



Hello shipmates,

The reunion in Charleston SC is less than six weeks from now. **We are informed by the Francis Marion Hotel that there are just a few rooms left at the reunion rate, so if you've been procrastinating, now is the time to make your reservations (toll free: 877-756-2121).** You also need to send in your event sheets. Chuck Kass has to give head counts to tour operators very soon.

We will be raffling a model of the USS Henry W. Tucker (post FRAM configuration), built by a professional model builder. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased in advance. Tickets (available only at the reunion) will also be available at the reunion. We will also be raffling off some movie DVDs from Paramount Pictures at the reunion which were donated by the daughter of John Asmundson who works for Paramount. For tickets for the ship model, send a check payable to **Henry W. Tucker Reunion Fund** to: **Ronald Holt, 875 Point of Pines, Guntersville, AL 35976.**

During the reunion, we will need lots of help manning the hospitality room. This includes opening up in the morning, making coffee, setting out snacks, bartending, cleaning up at the end of the evening and bagging up trash. We've decided to assign groups by years aboard ship to have responsibility for the hospitality room so no one person or few persons will have to do all the work. **We know you'll all be willing to pitch in.** This is how it will be set up and there will be a sign in the hospitality room as well.

**Sunday, October 10**

1961-1965

**Monday, October 11**

1966-1973

**Tuesday, October 12**

1951-1955

**Wednesday, October 13**

1956-1960

**Thursday morning, October 14**

1945-1950

For those of you who know Erik Mezger (LTJG, 59-61), he has been very ill, but is making a slow steady recovery. We had a call from him and he sounded very good and in good spirits. His doctor won't allow him to travel just yet (he lives in Switzerland) so he won't be able to attend the reunion. He hopes to be at the 2006 reunion and sends his greetings to all.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,  
Bill Siler

## **Message from the Reunion Team**

### **Tucker Shipmates,**

Currently, we are getting close of our count in San Diego in terms of committed numbers of: total participants, hotel rooms, tours, banquet, hospitality suite ... We anticipated (and planned) for a 50% increase over San Diego based on: San Diego Reunion success, camaraderie, hundreds more shipmates found, "Buddy leverage," east coast location, and Charleston's uniqueness (nearly all sailors have been to San Diego).

We have a great plan in a really unique little city. The historical sights, the tours, the great restaurants, the hotel and the opportunity for Tucker shipmates and their loved ones to experience the treasured camaraderie developed decades ago is unbelievable! The city (historic district) is very compact and we are in the focal point!

The plan is in place as a result of focused logistics, negotiation and hard work by Tucker shipmates. If the Tucker crew fought all wars, we would win them all, and in a timely manner. No hurricane will disrupt Reunion 2004 - Charleston. Now, it's up to you. We have built it, so please come and enjoy your shipmates, the memories, the rekindled friendships and a great time in a great vacation venue.

Don't wait ... Send in your reunion event registration and make your hotel reservations. There are rooms remaining at the reunion rate. We can't wait to see you!

**See you in Charleston!**

Our Schedule

**Day 1 – Sunday**

Arrivals – Check into hotel after 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 two plantations: Middleton Plantation and Drayton Hall Plantation 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 all day and evening

**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 all day and evening

**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 followed by raffle of USS H.W. Tucker model

**Banquet** in the evening. There will be entertainment as well as a short program.

Hospitality room open until 5:00 PM (closed during banquet)

**Day 5 – Thursday**

**Departure** Checkout of hotel before 12:00 PM

Hospitality room open in AM

Day/Date	Event – Activity	Time	Resv. Req'd	Information	Cost	No. of Persons	Total \$
<b>Sunday</b> 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	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
<b>Monday</b> 11-Oct-04	<b>Plantation Tours:</b> Middleton & Drayton Hall Plantations	0800 – 1600	Yes	All day – 2 plantations	\$89 per person w/lunch & trans.		\$
	Hospitality Room Open	All Day					
<b>Tuesday</b> 12-Oct-04	<b>Golf Outing</b>	0730 - 1400±	Yes	18 Hole Scramble Red Bank Country Club	\$44 per person w/cart & trans.		\$
	<b>City Tour</b>	0800 – 1200	Yes	Historic District Sights/Sites	\$35 per person		\$
	Hospitality Room Open	All Day					
<b>Wednesday</b> 13-Oct-04	<b>Tour &amp; Memorial Service</b> Patriots Point & USS Yorktown	0800-1330	Yes	Tours, lunch on USS Yorktown Memorial Service	\$36 per person w/lunch & trans.		\$
	<b>Business Meeting</b> – HW Tucker followed by raffle of Ship model	1430 – 1630	No	Opportunities – Information	N/A		
	<b>Banquet</b> 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					
<b>Thursday</b> 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**