

## **Becoming a Member of the Board of Managers of the USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association & Next Generations**

The mission of the Association is to perpetuate the memory of the USS Houston CA-30. This mission has no particular end date, the hope being that this mission will be continued and carried forward through the generations to come. Accordingly, there is an ongoing need to have members functioning as Board members. As with any organization of volunteers, the Association can only function when members are willing to increase their level of participation and devote more time and effort.

The Association's day-to-day conduct of business is performed by its Board of Managers. Each Board member (3 to 7), is a volunteer assuming responsibilities in the many elements of work necessary to be done. Currently defined responsibilities include:

- Website maintenance
- Reunion Coordination
- Special projects initiatives/management
- Member roster maintenance
- Association Correspondence
- Maintenance, storage and utilization of Association archives for research
- Blue Bonnet production
- Blue Bonnet distribution
- Communication with other organizations
- Management of two scholarship programs
- Retail marketing and storage of Association merchandise
- Other duties as needed or assigned

As the members of the Board reside in various parts of the country, the principal means of communication is via monthly teleconferences, at least 90 minutes in length. The Board expects its members to function within team parameters; consensus decision-making, collaboration on assignments, support of each other's work are just a few characteristics. If you would like to accept the challenge of becoming a Board member in the Association, let any of the Board members know of your interest and availability. Please share your interests, special skills or expertise including identifying the particular responsibility you would consider assuming. Assisting a current Board member prior to assuming full responsibility is required.

Requirements for eligibility to stand for election to the Board of Managers:

- membership in the Association
- proven track record after application is made in completion of one of the duties outlined above

The mission of the Association has been passed down to the Next Generations by our very Survivors and it is up to us to continue fulfilling their original dreams and aspirations.