

# USS Samuel B. Roberts DE 413 Survivors' Association NEWSLETTER

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Dedicated in Memory of Shipmates Whit Felt and Dick Rohde

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## News from Everywhere.....

- Author John Wukovits is in the final stages of his newest book. All of John's previous books have been "top shelf" but his latest offering will be near to our hearts since it deals exclusively with the DE 413 focusing on those left here at home. John is expecting the final publishing date to be sometime in the fall of 2012. He is currently working on maps and photographs and would still love to hear from anyone who has pictures that relate to the crew and ship. John's website address is [www.johnwukovits.com](http://www.johnwukovits.com)
- Sam Stewart and Kelly Song were married on August 20, 2011 in Lewistown, PA. The new Mr. and Mrs. Stewart honeymooned at Niagara Falls (with a stop on their way home to visit Fran Goodrich) and will reside in Lewistown.
- Jack and Ruth Yusen have moved to University House, 22975 SE Black Nugget Road, Apt. #340, Issaquah, WA 98029
- Bud Comet is still keeping things lively in Everett, WA
- Glenn Huffman had some health issues this past summer but is "on the mend" according to JoAnn
- Robert Brennan jr., son of shipmate Robert Brennan, told us that his father is still enjoying good health
- We had a nice telephone visit recently with Adred Lenoir and we also spoke earlier this year with Herbert Eskins.
- Author David L. Sears has Tin Can Calendar 2012 currently available for sale. The 2011 version featured the DE-413 in October. His website is [www.dlsearsbooks.com](http://www.dlsearsbooks.com)
- We spoke with Frank Green, Secretary of the SBR DD-823 Shipmates Association, who reported that their Buffalo, NY reunion was very well attended and everyone had a great time. Frank also mentioned that he would really enjoy speaking with any of the survivors of the DE413. He can be reached at 856-935-4392
- The Memorial Day 2011 issue of the Wall Street Journal featured a wonderful article about the Battle off Samar (10-25-44) courtesy of another favorite author James Hornfischer. If you would like to read it, we can forward a copy of the text via email.

## Taps

### Another Year Passes.....

October 25, 2011 marks the 67th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Samuel B. Roberts DE413. With every passing year we lose more members of that special group of men.

With great sadness, we report the passing of the following shipmates:

**Elbert Gentry** QM2/c ,12-11-10 in Marshall, NC. Elbert is survived by his wife Mable, a daughter Linda Fowler, sons Elbert and Gary and four grandchildren.

**Robert W. "Mel" Harden** S2/c,12-18-10 in Selbyville, DE. Mel is survived by his wife Leona, daughter Karen and her husband Dennis McGowan,two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**William H. "Bill" Wilson** S1/c ,6-26-11 in Kalamazoo, MI. Bill is survived by his wife Esther, son Bill R. (Rhonda), one grandson, one great-grandson, two step-sons Richard (Kathleen) Glassman and James (Betty) Glassman and step daughter-in-law Linda Glassman

Please Note: New address for Leona Harden is 17 Leigh Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811 Phone: (410) 641-6471



## Veterans Walk of Honor

A \$100 donation will allow your name or message to be engraved on a 4x8 inch brick paver and placed in the Veterans' Walk of Honor at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas. Any pavers relating to the ROBERTS can now be placed in the walkway near the Samuel B. Roberts Pavilion. (See picture at right)

Contact Mrs. Marty Kaderli at the Nimitz Museum for further information and an order form.

The Admiral Nimitz Foundation

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[www.nimitz-museum.org](http://www.nimitz-museum.org)



**Treasury Report**

Starting Balance \$1,210.97  
 Dues Received and Deposited 645.00  
 Total..... \$1,855.97

**Expenses**

Newsletter Printing (Nov. 2010) (\$177.71)  
 Flowers (Harden, Wilson ) ( 173.00)  
 Total Expenses..... ( \$350.71)

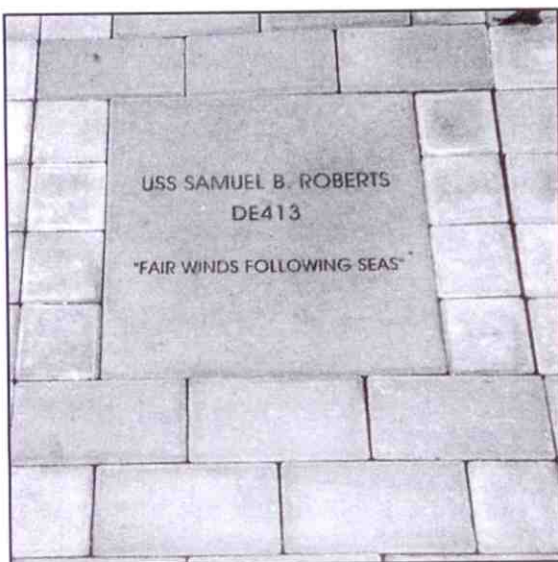
Balance in checkbook as of 10-19-11.....\$1,505.26

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**Roll Call**

To the best of our knowledge, the following is a list of the living survivors of the USS Samuel B. Roberts DE413. If we have made any errors or omissions, please let us know.

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| Anthony Blaszczyk    | Bill Katsur     |
| Robert R. Brennan    | Adred C. Lenoir |
| James F. "Bud" Comet | James E. Myers  |
| Oliver E. Coyle      | Albert Rosner   |
| Herbert E. Eskins    | Jack Yusen      |
| Glenn Huffman        |                 |



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Thank you!

