

SCUTTLEBUTT

A Quarterly Newsletter

December 2013

USS Gambier Bay /VC-10 Survivors at Tucson, AZ 2013 Reunion



Carl Admundson



George Feliz



Fred Grabos



Dean Moel



Thomas Rane



Clete Ring



Norm St Germain

We were blessed to have seven survivors at this years reunion. Thomas Rane found out about the reunion from the local Tucson newspaper and was able to have a friend bring him to the memorial service. It was great to meet you Tom.

George, Dean, Norm and Clete brought family members to enjoy the banquet and memorial service.

The Hilton Hotel was a great pick since we had a breakfast every morning and a nightly reception with food. The staff was awesome because they went out of their way to make our reunion a memorable one. We had 63 people at the banquet and 60 for our luncheon.

(Thank you Nancy & Steve Ring for these pictures and others)

We will never forget!

Presidents Corner

Hello Gambier Bay Family,

First, I would like to thank our reunion chair, Marlene Hughes, for all of her hard work on making this reunion such a success! We started off our reunion with a fabulous welcome dinner reception hosted by Marlene and Bob at their home. In addition I would also like to thank everyone who helped during the reunion with whatever was asked of them. We have such a great organization and our membership goes the extra mile with their dedication and support. At our banquet dinner this year we actually sold all of our raffle tickets – we made \$445, which could not have been possible without your support and your donation of raffle prizes. Thank you so much to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and all those who donated gifts.

We had two excursions this year, the first one was to the Pima Air Museum and boneyard. Wow, I don't think I have ever seen so many planes and helicopters! On our second excursion we visited the San Xavier Mission and did a little shopping at the Old Town Artistian Village. You can see a few photos inside of these excursions or you can visit our website to view all of our Tucson reunion photos – www.ussgambierbay.org.

We held elections at our Tucson membership meeting and all officers and governors remain the same with one new governor, Linda Shirmerda (daughter of Deal Moel). See inside for a complete listing of your officers and governors and for Linda's bio. WELCOME LINDA.

One important fact I want to mention is that I am working with Mike Pyzdrowski on the website. He is providing so much info and photos – **THANK YOU MIKE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.** I have also added a tribute page on our website to the Doolittle Raiders. Should you have any contributions/questions/edits/suggestions for our website, please contact me at pk_grond@yahoo.com.

Our memorial service was attended by seven survivors, Fred Grabos, Thomas Rane, Norm St. Germain, Dean Moel, Clete Ring, George Feliz, and Carl Amundson. We will soon have DVDs available for purchase of our memorial service for \$10, please contact Marlene at mahhome@cox.net if you are interested in purchasing one. I have added a Memorial Services page on our website and I will be uploading highlights from the service. Many thanks to Arts Express (www.arts-express.org) for all of their participation, assistance, and coordination with our memorial service.

Remember to save the date for the **Taffy III 2014 reunion – San Diego, California – October 23, 26.** We have confirmation from some of the other Taffy III ships that they will be joining us.

Paula



Paula & Marlene at the Memorial Service



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS - SCUTTLEBUTT DONATIONS

Lifetime membership for survivors and widows is offered at no charge. As many of you know our membership application fees and our Scuttlebutt donations help tremendously with all the costs associated with the publication.

We would love to see our many, many second generation family members become part of the USS Gambier membership! Please help us support not only the publication of the Scuttlebutt but the Association as well by sending in your membership application today!

SHIP'S STORE

Please check out all of our fabulous USS Gambier Bay merchandise and memorabilia in our ship's store. All merchandise prices include the shipping cost. Pictures were not included in this issue due to space-see it on our website, ussgambierbay.org. We now have in stock a limited number of The Men of the USS Gambier Bay books, as well as The Last Tin Can Sailor book, note cards, computer mouse pads, I Love the Men of the USS Gambier Bay button pins, Life of Duty (NRA documentary DVD), and copies of the Freedom's Cost lithograph. Plus, our newest item - - which is just for the ladies - -

the **USS Gambier Bay black BLING shirt**.

If you are interested in your very own women's USS Gambier Bay BLING shirt, please see the order form inside. (Photo below)



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BOB BAKER THE PIPE MAJOR AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

ANTHONY GIBES (17) WHO PLAYED TAPS AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.



In Memoriam

Shipmates who have crossed the Bar

Lars Anderson 02/22/20-03/19/11

Lars Anderson Jr. 91 of Pleasant Grove passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, March 19, 2011. He was born February 22, 1920 to Lars Anderson Sr. and Edith Elfreda Lxman Anderson in Salt Lake City. He married Ingrid Anna Johnson December 20, 1946 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple, solemnized by Spencer W. Kimball. Ingrid passed away November of 2006. Lars served an LDS mission in the California Redwood District. He joined the US Navy and served in World War II. He graduated from University of Utah with a Bachelors degree in English and a Masters degree in Education Administration. He taught junior high school math and other subjects in Concord, California. He also had his own income tax/painting businesses. He and Ingrid relocated to Utah in the early 90's to be closer to their children. He had a passion for golf and chess and he was very athletic. He was a very devoted and faithful member of the LDS Church and served in many capacities. He is survived by his children, Carla (Ron, deceased) Murphy, Lehi; Patricia (Rex) Harris, Lehi; Vernon Anderson, Pleasant Grove; Christine (Randy) Gleave, Provo; Anita (David) Harrison, Pleasant Grove; 22 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren with one on the way and brother, Joseph (Margaret) Anderson, Sandy. He is preceded in death by his wife, Ingrid, brothers, Alvis and Arthur and sisters Evelyn and Marie. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Garden Fifth Ward Chapel, 745 North 600 West, Pleasant Grove. Family and friends may attend a viewing on Saturday one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be in the Pleasant Grove City Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 72. *(Lars was a radioman 2/c-bell was tolled on 10/26/13)*



Lorelei Deffenbaugh 10/10/25- 03/24/13

Lorelei Wilcox Deffenbaugh, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died March 24, at age 87. Lorelei was born October 10, 1925, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to John and Ella Wilcox. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Craig Wilcox and Jack Wilcox; and her husband of 61 years, Berman Eugene "Deffy" Deffenbaugh Jr. She is survived by her children, Edward Deffenbaugh and wife, Ellen, Danny Deffenbaugh and wife, Deborah, Lavella Siebenaler and husband, John, Carole Deffenbaugh, Douglas Deffenbaugh and wife, Lydia, Mary Deffenbaugh and Helen Scanlan and husband, Tom; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Arrangements are as follows. Visitation, 6 p.m., Monday, April 1, followed by a rosary recited at 7 p.m., Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Church, 600 Oblate Dr. A lying in state will be held beginning at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. *(Deffy was in VC-10) Lorelei came to her last reunion in 2007*

Alfred N. Disipio- 1926-11/29/13

Fred had called and e-mailed to let us know he was diagnosed with Leukemia in July and that he was going to Houston for treatment. Paula spoke to him before this year's reunion in October and he told her they were sending him back home to New Jersey because they could do no more for him. We found out of his passing from a post on our facebook page. I was unable to obtain an obituary.

Fred was one of the youngest on board the Gambier Bay and was seriously wounded in the attack. Eleven other sailors who had clung to the same wreckage had all died during the five day ordeal. Near death, he was found by chance by a passing PT boat 200 miles from where the ship had gone down. He spent 13 months in military hospitals. He later became a major record promoter and a racehorse owner. *(We will miss you Fred and we will toll a bell for you next October in San Diego).*

In Memoriam continued

Joan C. McQuade 07/16/25-05/05/13

Joan C. McQuade, 87, of John M. Reed Nursing Home in Limestone, passed away Sunday May 5, 2013. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband: Joseph E. McQuade, Sr.; children and their spouses: JoAnn Smith and husband David of Afton, Ronald McQuade and wife Paulette of Elizabethton, Richard McQuade and wife Vickie of Mosheim, Joseph McQuade Jr. and wife Janet of Amsterdam, New York, and Mary Herrington and husband Harold of Greeneville; grandchildren and spouses: Timothy Smith and wife Teresa, Heather Wood and husband Randy, Chris McQuade and wife Jamie, Brandon McQuade, Darcy McQuade, Joseph McQuade III and wife Vickie, Rodney Herrington and wife Kelly, Norman Herrington and wife Kelly, William Herrington and wife Kristen, and Lori Higgins; great grandchildren: Daniel Smith, Sarah Smith, Danyelle Higgins, Brye Higgins, Michelle Hall and husband Joshua, Jake Wood, Garrett Wood, Viviana McQuade, Jewelian McQuade, Claire McQuade, Alisia Herrington, Josh Herrington, Chris Herrington, Tyler Herrington, and Matthew Herrington; and a great-great grandchild: Aubrey Hall.

She was preceded in death by her parents: William H. and May Nerney Gentry; two sons: William McQuade and Michael McQuade; and one sister: Mary Vosbough.

There will be no formal service or visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Caris Hospice at 225 West Summer Street, Greeneville, TN 37743; or to the Greene County EMS at 6530 Horton Highway, Greeneville, TN 37745. (*Bell was tolled on 10/26/13*)

Edward F. Gaertner 01/26/2013

Edward F. Gaertner 90, passed away Saturday January 26, 2013. Ed moved to Ocala, Florida in 1989, from Fish Lake, Indiana. He and his wife Louise lived at On Top of the World for many years. Ed enjoyed bowling, golf, billiards, and crossword puzzles. In his younger days he loved to fish and enjoyed traveling with Louise. Most recently Edward lived in Emeritus West, where he took part in exercise class, bowling and horseshoes. He also enjoyed the entertainment, meals and the weekly happy hour. He loved the staff at Emeritus and they loved him. He was well known for his good humor and kindness.

Edward grew up in Blue Island, Illinois, and was a Navy Pilot in World War II. He loved his job as a switchman and conductor for CSX Railroad (formerly the B&O) and retired at the age of 61.

He is survived by his brother Leroy, son Edward (Sandy); daughter Lynn (Michael); grandchildren Joanne, Eddie and Eva; great grandchildren Mackenzie, Skyler, Samantha, Morgan, Jack, and Charlie; and special friend Phyllis Gilbert. He is predeceased by his wife Louise and his granddaughter Denise.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, February 1, 2013 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Inurnment took place at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on February 4, 2013. (*Bell was tolled on 10/26/13*)



In Memoriam continued



Richard David " Dickie" Dudley 10/29/1923-08/27/2013

Richard was a prominent and hard-charging businessman from Wausau, WI with a give-back attitude. He died at his home on August 27, 2013. Dick graduated from Wausau High School in 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy that same year. He was a distinguished veteran of WWII, serving as a gunner in a torpedo bomber in the Pacific Theater. He flew 138 combat missions over three years. When his ship, the USS Gambier Bay was sunk, he spent 57 hours in the South Pacific before he was rescued. He received 12 service medals and decorations including the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Presidential Unit Citation, and four air medals.

After serving his country, he continued his education at the University of Wisconsin and returned to Wausau. He married Eileen Deneen in 1949 (deceased in 1984) and they had four children, all of whom survive. Mary

Catherine Dudley (Greg Wortman) of Santa Fe, NM; Robert James Dudley II (Penny) of Wausau; John Deneen Dudley (Amy) of Mosinee, and Ann Dudley Shannon (Robert) of Stevens Point. He is survived by eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. In 1990, Dick married real estate developer, Nancy (Kurszewski) Wanta, who survives along with stepsons, Todd Wanta (Julie), Troy Wanta (Ginger Reed), and three step-grandchildren.

Possessing tremendous business acumen, Dick was a founder or investor in more than 100 businesses throughout his lifetime. He was laid to rest on September 4, 2013 at Restlawn Memorial Park in Wausau.

(A bell was tolled for Dick on October 26, 2013)



Harold Theodore " Hal" Berven 08/12/1923-08/22/2013

Harold Berven, 90, of Vancouver, Washington, passed away August 22, 2013. He was born August 12, 1923 in Glendive, Montana to Clarence and Malena Berven. Hal attended West Seattle High School, and WSU in Pullman, WA.

He proudly served in the Navy, during WWII and was recognized for heroism during the Battle of Leyte Gulf, Phillipines. He is a survivor of USS Gambier Bay, sinking in the same battle, and a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

He was employed by Bemis Company for 37 years.

A member of Toastmasters, he also enjoyed playing Bridge, woodworking, golf, international travel and fishing.

He loved dancing with his wife Goya, and was an outstanding role model to his sons.

He is survived by his sons, Gary (Anita) and Karl (Lynette) Berven; grandchildren, Karina, Kelsey, Kyle Quinn; and two great grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Feliscar " Goya", his parents, sister, Clarice; and brother, Donald. Special thanks to Doctors Fowler and Pfaff, the caring staff at Van Mall, and Hal's dear friends and neighbors that made his last days so special.

A memorial was held on Sat., Sept. 7, 2013 at 1PM, at First United Methodist Church, 401 E 33rd St., Vancouver, WA.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army or charity of your choice in Hal's name.

Please sign his guestbook at www.columbian.com/obits. *(His son Gary did a eulogy for Hal at this years memorial service and the bell was tolled on 10/26/2013)*

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Bio of Linda Shimerda

Thank you for your asking me to be a Governor on the board for the Gambier Bay Association. I'm Linda (Moel) Shimerda and have attended the reunions since San Diego in 2004. After my mother passed away 11 years ago I began attending the reunions with my father, Dean Moel, a cook on the Gambier Bay. Growing up, I never thought much about my father as a survivor from the sinking of the Gambier Bay. Fathers are heroes and as I got older I began to understand what the circumstances were for the survivors and family members. I have always been proud of my father for being in the Navy and thought, what a handsome man he was in his uniform.

I grew up in Solon, Iowa and after marrying my husband, Phil, we moved to San Antonio, Texas 33 years ago. We raised our family of three children and now have 4 grandchildren and Dean, our great grandson (named after my dad). I worked at the University of Texas Health Science Center for 28 years and retired four years ago. I worked 6 years as a secretary in the Department of Physiology and then 22 years as an Administrative Assistant in the Department of Anesthesiology/Pain Medicine Clinic. (According to my boss, I ran the clinic and was the BOSS). My husband and I owned a small deli for 2 years which I worked every day as well. I totally loved both careers but being retired is awesome!

I am an avid outdoors fan with the love of fishing and hunting. We have been to Alaska four times and also took my Dad in 2012 for his dream. This summer we drove to Kenora, Canada to meet up with 14 members of my family for a week of fishing, blueberry picking and relaxing. Another enjoyable trip with my Dad.



I am happy to be involved with the Gambier Bay and enjoyed being in Tucson with Dad's two sisters, grandson and my mother's brother & wife, my sister and her husband. Always so much reminiscing with friends and I plan on attending as long as Dad and I are able.

Thank you and see everyone in San Diego, 2014.

If you ever get to San Antonio just give me a call. Phi and I will be happy to have you visit us.

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Linda Shimerda

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO
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From your editor:

In order to keep the mailed copy of the Scuttlebutt to 4 pages I had to eliminate the pictures of the Ship's store. The e-mailed copy will have more pictures from the reunion, so if you have e-mail let me know. This edition is always more expensive because it is color.

Paula Grond & I will be meeting with other Taffy 3 ships in San Diego on 1/4/2014 to look at the hotel and hopefully the USS Midway to finalize some plans for this years 70th anniversary. I will in the near future send you the information on making reservations for the hotel.

This year's reunion was amazing in Tucson. I got some expert help from Arts Express, in Tucson on the music for the banquet as well as for the Memorial service. They had posted our press release on their website and I received an e-mail from Vicki Cunningham who is the Stepdaughter of Al Johnson (ship's photographer). Vicki was able to join us for the memorial service. It is a small world!!

*Have a wonderful Holiday and a Healthy & Happy New Year. All the best to you and yours,
Marlene*

Mail Call

Received from Cesare A. Clantra (EM 3/c)

70 Balboa Dr.
Springfield, MA 01119
413-783-1162

July 2013

Dear Marlene,

I knew Tom (Red) Dennin, we both went to a Navy Electric School in Detroit, MI in 1943. Tom and I and Adam Kanaski another shipmate, traveled together to the west coast by train. We were assigned to the same ship CVE-73.

Adam Kanaski was from Penn, I was from Springfield, MA, and Red was from Brooklyn, NY. We three got along well together from day 1 til Oct 25, 1944. The last time I saw Red (Tom) was at a Reunion in Cape Cod, MA. I retired from the Springfield, MS Fire Dept as a Captain in 1985.

I still live in Springfield, Mass and do not have a computer. Chuck was what they called me.

Cesare

(Thanks for telling me about you three. Not sure when we will bring the reunion back east again)

Received from Norman Van Dine

34 Oliver Woods Rd
PO Box 44
Nobleboro, ME 0455-0044

July 22, 2013

Dear Marlene,

Thank you for my Quarterly Newsletter, the Scuttlebutt for it contained two notices of the passing of personal friends of mine relating to my Squadron VC-10. The first was Commander Robert E. Boggs (he wasn't a Commander then but an Ensign as was I) and second, was Tony Potochniak who started out as a customer of mine when he was at IBM, but when we started to talk, the subject of the USS Gambier Bay emerged and I was an ex-pilot in the VC-10 on the USS Fanshaw Bay. Tony and I had many letters between us but Boggs didn't enter into my life until after 1945. I did not remain in the US Navy after Dec 19, 1945.

My wife Margaret and I attended a couple of the reunions back in the early days of our married lives but things didn't bode well for continued attendance. We had a long happy 64.5 yrs of life together but passed away 19 months ago. I will be attending this October Reunion for my schedule back here in Maine is full at this time of year.

I'll be anxious about learning who in VC-10 attends and it may come out at the end of the Reunion but then again the total attendance would include members of the USS Gambier Bay and not just VC-10.

My best regards to you and members of the Board of Governors & Officers. You all are doing a great job of keeping the organization alive and well.

Sincerely,

Norman Van Dine *(Thanks Norman for the compliment. Fred Grabos attended the reunion and was in VC-10)*

Received from John & Ruth Schlaff

July 2013

To Whom it may concern,

Please accept this donation in memory of Robert E. Boggs, a retired Navy pilot, who passed away July 1, 2013.

He was a wonderful man whom we shall miss. We are eternally grateful for his service

Sincerely, John & Ruth Schlaff

(Thank you for the donation and we received a total of \$725 in memory of Bob)

Mail call continued:

Received by e-mail from Fred Disipio
July 31, 2013

Hi Marlene

I have been diagnosed with acute Leukemia, I am at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX.

It is going to be a tough battle, I will see if the chemo is working, if not back to NJ. My prognosis is not very good, I will keep you & Paula informed.

So if you don't hear back from me assume that I lost this battle---- if so anchors away to all my shipmates, they are the best.....Fred He crossed the bar on November 29, 2013

(We will miss you Fred-always enjoyed your e-mails. God Bless and rest in peace.)

Received by e-mail from Jan Loomis
July 20, 2013

Marlene:

Thanks for all your hard work for the Gambier Bay Association. I enjoy your Faebook page and hearing about the groups activities. Please send my a copy of the Scuttlebutt. My Dad (Richard Roby was a pilot on the ship.

(Jan has become a Lifetime Member of the Association and hopes to come to San Diego in 2014.)

Received by e-mail from Mary Ellen Brines

July 21, 2013

Marlene,

I do want to continue to receive the Scuttlebutt. I don't know if anyone was ever notifies that one of the "twins" (Ed Krzemecki) who was my uncle died about three years ago on Jan 1. I can send you the exact date if no ever knew. My dad, Al is still doing well, but the loss of his identical twin was a real blow.

Hope things are well with you and you are surviving the heat of the summer.

God's Blessings,

Mary Ellen Brines *(I did find out about the passing of your Uncle Ed. Please tell your Dad hello from all of us in the Gambier Bay Association and glad he is doing well.)*

Received from Vivian Akers

8/12/2013

Hi Marlene,

Not sure if I will make the reunion this time. Haven't had any offers yet from anyone to drive.

Health is good, so may make it!!!

Best always *(We missed you Vivian at the reunion. Hopefully the kids can bring you to San Diego in 2014)*

Vivian Akers

Received from Charles Hunt

9/30/2013

Marlene,

I don't know if our subscription or membership is due but here is a check anyway. My wife's father was Andrew Lindow from the Gambier Bay. Thanks for all you do!

Chuck & Barbara Hunt

(Thank you for the check and the compliment. Hope you both can come to the 70th anniversary in 2014)

In Appreciation

Thank you to all the names listed for your donation, buying from the ship's store, subscription or lifetime membership. All of this helps the association spread the word about that fateful day on October 25, 1944.

Mary (Sevcik) Pappas
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In Memory of Ed Hagerty, Harry
Maureen Dugan



Top-Norm St Germain & Terri Wright

Top right-Fred Grabos,, George Feliz & Carl Admundson

Bottom left-memorial service

Bottom Right- Gary Berven reading names and Vicki Ramierz tolling the bell.



REUNION 2013



THE SAGUARO'S WERE A WELCOMING SIGN IN FRONT OF THE TUCSON AIRPORT TERMINAL.

USS GAMBIER BAY 69th Anniversary

What a great reunion this turned to be. The weather was in the 80's and the Hilton Hotel was wonderful. Marlene Hughes & her husband Bob Shrieve hosted the welcome reception at their home on Wednesday night with great

mexican food. We even had a cake with the picture of the ship. On Thursday morning we took a tour of the Pima Air & Space Museum and had lunch at the Museum. We got to see a model of the Gambier Bay and a TBM Avenger.

On Friday, the city tour took us through town and out to the San Xavier Mission which opened in 1797. We then went shopping at Old Town Artisans downtown. Our Banquet was that night with a great 3 piece band..



OUR CAKE AT THE RECEPTION



OUR MEXICAN MEAL



COCKTAIL TIME



TO THE LEFT ARE OUR SURVIVORS FRONT AND CENTER AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

TO THE RIGHT BARBARA BOGGS SCHLAFF READING HER EULOGY TO HER DAD "BOB BOGGS". SHE DID A WONDERFUL JOB.



TO THE LEFT IS FRED GRABOS PROUDLY STANDS IN FRONT OF A TBM AVENGER WHICH HE FLEW ON AS A GUNNER. HE LOVED BEING UP CLOSE.



TO THE RIGHT IS VICKI CUNNINGHAM SHOWING HER STEPDAD'S PICTURES—HE WAS THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE SHIP "AL JOHNSON". VICKI LIVES HERE IN TUCSON WHICH WAS A SURPRISE.



NORM ST GERMAIN & DEAN MOEL HAVING A TALK FEST IN HOSPITALITY RM



LINDA SHIMERDA READING A POEM AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

THE LATEST SCOOP FROM AROUND THE
“SCUTTLEBUTT”

RETURNS TO
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**To you and yours have a Blessed Holiday Season
and a Healthy & Happy New Year**



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