



Hello shipmates,

We hope you're having a good summer. The reunion is right around the corner. If you haven't made your hotel reservations, we urge you to make them now. If you need to cancel, you can do that. The deadline is August 15. Below is information for hotel reservations. We also suggest making airline reservations early. Unfortunately, high fuel prices are likely to increase airfares and we've already heard much about flight cancellations.

Holiday Inn Seattle-Renton
October 1-5, 2008
One South Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057
425-226-7700
www.holidayinn.com/rentonwa

Reservation Method:

Reservations MUST be made by phone directly to the Hotel at (425) 226-7700 x 7225. Reservations must be made by **August 15, 2008**. In order to receive the negotiated rate, you must indicate the group name: **USS HENRY TUCKER REUNION**. Should you use any other phone numbers and/or book via online internet search engine you may not receive the negotiated rate listed above and the guest room block will not be credited. **{Since we received this information, the hotel has provided us a direct link to their reservations site, where we can make reservations online at the reunion rate. This link is on the reunion page on the Tucker website, www.hwtucker2000.com.}** All reservation requests must be accompanied with a first night room deposit, or be guaranteed with a major credit card. Please note that room types and special requests cannot be guaranteed as they are based upon availability.

Below is information on an RV park in Renton. Also, Wes & Donna Sutherland, who live near Renton, have offered "dry camping" on their property. If you are interested, they can be reached at 425-432-7600, or by email at DWSUTHERLAND1@earthlink.net. RV parking spaces are available at the hotel, but there are no hookups.

Fall City RV Park
10209 128th Ave SE
Renton, WA 98056
425-681-9740
solitamia@hotmail.com

Transportation Services:

Airport: The Holiday Inn Seattle-Renton offers complimentary 24-hour Airport shuttle service to and from SeaTac Airport (Seattle/Tacoma International Airport). We recommend that you make advance arrangement by calling the hotel directly at (425) 226-7700 for pick-up. OR as you arrive at the baggage claim area, look for Hotel's courtesy phone and dial #18 and then proceed to the 3rd level of the parking garage. Shuttle will pick you up at the designated "island."

Mall and Surrounding Area: The hotel's local shuttle provides daily scheduled services within a five-mile radius including Westfield Shopping Town (over 200 retailers including Nordstrom, Macy's, and numerous restaurants), local parks, and more.

The room rate is \$119.00 per night, with the reunion rate available three nights before and three nights after the reunion. This is higher than the rate for past reunions, but the price includes a welcome reception on the first night and a full breakfast buffet (varied each day) each morning in our hospitality room for attendees staying at the hotel. We feel that the price is quite reasonable. For those not staying at the hotel, a charge of \$15.00 per person will be charged each day's breakfast if you plan to have breakfast. The breakfast is only available on the days of the reunion. The total cost of events for two people is \$320.00. We've left an afternoon and two evenings free so people can do things on their own.

We will have a tour of the Museum of Flight. We will also travel to Bremerton for a tour of the USS Turner Joy as well as our Memorial Service aboard ship. The main deck level and passageway to the galley and mess decks are fully handicapped accessible (can accommodate full-size wheel chairs). The remainder of the ship is not handicapped accessible. Coaches will take us across the bridge to Bremerton and our return trip will be aboard the ferry (a one-hour trip providing gorgeous scenery).

We will need volunteers to help at the reunion. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. We'll need help in registering attendees and handing out information packets, selling baseball caps, keeping the hospitality room shipshape, and many other things. We'll need to shop for refreshments, paper goods and other items for the hospitality room. If there's anyone who lives in the area and could get us to Sam's Club or Wal Mart and a liquor store, we'd appreciate it. The hotel could probably get us there in their shuttle, but it might be easier if one of the shipmates could help. We are unfamiliar with the area so don't even know if there's a Sam's Club in the area. We have a membership at Sam's Club, but not at Costco. If anyone has large coolers that we could use for beer, soft drinks and water, please let us know.

Please fill out the signup/event form and return with your check by August 15, preferably earlier. We need to have final numbers for the hotel and the coach company as early as possible. We will be away from Sept. 5-14 and need to have everything finalized before we leave, so it would be really helpful if we could have all the event sheets by August 15. We will have our laptop with us on the above dates so will be reachable via email (Pat: silerpugs@yahoo.com, Bill: jwsilerbtc@earthlink.net). As always, if new shipmates are "found" after the deadline date, we will do everything we can to make sure they can attend the reunion and participate in tours and events.

At the reunion, Gary O'Neil plans to have CDs available for purchase of the ship's history that is on the website. Bob Miller will have information on purchasing cruise books on CD. We appreciate their efforts in making these important documents available. We also appreciate everyone who has taken part in the history project. It is amazing the amount of detail in the history. It's a work in progress, so if you have anything to add, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with Gary, or plan to get together with him at the reunion.

While at the reunion, please be sure to check in with Bob Miller, our crew locator. He will want you to verify that your information is correct on our database. Also, if you know of anyone who isn't on the crew list or know the location of a shipmate on the "missing" list, he will want to know that. With a lot of help from shipmates and his considerable "detective" skills, Bob has found hundreds of shipmates. He can help put you in touch with shipmates as well. We are very careful about privacy and don't generally give out people's addresses, phone numbers or email addresses. If you want to get in touch with someone, we (or Bob) will contact that person and give him your email address or phone number so he can contact you.

Although the Northwest cruising season will be officially over by the time of the reunion, we've been told there are still cruises and there are great discounted prices. If you decide you'd like to take a cruise after the reunion, please be sure you have a current passport because the cruises have ports of call in Canada and passports are required. Here are two companies. **Fantasy Cruises, www.sanjuanislandcruises.com, 800-234-3861** and **Celebrity Cruises, www.celebritycruises.com, 800-647-2251**. There are more that can be found by searching "Northwest Cruises" on the Internet.

If you plan to travel to Canada before or after the reunion, you will be required to have your passport with you. If you will be driving your personal vehicle, you should also have proof of insurance. Your insurance company can provide you with proof of insurance. If you will be renting a car, contact your rental company about what you will need.

If you received this newsletter by US Mail and have email, please send us your email address. The more we can send via email, the less we have to spend on postage, which has just gone up again. Currently, we send out over 800 by email and nearly 600 by US Mail (including quite a few whose emails "bounce" and mailings are returned because people have changed addresses). If your mailing address, phone number and/or email address have changed, please let us know as soon as possible. If we get returns of US Mail items, we have to resend them, which means additional postage. We try our best to ensure that everyone gets a newsletter, but after each mailing, we receive several back that have no forwarding addresses, so we are not able to send future newsletters to those people. Please call, email or send us a note (information on the last page of this newsletter) to inform us of changes. Thank you.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,
Bill & Pat Siler

Please mark your choices on the form below.
 Make check payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund**
 Mail to J.W. Siler, Jr., 835 Claybanks Drive, Callaway, VA 24067

Wednesday	October 1	Price Per Person	# People	\$ Amount
2000	Arrival and registration. Pick up name badges and information packets Dinner on your own Welcome Reception – beer & wine tasting with hors doeuvres	Kitty \$20.00* Complimentary	_____	\$ _____
Thursday	October 2			
0800	Breakfast in Hospitality Room	Included in room rate		
0930	Board coach(es) for Tour of Museum of Flight Free afternoon and evening	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday	October 3			
0800	Breakfast in Hospitality Room	Included in room rate		
1000	Board coach(es) for trip to Bremerton and tour of USS Turner Joy. We will have the Memorial Service aboard ship. Lunch on your own in Bremerton. Price includes transportation and admission to ship. All day trip. Free Evening	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday	October 4			
0800	Breakfast in Hospitality Room	Included in room rate		
1300	Business Meeting and Raffle			
1830	Cocktails – cash bar			
1900	Banquet – buffet including prime rib (carving station) chicken and fish, salad, vegetables & dessert	\$75.00**	_____	\$ _____
2000	Dancing to live band with vocalist			
Sunday	October 5			
0800	Farewell Breakfast Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing	Included in room rate		
		Totals		\$ _____

Please include names of all people who will attend with you so we can make name badges.

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Will you be staying at the hotel, camping, or staying elsewhere? _____

Additional Guests _____

* Kitty covers food and drink in the hospitality room.
 ** Banquet price includes cost of the meal and the band.

Additions to Crew List

Gee, William F.
LT, 68-69

Martino, Robert A. "Marty"
SN1/c, 50-51

Miller, Mickey W.
BM3, 51-53

Murphy, Robert C. "Chris"
EM3, 72-73

Troutman, James T.
GM3, 58-59

Additions to Memorial List

Cattlett, Vernon B. "Jaws"
MM1, 66-68

Pope, Calvin C. "Corky"
SN1/c, 51-55

Rinehart, Charles C.
FN1/c, 45-46

Thompson, Bruce
MM3, 66-67

Woods, Marvin O.
EMFN, 50-53

Contact Information

J.W. "Bill" Siler, Jr. BTC USNR Ret
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Callaway, VA 24067-4524
Tel: 540-483-5727
Email (Bill): jwsilerbtc@earthlink.net
Email (Pat): silerpugs@yahoo.com

Website

<http://www.hwtucker2000.com>

Baseball Caps

Baseball caps 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 above.

Cruise Book CDs

Cruise books are available on CD from Bob Miller (millerbrothers875@hotmail.com). They have been professionally scanned and put on CD. Please contact Bob for ordering information and pricing. If you don't have email, please call the number above for Bob's phone number.

USS Henry W. Tucker DD/DDR 875 Reunion Association

Mission Statement

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 of our departed shipmates and children of all shipmates.

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