



February, 2010

Hello shipmates,

The Wilmington, North Carolina reunion is nine months away and we believe it's going to be a good one. Dave Harrington has worked hard on the reunion. There has been one change since the last newsletter. Originally, the reunion was to be at a Holiday Inn, but after visiting the hotel with Dave and talking to the sales rep there, we felt they couldn't fulfill our needs and decided to look at another hotel. Dave went to a Ramada Inn. He and Dorothy spent a night there and met with the sales rep. The Ramada is a better fit for our needs and the room rates are lower, so Dave has cancelled the contract with Holiday Inn and signed one with the Ramada. Room rates are reasonable and Dave said the rooms are very nice. There's a writeup from Dave in this newsletter. There are many restaurants of all types within walking distance of the hotel, as well as a shopping center nearby. If you've made reservations at the Holiday Inn, you should cancel them.

Gary O'Neil has the Tucker History ready for printing as a book in full color. If you've seen the History on the website, it is basically what the book will look like. Prices are expected to be in the \$20-\$25 range. This does not include shipping due to unknown weights and postage. We'll use USPS Media Mail for the lowest postage rates. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact Bill Siler (jwsilerbtc@earthlink.net, or 540-483-5727) or Gary O'Neil (goneil@new.rr.com). We sent an email to our email distribution list and the response was amazing.

If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please let us know your new information. If you don't, there's a chance you'll stop receiving newsletters. If you are currently receiving newsletters via US Mail and you have an email address (except WEBTV or Mailstation), please send us your email address. The more we can send via email, the lower the cost of postage and printing for the association. Currently, we email over 800 and send about 600 via US Mail. Each time, we receive several email returns and returns from the Post Office due to email and postal addresses being incorrect. We then have to remove those email addresses from our distribution list and send the newsletters by US Mail until we receive a new email address. This is a time consuming process because we also have to remove those email addresses from the links on the crew lists on the website, as well as the main database/ mailing list. Some of the returns from the Post Office have new addresses. We then have to send the newsletter to the new address (additional postage) and update the database. Others have no forwarding address, so we're unable to send to those people. So please send us new addresses, etc. as soon as possible. For those who have sent us updated information, thank you! We also encourage you to see Bob Miller at reunions to check your information on our database and make any changes. Very few do this, but it is really important to do so.

Fair winds and smooth sailing!
Bill & Pat Siler

Fellow Crewmembers and Families;

I am happy to report that we have made several changes to the reunion details, all for the better!

- **First off, we have changed the location to the Ramada Inn at 5001 Market St in Wilmington.** It is right across the street from the Holiday Inn, but offers several advantages:
 - The room rate has been lowered from \$80 per night (Holiday Inn) to \$60 per night (plus tax).
 - Every room has a refrigerator, coffee pot and microwave.
 - The hotel is on two floors and does not have an elevator. If you want a first floor room, I suggest you make your reservations as soon as possible because first floor rooms will be booked quickly.
 - They offer a free Continental Breakfast that is quite good.
 - The hospitality room is larger than the Holiday Inn and at a lower cost.
 - The phone number is 910-799-1730. Be sure to mention the Henry W. Tucker reunion when making your reservation. The dates are October 26-31, 2010.
 - **The deadline for reservations is September 1, 2010.**

- Our schedule has been changed slightly, again for the better:
 - Tuesday will be the check in day.
 - Wednesday has been left "open" so that people can get reacquainted and familiar with what is available.
 - If anyone is interested in other activities such as golf or deep-sea fishing, the Cape Fear Visitors Bureau is an excellent source for information. Call 800.222.4757 and ask for a brochure.
 - Thursday we will go to the Marine Corps New River Air Base. This base has a great deal to offer, including Osprey trainers, which will keep us busy and entertained. We will have lunch on the base.
 - Friday is the Memorial service on board the U.S.S. North Carolina (BB-55)
 - After the service we will have lunch on our own and shopping at the Mayfair shopping center, a new mall that will greatly please the ladies!
 - There are several restaurants there.
 - Then we will continue on to the Poplar Grove Plantation, a restored historic plantation that is very interesting.
 - Saturday will be as usual; business meeting earlier in the day and Banquet that evening.
 - Sunday will be check out day....

We have a lot of items for the raffle already assembled, and a few other small additions that should help make this the best reunion yet!! If you plan to participate in the raffle, we ask that you provide an inexpensive item for the raffle.

Again, if you have any questions, please call Dave at 828.256.4785 or use my email: b105866@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing ALL of you! Dave Harrington and Chuck Hughes

Dave has plans for each day to have a "theme". There will be music playing (each day from a different time that the ship was in commission). There will be pictures and magazines from those times on display. Should bring back a lot of memories for folks.

Dave Johnson, 63-65, would like to know if there is interest in a golf tournament. He would be willing to coordinate it, most likely on Wednesday. Please contact him directly at davejohn@cox.net.

Additions to the Crew List

Hand, Ernest L. "Ernie", SK3, 71-73

Harris, Roger D., EM3, 72

Hartshorn, Edward E., SN2/c, 45-46

Helsby, William P., FN, 56-57

Koenig, Richard H., SK2, 68-69

Mugnier, Andre R. "Rob", PN2, 62-63

Roller, Richard A. "Preacher", MMFN, 63-64

Ross, James M., "Jim", FTG1, 65-67

Smith, Thomas W. "T.W.", BT1, 64-66

Tetherow, Donald D. "Pigeon", BT/Deck Force, 64-65

Uran, Douglas "Doug", RM3, 72-73

Walsh III, Martin J. "Marty", LTJG, 60-62

Additions to the Memorial List

Cason, William D. FN, 65

Catalanotto, Joseph H., SN, 60-62

Loomis, Perry M. "Mike", MM2, 63-70

Parker, Edwin B., FN2/c, 50-52

Parrett, Donald L. "Polly", SN1/c, 55-56

Rocho, Richard R. "Dick", SN2/c, 45-46

Ruff, Wilbur F., FN2/c, 45-46

Taylor, Thomas J., SF2, 45-49

Vaisanen, Douglas H., SMSN, 56-57

Ware, Fay L, FN1/c, 48-51

We had reported in a previous newsletter that Robert D. Quackenbush, SN1/c, 54-56 was deceased. We received word that he's very much alive and apologize to him and his family.

Sick Bay

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Cardin, Bruce, FN, 52-55

Machart, Paul, YN3, 62-65

Powell, Dayton, BT2, 51-55

Helsby, Richard P., FN, 56-57

If you know of any shipmate or wife of a shipmate who is ill, please let us know.

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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. The ship profile is in grey. We have solid cloth and mesh back available. Please specify which you prefer when ordering.

The price is \$12.00, which includes postage. Make check payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** and mail to Bill Siler, 835 Claybanks Drive, Callaway, VA 24067-4524.

Facebook Page

If you're on Facebook, be sure to join the USS Henry W. Tucker Facebook Group. It's a place where you can find shipmates, share sea stories and post pictures. Just type USS Henry W. Tucker in the search box in the upper right corner of any page. When you find the page, look for "Join Group" at the left or top. Click on that and you're in. If you know of other shipmates on Facebook, you can "Invite" them to join as well. If you're not on Facebook, it's easy to sign up. Go to www.facebook.com and follow the instructions.

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.

Our mission also is to keep alive the memory of this fine ship and the brave men who served aboard her. This includes Henry Warren Tucker, the World War II hero for whom she was named.

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.

Our mission is also to honor those who have gone before, our departed shipmates.