



Hello shipmates,

The reunion is just seven months away and we really are looking forward to seeing everyone again. We want to wish a warm welcome to all the new shipmates that have come aboard and hope you will all be able to attend the reunion. This will be the fourth reunion we've had and each one has been very special.

We've all been waiting for information on the reunion in Beaumont. This newsletter will contain everything you need to know and the prices for everything. We feel that this reunion will be a really good one and have already made our hotel reservations. We urge you all to make yours, even if you're not sure you'll be able to attend. You can always cancel later if you have to. We hope to have a large number of people. If all you Texans attend, the hotel will be full! As you know, the hotel sustained severe damage during Hurricane Rita last fall. It has been completely renovated and is open for business. And they are ready to put on a great reunion for us. Here is the information to make your reservations.

**Wed. November 1 – Sat. November 4  
(depart Sun. November 5)  
Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza  
3950 I H 10, Beaumont TX  
Local Tel: 409-842-5995  
Toll Free Tel: 800-315-2621  
Group Rate: \$89.00 per night plus tax  
If booking online, use Group Booking Code 2-USH  
Web Address: <http://www.holidayinnbeaumont.com>**

If you will be coming to the reunion in an RV, several of the shipmates will be staying at **Gulf Coast RV Resort in Beaumont**. It is about two miles from the hotel.

**Gulf Coast RV Resort  
5175 Brooks Rd.  
Beaumont, TX  
Local Tel: 409-842-2285  
Toll Free: 866-410-7801  
Rate: \$30.00 per night  
Passport America Rate: \$15.00 per night**

Please fill out the signup sheet included in this newsletter. Note that all events must be signed up and paid for in advance. **We cannot accept walk-ins.** We have to provide headcounts to the coach company, the hotel for banquet and breakfast buffet, the Johnson Space Center and the casino and won't be able to add any names once the deadline has passed. **Deadline for sign-up sheets and payments is Sept. 1.**

There will be a bus trip to the L'Auberge du Lac Casino/Resort in Lake Charles, LA on Wednesday, Nov. 1. In addition to the casino, there are a large shopping center and restaurants.

There are a couple of golf courses in the Beaumont area for those who wish to play golf. This will not be an organized outing but Bob Sipole will be able to provide information.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, we will have an all-day trip to the Johnson Space Center, including lunch. There are many exhibits to see, including all the different types of space suits used over the years, photos of all crews, some interactive exhibits, and a tram trip to the original Mission Control Center (the one we always used to see on TV, with the tiny computer monitors).

On Friday morning there will be a tour to museums in the Beaumont area, which will include Spindletop, the original petroleum exploration area for Texas, and a Memorial service. The banquet will be held Friday night.

On Saturday morning, there will be a breakfast buffet. Then in the afternoon will be the business meeting, followed by a raffle. Please bring a small, inexpensive (\$5-\$10) or hand made item for the raffle. As usual, we will raffle a model of the ship, but it will be a bit different this time. The model will be built after the reunion to the configuration it was when the winner served aboard. Also, the model will be larger this time by 11". It will be in a display case (wood base with clear plastic cover). Tickets will be \$10.00 and you may purchase as many as you like. If you would like tickets, please make a check payable to the **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** and mail it to us at the address on the last page of this newsletter. Previous winners have been thrilled with their models. The builder really does a good job and pays close attention to detail. Tickets purchased by mail will have to be sent to us no later than October 1, and tickets will be available for sale throughout the reunion.

**Bob Sipole highly urges people flying to go to one of Houston's airports, rent a car and drive to Beaumont. The main terminal at Beaumont's airport was badly damaged in the hurricane and isn't expected to be operational by the time of the reunion. It might be a good idea to coordinate your arrival time with friends so you can share the cost of a car and ride together.**

In January, Pat started a Yahoo Group for the purpose of email newsletter distribution. There are over 700 people who receive email newsletter notifications. Earthlink, our ISP restricts the number of email addresses that can be on a single message. She had to create 17 distribution lists and send the notification message out 17 times. By mid-March only about 200 people had signed up for the Group, so she decided to abandon the idea and delete the Yahoo Group. She will distribute newsletters via Earthlink in the usual way. She will explore other methods of distribution in hopes of finding a way to send just one message to all 700 people, but for now will continue to send the message to multiple distribution lists.

Fair winds and smooth sailing.  
Bill Siler

Please fill out the form below and return with a check payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** and send to:

**J.W. Siler, Jr.**  
**835 Claybanks Dr.**  
**Callaway, VA 24067-4524**

Date	Description	# People	Amt. Encl.
Nov 1, Wed.	Hospitality room open Check in, pick up name badges and information packets Trip to Casino \$15.00pp Registration/Hospitality fee (snacks and beverages)\$20.00pp Free evening	_____ _____	_____ _____
Nov 2, Thurs.	Hospitality room open Trip to Johnson Space Center All day trip including lunch \$37.00pp Free evening	_____	_____
Nov 3, Fri.	Hospitality room open Memorial Service/Museum Tours \$10.00pp Cocktail Hour Banquet Buffet (with cash bar) \$35.00pp Includes entertainment by a Cajun comedian and a Cajun band.	_____ _____	_____ _____
Nov 4, Sat	Hospitality room open Breakfast Buffet \$20.00pp Business Meeting and Raffle (please bring an inexpensive item for the raffle, \$5-\$10) Free evening	_____	_____
Nov 5, Sun.	Depart Hotel – Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing!		
Total # People and Total Amount Enclosed			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Persons \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of spouse and/or guests \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remember, we cannot accept walk-ins for any of these events. We must have headcounts and payment in advance.**

Deadline for signup sheets is September 1, 2006.

At check-in you will receive a program booklet with times for all events.

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**Additions to Crew List**

Bacon, Walter R. YN3, 54-57	Enquist, Raymond M. MM3, 58-59	Moore, Don B. "DB" BTFN, 52-56
Bandy, John M. LTJG, 59-60	Fortune, Gary W. CS3, 67-69	Nawrocki, Jerry A. LT, 65-67
Bertsch, Jr., Fred S. "Fritz" LCDR, 47-48	Gardenas, Douglas N. SN, 68-69	Nordstrom III, Carl J. "Jack" ENS, 46
Bodycombe, Jr., Robert E. BM2, 45-46	Hanger, Edward L. SA, 72-73	Riley, Timothy D. MMFN, 53-55
Boucher, Allen M. SN1/c, 46-48	Hettinger, George, P. ICC, 52	Robbers, Spencer P. SN, 68-69
Brant, Eugene A. BM2, 47-49	Kerrigan, Robert J. "Buddy Ruff" MM1, 68-70	Swan IV, James D. SA, 66-69
Broberg, Michael L. BM3, 69-71	Kopriva, John T. PN3, 66-68	Tucker, Kenneth A. "Ken" LTJG, 65-66
Bryant, William F. "Doc" HMC, 67-68	Lanzendorfer, William J. RD3, 66	Usury, Gary F. SN, 61-64
Crowson, Cecil R. "Crow" EN3, 53-56	Lau, Laval F. EMFN, 48-51	Varner, Jr., John W. LT, 63-66
Cuellar, Valentin J. "VeeJay" IC3, 63-66	Maxwell, John S. LT, 70-73	Womack, Wayne A. FT3, 57

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**Sick List**

Charles "Chuck" Hughes 49-51	Julie Byrne wife of Tom Byrne, RM2, 60-62	Fred Hudgins BT3, 51-54
Frances Hughes wife of Chuck	JoAnn Stoner wife of Herb Stoner, GM3, 51-55	Louie Duke LT, 59-60

Chuck is our supplier of baseball caps. Chuck and Frances are doing well. Fortunately, we have plenty of caps on hand to last until he is fully recovered. We wish them both a speedy recovery. Julie Byrne is also doing very well. Louie is doing well also.

**If you know of anyone who is ill, please contact us so we can put out the word.**

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**Additions to Memorial List**

Andrews, Nicholas V. YN2, 45-46	Beck, Ardie L. LTJG, 72-73	Blair, John C. MMC, 49-50
Arnes, Dennis D. "Dirty Dog" EM3, 48-51	Birch, Raymond E. MMLFN, 50-52	Brunson, Jr., Clyde H. SH2, 72-73
Atwell, James A. BMC, 52-53	Bitterman, Allen G. MM1, 48-55	Carey, Jr. George E. RDSN, 45-46

Cason, Alonzo J. SN1/c, 49-50	Houlihan, Thomas R. CSC, 47-48	Seeley, Duane L. RD3, 58-60
Chase, Warren P. "Skip" LTJG, 55-58	Hubbard, James L. RM2, 49-53	Sjoblom, Van A. FN1/c, 45-46
Cobb, Melvin D. "Doug" RD2, 66-68	Jagoe, Jr., Arthur F. SN2/c, 45-46	Skislock, John SN1/c, 45-47
Cook, Rodney E. "Rod" GMSN, 52-53	Katanjian, Arthur J. "Jimmy" SA 50-52	Slover, James A. SN2/c, 45-46
Davis, Andrew H. "Andy" GMSN, 48-51	Kopina, William F. BT3, 56-57	Sowder, Bobby Ray SH3, 47-51
Desporte, Andrew L. "Andy" CS3, 48-52	Litterini, Clifford W. SN1/c, 45-46	Stiasny, Charles P. MR2, 55-56
Dynes, Melvin R. SN, 66-67	Lloyd, Jr., Ellwood, J. QM2, 45-46	Stough, Ben H. LCDR, 46-47
Elward, Paul P. Rate ?, 50-52	Martocci, Joseph H. GM2, 45	Sumer, Ralph W. SN, 49-51
Evitts, Barry W. SA, 71-72	Materne, Jose P. CS1, 58-59	Swierceski, Raymond F. PhM2/c, 45-46
Eyre, Kenneth L. MM2, 47-50	Meadows, Lee M. SN1/c, 45-46	Sylvia, James J. "Jerry" MM2, 54-56
Foster, Woodrow SN, 53-54	Mixon, Sidney M. BT3, 48-52	Talbott, Wayne R. Rate ?, 45-46
Froque, George A. SA, 49-51	Morvant, Lawrence P. SN1/c, 50-52	Tangney, Robert A. RM2, 45-46
Grisafi, Jr., Nick J. EW1, 71-72	Nelms, William H. GM3, 45-46	Thompson, Glynn M. "Pete" LT, 65-66
Hawks, John B. ME2, 49-52	O'Brien, Kenneth D. RM1, 61-63	Whitman, Eugene J. SN1/c, 45-46
Head, Junior SN1/c, 50-52	Paquin, Jr., Edmond J. GM2, 45-46	Williams, James A. "J.W." SN, 65-66
Helms, Chess H. "Doc" HMC, 60-62	Puffenberger, Fred H. BMC, 47-52	Wood, Stanley R. SN1/c, 44-46
Hess, Richard W. SN1/c, 50-51	Ritter, Harry R. SN1/c, 50-52	Wynne, Calvin J. SN, 68-70
Hill, James C. STM2, Years ?	Roberts, Howard E. GM2, 45-46	Zieman, Charles H. MM3, 57-58
Hillock, Jr., Charles K. EM3/c, 49-52	Romano, Roberto A. FN, 49-52	Zimbelman, Edward G. MM1, 45-46
Hoel, Norman C. CSC1, 50-52	Ross, Lowell E. SN2/c, 45-46	

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**Baseball Caps**

We have baseball caps for sale. They are Navy Blue with the ship's name and hull number in gold. Ship profile is in white.

The caps come in solid cloth or mesh back. Please specify which you prefer when ordering.

To order, send a check for \$12.00 (covers postage) payable to:

**Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund**

Send the check to the address at the left.

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**USS Henry W. Tucker DD/DDR 875**

**Reunion Association**

**Mission**

The mission of the USS Henry W. Tucker Reunion Association is to bring together shipmates from the entire time the ship was in commission, 1945-1973 as the USS Henry W. Tucker (DD and DDR 875) USN and 1973-1993 as the Marcilio Dias (D25) of the Brazilian Navy.

All shipmates of all rates and ranks and their families are considered to be part of the Tucker Family and all are welcome at reunions. This includes widows and children of our departed shipmates.

The mission is also to honor those who have gone before, our deceased shipmates.