



USS Henry W. Tucker DD 875

Commissioned: 12 March 1945 (Orange, TX)
Decommissioned: 3 December 1973 (San Diego, CA)



Hello shipmates,

We have finally moved into our new home in Virginia. After 30 years in our last home in Plymouth, MA, you can imagine what a chore packing was. Fortunately, we have more time to unpack than we had to pack since we're retired. We love our new home in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Below is our new address and phone number. Our email addresses will remain the same.

835 Claybanks Drive
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Message From Our Reunion Team

1. We are getting very close to the reunion (only two months to go!)
 2. We have a well-planned, centrally located agenda to maximize everyone's experience and enhance the camaraderie.
 3. To date we have approximately 90 shipmates booked into the hotel and 47 shipmates (plus spouses and guests) signed up for events. If you haven't booked your room or sent in your sign-up sheets, please don't procrastinate any longer. The team must have accurate counts for tours, coaches and the banquet. If you don't sign up right away, you risk losing out on the reunion rate at the hotel and missing out on tours, etc. Walk-ins won't be possible for tours and the banquet.
 4. If you are already booked and signed up, you need to call and email your buddies and convince them to do the same. If you attended the reunions in Biloxi and San Diego, you know it's a good time. If you didn't, you're in for a treat in Charleston.
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Many shipmates have been found since the last newsletter, thanks to our intrepid Bob Miller. We have listed them in the newsletter and on the website.

Pat has ordered satellite internet service because there is no cable or DSL in our rural county. She has complained loudly about the slow speed in her dial-up service. She claims cobwebs grow from her forehead to the monitor while her email is downloading and files are uploading to the website. That may be an exaggeration, but she insists it's true!

We've had a request from Jim Julius (MMFN, 63-65) asking if anyone would be interested in sharing a room. If you're interested, please contact him directly at: 712-732-4350 or lhju@hotmail.com.

We hope a lot of you, including you "new" guys from the mid-Atlantic states will be at the reunion. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new friends there. If you've never been to Charleston, you owe it to yourselves to attend the reunion! Lots of history, great "Low Country" food and generally a beautiful "user friendly" city with lots of Southern hospitality.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

Bill Siler

Reunion Schedule:

- Day 1 *Sunday*: Arrivals – Check into hotel 4:00 PM>
HWT Reunion Charleston 2004 Check In
No scheduled HWT Events
- Hospitality Room Open all afternoon and evening.
- Day 2 *Monday*: **Tours of Plantations** and luncheon during the day
Tours of 2 Plantations: Middleton Plantation and Drayton Hall Plantations with low country luncheon at Middleton Plantation) All transportation as well as lunch is included.
Sam Ellis (a Charleston native) has worked closely with the tour conductor (and the ladies) to create tours of the plantations and other venues that really present the real charm of Charleston and the "Low Country" complete with a terrific luncheon.
- Hospitality Room Open.
- Day 3 *Tuesday*: ***Golf AM**
A golf outing is planned. Transportation is included.
- An exclusive City Tour** of the Historical Sites in Charleston and Civil War Sites is available.
- Hospitality Room Open.
- Day 4 *Wednesday*: **Military Tours and Memorial Service**
A Tour has been arranged for: The USS Yorktown; Patriot's Point; and The USS H W Tucker "Memorial Service." All transportation as well as lunch is included.
- Hospitality Room Open.
Business Meeting at 2:30 PM
Banquet in the Evening (There will be entertainment as well as a short program.)
- Day 5 *Thursday*: **Departure** – Checkout of hotel <12:00 PM
- Hospitality Room Open in AM.

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Day/Date	Event – Activity	Time	Resv. Req'd	Information	Cost	No. of Persons	Total \$
Sunday 10-Oct-04	Arrive at Reunion 2004 – Charleston						
	Hospitality Room Open	1200 – 2200		Hospitality Fee * Inclusive (covers beverages – snacks)	\$15 per person		\$
	Check In – Francis Marion Hotel	> 1500	Yes	Newsletters – HWT Website	\$119 per night		Pay hotel
Monday 11-Oct-04	Plantation Tours: Middleton & Drayton Hall Plantations	0800 – 1600	Yes	All day – 2 plantations	\$89 per person w/lunch & trans.		\$
	Hospitality Room Open	All Day					
Tuesday 12-Oct-04	Golf Outing	0730 - 1400±	Yes	18 Hole Scramble Red Bank Country Club	\$44 per person w/cart & trans.		\$
	City Tour	0800 – 1200	Yes	Historic District Sights/Sites	\$35 per person		\$
	Hospitality Room Open	All Day					
Wednesday 13-Oct-04	Tour & Memorial Service Patriots Point & USS Yorktown	0800-1330	Yes	Tours, lunch on USS Yorktown Memorial Service	\$36 per person w/lunch & trans.		\$
	Business Meeting – HW Tucker followed by raffle	1430 – 1630	No	Opportunities – Information	N/A		
	Banquet Cocktails Dinner	1800 1930	Yes	Cash bar Dinner includes tax & gratuity Program – Awards – Entertainment	\$49 per person Dinner Selections Grouper & Crab Steak Chicken		\$
	Hospitality Room Open	0800 – 1800					
Thursday 14-Oct-04	Hospitality Room Open	0800 – 1200					
	Hotel Check-out	<1200					
	Depart – Reunion 2004 - Charleston						

Name _____ City/State/Zip _____ Total \$ _____
 Address _____ Email _____
 Telephone _____ Check Amt _____
 # People _____

Please make checks payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** and send to **J.W. Siler, Jr., 835 Claybanks Dr., Callaway, VA 24067**

Reunion Attendees (registered at hotel and/or sent in their event forms)
Reunion Team

Kass, Chuck	ETN2	63-65	Mauer, Matt	RD3	52-55
Graves, V.E.	YN3	63-65	McDermott, Mike	LTJG	68-69
Colvin, Frank	TM3	63-65	McLaughlin, Thomas	DC2	58-71
Ellis, Sam	LTJG	63-65	Mialki, Eugene	RM3	61-62
			Miller, Robert	MM3	62-65
			Miller, Bobby	MM2	65-66
*****			Moore, Leon	GM/SM3	56-59
			Moore, W. Newt	ENS	58-60
Aldunate, Carlos	LTJG	65-67	Moore, Jr., Obie	GM3	56-59
Allen, Mike	LT	61-64	Murphy, Frank	SM3	58-61
Asmundson, John	BT2	57-59	Napier, Edward	MM3	49-51
Ayer, John	PC3	71-73	Nelson, Paul "Chris"	CDR	71-72
Barokas, Morgan	RDM3	45-46	Newell, William	SN1/c	45-46
Brubaker, Joe	GM2	45-46	Nilsson, Mike	CSSN	52-55
Byrne, James	GMM2	63-65	Phare, Fred	FC3	45-46
Byrne, Thomas	RM2	60-62	Pollard, Richard	TE3	56-57
Cahoon, Mike	LTJG	65-66	Powell, Dayton	BT2	51-55
Cardin, Bruce	FN	52-55	Pugliesi, Gary "Pug"	MM3	47-51
Crowder, F.M.	BT1	59-61	Quebedeaux, Aubrey	BT3	55-58
Dadisman, Dudley	SO2	51-54	Rawlins, James	BT3	64-67
Davis, Ronald	GMM3	64-68	Richards, Dave	YNSN	55-56
Driver, C.D.	BM3	51-54	Richardson, Harlon	ST3	63-66
Duke, Louie	LT	59-60	Robinson, C.W.	BT3	52-54
Dunn, Lee	RD3	58-60	Roehm, MacDonnell	LTJG	61-64
Edstrom, Bill	FC2	48-51	Rossmann, Marvin	RD3	45-46
Fewin, Fred	FT1	48-53	Ruth, Chuck "Mike"	MM2	63-65
Fisher, G. Donald	LTJG	50-51	Sadler, James	YN2	68-69
Fitzgerald, Frank	RD3	45-46	Santos, Tony	SH3	68-70
Fix, William	GMSN	50-54	Seitz, Edwin	RD2	45-46
Gable, James	GM3	55-57	Siler, Bill	BT3	62-64
Gau, Gene	MM2	63-64	Sipole, Bob	IC3	60-64
Gestalter, Rolf	MR2	65-66	Smith, Byron	RD1	55-58
Gross, John	RD3	68-69	Smith, Monty	LTJG	61-62
Guerre, John	FC3	46-47	Spriggs, James	GM3	51-55
Hargraves, Bill	FN	61-64	Stalnaker, Tommy	SN1/c	45-46
Harris, Eugene	MM2	47-51	Stoner, Herbert	GMSN	51-55
Hawk, Alfred	FN	44-46	Suess, Robert	GM3	52-55
Herzberg, Maurice	BM3	51-55	Thompson, Glynn "Pete"	LT	65-66
Holt, Ronald	BT1	63-65	Ullman, Barry	ENS	61-62
Hudgins, J. Fred	BT3	51-54	Volentine, Mike	EM2	61-63
Johnson, Dave	LT	66-67	Watkins, Garland	SN	59-62
Kinsley, Harry	LCDR	64-65	West, David	GM3	51-54
Kray, John	GM3	63-66	White, J.C.	EN3	69-70
Lawson, Jack	CS2	47-49	Wickett, John	RD3	67-69
London, Jack	LT	51-53	Willson, Tommy	FN	52-55
Loreen, Jon	LTJG	62-64	Wood, Leroy	BT2	60-64
Machart, Paul	YN3	62-65	Zeman, Edward	SK2	71-73
Mannering, Sam	GM3	52-55	Zins, Larry	RD3	68-70
Martin, Don	RM2	57-60			

Additions to Crew List

Boyle, James P.
SM1, 45-46

Brady, Thomas E.
SOM1/c, 45-46

Braham, Thomas E. "Boot"
SM3, 64-68

Cooper, Howard F.
GM2, 45

Foster, John E.
SN1/c, 48-49

Fox, William H.
BMSN, 51-54

Hester, Gerald P. "Jerry"
MM1, 48-51

Hood, Donald G.
BM3, 51-55

Horne, Jerry G.
QMSN, 48-52

Kaye, Daniel E.
STCS, 72-73

Mays, William D. "Willie"
BM2, 64-66

O'Neil, Gary T. "GTO"
ETR3, 63-66

Perkins, William D. "Pappy"
ETN2, 71-72

Pressley, Jack G. "Jackie"
SFP2, 49-51

Putman, Broadus L.. "Putt"
BM2, 63-65

Railey, Douglas R.
SO3, 57-59

Roberts, Paul F.
ETN2, 70-72

Servidio, Anthony "Tony"
BM3, 62-64

Stalnaker, Tommy M.
SN1/c, 45-46

Stewart, Percy, G.
SM3, 66-68

Thistlethwaite, Gary L.
RD3, 65-67

Vander Ploeg, Thomas W. "Van"
ETN3, 72-73

Watkins, Garland O. "Horse Fly"
SN, 59-62

Weber, David W.
ET1, 50-51

Yost, Allen E.
SN, 66-67

Additions to the Memorial List

Berry, Calvin C.
BM3, 51 (very short time aboard)

Deyoe, Richard
FN1/c, 45-46

Emmerson, Ernest L. "Tex"
GM3, 55-57

McLester, Robert E. "Mac"
SN, 55-57

Sick Call

Benson, Arthur C. "Carl"
QM2, 48-52

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Baseball Caps

Baseball caps are available. They are US made, Navy Blue with the ship's name and hull number in gold. Ship profile is in white.

To order, send a check for \$11.00 (covers postage) payable to:

Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund

Send the check to the address at the left.

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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.