



USS Henry W. Tucker DD 875

Commissioned: 12 March 1945 (Orange, TX)
Decommissioned: 3 December 1973 (San Diego, CA)



March, 2004

Greetings Shipmates:

We wanted to send out a newsletter before April 1 to be sure that we get reunion information out to everyone in time to make their reservations at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC before the hotel's deadline of April 1. The information on the hotel and price is below.

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**

Reservation Deadline: **April 1, 2004** (for rate of \$119 per night)

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."

We're hoping for a large turnout and look forward to seeing many old friends and new faces.

Fair winds and smooth sailing

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 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

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

Afflerbach, Ronald V.
FTG3, 63-65

Amaya, Ben C.
SN, 53-54

Andersen, Dale J.
FTG3, 62-64

Ashby, Claude P.
FN, 51-52

Atkinson, Paul E.
SO2, 45-46

Augsburger, Harold E.
FC3, 45-46

Babson, Rea N. "Norton"
RD1, 45-47

Becker, Leonard W.
"Hulk" & "Big Hands"
RM3, 71-72

Bentley, Donald M.
QM3, 48-50

Bridenbecker, Paul S.
SN, 71-73

Briggs, Gary S.
MM3, 63-64

Bristol, Ray K.
PN3, 61-62

Brock, Marvin T.
RMSA, 50-51

Coady, Lawrence E. "Larry"
SO2, 51-54

Cochran, Harold L.
FTG3, 63-66

Desporte, Andrew L.
CS3, 48-52

Dick, Jacob D. "Big Dick"
RMSN, 71-72

Driggers, Perry M.
SN, 56-57

Dunn, Dewey
QM3, 71-73

Ferrell, Blount C. "Pee Wee"
YN3, 62-66

Ferrell, James F.
GMG2, 57-63

Fitzgerald, Frank L. "Fritz"
RD3, 45-46

Ganfield, Richard C. "Dick"
SN, 61-62

Gerstner, Harold E.
BT3, 58-61

Haskell, Steven T.
FN, 56-57

Hert, Herbert W.
GMG3, 71-73

Hess, Robert R.
BT3, 68-70

Hopp, Ronald P.
BTFN, 70-73

Hucks, Curtis J.
DK3, 56-57

Hutson, William Z. "Zid"
BT3, 50-53

Kasal, Kenneth G.
SO2, 52-54

Keenen, Charles B.
LT, 53-55

Kulesza, Joseph J. "Joe"
PNSN, 57-58

Levita, Lucio C.
SKC, 71-73

Lunderville, Wallace E. "Red"
GM3, 54-57

May, Paul D.
RD2/c, 45-46

Mazza, Charles G. "Charlie"
FTG3, 63-68

McCollum, Ben P.
SN, 56-57

McElfresh, John A. "Mac"
QM3, 45-46

McVicker, Charles R.
SN1/c, 45-46

Meyer, Donald J. "Tex"
MM3, 56-57

Miele, Carl J.
SKD3

Mooney, Jere A.
SH3, 62-64

Nail, Curtis F.
FN, 64-65

Nail, James D.
FN, 65-68

Olsen, David A.
RMCA, 65-66

Peden, Edwin A. "Ed"
LTJG, 57-60

Persky, Jr., Herbert H. "Herb"
RM3, 50

Pessink, Kim E. "Tex"
MM3, 71-72

Piega, Ovidio S. "Doc"
HM2, 71-72

Rollins, Douglas W. "Doug"
STG3, 65-67

Schipper, Egbert M. "Bert"
MM3, 55-57

Sperry, Russell W.
BT3, 68-72

Witt, David C.
MM3, 71-73

Schrader, Gerald T. "Jerry"
FP2, 55-58

Stanton, Loren D. "Stan"
RM3, 71-72

Wood, Edward F.
STG2, 72-73

Serles, John K.
RD2, 56-59

Utterback, Norman A. "Norm"
SN, 61-62

Wunder, Richard S. "Dick"
BT3, 52-54

Seitz, Edwin C. "Bud"
RD2, 45-46

Vanlaningham, Michael W.
MM3, 71-72

Setchell, Rolland L.
FN2/c, 45-46

Welch, Virtus R. "Skip"
ET2, 45-47

Spencer, Jr., Frank H. "Hal"
LTJG, 57-58

Westerlund, Ralph R.
WT1/c, 45-47

ADDITIONS TO MEMORIAL LIST

Armour, Willie E.
TN, 49-50

Lafean, Charles H.
SM2, 45-46

Tannlund, Robert R.
BMCA, 63-65

Courser, Gary G.
CS2, 65-69

Lopey, Merle H.
SN1/c, 45-46

Tata, John
SN1/c, 45-46

Derricott, Thomas L.
45-46

McCloskey, Frank L.
45-46

Waugh, John B. "Blair"
45-46

Esmay, Paul L.
ET1, 45-46

Potter, Earl W.
SO3, 45-46

Welch, Max J. "Jerry"
SO2, 45-47

Garbett, Marvin E.
MaM3/c, 45-46

Prevatte, Sr., James T.
FN1/c, 45-46

Ihlenfeldt, Dayton L.
ENS, 45-46

Sowry, Bud J.
QM3, 45-46

SICK CALL

Herb Stoner
GMSN, 51-55

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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.