



# USS Henry W. Tucker DD 875

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



November 2003

Greetings Shipmates:

We apologize for the length of time since the last newsletter. We're busy building our new home in Virginia and the time has gotten away from us. We were in Virginia the week of October 12 and were excited with the progress. I'll be retiring at the end of March next year and Pat will retire in April or May. We look forward to our move.

Reunion plans are coming along. Chuck Kass and his committee have put together some information and a tentative agenda, which are on the next two pages. I believe they've put together a great package and we'll all get a good taste of Charleston.

We've had several additions to the crew list. If you see anyone you'd like to contact, just let me know and I'll send you the information. We also have a some additions to the Memorial List.

There are a couple of items on page 6 about issues that we should all be aware of. David Emerson sent us an article about telemarketers resorting to snail mail because of loss of business with the "Do Not Call" list. The other is about Nigerian money scams and the fact that some of them are putting items on Navy website guestbooks. There are some very unscrupulous people out there who prey on the unsuspecting public and we all need to be vigilant about not falling for these schemes. One entry on the USS Porterfield (DD-682) website guestbook preyed on the sympathy of people, saying his father, a shipmate of mine, was dying in a hospital in California. I knew that the man is quite healthy and living in Minneapolis! So beware if you see an item in the HWT guestbook like his. Also, if you receive emails requesting "Urgent Assistance" or similar things, please delete them.

There's a poem also. We recently attended a reunion for the USS Porterfield DD 682 and USS Balch DD 366. One of my shipmates' wives is a poet and composed the poem. We thought it was worth printing here.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,  
Bill

September 22, 2003

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Henry W. Tucker,

Our selection for the 2004 Reunion, in Charleston...is The Francis Marion Hotel! We are elated with their ability to meet our needs.

It really all boils down to the primary reason for our selection as Charleston as the city for the 2004 reunion. The charm and the quaint coziness of this genteel southern city is why we are going, not to be marooned in the suburbs. This puts everything: historical sites, restaurants, shopping, horse drawn carriages and all "Charleston Highlights" within walking 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 take the costs eliminated by operating in ONE, CENTRAL location into consideration. You will **not** need a rental car for the Reunion's duration. 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: We can hold all of the rooms and the \$119 rate until April 1, 2004.**

**Sign up now!**

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."

The Francis Marion is working on, and to date has successfully negotiated discounts with US Airways and Delta for HWT 2004 Reunion air travelers. We will have a number to use for each airline in a later newsletter.

Reunion Committee  
Chuck Kass  
Virgil Graves  
Frank Colvin  
Sam Ellis

Our scheduled plan:

- Day 1 *Sunday*: **Arrivals** – Check into hotel 4:00 PM>  
Hospitality Room Open all afternoon and evening  
**HWT Reunion Charleston 2004 Check In**  
No scheduled HWT Events
- Day 2 *Monday*: **\*Tours of Plantations**, low country luncheon during the day  
(2 Plantation Tours and luncheon at a location to be determined)  
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 Charleston and the "Low Country" with a terrific luncheon.**  
Hospitality Room Open.
- Day 3 *Tuesday*: **\*Golf AM**  
**A golf outing is planned. Transportation is included.**  
Hospitality Room Open.  
Optional tours of the Historical Sites in Charleston and Civil War Sites will be available.
- Day 4 *Wednesday*: **\*Military Tours and Memorial Service**  
**Tours have 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 3:00 PM  
**\*Banquet** in the Evening (There will be entertainment as well as a short program.
- Day 5 *Thursday*: **Departure** – Checkout of hotel <12:00 AM  
Hospitality Room Open in AM.

\* These events are conducted and scheduled with HWT coordination. Please make reservations in advance!

**Additions to Crew List**

Anderson, Larry L. "Double L"  
RD2, 59-62

Birch, Stephen  
YNSN, 72-73

Boone, Dean L.  
RM3, 53-57

Bruchert, William J.  
ERTSN, 65-67

Campos, Charles "Chuck"  
SM3, 54-57

Center, William D. "Bill"  
LTJG, 68-70

Cowan, James E. "Ed"  
SO3, 45-46

D'Antonio, Louis  
WT3/c, 45-46

Deakin, Harold L. "Deak"  
DK3, 56-57

Derryberry, Jerry E.  
MMFN, 62

Duree, Richard J. "Dick"  
CS3, 61-63

Fogel II, Wayne A.  
LTJG, 63-65

Germany, Jimmy B. "Worm"  
SFP3, 63-66

Grieser, John R. "Bob"  
LTJG, 55-56

Hasselbeck, Jr. Eugene J. "Gene"  
FC3, 45-46

Hendricks, Robert W. "Bob"  
DK2, 66-69

Hoff, John W.  
MM3, 68-69

Isaak, Jerry J.  
TM2, 60-63

Juengling, Jr., Karl F.  
LTJG, 45-46

Kitzmann, Harold J.  
SO2, 47-49

Leon, Peter F.  
LTJG, 67-68

Maddio, Vince E.  
SN, 58-59

Maher, Roy A. "Uncle Roy"  
SM2, 54-57

Matteo, Carl A. "Matt"  
MR3, 64-66

Modlin, Frank W.  
LTJG, 62-63

Papasan, Glenn "Pappy"  
SN, 48-51

Paysen, Kenneth E. "Ken"  
ETN2, 64-66

Pries, Larry G.  
DC3, 63-65

Puckett, Donald L. "Don"  
SM3, 56-57

Rictor, Jack L.  
BT3, 56-57

Romero, Fred  
SN1/c, 53-54

Schild, William R.  
EM3, 55-56

Shannon, James D.  
BT2, 64-67

Smith, Paul E. "P.E."  
LCDR, 62-64  
XO, 62-64, CO 63 (FRAM)

Smoot, Jr., Francis S. "Frank"  
GMG3, 63-66

Thomas, William E. "Tee"  
FN, 72-73

Tucker, Floyd E. "Johnny"  
MM3, 56-58

Venegoni, John H.  
EM3, 53-54

Walker, John W.  
GM3, 52-53

Williams, Jerry E  
SK2, 59-62

Wilson, James G.  
LTJG, 55-56

Wohlstrom, Richard L.  
FN, 53-55

Wonders, George J.  
ET2, 63-65

Young, Robert A.  
STG3, 73

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**Additions to Memorial List**

Abbott, Thomas S.  
MM1, 45-46

Fackler, Lynn  
STG1, 65-66

Kirby, Clarence  
EN3, 61-64

Mann, Robert  
RD1, 51-55

Moore, Irving F. "Moose"  
LTJG, 53-55

Pfiester, Richard  
QMSN, 65-67

Roberts, John "Larry"  
BT2, 58-60

Rone, Ronald G.  
EN3, 59-61

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**Sick Call**

Cardin, Bruce  
FN, 52-55

Leaser, Leo Dale  
BT3, 48-51

If you know of anyone who is ill, please let us know so we can add him to our new Sick Call feature.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

If your address, phone number or email address has changed recently, please let us know so we can update our records.

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This was sent to us by David Emerson and we wanted to pass it along to everyone. We checked an "Urban Legends" website and it is true, so read this and then follow the advice.

## COMMUNITY AWARENESS

I got this notice in one of my newsletters today. I knew the telemarketers were going to increase their use of snail mail, because of the Do Not Call law, and this appears one of the ways they are trying to bypass it. Please read and take note. If you haven't already heard of this you might want to put it in your next edition.

This is to all of you that signed up for the "do not call" law. This week I received a card in the mail that looked all right-- It said "vote for your favorite cola - Pepsi or Coke- and receive a complimentary 12 pack" It didn't look suspicious--but for some reason I kept looking at it. THEN I FOUND IT! At the bottom of the card there is a VERY small statement. It is SO small it is hard to read -- but here is what it says ---- By completing this form, you agree that sponsors and co-sponsors of this offer may telephone you , even if your number is found on a do not call registry or list ".

This REALLY upset me and I just wanted all my friends to be aware of this way to get around the "do not call" law!! Just think how many people will send this in and their do not call registry will be NO GOOD!! The company's name is MARKET SOLUTION.

I think this is just one sample of what we will get in the future -- so READ EVERYTHING before you SIGN AND SEND....

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## A "WORD TO THE WISE":

On another ship's website, entries were found by people claiming to be a relative (usually a son) of a shipmate. They would be asking for assistance with a money problem. Usually the entry would include names of shipmates and might claim that the writer's father was dying in a hospital. When we checked the email addresses of the writers, they all came from Nigeria, a country notorious for money scams aimed at Americans.

If you see any such entries on our website like these, **PLEASE** do not respond to them. And please notify us so we can delete them from the site. We worry that our shipmates might be vulnerable and want to be sure that none of you are taken in by these terrible people.

## **The Reunion**

It may have been many years ago,  
When the war began we said we'd go.  
Away from loved ones, family and friends,  
We didn't know how or when it would end.

Some fresh from high school, still wet behind the ears.  
How fast we matured, quickly aging thru fears.  
We met as strangers, but as family we became close.  
For we were there for each other, when it mattered the most.

Sharing intimate thoughts, fears, and a joke or two  
We learned quickly what we had to do  
Time spent away from home, seemed like eternity,  
But the friendships formed, helped us cope with reality.

The time came, when we went our separate ways,  
We all vowed to stay in touch, and said we'd meet again some day.  
But months turned into years, and soon names we couldn't recall.  
The time passed too quickly, just as spring, summer and then fall.

As we all grew older, our hair turning gray,  
Our thoughts turned to earlier years, and our Porterfield days.  
Many a night we lay awake, thought of a shipmate and recalled,  
The friendships formed back then, the places and things we saw.

With help of computers, we searched to see whom we could find,  
And as we pondered over lists of names, old friendships came to mind.  
Finding our former comrades and pals, our mission then began,  
We started finding familiar names, and reunions then were planned.

So we are older and wiser, and as our youth slipped away,  
We are grateful for experiences and friendships formed in earlier days.  
Now we enter into a crowded room, feeling just a little bit of fear,  
And with excitement we wonder if we'll see familiar faces here.

Eyes meet, a spark of remembrance, then a smile crosses our face,  
The person looks familiar, but the name we can't seem to place.  
Suddenly the voice says hello, it's the same voice from former years,  
We say, Hey Buddy, how have you been, as we grin and feel the tears.

We're thankful for the endless hours spent in trying to discover  
The whereabouts of many old friends, and we're glad we found each other.  
We recall the memories of former years, when we were young and innocent,  
And we look at each other, and marvel at just how fast the time went.

Another place, another time, how quickly the time flew by,  
We reminisce of the old times, we laugh and maybe cry.  
We tell some stories, laugh at jokes, and share a drink or two,  
We're thankful for the friendships formed on USS Porterfield 682.

Joan Vaughan© September, 2003  
wife of James Vaughan, USS Porterfield DD 682

## *AHOY SHIPMATES*

In order to preserve some of the U.S.S. Henry W. Tucker's history I'm attempting to find out how many Cruise Books were published, and their years. I think the first book was published in 1953.

If you have a Cruise Book from any era, would you please take a few minutes and send me the following information?

A.] Your name

B.] Description of Book

- 1.] The year, or time frame
- 2.] Description of what's on the cover
- 3.] The color of the cover
- 3.] The wording on the inside covers.
- 4.] Publishing Company

EXAMPLE:

- 1.] 1953
- 2.] U.S.S. HENRY W. TUCKER -- Madam Queen -- 1953
- 3.] Gold
- 4.] The 1953 Cruise Log of the Henry W. Tucker DDR 875
- 5.] THE JACK DAVIDSON SHIP'S CRUISE PUBLISHING CO.

*If you have any other information about the book you think maybe helpful in identifying the book please send this information to me as well.*

So far I've been lucky to have four Cruise Books donated to me from different years and I hope to scan them and add them to our web page in the near future. The results of this inquire will be posted on our web page.

Thank You for your cooperation

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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.

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**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.