



Hello shipmates,

Reunion plans are coming along nicely and we wanted to get one more newsletter out with details before we move to Virginia next month.

If you will be attending the reunion and haven't registered at the Francis Marion Hotel yet, please do as soon as possible. The more people who register, the more rooms we will have available at the reunion rate, so it is very important that you make your reservations ASAP. The information sheet from the reunion team asks that reservations be made by July 1. If you wait too long, you risk the chance of not getting the reunion rate. If you are unsure if you'll be able to attend, but would like to, please go ahead and make a reservation. You can cancel it later if you find that you won't be able to attend.

Please fill out your event sheet and send with check payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund**. These sheets also need to be in as soon as possible, so the reunion team can tell the various venues how many people to expect and we'll have funds to pay deposits. **Please send the sheet and check to:**

J.W. Siler, Jr.
835 Claybanks Dr.
Callaway, VA 24067

Below is information for airfare discounts through Delta and USAir. These numbers will also be available through the Francis Marion and will be on our website.

Airline	Telephone	Request
Delta	1 (800) 241-6760	Ask for File #206191A
US Airways	1 (877) 874-7687	Ask for Gold File #30643112

There is a list later in the newsletter of those who have registered at the hotel and/or sent in their event sheets, along with their rates/ranks and years, so you can see if any of your buddies are registered.

The raffle of the ship model was such a success in San Diego in 2002 that we have decided to do it again for this year's reunion. We have contracted with the same company to build another model. This model will be "post-FRAM" (the configuration from 1963 to decommissioning in 1973). The cost to have the model made is \$850.00. The tickets will be \$10.00 each and you may buy as many tickets as you wish. To order tickets, send your check **payable to Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** with the number of tickets to:

**Ronald Holt
875 Point of Pines
Guntersville, AL 35976**

Tickets will also be available at the reunion. We don't plan to have the regular raffle this time. There were so many people in San Diego that it was difficult to fit it into the time frame of the business meeting.

We hope you will join us for the reunion to visit and reminisce with your shipmates, and to get a taste of historic Charleston, South Carolina.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

Bill Siler

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

Reunion 2004 – Charleston

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Henry W. Tucker,

All 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! **We are waiting on YOU!**

It really all boils down to the primary reason for our selection of Charleston as the city for the 2004 reunion. The charm and the quaint coziness of this genteel southern city is why we are going to Charleston, not to be marooned in the suburbs. This puts everything: historical sites, restaurants, shopping, horse drawn carriages and all "Charleston Highlights" within walking distance 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 factor in the costs eliminated by operating a central location into consideration. You will **not** need a rental car for the duration of the Reunion. 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**

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

Sign Up Deadline: **Because of our crewmembers early sign ups, we can hold all of the rooms and the \$119 rate until **July 1, 2004!** Don't wait!**

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."

Sign up now!

To date, we have about half of our committed rooms reserved by crewmembers. Fewer than twenty per-cent of our crewmembers expected to attend have sent in their activity commitment form and check. We must have sign ups for rooms, tours and events completed as soon as possible to ensure providing the availability to all who wish to attend and participate. The tours, the tour buses and the facilities require adequate "lead time" to guarantee price and availability.

Please review the list of your "Buddies" that have already signed up for Charleston.

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.

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.

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		To 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	Machart, Paul	YN3	62-65
Graves, V.E.	YN3	63-65	Mannering, Sam	GM3	52-55
Ellis, Sam	LTJG	63-65	Martin, Don	RM2	57-60
Colvin, Frank	TM3	63-65	Mauer, Matt	RD3	52-55
			McDermott, Mike	LTJG	68-69
			McLaughlin, Thomas	DC2	58-71
			Moore, Leon	GM/SM3	56-59
			Moore, W. Newt	ENS	58-60
			Moore, Jr., Obie	GM3	56-59
			Murphy, Frank	SM3	58-61
			Napier, Edward	MM3	49-51
			Nelson, Paul "Chris"	CDR	71-72
			Newell, William	SN1/c	45-46
			Phare, Fred	FC3	45-46
			Powell, Dayton	BT2	51-55
			Pugliesi, Gary "Pug"	MM3	47-51
			Quebedeaux, Aubrey	BT3	55-58
			Rawlins, James	BT3	64-67
			Richards, Dave	YNSN	55-56
			Richardson, Harlon	ST3	63-66
			Rossman, Marvin	RD3	45-46
			Ruth, Chuck "Mike"	MM2	63-65
			Sadler, James	YN2	68-69
			Santos, Tony	SH3	68-70
			Seitz, Edwin	SO2	45-46
			Siler, Bill	BT3	62-64
			Sipole, Bob	IC3	60-64
			Smith, Byron	RD1	55-58
			Smith, Monty	LTJG	61-62
			Spriggs, James	GM3	51-55
			Stoner, Herbert	GMSN	51-55
			Suess, Robert	GM3	52-55
			Ullman, Barry	ENS	61-62
			West, David	GM3	51-54
			White, J.C.	EN3	69-70
			Wickett, John	RD3	67-69
			Williams, K		
			Willson, Tommy	FN	52-55
			Wood, Leroy	BT2	60-64
			Zeman, Edward	SK2	71-73
			Zins, Larry	RD3	68-70

Aldunate, Carlos	LTJG	65-67
Allen, Mike	LT	61-64
Asmundson, John	BT2	57-59
Ayer, John	PC3	71-73
Barokas, Morgan	RDM3	45-46
Barrett, James	RD1	56-58
Brubaker, Joe	GM2	45-46
Byrne, James	GMM2	63-65
Byrne, Thomas	RM2	60-62
Cardin, Bruce	FN	52-55
Crowder, F.M.	BT1	59-61
Dadisman, Dudley	SO2	51-54
Davis, Ronald	GMM3	64-68
Dunn, Lee	RD3	58-60
Edstrom, Bill	FC2	48-51
Fewin, Fred	FT1	48-53
Fisher, G. Donald	LTJG	50-51
Fitzgerald, Frank	RD3	45-46
Fix, Henry	GMSN	50-54
Gable, James	GM3	55-57
Gau, Gene	MM2	63-64
Gestalter, Rolf	MR2	65-66
Guerre, John	FC3	46-47
Hargraves, Bill	FN	61-64
Harris, Eugene	MM2	47-51
Hawk, Alfred	FN	44-46
Herzberg, Maurice	BM3	51-55
Holt, Ronald	BT1	63-65
Hudgins, J. Fred	BT3	51-54
Kinsley, Harry	LCDR	64-65
Kray, John	GM3	63-66
London, Jack	LT	51-53
Loreen, Jon	LTJG	62-64

Additions to Crew List

Barone, Samuel J.	FN	56-57	Kasal, Kenneth. G.	SO2	52-54
Blackmer, Kent W.	RDSN	71-72	Kraft, Paul P.	ETN2	68-70
Boyle, James P.	SM1	45-46	Legaspi, Dionisio V.	SD1	71-73
Brady, Thomas E.	SOM1/c	45-46	Leininger, Jack A.	FN	52-53
Brock, Marvin T.	RMSA	50-51	Magnano, Ignatius J. "Iggy"	FN	48-50
Brown, Junious C. "J.C."	RM3	63-65	McCollum, Ben P.	SN	56-57
Campbell, Gary C.	FTG2	67-68	Mendenhall II, Ray W.	MM3	71-73
Chevez, Gregory A. "Greg"	SA	73	Nederlk, Edward A. "Slick"	SO3,	54-57
Dearen, William M. "Lurch"	GMSN	67-70	Perkins, William D. "Pappy"	ETN2,	71-72
Felder, Ferris M. "Squirrel" or "Mel"	BMSN	52-55	Pessink, Kim E. "Tex"	MM3,	71-72
Fitzgerald, Frank L. "Fitz"	RD3	45-46	Railey, Douglas R.	SO3,	57-59
Haid, Delbert E. "Del"	CS3	52-58	Roberts, Charles R.	SN,	66-68
Harvel, Raymond D. "Shorty"	CS3	60-62	Roberts, Paul F.	ETN2,	70-72
Hasemann, Lawrence D. "Larry"	BT3	72-73	Rozell, Gordon L.	FN,	56-57
Hawks, Richard B. "Rick"	SN	68-71	Ruberg, John R.	ET2,	54-57
Headley, Paul A.	FTG3	72-73	Shorr, Howard L.	FN,	56-57
Hesketh, Gerald H. "Jerry"	QM2	69-71	Stubbe, Alan L.	ETN2,	68-69
Hucks, Curtis, J.	DK3	56-57	Tam, Bobby G.	CS2,	53-54
			Turnbull, Lloyd O.	SN,	56-58
			Young, Le Roy L.	ETR2,	61-64

Additions to the Memorial List

Armour, Jr., Willie E.	TN, 49-50	McLester, Robert E. "Mac"	SN, 55-57
Bobinger, Jerry O.	BT1, 61-63	Prevatt, Sr., James T.	FN1/c, 45-46
Calhoun, James E.	GM3, 45-46	Poteet, Boyd D.	SOG3, 59-62
Deyoe, Richard I.	FN1/c, 45-46	Rugletic, Michael	SN2/c, 45-46
Emmerson, Ernest L. "Tex"	GM3, 55-57	Sargent, Kenneth A.	FA, 57
Farvour, Arnold G.	GMMCA, 63-65	Wicherski, Bronislaw F. "Ben"	SN2/c, 45-46
Garner, Robert J. "Bobby Jim"	SOG3, 63-65	Wilcox, Joseph V.	SN, 61-63
Lopey, Merle H.	SN1/c, 45-46	Williss, Dan R.	GM3, 49-51
Mangan, James L.	RDSN, 53-56	Young, Earl L.	GMG3, 63-66

Found this in the Jan/Feb 2004 issue of "The Mariner", the magazine of the Naval Enlisted Reserve Assn.

I Got Your Back

I am a small and precious child, my dad's been sent to fight...
The only place I'll see his face, is in my dreams at night.
He will be gone too many days for my young mind to keep track.
I may be sad, but I am proud.
My daddy's got your back.

I am a caring mother, my son has gone to war...
My mind is filled with worries that I have never known before.
Everyday I try to keep my thoughts from turning black.
I may be scared, but I am proud.
My son has got your back.

I am a strong and loving wife, with a husband soon to go.
There are times I'm terrified, in a way most never know.
I bite my lip, and force a smile, as I watch my husband pack...
My heart may break, but I am proud.
My husband's got your back.

I am a soldier...
Serving proudly, standing tall.
I fight for freedom, yours and mine, by answering this call.
I do my job while knowing, the thanks it sometimes lacks.
Say a prayer that I'll come home.
It's me who's got your back.

—*Autumn Parker*

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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.

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.