



USS Henry W. Tucker DD/R 875

Greetings Shipmates:

I hope you've all had a good summer. It has been HOT here in Plymouth, MA, but the heat has broken and it has been in the 70s for the last several days. It's nice to have the A/C off and open the windows to the sea breeze!

This newsletter won't have lists of new members or additions to the Memorial List. Just reunion information. There will be another newsletter before the reunion and we'll include all the new members (and some we've forgotten to list in the past). If you haven't been included in past newsletters, please let us know. If you've contacted us recently, no need to call again.

There is an itinerary in this newsletter, with events and prices. Please fill out the events you plan to attend and your dinner choices for the banquet and return to us with your check no later than **September 15, 2002**. We will be away for two weeks in October and need to be sure that we have everything done for the reunion before we leave.

If you haven't made your reservations yet, the time is now! Our group already has 83 rooms reserved (as of Aug. 20), so if you want to get in on a great time, don't wait too long. If the hotel fills up, please call us. We'll have a list of the other hotels on Hotel Circle. There are many in the area, all very close to the Hanalei.

November 7-10, 2002
Red Lion Hanalei Hotel
2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
619-297-1101 or 800-882-0858
[Http://www.hanaleihotel.com](http://www.hanaleihotel.com)
Room rate: \$99.00 per night

The reunion will begin on Thursday, November 7, with the opening of the hospitality room. We will spend the day getting everyone registered, passing out name badges and event tickets. We're hoping some of the wives will help out with badges and tickets as they did last time. Also, we'd like volunteers (shipmates) to greet arrivals and help register people. Pat and I are flying in on Tuesday and will be in a suite, so we can "pre-register" any early birds on Wednesday during the day. Thursday will be a free evening. I'm sure old buddies will want to get together over dinner at one of the many restaurants in the area to get reacquainted and tell tall tales!

Errol Samuelson and George Red Boy have been hard at work making arrangements. They have booked a motorcoach tour of San Diego on Friday, followed by lunch at the Bali Hai restaurant on Shelter Island. The price is \$38 per person. Friday evening will also be free.

There will not be any organized golf this time. Due to the fact that it is Veteran's Day weekend, the Navy golf

course isn't taking reservations for "tournaments" (more than a foursome). People who want to play golf can call to try to reserve tee time for a foursome. We'll also have information on other golf courses in the San Diego area. Errol tells us that golf is quite expensive in San Diego.

On Saturday morning there will be a tour of an Arleigh Burke class destroyer, followed by a memorial service (shipboard memorial service is tentative at this time). In the afternoon, there will be a general business meeting. If you have items you'd like to discuss, please let us know, so we can put together the agenda. Top on the list is a place for the next reunion (East Coast). Possibilities might be: Washington DC, Virginia Beach VA, Charleston SC, Savannah GA. Please speak up if you're willing to host a reunion in your area. We've already had a suggestion for 2006, Orange Texas (where the HWT was built). The USS Orleck, a Gearing Class destroyer, is a museum ship there and is open to the public. Another midwest location for 2006 might be Branson MO. Any and all suggestions are welcome, but we need to have someone who is willing to host a reunion in any of these areas. We will provide any assistance, but it's important to have someone local to deal with hotel, bus companies, etc. We've received a lot of brochures from hotels and Chambers' of Commerce about reunion possibilities and will have them on display at the reunion.

Immediately after the meeting, we'll have a raffle. Tickets will be \$5 each (one per person). Please bring an inexpensive or home made item for the raffle. After the main raffle, we will raffle a model of the ship. It will be 1/350 scale (2-3 feet long), so isn't small and will have a Plexiglas cover. The price to have it built was \$850.00. Tickets are \$10 each (buy as many as you want). Donald Hooper is handling ticket sales. Attendance at the reunion is not necessary to win. Tickets will also be on sale at the reunion. The ship had three distinct configurations between 1945 and 1973. Therefore, a choice had to be made as to which configuration the model should be. We asked some of the shipmates and decided to use the DDR configuration, because that was her configuration during most her career. We knew it would be impossible to satisfy everyone, but this seemed to be the most fair. All money collected in the raffles (with the exception of the price to have the model built) will go into the reunion fund to be used for future reunions. Please send a check payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund**, and indicate the number of tickets you'd like. Donald will then send you tickets. The absolute deadline for tickets by mail is **October 15, 2002**. Donald's address is:

**Donald Hooper
15618 Sussex
Livonia, MI 48154**

At 6:00 p.m. Saturday, there will be a cocktail hour (cash bar), followed by a banquet at 7:00 p.m. Please indicate your dinner choice (beef/chicken/vegetarian) on the itinerary.

There are no events planned for Sunday, so it will be a free day for those who are still there. Unfortunately, Pat and I have a 9:00 a.m. flight to Boston. We both have to be back at work Monday.

At the bottom of the itinerary, please indicate whether or not you'll be staying at the hotel. We receive a list from the hotel of registered people, but also need to know those who won't be at the hotel to get an accurate count. Before mailing the itinerary and your check, please be sure to make a photocopy to keep.

Baseball caps will also be on sale at the reunion. We charge \$11.00 for mail orders, but will charge \$9.00 at the reunion because there will be no postage.

If your address, phone number or email address has changed recently and you haven't notified us, please let us know as soon as possible. We need to keep the database up to date.

We look forward to seeing many of you in San Diego in November.

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing
Bill Siler

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Reunion 2000 – San Diego
Red Lion Hanalei Hotel**

Please mark your choices below and return with your check payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** to J.W. Siler, Jr., 34 Burnside Street, Plymouth, MA 02360-1402 no later than September 15, 2002.

Please indicate the number of people attending San Diego Tour, Destroyer Tour/Memorial Service and Banquet.

		Number of People	Price Per Person
Thursday, November 7, 2002			
8:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Opens		
	Registration and pay kitty * - \$10 per person (to be paid at reunion)		
	Free Day and Evening		
	* Kitty covers snacks, beer and soda for hospitality room		
Friday, November 8, 2002			
8:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Opens		
9:00 a.m.	Depart for San Diego tour, followed by lunch at Bali Hai, Shelter Island		\$38.00
2:00 p.m.	Return from tour		
	Free Evening		
Saturday, November 9, 2002			
8:00 a.m.	Hospitality room opens		
9:00 a.m.	Depart for Destroyer tour and Memorial Service		\$10.00
2:00 p.m.	General Business Meeting followed by Raffle		
6:00 p.m.	Cocktail Hour (cash bar)		
7:00 p.m.	Banquet Beef (# people) Chicken (# people)		\$24.00
	Vegetarian (# people)		
Sunday, November 10, 2002			
	Breakfast on your own		
	Free Day Reunion Ends, Until we meet in 2004		
	Total		

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Number of People in Party _____ Staying at Hotel Yes _____ No _____

Check Amount \$ _____ Check Number _____

USS Henry W. Tucker Websites

<http://www.geocities.com/hwtucker>

<http://www.hwtucker2000.com>

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Baseball Caps

We have baseball caps for sale. They are navy blue, American made, have a ship profile and read USS Henry W. Tucker DD/R 875. They are "one size fits all".

The price is \$11 each, which includes postage.

To order, send a check or money order payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** and mail it to:

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Have Gun Will Travel

The USS Henry W. Tucker Reunion Association was formed in 2000.

Since then, we have held one reunion, Nov. 2000 in Biloxi, MS which was attended by 100 shipmates (200 counting wives, "significant others", children and friends).

The intent of this organization is to bring together shipmates to renew friendships. It's also important to honor those who have passed away.

There is a Memorial List on the website. Also, it is important to show our concern for those who are ill or whose wives are ill or have passed away.

We'd like to hear of any illnesses or deaths

among our family of shipmates. If you would like word of illnesses to be included in the newsletters, please let us know.

If there is anything you would like to see added to the newsletters or the website, or anything you don't like, please let us know. This is your newsletter and we want it to contain information of interest to you.

It is very important for us to have up-to-date addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for everyone. Please notify us as soon as possible of any changes.