



# SAVE THE DATE

USS Hollister DD-788

2024 Reunion

September 25-29, 2024

Best Western Royal Oak

San Luis Obispo, California



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# U.S.S. Hollister

JANUARY 2024 NEWS AND REVIEWS



## THIRTY FIFTH USS HOLLISTER REUNION San Luis Obispo, California

Wednesday September 25 to  
Saturday September 29, 2024

Hosts: John and Carolyn Kuykendall  
Matt and Carolyn Applin

# Invitation to San Luis Obispo

Downtown SLO is a humming, pedestrian friendly zone of shops, restaurants and galleries in turn-of-the-20th century buildings.



Thursday Night Farmers' Market brings a fiesta of produce, crafts, barbecue, street food and live entertainment to downtown.

There are more than 1800 non-profits in San Luis Obispo, 150 of which are arts organizations.

San Luis Obispo wine country lies five minutes south of downtown, putting two dozen premier wineries in the SLO Coast AVA within easy reach.

There are more than 50 miles of easily accessible trails in the city of San Luis Obispo.

## A final farewell to our friends

Carson Black On board 51/53 Passed November 22, 2023

Fred Alexis On board 61/62 Passed September 8, 2023

Patsy Bannister Wife of Bud Passed August 3, 2021

Diane Holmes Wife of Flyrod Passed October 9, 2023

# U.S.S Hollister

Vietnam was a time worthy of pride in the Naval forces and the exemplarity manner in which all performed their tasks. Regardless of home front attitudes and the frustrating realities of fighting a war with one-sided rules, the military fought the fight in the tradition of our armed forces of past generations.

The Hollister continued to serve as part of the 7<sup>th</sup> fleet and in other Vietnam missions into 1974, before being struck from the Navy list in 1979.

The long dedicated career of the U.S.S Hollister that sailed the waters of the Pacific Ocean served as "home" to thousands of young men who experienced new adventures in the Far East. There were days of forlornness over quiet seas, days of discovery and fun in strange new lands, days of working and personal achievement, days of thought and awareness, and days of big guns pounding away with tremendous power at enemy coastline.

Memories, pictures and stories now tell the tale of this time in the lives of thousands of young men heading west to reach the South China Seas.

In West PAC 72-73, the Hollister was involved in heavy warfare. With a crew of 336, we participated in "operation line-backer". We were at sea for 30 days and in port for 3. Many long hours were endured. The crew worked normal hours during the day and then went to GQ for raids most of the night.

The U.S.S Hollister from the Korean war through Vietnam saw many hours of action. It is an Honor to be a part of that history.

In the 2023 annual meeting it was voted on to donate \$750 to the Tin Can Sailors. We received the following note from the Tin Can Sailors.

## Tin Can Sailors, INC

### The National Association of Destroyer Veterans

ATTN Mr. Casey Orr, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Orr:

Thank you for your letter and generous \$750 check from the USS Hollister Reunion Association. Contributions such as these help to carry out the three-part mission of our association:

- To promote comradery among our members through our many events, our quarterly 44 page newspaper and the facilitating reunions of former shipmates;
- To promote the preservation of destroyer history and work to broaden the public's understanding of the contributions made by destroyers and those who served aboard them;
- And to support today's Navy and encourage understanding of its importance and mission.

Additional funds allow us to make an impact on the lives of sailors from yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

On behalf of Tin Can Sailors, I once again thank the USS Hollister Reunion Association for their generous contribution.

Sincerely,

James V. Jones  
President



## Best Western Plus-Royal Oak San Luis Obispo



### Reservations

Best Western-Royal Oak  
214 Madonna Rd  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

For Reservations:

Call 1 (805) 544-4410

Ask for Hollister group

or [https://](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-room.05315.html?groupid=2Z6ZS0S6)

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### Features and Amenities

- Complimentary hot breakfast
- Rates offered 3 days pre and post reunion
- Hospitality Room
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary Parking
- \$139.00 + tax per night

Reservations no later than August 23, 2024 to insure the reunion rate.



## USS Hollister General Membership Meeting October 23, 2023

President Dave Hall called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Opened the “All Hands” Business Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting October 9, 2022 were read by Carol Coyne and approved.

Treasurer: Balance on hand is \$12,842 after all expenses were paid for. The auction raised an awesome \$5171. Thanks to all who contributed and participated. It is also a fun event with lots of laughs.

This year’s anchor pool brought in \$600. Well done to Dale for stepping up to do the task.

The 1099E was sent to the IRS in March as required. John Kuykendall audited the books.

We now have 94 paid members.

### **Donation:**

A motion was made by Joe Namie to donate \$500 to the Tin can sailors’ organization. Before it was seconded, Alec Tan wanted to change the motion to include \$750. It was seconded and approved.

New slate of officers for 2024

<b>President</b>	Joe Namie	<b>Trustees</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Wendell Parker	<b>Past President</b>	Dave Hall
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Bear Cannon	<b>First Trustee</b>	Orval Mills
<b>Secretary</b>	Carol Coyne	<b>Second Trustee</b>	Tom Bowers
<b>Treasurer</b>	Casey Orr	<b>Hosts 2024</b>	John and Carolyn Kuykendall
<b>Chaplain</b>	Peter Rustigian		Matt and Carolyn Applin
<b>Communications</b>	Chris Orr	<b>Historian</b>	Bear Cannon



Hats and shirts are always available for purchase in the Hospitality room. Don't be caught without one!!



### **New Business:**

Chaplain’s report – Peter’s position is a lifetime appointment. No marriages this year.

There was discussion about the guidelines for hosting a reunion. If anyone is interested in hosting a reunion, you can contact Casey for details.

The 2024 reunion in California was mentioned by John Kuykendall. John agreed that he and his wife Carolyn along with Matt and Carolyn Applin would host the 2024 reunion in San Luis Obispo, California. Bear made a motion to have the 2024 reunion in California. It was seconded by Casey. All approved. The dates are not set yet, but will be soon.

Mike Wolber and Casey Orr agreed to possibly hosting 2025 reunion in Mystic, CT.

### **Communications:**

The Hollister website is up to date and Rusty gets his information from there. The newsletters consist of January, April and July. Always asking for stories on the ship to share and put in the newsletter. Remember when?

Cards were out for people to sign for Ed Gunderson and Diane and Flyrod.

Thanks to Joe Namie for good negotiating on the hotel rooms.

A motion by Casey to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tom, and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by Carol Coyne

We are always looking for Reunion Hosts. If you are interested in Hosting a reunion contact Casey Orr (319) 651-9426 for Host guidelines.