippines.

2. DOD to END TRICARE PRIME FOR 171,000: Starting Oct. 1, the Pentagon will eliminate TRICARE PRIME for some 171,000 military retirees and their eligible family members, forcing them instead to enroll in the more costly TRICARE Standard or Extra. WHY? Because they reside 40 miles or more from and active military treatment facility or former military base. Defense officials are touting the positives of the change by saying the other two TRICARE programs offer more provider flexibility, and eliminate the annual enrollment fee, among others. The VFW views the change as a further lessening of earned benefits, especially since TRICARE Standard and Extra have more out-of-pocket expenses, which means DOD is making the change to save money, not to better serve military retirees. Those impacted will be notified by mail. The numbers total 98,771 people in the TRICARE South Region, 37,404 in the North, and 36,706 in the West. Read more at: <http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/AboutUs/T3Contracts/ChangestoPSAs.aspx>

3. We need to get to know the New Congress: As we begin the 113th Congress, now is a great time to get to know the new members and their staff. Educate them on VFW's 2013 Legislative Priority Goals and visit them when they are back in their State offices during district work periods. Encourage others interested in veterans' advocacy to sign up for the Washington Weekly and to join in on what is happening in Washington. All Veterans and the surrounding community should be aware of what is happening to the VETS.

4. KOREAN WAR 60TH ANNIVERSARY: Planning continues to commemorate the 60th anniversary armistice signing that brought a tentative end to the Korean War, a brutal three-year-conflict that resulted in almost 1,000 U.S. combat deaths and 3,000 wounded per month. The event will be held July 27, 2013 in Washington, D.C. All Korean War veterans and their families and descendants are invited to help remember the sacrifice of all who serviced. Donations are accepted and are tax deductible.

TWO KOREAN WAR MIA'S RECOVERED: The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced the identification of remains belonging to two soldiers who had been unaccounted-for since the Korean War are: Army Pfc. Ernest V. Fuqua Jr. 21, of Detroit. In late November 1950, units of the 35th Infantry Regiment and allied forces were deployed in North Korea when Chinese forces attacked. Fuqua was listed as killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950, his body was not recoverable at the time. // Army Pfc. Glenn S. Schoenmann, 20 of Tracy City, TN. In late Nov. 1950, elements of the 31st Regimental Combat Team were deployed along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea when they were encircled and attacked by Chinese forces. Schoenmann was reported as missing in action on Dec. 12, 1950. It would be later learned he died in captivity from malnutrition and lack of medical care for his wounds.

I thank Everyone that was engaged in this effort to return our military soldiers home to AMERICA. Thankful their bodies were finally recovered.

Art Dumas, PLANKOWNER
4 Aug 1960-21 Nov 1963

I was in the Med and had just completed three bosum chair rides in one daylight period. A short time after this event a message came in asking for various rates for duty with P.C. U. Enterprise. I wanted no more rides in that chair, so I put my name in the hat. It seemed like only a few days later I received orders to PCU Enterprise. I left Forrestal in Cannes on my way back to the States, first on a R5D (DC3) that I could wave to the world thru the holes in the side. I did not know that at the time I would be a witness and a part of history.

I reported for duty shortly after the island was moved in place, welding, cabling, pipeing and etc. was underway. In mid September 1960, I remember a caravan of cars at the gangway, a small guy exited one car and people gathered around him. He had on a pair of khakis that would fit me now. I asked "who is that bum." and very quickly I was informed that was no bum, it was "The Admiral".

I stood in awe on 24 September 1960, with approximately 15,000 people, as the letters on a sign lit up, as the last letter lit up spelling ENTERPRISE, she was afloat, and Mrs. Franke, formally christened the ship ENTERPRISE..

Our days on Benewah were receiving documents and writing bills, such as the cleaning bill, damage control bill and other bills that were applicable only to Enterprise. A fire occurred on the (Constellation) while under construction in New York, causing a considerable amount of damage to the ship. I was working on something and was having a problem. I asked Lt. Cannon a question concerning the problem. His answer was ask the DCA, LCOR. R.S. Smith was DCA. I asked the question and got the answer that I needed. Out of the blue he said "Dumas, can you go to number 1 pump room and pump the bilges"? Now here was a ship that was well under construction and months from trials. My answer "Yes sir, but I have to check out my valve line up first". Now I had been down that trunk many times and I knew what valve to open or close to accomplish the task. And apparently he wanted only the first two words "Yes sir, and he was the only one speaking. After what seemed like 5 minutes, I was dismissed. A few feet from his door I realized he had chewed my tail out.

On Benewah, we form a small fire party to assist Newport News Shipyard Fire Department in the event of a fire. One Sunday I had the duty, I scheduled a fire drill on board the "E". This was in February 1961. Some of you may remember the roadway was full of potholes, sludge and snow. I had requested and received a 6 by truck so we all could go over as a team. Well it did not work out that way. The Corpman and the MR carrying small back pack cutting outfit, took off running. As we were loading, I heard a loud scream and the guy with the back pack was laying in the largest hole holding his leg, yelling "hey Doc I broke my leg, and he responded

Art Dumas Cont'd

"I have to go to a fire drill " and he kept going. Now that was a true Enterprise sailor----TRAINING CAME FIRST.

Another time a Fire Drill was scheduled with Newport News F.D., the shipyard FD, and our little Fire Party. The city had previously agreed to put a pull box on the ship, Box Number 666. During this period of time, it came in by alarm and ticker tape and the FD procedure was to verify the tape three times before rolling. Well, an alarm came in and they saw 6 on the tape and suited up and headed to Enterprise. About the time the trucks reached the gate, the alarm was pulled and sounded on the ship. Box 6 was located at the newspaper office, fortunately no damage was done.

Prior to sea trials, we worked hard learning our own space and the ship fire fighting and damage control equipment. There was sea trials and we came home from trials with a broom flying high. We trained, and then there was commissioning, then we trained some more. We left for Gitmo for more training. We were all happy we had completed that phase of training with the highest score overall than any other carrier before us. All the training had paid off.

We spent the 4th of July 1962 in Boston, then back to Norfolk. There was a short cruise to the Med. After a few days at Pier 12, she was there less than 10 days and underway again to evade a storm coming up the coast. Well that was a ruse, it was the beginning of the Cuban Crisis. I was on leave and as being flown to the ship. We stopped in West Palm Beach for fuel. I deplaned and the whole perimeter of the airport was lined with B-52's. I didn't realize we had so many. From there on to the Big E. That was my first arrested landing. I was so afraid that I did not realize when we landed.

One day after lunch during the blockade, the telephone rang, I answered. The only words were "Dumas, come down to my room". All the way down to Lt. Cannon's room, I tried to go over in my mind what I could have done. He had never spoke to me in that tone of voice. I knocked and in a very gruff voice, come in. Yes sir, Mr. Cannon. He was seated at his desk, holding a sheet of paper and just staring at it. He said I'll be with you in a minute. Boy I popped to parade rest. Shortly there was another knock on the door, "Come in". A young FN from the shipfitter shop came in. All this time he never looked up-only staring at the sheet of paper. Suddenly, Jess turned around facing the FN and started reading, it was a letter. "Dear Mr. President, how are you, Jackie and the children"? I can not remember a word after that as I was biting my tongue, jaw and lips to keep from laughing. I do remember that the young FN was informed of the proper chain of command and other things pertaining to the U.S.

Navy.

I departed USS ENTERPRISE on Nov.21,1962.

She was a part of my life, with the training and military training I received that helped me advance in my Navy Career.

SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE!

THE USS ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION TO RECOGNIZE THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF CURRENT MEMBERS AND CREW MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDANT'S. THESE SCHOLASHIPS ARE FUNDED BY THE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION THROUGH AUCTIONS, RAFFLES AND DONATIONS AT THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE REUNIONS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE **2013 USS ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** IS **JULY 30, 2013**. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THIS DATE. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR APPLICATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE APPLICATION **WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AS LISTED ON THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.**

APPLICATION PACKETS RECEIVED INCOMPLETE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.

AS NOTED ON THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA TO BE JUDGED FAIRLY:

1. COMPLETED USS ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2. RECENT PHOTO (HEAD SHOT ONLY)
3. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT
4. DOCUMENTATION OF VOLUNTEER OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
5. OFFICIAL AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT) OR SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST (SAT) SCORE
6. HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE COUNSELOR, TEACHER/PROFESSOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
7. THREE REFERENCES WITH ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS
8. 250 WORD ESSAY DISCUSSING WHY YOU SHOULD BE AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE USS ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

THE APPLICATION MAY BE DOWNLOADED AT THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE: www.cvn-cvan-65.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2013 WINNERS

**Nicole McArdle
Matthew Hill
Aschlyn Heptig**

F Y I !

As commander of Carrier Division 2 Enterprise and Yorktown, it is said that Adm. Bill Halsey looked first that a ship had " E " for gunnery painted on its turrets. If it was there, good.

During WW II at the Battle of Midway, four Japanese aircraft carriers were sunk, two of these by CV 6 aircraft .

According to Charley Teller around 1800 when Jean Lafitte (the pirate) had control of Galveston Island, (TX), the Navy sent two ships to purge him out, one of the ships was the USS Enterprise.

During the battle of Guadalcanal of WW II Enterprise was hit by two heavy bombs, one right through the hanger deck.

During WW II, USS Enterprise CV6 earned 20 Battle Stars. The most of any US Navy ships.

Enterprise CVAN 65 Keel was laid on Feb. 4, 1958, launched Sept 24, 1960 and commissioned Nov. 25, 1961. Construction was a total of 3 years and 9 months. Cost was \$451 Million. Another ship also , the first of her class, Gerald Ford, will require 7 years to construct. The cost is in the billions of dollars.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

**Sarah Self-Kyler
Brent Kyler**

WE REMEMBER

**Herb Hentschel
John Curley
Jim DuBose**

Note: Please notify the Association of any reports of deceased members and their spouses.



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FROM THE EDITORS:

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING ARTICLES TO THE NEWSLETTER. THEY ARE MUCH APPRECIATED! KEEP THEM COMING!