

February, 2004

Greetings Shipmates:

We are deep into winter here in Massachusetts and have broken many low temperature records so far. January was the coldest in 85 years! We are thankful that there has been very little snow, but that isn't much comfort as we head off to work in the morning with the wind chill at minus 20 degrees!! Retirement is just two months away! Our house in Virginia is coming along nicely and we are really looking forward to moving.

The reunion is just nine months away. Chuck Kass and his reunion committee have supplied information which is included in this newsletter. This information includes hotel information, itinerary, tour information, golf outing information and the banquet menu. We think Chuck, Virgil, Frank and Sam have worked very hard and have negotiated the best possible rates for all the reunion events. **It is very important to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. The hotel will only hold the reunion rate of \$119.00 per night until April 1, 2004.** Be sure to say you are with the USS Henry W. Tucker reunion and ask about airline discounts, if you're planning to fly to Charleston. **If you are told that they don't know about airline discounts, please call them back after a week or so, the discounts are still being negotiated.**

We have several additions to the crew list and unfortunately several to the memorial list. In the last newsletter, we started listing crew members and/or their spouses who are ill in our "Sick Call" section. If you are ill or know of anyone who is ill, please let us know so we can add them to the next newsletter. Your shipmates care!

For any of you who served in the Navy during the Cold War years, we have included information on the Cold War Certificate Program. The Cold War era is defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991.

If your address, phone number or email address has changed recently, please let us know so we can update our records. Each time we send out a newsletter, either by email or US Postal Service, many of them are returned. If you wish to continue to receive your newsletters, we need to have current mailing address and email address. Contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

U.S.S. Henry W. Tucker DD/R-875

Reunion 2004 – Charleston

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Henry W. Tucker,

OUR preparation for the **2004 Reunion**, in Charleston is complete. The itinerary....The hotel and banquet arrangements...The tours and events...The Hospitality-Camaraderie Suite...are coordinated. We are ready!

It really all boils down to the primary reason for our selection as Charleston as the city for the 2004 reunion. The charm and the quaint coziness of this genteel southern city is why we are going, not to be marooned in the suburbs. This puts everything: historical sites, restaurants, shopping, horse drawn carriages and all "Charleston Highlights" within walking for everyone. Our demographics dictate ease of access to the amenities and joys of Charleston. We have created a package, that at the end of the day, will not cost any more when you take the costs eliminated by operating in ONE, CENTRAL location into consideration. You will **not** need a rental car for the Reunion's duration. Locating ourselves at the Francis Marion puts **all of the Charleston "experiences"** at everyone's beck and call. Those who can't walk easily or prefer, can ride around **ALL** of the "Historic District" by horse drawn carriage.

The pertinent facts are:

Dates: **October 10-14, 2004 - Sunday thru Thursday checkout (4 night duration)**

Hotel: **The Francis Marion - a 4 Star Hotel located IN the Historic District**

387 King Street

Charleston, SC 29043

843-722-0600

877-756-2121 (Toll Free)

<http://www.francismarioncharleston.com/>

Room Rate: **\$119.00 per night**

Sign Up Deadline: We can hold all of the rooms and the \$119 rate until **April 1, 2004!**

Sign up now!

The Francis Marion also is allocating a number of rooms **prior and post** reunion for us....a limited number at the negotiated "Reunion" rate and more at a discounted rate from "rack rate."

The Francis Marion has successfully negotiated discounts with US Airways and Delta for HWT 2004 Reunion air travelers.

Shipmates and Spouses,

Come join us for an enjoyable round of golf at the Redbank Plantation Golf Course, located on the US Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek, SC. The course is just a short ride from the Francis Marion.

The course is a par 70. The Pro has assured me that golfers of all handicaps will have an enjoyable challenge. We will be having longest drives and closest to the pin contests on both nines so all skill levels will have a chance at a prize. Lunch is "on your own" at the full service snack bar.

Sign up now. If you want to play with a particular person or group, note that on your request and I will try to match you up in that foursome. It will be a great time by all.

Frank Colvin

Our 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.
Business Meeting at 2:30 PM
Banquet in the Evening (There will be entertainment as well as a short program.)
- Hospitality Room Open.
- Day 5 *Thursday*: **Departure** – Checkout of hotel <12:00 PM
- Hospitality Room Open in AM

TOURS - EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE USS HENRY W. TUCKER

1. *Plantation Day - Middleton Place Plantation and Drayton Hall Tour*

Monday, Oct. 11, 2004

9am – 5pm

Board your motorcoach with our guide for the narrated ride out to Middleton Place, the first and foremost landscaped garden in America, begun in 1741. After a short walk in the gardens and a house tour, you will be served a Low Country buffet lunch in the Middleton Place Pavilion which includes local favorites such as okra gumbo, slow-roasted bar-b'que, fried chicken, corn pie, and Hoppin' John, followed by Huguenot Torte for dessert.

After lunch, our guide will escort you through the stableyard with all the plantation craftsmen plying their trades amid the animals, complete with peacocks and guinea fowl. Then a walk through the gardens, viewing the river from the bluff majestically overlooking the Ashley River, sweeping down past the famous Butterfly Lakes, and on through this most geometrically perfect garden.

Leaving Middleton on your motorcoach, you will make the short trip to the 1738 Drayton Hall on the Ashley River where you will enjoy a wonderful, in-depth tour of this Georgian-Palladian architectural jewel which is the only original plantation home existing today on the Ashley River.

Here you will also experience the "Connections" Tour which is an African-American presentation of the history at Drayton Hall. After a day delightfully spent, you will board your motorcoach for the ride back into Charleston and the Francis Marion Hotel.

Cost of this tour: \$89 per person, with a minimum of 100 people.

Includes transportation, all entrance fees, lunch, and professional guide services.

Degree of Difficulty: Moderate. Surfaces are flat, but there is a minimum of 1 hour of walking and/or standing. Also, approximately 30 steps to climb at Drayton Hall, and 10 steps to climb at Middleton.

Length of tour: 8 hours (9am-5pm) round trip from and to the hotel.

2. *Historic "Gone With the Wind" City Tour*

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004

9am – 12Noon

Board your motorcoach with our professional licensed guide and begin a step back into time as you tour the unforgettable city of Charleston. You'll see the East Side, College of Charleston, Four Corners of Law, the Battery, and Rainbow Row as well as the fabulous ante-bellum homes lining the streets of the Historic District. This City Tour includes a visit into one of the fabulous, historic homes. You are promised to experience Rhett Butler's Charleston complete with all the beauty of a time Gone With the Wind.

Cost of this tour: \$35 per person, with a minimum of 100 people.

Degree of Difficulty: Easy. This is a bus tour with only one short optional break off the bus.

Length of tour: 2 hours from leaving hotel.

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Reunion 2004 – Charleston

BANQUET MENU

Salad

*Fresh Bibb Lettuce with Diced Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Red Peppers
with Balsamic Vinaigrette*

ENTRÉE SELECTIONS:

*Filet Mignon with Sweet Potato Au Gratin,
Caramelized Green Beans Almandine*

*Crab Cake and Herb Crusted Grouper with Hoppin Johns,
Caramelized Green Beans Almandine*

*Breast of Chicken with Pecan Rice Pilaf,
Caramelized Green Beans Almandine*

Buttermilk Biscuits and Corn Bread with Butter

Dessert

Lemon Raspberry Mousse Cake with Berry Coulis

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea and Water

Directions to Francis Marion Hotel

From Charleston International Airport

Exit airport on International Drive and Follow signs for I-526 to Mt. Pleasant. From I-526 follow signs for I-26 East to Charleston.

From I-26 Headed East

Follow I-26 all the way into downtown Charleston. I-26 ends and will merge with Hwy 17 South. Look for the sign for the King Street exit in the far right lane. Continue in the right lane and follow signs to King Street. This will make a sharp curve to the right and come to a stop sign. At the stop sign turn right, this is King Street. The Francis Marion Hotel is approximately ½ mile on the right.

From Hwy 17 Headed North

Follow Hwy 17 (Savannah Hwy) North and cross the Ashley River Bridge onto the peninsula. Hwy 17 will make a sharp turn to the left as it forks with Cannon Street. Follow the sign for Cannon Street. Take Cannon Street until it ends at King Street. Turn right onto King Street. The Francis Marion is approximately 6 blocks on the right.

From Hwy 17 Headed South

Follow Hwy 17 (Johnnie Dodds Blvd.) South and cross the Cooper River bridge onto the peninsula. Look for the King Street exit on the far left lane at the bottom of the bridge. The King Street exit will curve sharply to the left and come to a stop sign. Turn right at the stop sign, this is King Street. The Francis Marion is approximately ½ mile on the right. The Francis Marion Hotel is at 387 King Street on the corner of King and Calhoun Streets.

Our guests may pull up to the front door on King Street for unloading and check-in, our bell-staff will be happy to assist you.

Parking

Valet parking is available at a \$14 per day charge that will be automatically charged to your room bill.

Self-parking is available in the City Garage located next door to the Hotel. The charge is \$10 per 24 hour period and is payable to the garage attendant in cash.

| 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 | | |
| 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 _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
People _____

City/State/Zip _____
Email _____
Check Amt _____

Total \$

Additions to Crew List

Alu, Thomas C. "Lu Lu San"
YN3, 61-63

Attleson, James R.
SO3, 52-53

Ayotte, Robert E.
SF3, 71-72

Badger, Robyn L.
ENS, 53-55

Branan, Ronald L.
YN2, 67-68

Delagasse, Mark A.
ET2, 65-67

Fabry, Steve E.
LTJG, 66-68

Fanning, Walter
SF1, 71-72

Franckowiak, Michael J.
"Mike"
FA, 58-59

Friedman, Sig "Siggy"
ETSN, 56-57

Goettler, Jeffrey A.
EM2, 64-67
Hert, Herb
GMGSN, 71-72

Humpfrys, Despard S.
SN, 50-51

McClennan, Joe O. "Mac"
SO2, 48-50

Muenzberg, W. Randall
"Randy" or "Muenzie"
ST1, 66-70

Nishiyama, Ron S.
ETRSN, 61-62

Passer, Richard J. "Rich"
SK2, 56-57

Platz, Vernon L.
MMC, 56-58

Pratt, Richard W.
LTJG, 52-54

Schnee, James A.
MM3, 57-58

Seitz, Kerry L.
EM3, 71-73

Stalvey, Roger S.
STG3, 71-73

Telford, Jerry M. "Terrible T"
MM3, 65-68

Vinecki, Jack B.
MM3, 57-58

Wermers, Marvin D.
MM2, 53-57

Willmott, James J. "Joe"
LTJG, 63-65

Wright, Noble F.
LTJG, 45-

Additions to Memorial List

Dimico, Donald L.
FN, 49-50

Dyer, Wallace E. "Red"
DKSN, 50-51

Foster, Dwayne
QM2, 62-64

Ingolio, Paul R.
MOMM3/c, 45

Kjelstrom, Clarence L. "Kelly"
ET3, 47-49

Nash, Charles C. "Cody"
GMSN, 48-61

Somers, Francis E.
LT, 44-45

Sullivan, William E. "Sully"
BT2, 46-48

Veit, William H.
LT, 53-55

Veloz, Richard
SN, 45-46

Sick Call

Bryan, Bob & Nola
FN, 51-54

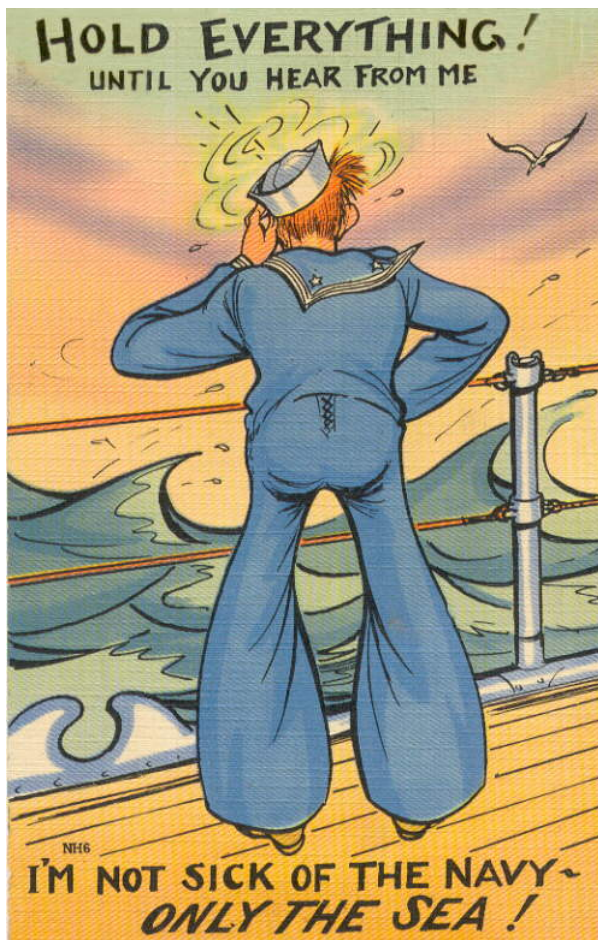
Leaser, Leo "Dale"
BT3, 48-51

Cardin, Bruce
FN, 52-55

London, Sylvia (wife of Jack)
LT, 51-53

Fortenberry, Burrel
MM2, 50-54

Raney, Paul
MM2, 57-62



GENERAL INFORMATION

Cold War Certificate Program

In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era, which is defined as Sept. 2, 1945 to Dec. 26, 1991.

This is the only official site on which to request Cold War Recognition Certificates. This site is operated by the United States Army, the executive agency for the Cold War Recognition Program.

Cold War Recognition Certificates are available to qualified individuals at no cost. Any other site offering these certificates or replicas for sale or purchase are not official sites and are not approved or endorsed by the US Army.

Due to the remarkable success of this program, turn-around time for mailing certificates will be a **minimum of 6 months**. The CWRS Operations Team is working as fast as possible to clear the backlog. Please do not request feedback prior to 6 months from the request date. Thank you for your patience and interest in the Cold War Recognition program.

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More information can be found at: <http://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/coldwar/default.htm>

Contact info:

#### Military Awards Branch Mailing Address

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U.S. Army Human Resources Command  
ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA  
200 Stovall Street  
Alexandria, VA 22332-0471

#### Telephone Number (Voice Mail System)

DSN: 221-8700 COML: (703) 325-8700

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### Interesting...

Why is it that we have to speak English:

An officer in the U.S. Naval reserve was attending a conference that included admirals from both the U.S. Navy and the French Navy. At a cocktail reception, he found himself in a small group that included personnel from both navies. The French admiral started complaining that whereas Europeans learned many languages, Americans learned only English. He then asked, "Why is it that we have to speak English in these conferences rather than you speak French?" Without hesitating, the American admiral replied, "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you would not have to speak German." The group became silent.

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<http://www.hwtucker2000.com>

**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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**USS Henry W. Tucker DD/R 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.