



Hello shipmates,

We've finalized plans for the reunion and signed contracts. We believe you will like what we have planned and hope to have a really good turnout. Below is information for hotel reservations. We suggest you make hotel reservations as soon as possible. You may cancel if you need to. Please make your reservations by August 15. We also suggest making airline reservations early. Unfortunately, fuel prices are likely to increase airfares.

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 from the hotel, 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 Request cannot be guaranteed as they are based upon availability.

We will get some information on RV Parks. 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.

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: Also the hotel's local shuttle provides daily schedule 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 morning) 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 \$280.00. 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, which I'm told is very interesting. 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).

Please fill out the signup/event form and return with your check by August 15. 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 as much as possible finalized before we leave, so it would be really helpful if we could have all the event sheets by August 15. As always, if new shipmates are "found", we will do everything we can to make sure they can attend the reunion and participate in tours and events.

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. Celebrity Cruises, www.celebritycruises.com, 800-647-2251. There are more that can be found by searching "Northwest Cruises" on the Internet.

Gary O'Neil has posted updated history documents to the website since the last newsletter. Most of the updates were put on the site in February. Gary is taking some time off from the history project while he is preparing his house for sale and moving. He has done a tremendous job and has earned some time off.

There is a letter from Bob Miller in this newsletter with information on obtaining cruise books on CD.

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 "bounced" when we sent out the previous newsletter). 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(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

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

* Kitty covers food and drink in the hospitality room.

** Banquet price includes cost of the meal and the band.

Additions to Crew List

Anderson, Norman L. "Andy"
CS3, 59-62

Anderson, Thomas E.
BT2, 59-61

Beam, Danny R.
SF3, 66-68

Bell, Donald L.
LTJG, 53-54

Close, David D.
FN 72-73

Davenport, James W.
BT2, 68-70

Fogel, Steven G.
MR3, 66-68

Gore, Jackie A. "Rough House"
SN1/c, 50-52

Hight, Terry Lee
DC3, 63-66

Hilde, Larry D.
BT3, 60-62

Laity, Robert C. "Bobby"
SN, 72

Mullenix, Roy C.
FN1/c, 49-51

Pilcher, Gerald H.
RN, 58-59

Additions to Memorial List

Ashby, Claude P.
FN1/c, 51-52

Atkinson, William A.
SK2, 61-63

Bonner, Robert A.
SN, 68-69

Brant, Eugene
BM2, 47-49

Bryan, Robert L. "Benny"
FN1/c, 51-54

Butler, Andrew W.
SK1, 57-59

Cox, John M.
MMFN, 59-61

Culpepper, Jr., Charles W.
SN1/c, 45-46

Ritchie, William E.
BT3, 53-55

Schmetzer, Jr., William J. "Bill"
MM2, 71-72

Shook, Alan C.
QM3, 57-60

Smith, Richard A. "Guy"
BT3, 68-71

Smith, Robert O. "Smitty"
FT3, 51-55

Sorenson, Charles C.
EM3, 70-73

Thurston, Donald L. "Red"
EM1, 55-58

Thurston, Gerald E. "Jerry"
MM3, 56-60

Tidwell, Earl
SN, 57-60

Valles, Fred G.
QM3, 50-51

Wagner, Paul R.
MM, 64-66

Walsh, Terry E.
FCS2, 50

Dent, Harold E.
SN1/c, 45-46

Dragoo, Gerald E. "Gerry"
SN, 52-56

Durbin, James W.
SN, 58-60

Eakin, Robert L.
SF3, 57-60

Freeman, Donald D.
MM3, 57-61

Hurt, Andrew G.
SN1/c, 45-46

Jordan, Robert H.
BT2, 53-55

Kolbek, Frank J. "Butch"
IC3, 58-59

Additions to Memorial List (continued)

Martin, Bobby G.
YN1, 59-63

O'Neil, Richard J.
MM3, 60-62

Mezger, Erik B.
LTJG, 58-61

Pilcher, James B.
IC2, 57-60

Nail, Curtis F.
FN, 64-65

Letter from Bob Miller Re Cruise Books

Hello Shipmates,

All 12 of the USS Henry W. Tucker Cruise Books have been professionally scanned and are now available on CD's. I'd like to thank all the shipmates who made donations to this project allowing me to continue making CD's available to others.

[These CD's are only available to former shipmates or their families]

Each book consists of two CD's. The first is a pdf file while the second are jpg files. They are enclosed in a jewel case and adorned with the books cover on the front.

I ask for a donation of **\$25.00** or more per book. Similar Cruise Book CD's sell on E-Bay for over \$40, however they don't have Tucker Cruise Books. Coupled with the fact that most shipmates have sent me donations of \$30.00 or more I feel this is a reasonable request.

The list below shows the time frame each book covers

Book	Year	Departed CONUS	Returned CONUS
1	1953	16 May 1953	8 December 1953
2	1954 -'55	6 July 1954	6 February 1955
3	1955 -'56	00 September 1955	00 March 1956
4	1956 -'57	13 November 1956	10 April 1957
5	1958	27 November 1958	30 May 1958
6	1959	27 January 1959	31 July 1959
7	1964 -'66	23 May 1964	00 August 1966
8	1967	19 June 1967	23 December 1967
9	1968 -'69	3 July 1968	8 September 1969
10	1969 -'70	9 September 1969	15 August 1970
11	1971	15 June 1971	18 December 1971
12	1972 -'73	30 June 1972	17 February 1973

If interested

Send me : Your name and the book/s you're interested in.

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<http://www.hwtucker2000.com>

Baseball Caps

We have baseball caps for sale. They 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 at the left.

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.

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 departed shipmates.