



USS Henry W. Tucker DD/R 875

Greetings shipmates:

It's hard to believe that the reunion is only four months from now. For those of you who are planning to attend but haven't made reservations yet, here is the information.

November 7-10, 2002
Red Lion Hanalei Hotel
2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
619-297-1101 or 800-882-0858
[Http://www.hanaleihotel.com](http://www.hanaleihotel.com)
Room rate: \$99.00 per night

We expect a large turnout so we suggest you make your reservations as soon as possible. Errol Samuelson and George Red Boy have been working on the itinerary and I'm sure we'll all enjoy ourselves.

He is arranging a motorcoach tour of San Diego at \$38 per person. The tour includes Coronado, Balboa Park and the Gaslamp Quarter with its renovated buildings from the late 1800s. There will be a one-hour stop at Seaport Village (on the harbor) with an opportunity to browse the shops on foot. The tour concludes with lunch at the Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island with its "million dollar view of San Diego Harbor". Dessert and coffee are included. The tour will be on Friday, Nov. 8, departing at 9 a.m. and returning to the hotel at 2 p.m. Errol would like to get a general idea for a headcount so he can set up the tour. Please email him at Sdprthd@aol.com or send him a note. His address is 7865 Golfcrest Dr., #9, San Diego, CA 92119-1251.

Errol tells us that the hotel provides free shuttle service within a five mile radius of the hotel and to and from the airport. This includes a mall, golf course, Old Town San Diego, the light rail station where you can take a train to downtown and the Mexican Border, and to the nearest Old Town Trolley stop.

Below is information on the Old Town Trolley service. The information was copied from the company's website.

Come along with San Diego's best tour conductors as they combine colorful anecdotes, humorous stories and well researched historical information into a fast moving two hour narrative that's both entertaining and educational. Join us as we turn back the pages of history and relive San Diego's early days as it became the Birthplace of California. In Old Town San Diego (sometimes called the "Jamestown of the Pacific"), you will experience early Americana with its distinctive "West Coast Style" Spanish flavor.

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See and Visit... Old Town State Park, Seaport Village, Horton Plaza, Coronado Island, Hotel Del Coronado, San

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Diego Zoo, Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego Museum of Art, Natural History Museum, Aerospace Museum, Lindberg Field, Naval Station San Diego, Balboa Park, El Prado, Heritage Park, Star of India, Whaley House... and much, much more!

Errol is enlisting the help of Donald Dunlop to set up tee times for golf on Friday for those who are interested. Please let Errol know if you plan to play golf. He will have prices available soon.

Hopefully, Errol will be able to arrange a tour of an Arleigh Burke class DDG for Saturday. We could have a memorial service and wreath laying off the fantail for our departed shipmates.

On Saturday afternoon, we'll have a business meeting. One of the things we'll discuss is the 2004 reunion. We hope to have it on the East Coast, since we've had a reunion in Mississippi and will have one on the West Coast. Some suggestions would be Charleston SC, Savannah GA, the Washington DC area, or somewhere in Florida. If any of you live in those areas and would be willing to help set up hotel, tours, etc., please speak up at the meeting. It is imperative that we have a location decided at the meeting so please be thinking about it. The meeting will be followed by a raffle. Please bring along an item for the raffle table. It could be a home made craft item, ship memorabilia, something with a nautical theme, anything. But if it's something purchased, it shouldn't be very expensive.

Bob Sipole has suggested Orange Texas for the 2006 reunion. The HWT was built there and the USS Orleck has been brought there to be a museum ship. Much work has been done aboard and it is open to the public now.

On Saturday evening, there will be a cocktail hour (cash bar) and banquet. Dress isn't formal, but please no jeans or t-shirts. By the next newsletter, we'll have a price for that. Except for the banquet, the evenings will be free. There are restaurants in the hotel, as well as many restaurants nearby in Old Town.

I believe a cocktail reception is in the planning stages for the Korean War shipmates. We'll have more information on that in the next newsletter. We're planning to gather a group of 60's era shipmates for dinner Friday night at a restaurant in Old Town and I'm sure other groups will do the same.

As soon as we get prices for the banquet and for coaches to the Naval Station for the ship tour/memorial service, we'll send out an itinerary and price list so we can get checks from people in time for deadlines with the coach company and hotel. We hope to have all itinerary sheets and checks by the middle of September at the latest. We will be away the first two weeks in October so we'll need to get as much done as possible before we leave. Pat will have her laptop with her so we will be in email contact. Also, Errol, Bob Miller and a couple of others will have our cell phone numbers so if any decisions need to be made, we'll be available.

Please feel free to bring along photographs, cruise books and other memorabilia to share with shipmates. Just be sure everything has your name on it and be sure to gather all your things before you leave. These items were a huge hit at the last reunion.

We have recently taken over the administration of the main website. Pat has made some cosmetic changes to the main page, but nothing more at this time. There is a listing of Commanding Officers on the site. We are thinking of listing Executive Officers, creating a "Wardroom" list of officers and a "Goat Locker" list of chiefs. We'll announce when they are on the site. If you have sent photos or information for the website and haven't seen them, please forgive the delay. Pat still works full-time and has a long commute, so she has to find time when she can. She promises to do better once she retires in 2004.

We want to give a big "Three Cheers" to Terry Williams, the creator of the website for all his great work. If it wasn't for Terry, this organization and the reunion in Biloxi (and the upcoming reunion) would never have happened. He laid the groundwork. When you see him at the reunion, please give him a pat on the back for a Job Well Done! Thanks Terry!

If you have any questions about the reunion or the association, please feel free to call me. Contact information is on the last page of the newsletter.

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing

Bill Siler

New Members

Adkins, Edward E. "Ed", EM3, 57-58
 Allen, Mike, LT, 61-64
 Alofs, Roger W., RM3, 66-68
 Backiel, Edward, ET2, 52-55
 Beason, William D., "Bill", SN, 61-62
 Bourgoin, Peter D. "Pete", EM3, 72-73
 Braga, John, STG3, 69-73
 Church, Paul G., MMFA, 72-73
 Cole, Keith, SN, 50-53
 Cox, Danny, FT2, 56-59
 Crover, Steve, SN, 71-72
 Curran, John, EM3, 50-54
 Dols, Thomas M. "Suzie", MM3, 64-66
 Dyer, Wallace E. "Red", DKSN, 50-51
 Eley, Wilbur Duane "Duane", SK2, 60-62
 Ewald, Robert H. "Ewald", FTA2, 55-58
 Flyge II, Roland H., ICFN, 72-73
 Gerber, Raymond, RM2, 49-52
 Houff, Edward M., FT3, 56-58
 Hudgins, J.F. "Fred", BT3, 53
 Johnson, John David "Dave", LT, 66-67
 Jumper, Eugene A., ET1, 52-53
 Kimminau, Dennis B., FTG3, 70-71
 Leonard, Kenneth, DK1, 72-73
 Loria, Angelo, SHSN, 53-56
 Lundquist, Jack M., 55-57
 Mabrey, Richard L., LTJG, 57-60
 McCaulley, Benjamin E. "Little Mac", MM2, 49-52
 Motz, Houston O. "Buddy", MM3, 64-66
 Murle, Matthew C., SN, 72-73
 Newquist, Ronnie L., SN, 72-73
 Orlauski, Robert W. "Ski", SM3, 72-73
 Philipps, George P., LT, 59-61
 Purdom, Kendall J. "Joe" "Animal", BM3, 62-66
 Raney, Paul J., "Rat", MM2, 57-62
 Raus, Edward A, BT3, 56-58
 Rempfer, Fred W., 58
 Ritter, Jack V., BTC, 49-52

Rome, Edward P. "Eddie", BT2, 51-56
 Ronalds, Howard, FTG2, 68-70
 Sanders, Delmar R. "Sandy", SN, 52-56
 Serraino, Joseph T., SH2, 53-56
 Sexton, James B., SM2, 59-65
 Smith, Mike, DKSN, 69-70
 Sydow, Ralph E., HT2, 71-72
 Tilden, Averill "Ed", LTJG, 71-73
 Vogelsang, Richard, GMG2, 70-73
 White, Jr., Kimber L., ENS, 72-73
 Whittleton, Norman, QM?, 53-57
 Woerth, Joseph M., RD2, 59-61
 Zins, Larry, RD3, 68-70

Additions to Memorial List

Ashbrook, Gene J., SH1, 60, died 5/17/95
 (brother of Melvin)
 Ashbrook, Melvin R., BT2, 62, died 4/5/72
 (brother of Gene)
 Ball, Calvin B., SD1, 47-50, died 12/20/88
 Ballagh, Paul J. CSSN, 53, died 10/82
 Bent, Irvan M. 50a, died 10/2/59 (rate & exact
 years unknown)
 Berkey, Bill, SK3, 51-54, died mid-1990s
 Brown, Jack A., MM1, 64-67, died Aug. 84
 Burns, Lloyd R., LTJG, 48-50, died 12/17/96
 Durand, Benjamin, TESN, 52-53, died 11/14/99
 Gordon, Waterman I., LTJG, 48-51, 2/12/98
 Gray, Emerson M. "Hawk", GM3, 44-46, died
 3/4/00
 Gulley, Miletus E., BMC, 49, died 3/23/79
 Hardin, Donald L., MM3, 53, died 3/24/98
 Harding, Jr., Thomas E., SA, 50-52, 9/1/96
 Hayden, Oliver, MM3, died 9/11/92
 Hubbard, Robert, BT3, 63, died 1969
 Ishee, Pearl Robert, FN1/c, 45-46, 1/7/02
 Kline, Donnie D. "Don", ETN3, 54-55, died
 4/15/95
 Laferr, Henry E., MMC, 53, died 5-12-89

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Littlejohn, Harvey W., LTJG, 69-71, died 11/23/97
 McLean, Alan C., LTJG, 69-71, (date of death unknown)
 Miller, Mathew J. "Pappy", GMG2, 47-51, died 3/13/84
 Oozeva, Barton, FTG3, 68-69, died 2/28/91
 Pellom, Edward R., BM1, 53, 3/86
 Petty, Hollis, SN, died 6/5/97 (years unknown)
 Rath, William T., FN, 49-53, died 12/28/92
 Sedovic, Rudolph "Rudy", SMC, 47-52, 2/6/02
 Sydnor, Jr., Harry J., GMG2, 59-65 (date of death unknown)

The following names have been on the Memorial List for some time, but have been overlooked in past newsletters.

Armstrong, Samuel J., LTJG, 68-69, died 12/9/99
 Atwell, James, LTJG, 67-69, died 1980
 Bolak, ?, 50-56 (rate and date of death unknown)
 Bonner, Roy O., GM3, 57-59, died 9/61
 Bygden, Arthur W., BT3, 48-52, died 3/79
 Connelly, Robert, LTJG, 48-51, (date of death unknown)
 Doyle, James T. "Jim", LT, 50-52, died 11/23/75
 East, Thomas R., SN, 52-53, died 9/12/97
 Emerson, Joseph, SFP1, 48-52, died 1988
 Finncannon, Eldon Royce, BM2, 49-54, died 12/23/76
 Garland Earl E., LCDR (XO), 57-58, died 10/21/99
 Glisson, Archie O., PNSN, 50's, died 9/17/99
 Green, James M., LT, 52, died 10/18/69
 Hill, James Clifford, died 4/15/99 (rate & years unknown)
 Hubka, Frank R. "Frankie", BM3, 62-66, died 1969
 Hyman, Bobby E., BM3, 53, died 5/11/93
 Kellum, Raymond J., GM1, 49-51, died 5/17/00
 Krishnek, John E., RD1, 50-53, died 10/30/00
 Little, Rex B., CDR (CO), 48-50, died 3/11/91
 Murray, Russell W., GM3, 51-54, died 5/6/99

Nagel, Gordon, BM2, 67-68, died 10/4/69
 Neely, George J, ME1, 45, died 1968
 Odom, Frank A., LT, 45-47, died 1/25/97
 Onken, Jr., Paul E., SOG2, 51-54, died 12/25/98
 Patterson, Haskel, DC3, late 40's, died 3/23/99
 Phillips, Stancel Delbert, SN, 4?-50, died 12/23/00
 Rozell, Merlyn, EM2, 58-59, (date of death unknown)
 Scales, G.R., SHSN, 53, died 1985
 Schell, A. James, LTJG, 51-53, died 7/9/95
 Shepherd, Glenn, RD3, 45-46, died 7/6/96
 Simpson, Frank, ENS, 48-50 (date of death unknown)
 Stewart, Jr., Oakley R., QM1, 50-54, died 2/12/01
 Tillinghast, Kenneth A., RD3, 45-47, died 2/19/81
 Titus, William, BT3, 53-55, died 1/90
 Vanden Heuvel, R.J., BE?, 57-59, (date of death unknown)
 Veersart, Edward W., FTC1, 47-51, died 5/1/97 (brother of Norman and Nolan)
 Will, Jr., John M., LTJG, 54-55, died 6/6/96

We found this on the internet and thought it worth reprinting.

I Am the Flag of the United States of America

I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher,
My colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted.
I am loved - I am revered.
I am respected - and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle
of every war
for more then 200 years.

I was flown at Valley Forge,
Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.
I was there at San Juan Hill,
the trenches of France,
in the Argonne Forest,
Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.

Guam, Okinawa, Korea and
KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me.

I was there.
I led my troops, I was dirty, battleworn and tired,
But my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the
streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and
trampled in the streets of my country.
And when it's done by those
Whom I've served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth
and stood watch over the uncharted
frontiers of space from my vantage point on the
moon.
I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest
hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages
for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving par-
ent
at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,

I am proud.

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USS Henry W. Tucker Websites

<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/7401>

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Have Gun Will Travel

The USS Henry W. Tucker Reunion Association was formed in 2000.

Since then, we have held a reunion, which was attended by 100 shipmates (200 counting wives, "significant others", children and friends.

The intent of this organization is to bring together shipmates to renew friendships. It's also important to remember those who have passed away. Also, to show our concern for those who are ill or whose wives are ill or have passed away. We'd like to hear of any

illnesses or deaths among our family of shipmates. If you would like word of illnesses to be included in the newsletters, please let us know.

If there is anything you would like to see added to the newsletters or the website, or anything you don't like, please let us know. This is your newsletter and we want it to contain information of interest to you.