



USS Soley (DD 707) Reunion Association

15 April 2018

FROM: The Reunion Committee, USS Soley Reunion Association

TO: All Hands, USS Soley Reunion Association

SUBJECT: USS Soley (DD707) Reunion

WHEN: Thursday, 1 Nov. 2018 - Monday, 5 Nov. 2018 - (Depart Tues., 6 Nov)

WHERE: Sheridan Suites, Old Town Alexandria
801 N. Saint Asaph Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Please join us for the 21st USS Soley (DD 707) Reunion. Whether this will be your 1st reunion, your 21st or somewhere in-between, sign up now to renew old Soley friendships, make new Soley friends, share sea stories, take some great tours, or just hang out. You can come for as many or as few days that you choose to; and you can attend all, some, or none of the tours and events.

This might be our last reunion, so you don't want to miss it!!

Our host hotel is just across the Potomac River from our Nation's Capital in historic Old Town Alexandria, VA., where many of our founding fathers had townhomes or were frequent visitors to this quaint riverfront town. George Washington's Mount Vernon is just a few miles down-river.

Family members and friends are welcome. We encourage you to have your loved ones and special friends join us, as many have in the past. Just provide them a copy of this registration packet so that they can register.

A description of all scheduled Reunion tours and events is included with this letter along with an Event Registration Form. Please take a few minutes to read through this material, and after you see what we have planned, you will be ready to sign up.

HOTEL GROUP ROOM RATE: \$160.16 per night, including all taxes and fees, a full buffet breakfast each day (no more than 2 per room), and complimentary garage parking (normally \$20 daily). The group rate is valid 3 days prior to and 3 days following the reunion, based on room availability. Handicap accessible rooms are available.

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IMPORTANT NOTE

Because the room rate is higher than we have paid in the past, the Reunion Association will be reimbursing everyone registered at the hotel a cash rebate of \$20 for each night you are staying at the hotel, but only for the 5-day reunion period, 1-5 November. There will be no rebate for any nights you choose to stay before or after the reunion. The rebate will be provided at the Reunion.

All guest accommodations are two room suites, with separate sleeping and living areas, two 32" TV's, a small refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker. Free wi-fi service is provided in each suite.

There is complimentary hotel shuttle service to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), which is only 2 miles away. The shuttle is also available in the afternoons and evenings to and from the historic Old Town waterfront, restaurants, and entertainment – only 6 walking blocks from the hotel. There is a full-service restaurant and bar in the hotel, and a Harris Teeter grocery store across the street. There are also numerous restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

EVERYONE STAYING AT THE HOTEL MUST MAKE THEIR OWN ROOM RESERVATIONS

Making room reservations has some different “wrinkles” than for previous reunions. Please read the “Enclosure” following this letter that explains how to book your hotel room.

PLEASE, COMPLETE THE ATTACHED REUNION REGISTRATION FORM AND MAIL IT, ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Your Reunion Committee has expenses that must be paid prior to the reunion including payments to our hotel and tour company.

Your completed form and check should be returned to me, your Reunion Coordinator. My address is printed at the bottom of the enclosed Registration Form.

Be one of the first 25 to submit your Registration Form and you will be entered into a special drawing at our Grand Banquet for free lodging. There will be three drawings: One for 1 night's lodging; one for 2 night's lodging; and one for 3 night's lodging. The winners will receive checks from our Treasurer the evening of the Banquet. You must be a registered guest at the hotel to be eligible for the drawing.

There will be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle of donated items at the Banquet. **THERE WILL BE NO DOOR PRIZES THIS YEAR** as it is too time-consuming, and as we get older, most of us don't need more “stuff.” **DO NOT BRING ITEMS FOR DOOR PRIZES.**

You will be able to purchase tickets for the raffle and 50/50 drawings throughout the reunion. If you have items to donate as raffle items please bring them; but do not bring large items that winners cannot take home on an airplane. Gift cards are welcome! Remember, proceeds from the drawings help keep the Association solvent. All donations are very much appreciated.

Ship's Store: A Ship's Store Order Form is posted on the USS Soley website (www.USSSoley.org) for those who want to make purchases prior to their arrival at the reunion. You must mail your order to our Storekeeper, Patty Kranack, by the 3rd week in September to insure that you receive your merchandise prior to the Reunion. Quantities and sizes will be limited at the Ship's Store during the reunion. If you would like a form mailed to you, please give me a call

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Volunteers are needed at the Reunion Registration Desk, the Ship's Store, and for the other planned events. We also need volunteers to sell raffle and 50/50 tickets. This is an opportunity to get to know your shipmates better. Please indicate at the bottom of your Registration Form if you will be a Volunteer.

If you have recently established or changed your e-mail address, please send me an e-mail (mapollack2003@yahoo.com) so I can update our records. If you no longer have e-mail, please let me know by telephone (571-284-7373). This registration packet is posted on our website, www.usssoley.org, and can be printed from there, should you misplace this copy.

On behalf of your USS Soley Reunion Association Committee, I want to thank everyone for your continued support and "welcome aboard" all newcomers who will be attending their first reunion. We look forward to seeing everyone and to having a great time.

Stay healthy and have a safe trip.

Mike Pollack
Reunion Coordinator

Remember, this might be our last reunion. Sign up now!!

** Please call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns:
571-284-7373; mapollack2003@yahoo.com

REUNION TOURS AND EVENTS

(Times for tours are approximate and may change due to traffic or weather)

Thursday, 1 November

WELCOME RECEPTION

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar at the hotel

Friday, 2 November

TOUR OF LINCOLN, KOREAN, VIETNAM & WWII MEMORIALS (with White House Photo Stop) \$68 per person

9:00 a.m. Depart hotel via motor coach to downtown Washington, DC
9:30 a.m. – Noon Tour Listed Memorials
12:15-12:30 p.m. Motor coach back to the hotel.

Saturday, 3 November

SOLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE & TOUR OF THE US NAVY MEMORIAL MUSEUM FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE US CAPITOL \$76 per person

9:00 a.m. Depart hotel via motor coach to downtown Washington, DC
9:45-11:15 a.m. Memorial Service & tour of the US Navy Memorial
11:20 a.m. Motor coach to US Capitol
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Tour US Capitol
1:00-1:15 p.m. Motor coach back to hotel

Sunday, 4 November

**TOUR OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY INCLUDING KENNEDY
GRAVESITES. CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN,
BRUNCH AT THE FORT MYER OFFICERS CLUB, & TOUR OF THE ARMY OLD
GUARD HORSE & CAISSON UNIT**
\$79 per person

- 9:00 a.m. Depart Hotel via motor coach to the Arlington Cemetery
- 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Tour Cemetery
- 12:15-1:30 p.m. Brunch at Fort Myer Officers Club
- 1:30-2:15 p.m. Horse and Caisson Unit Tour
- 2:15-2:45 p.m. Motor coach back to hotel

Monday, 5 November

Our business meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room shortly after breakfast (Time to be determined). The rest of the day will be yours to relax or tour on your own. That evening will be our grand banquet.

GRAND BANQUET AT THE HOST HOTEL
(see registration form for menu and pricing)

- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Banquet, drawings and raffles

**CHECK OUT IS ON TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER - OR STAY OVER FOR AN
EXTENDED VISIT**

REUNION EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

** Mail this completed form with your payment **

Names of Attendees: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

DATES SERVED ON THE SOLEY FROM: _____ To: _____ Rate/Rank: _____

Arrival Date at the Reunion: _____ Checkout Date: _____

| <u>Date</u> | <u>E v e n t</u> | <u>Number Attending</u> | <u>Price Per Person</u> | <u>Total Paid</u> |
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| <u>2 Nov.</u> | DC Memorials Tour | _____ | \$68.00 | \$ _____ |
| <u>3 Nov.</u> | Soley Memorial Service & Capitol Tour | _____ | \$76.00 | \$ _____ |
| <u>4 Nov.</u> | Arlington Cemetery/Brunch/Caisson Tour | _____ | \$79.00 | \$ _____ |
| <u>5 Nov.</u> | Grand Banquet | _____ | | |

Choose one entrée per person

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| 1. Breast of Chicken wrapped in prosciutto, veg. medley, rice pilaf | \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| 2. Grilled salmon, dill butter sauce, veg. medley, rice pilaf | \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| 3. Vegetarian: egg buccatini noodles w/mushroom sauce, veg. med. | \$45.00 | \$ _____ |

Choose 1 dessert per person: Cheesecake _____ Tiramisu _____

Registration Fee: (covers costs for Reunion planning) \$ 25.00

Voluntary Donation: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

*NOTE: ALL TOUR PRICES INCLUDE GRATUITY FOR MOTOR COACH DRIVERS.

Please provide an emergency contact name and phone number below:

Indicate any special handicapped and/or special dietary needs below:

**Mail this completed Event Registration Form and a check payable to
"USS Soley Reunion Association" TO: Mike Pollack, 13680 Paddock Court,
Gainesville, VA 20155**