

# USS GYATT ASSOCIATION

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### Greetings from your President and his wife:

*We want to thank the USS GYATT shipmates, wives and guests for attending the reunion in Duluth. It was great to see you and we had a great time planning the activities and showing off the Midwest to those of you who have never been in our part of the country. Our only downside was not being able to see all the Northland and Duluth area had to offer but time is not always on our side.*

*We had hoped to tour the Cirrus Aircraft plant located at the Duluth airport. For those of you not aware, Cirrus Aircraft is the largest seller of private aircraft in the world. The Duluth aircraft plant is online building the first Cirrus jet and it would be a sight worth seeing. The Cirrus group indicated they would be pleased to host our group; but as stated earlier, time is not always on our side.*

*Comments received indicated that the trip to the Iron Range was both educational and enjoyable and while the weather did not cooperate it did not hinder us. From the comments it appeared that everyone had a good time.*

*We are saddened that the 2012 Reunion is being postponed until a later date but we are also pleased that those hosting the 2013 Reunion have stepped up and arranged to have Aurora, Colorado as our host city in 2012 and are well along to having a full program completed.*

*We all like to visit different states and as of this writing we do not have a host or location for 2013 or 2014 reunions. Hopefully someone will volunteer to be a host for these reunions. **“NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED.”** Hosting brings a feeling of great satisfaction and pride as you observe shipmates renew old friendships and gain new friendships as they trade “sea stories”. Ask any host if they were sorry they “Stepped up to the Plate” and hosted a reunion. I am willing to bet you will not get a negative response. So **“please”** volunteer to host one. All of the present and previous officers and past hosts are willing to help those “stepping up”. I do not for any reason want to stand in front of you at the close of the business meeting in Colorado and have to state, “because of no volunteers to host the 2013 reunion, that after 17 years we will not be seeing each other in 2013 because we will not be having a reunion.”*

*Again – thanks for letting us host the reunion in Duluth. It was a fun experience.*

*God Bless you all ~*

*Tom and Jaci Fuller*