

REUNION INFORMATION PACKET
14th Annual Destroyer Leader Reunion 14 - 17 October, 2010
Holiday Inn Chantilly, Dulles-Expo in Chantilly, VA

Call to Reunion

Greetings shipmates of **USS NORFOLK DL-1, USS MITSCHER DL-2 / DDG-35, USS JOHN S. MCCAIN DL-3 / DDG-36, USS WILLIS A. LEE DL-4, & USS WILKINSON DL-5.**

The Destroyer Leader Association invites all shipmates who served on any of the above ships at any time to attend the next reunion to be held in Chantilly, VA from 14 to 17 October 2010. A Hospitality Room will be provided for you to socialize with your shipmates and peruse photos, cruise books, or other memorabilia from your ship. This is the place to meet your old shipmates, make new friends, and retell all those sea stories! Your Reunion Planner has arranged three tours of many of the interesting attractions in the area of Washington, DC.

Note that you do NOT have to be a dues paying member of the Destroyer Leader Association, Inc. to attend the reunion. ALL former shipmates are invited to the reunion activities. However, you MUST be a dues paying member in order to attend the Annual Business Meeting of the DL Association to be held in the hotel on Saturday morning.

HOTEL

The host hotel for the 2010 reunion is the Holiday Inn Chantilly Dulles-Expo, 4335 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA 20151. Hotel room reservations must be made by you directly with the hotel by calling the **National Reservations Department @ 1-800-465-4329. You must use the Destroyer Leader Association Group Code (Z46)** to get the DLA room rate of \$100 (+tax), single/double occupancy. Room rate includes a complimentary continental breakfast. These DL room rates will also apply three days before or after the reunion. You will be responsible for your room, tax and incidental charges. All charges must be paid to the hotel at check-out. Please be advised that all room cancellations must be received by the hotel's Reservations Department 24 hours prior to day of arrival for a full refund, after which time no refund will be granted. **A block of 72 rooms is being held until Sunday September 12, 2010, after which any unsold rooms will be released to the public and the group rate will no longer be available.** (You must make your hotel reservation by September 11, 2010). The Association is NOT handling any room reservations. Courtesy transportation to/from Dulles airport, provided by the hotel, departs the hotel approximately every 20 minutes. Pick up the free shuttle at the baggage claim area, lower level around claim area #3. If you need assistance, you may call the hotel @ 703-815-6060. The Hotel will provide complimentary parking, including unoccupied RV's. There is no Valet Parking.

Early Departure Fee: In the event that a guest who has a room reservation checks out prior to the guest's reserved checkout date, an early departure fee of 50% of one night's room and tax will be charged to that guest's individual account. Guests wishing to avoid this fee must advise the hotel at or before check-in of any change in the scheduled length of stay.

FAMILY REUNION

Why not invite your family & friends to meet you in Chantilly and have a mini-family reunion during the DL Association reunion? They can take advantage of the special reduced hotel rates and go sightseeing with you. Especially they could visit in the Hospitality Room and learn of the history of the DL's/DDG's and your military service. Photos, scrapbooks, and verbal telling of sea stories would let them know what your Navy life was like. This is an excellent opportunity to pass on your military/patriotic service to our great country. Your family will develop a deeper appreciation of what you have done for them and your country.

DISCLAIMER: The Destroyer Leader Association, Inc. does not serve alcoholic beverages at any reunion. Hospitality Suites that may be established in the reunion's hotel by any shipmate are not endorsed by this organization nor are they affiliated in any way with the Destroyer Leader Association, Inc. nor will the Destroyer Leader Association, Inc. nor its Officers, Directors or Reunion Committee accept any liability for incidents stemming from the abuse of alcohol by any individual.

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2010 REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 12 October

1200 – 1800 Set-up Hospitality Room
1400 – 1600 Pre-con Meeting

Wednesday, 13 October

0800 – 1800 Hospitality Room open
1500 – 1600 BOD Meeting
1500 – 1800 Early bird Registration
1700 -- Depart Hotel for Optional Tour #1

Thursday, 14 October

0800 – 1700 Hospitality Room open
0800 – 1600 Registration
1100 -- Depart Hotel for Optional Tour #2
1730 – 1830 Hotel's Welcome Reception
1830 – 2200 Hospitality Room open

Friday, 15 October

0800 – 2200 Hospitality Room open
0800 – 1600 Registration
0900 -- Depart Hotel for Optional Tour #3 & DLA Memorial Service
1800 – 2100 Buffet Dinner, Auction, Cash Bar

Saturday, 16 September

0800 – 1800 Hospitality Room open
0900 – 1100 Ladies meeting
0900 – 1100 Men's Business meeting
1530 – 1800 Photo shoot
 Couples/Individuals
 Groups:
 Men in uniform
 USS Norfolk men/ladies
 USS Mitscher men/ladies
 USS J.S. McCain men/ladies
 USS W.A. Lee men/ladies
 USS Wilkinson men/ladies
1800 – 2100 Banquet (Cash Bar)

Sunday, 17 September

0700 – 1100 Checkout
0830 – 0900 Chapel Service

Please check in the Hospitality Room for any change of location of the above functions.

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ACTIVITIES

Enclosed are descriptions of the many activities throughout the 2010 Reunion, depending upon minimums being met. All reunion activities are optional - you select which ones in which you want to join. The Hospitality Room will be open throughout most of the reunion. Tour prices are based on a minimum of 35 paid passengers per tour as noted in the Tour description. Each tour package price includes a deluxe Motor Coach, admissions as noted, meals as listed, taxes and gratuities. Boarding times of the coaches will be 15 minutes prior to listed departure times at the front of the Holiday Inn Hotel lobby. Gratuities for tour guides and drivers are included.

A "Welcome Aboard" Team will be at the Reunion Registration table in the Hospitality Room with a package in your name. This package will contain all the required information for your selected activities, welcome letters, and other pertinent information. The "Ship's Store", selling caps, shirts, and other memorabilia will be open during most Hospitality Room hours. A "2010 Reunion Memories Book" may be ordered directly from the photographer on the night couples/portraits are taken. If you want a Memory Book but are not attending the reunion, please contact your Ship Coordinator prior to the reunion. The photographer will be from Picture Day Photography of Mansfield, Ohio.

Bring your cap, scrapbook, photo albums, & Navy memorabilia for display in the Hospitality Room.

REGISTRATION

The Welcome Aboard and Registration Table, located in the Hospitality Room, is where you pick up your reunion envelope, containing your reunion information, etc. **Walk-in's may register here, but meal, event and tour tickets will not be available after September 11. This is due to contractual agreements with the hotel and tour company. Registration by mail will not be accepted after September 11. Anyone registering after September 11th will be eligible to attend the reunion Hospitality Room, photo session, and Business Meeting only, as tickets for other events WILL NOT be available. Absolutely no exceptions!**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

A brief meeting of the Officers and Directors will be held. However, any DL Association member may attend as an observer and is invited to do so. If you do plan to attend, please indicate this on the Registration Form so that a room sufficiently large enough to accommodate meeting attendees may be requested of the hotel.

HOLIDAY INN WELCOME RECEPTION: Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

This is where the Reunion officially begins! Located in the Hutchinson Ballroom, the reception is hosted by the Holiday Inn Chantilly, Dulles-Expo Hotel. DLA President Mike Bugara will welcome attendees. Complimentary house wine, domestic beer, and cheese is provided by the Holiday Inn. Additional drinks will be available from a Cash Bar. Although this event is complimentary, you **MUST LIST** on the Registration Form that you are attending this function; otherwise sufficient quantities of drinks and food may not be available. The snacks provided are **not** intended to be your evening meal. This is **not** a sit-down affair; you are encouraged to circulate to meet and greet your shipmates. This is a fun evening in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Dinner is on your own this evening.

BUFFET DINNER: Friday 6:00 – 9:00 pm w/Cash Bar ***(NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER SEPT. 11)***

This evening's dinner will be served buffet style in the Expo Center, adjacent to the rear of the hotel. Shuttle may be used if needed. Meal tickets are required. After the President's welcoming remarks, first time attendees will be introduced to all crew members, so everyone will be acquainted. Dress is casual.

Buffet menu includes the following:

Steak Fajitas: (Soft shells, thin sliced fajita steak, grilled peppers & onions, cheddar cheese & sour cream).

Chicken Skewers: (Skewers w/chicken, red peppers & onions that are marinated and grilled).

Pasta Primavera: (Bow tie pasta with a cream sauce and vegetables).

Mexican Rice, Braised Green Beans, Garden Salad and Cheesecakes.

Sugar Free Jell-O, Sugar Free Pudding & Unsweetened Iced Tea.

Hot Coffee, Tea, & Ice Water

Rolls & Butter

The price of \$37.00/person is all inclusive. (The annual auction will follow the meal).

HOSPITALITY ROOM

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The Hospitality Room will be located in the Hutchison Ballroom. This is your “home away from home” during the reunion. It is the perfect place to greet old friends you haven’t seen in years, meet shipmates you didn’t know, and meet people who served at a different time but share your ship’s heritage. The Hospitality Room will be open most of the day for those not going on tours “**if there are volunteers to stand watch during the tours**”, otherwise it will close. It will be closed during the Welcome Reception, Buffet and Banquet. Food and beverage items provided in the Hospitality Room may not be taken from the room due to hotel contractual agreements. No “open foods or drinks” (such as bowls of chips, chip dips, cheese, or 2-liter soft drink bottles) are allowed due to health reasons. Private alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the Hospitality Room at any time for both legal and liability reasons. (Adult beverages may be purchased from the hotel's bar.)

Anyone bringing an item to donate for the auction is requested to place it in the Hospitality Room upon arrival at the reunion. The auction will be held Friday night after the buffet dinner. This is the primary fund raiser for the DLA.

LADIES MEETING: Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 am.

This is an opportunity for the ladies to meet together in the Hospitality Room.

MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING: Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 am

The annual membership Business Meeting of the DLA will be held in the Grand Duke room. Only DLA dues paying members-in-good standing will be admitted. Please have your current membership card or have your name checked against a roster by a Master-At-Arms. This important meeting will elect Board members/Officers for the coming years and other matters of Association business, such as the location of future reunions. There will be an opportunity to meet with your Ship Coordinator at the conclusion of DLA business. Your Ship Coordinator is your ship’s representative on the Board of Directors.

PHOTO SHOOT – COUPLES & INDIVIDUALS: Saturday 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Every reunion attendee is encouraged and requested to have a portrait photo taken as a couple or an individual for the Reunion Memories Book. The photo room will be located in the Expo-Center, adjacent to the Banquet room. A professional photographer from Picture Day Photography of Mansfield, Ohio will be on hand to take the photos and later provide the Reunion Memories Book. Please fill out the Photo Information Card found in your Welcome Aboard Packet prior to coming for your portrait. Proofs will be mailed to you by Picture Day. You are given an opportunity to purchase a portrait, but you are not obligated to make any purchase. Purchasing a Memories Book is also optional, but your photo in the book would provide a memory to those attending and who do purchase the yearbook. So we ask all reunion attendees to have their portrait taken for the Book. You are requested to begin the photo process early to allow time for everyone to be photographed. Reunion Memories Book this year will be another high-quality book printed in color by a professional printing company on glossy paper. A book may be ordered even if you are not attending the reunion by contacting your Ship Coordinator.

PHOTO SHOOT – GROUP: Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Everyone is requested to quickly assemble in the Expo-Center for group photos by ship. There is space for several ships to be assembling at the same time. It is planned that the photos will be taken as follows:

- 4:30 pm all men in uniform**
- 4:35 pm USS Norfolk**
- 4:40 pm (Norfolk Ladies)**
- 4:45 pm USS Mitscher**
- 4:50 pm (Mitscher Ladies)**
- 4:55 pm USS John S. McCain**
- 5:00 pm (McCain Ladies)**
- 5:05 pm USS Willis A. Lee**
- 5:10 pm (Lee Ladies)**
- 5:15 pm USS Wilkinson**
- 5:20 pm (Wilkinson Ladies)**

Please assemble at the time shown for your ship. The eleven Group photos will be included in the Reunion Memories Book.

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BANQUET: Saturday 6:00 – 9:00 pm w/Cash Bar ***** (NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER SEPT. 11).*****

Enjoy your last night in a more formal setting. Coat and tie are recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear their ribbons, medals, or mini-medals on their suit jacket. If you can still wear your uniform, please do so. Upon arrival at the reunion, see your Ship Coordinator in the Hospitality Room for Table Sign-up sheets to reserve a banquet table so you may sit with your shipmates or your friends. Installation of Officers will follow dinner.

Banquet Dinner Duet:

Herb Roasted Chicken Breast w/Hollandaise Sauce & Sliced Beef w/Port Wine Sauce

Red skinned mashed potatoes, Brown sugar Carrots, Apple Crumb Pie w/Heavy Cream,

Sugar Free Jell-O, Sugar Free Pudding & Unsweetened Iced Tea.

Hot Coffee, Tea & Ice water

Rolls & Butter

Served Salad:

Radicchio Bowl w/Mixed Baby Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, & Tangerines w/Balsamic Dressing.

The price of \$46.00/person is all inclusive. (There will be a cash bar available).

The doors will open for seating at 6:00 pm. **Please wait until after the Invocation before beginning to dine.** The "Missing Shipmates Memorial Table" Service will be held following the meal. A 50/50 raffle will be held after eating. Please note that banquet seating will be limited to those signed up by Sept. 11, so please send in your Registration Form quickly so you won't miss the ship!

CHAPEL SERVICE: Sunday 8:00 – 8:30 am

The Association's Chaplain will conduct a brief religious service in the Hospitality Room on Sunday morning.

NAMETAGS

Members attending the reunion use permanent blue plastic laminated nametags. The nametag includes the attendee (or guest) name, rate, years aboard, ship name and hull number. Each year, a new reunion city tag (with year date) is added to the name tag. The reunion city tag (and metal rings for attaching to nametag) is included in the Registration Fee. Bring your previously issued nametag, and the city tag can be added at the Ship's Store. If you are a first time attendee or have misplaced your nametag, a new permanent nametag as described above can be provided. Please fill out the information on the Registration Form for yourself and guest and include the price of the nametag with your Registration Payment. (If you do not need or desire a permanent nametag, do not include the price of the nametag in your payment.) Also, if you need a city tag for a previous reunion attended, that may also be ordered.

NOTE: The laminated nametags are fastened to your clothing with a magnetic device. If you have a Pacemaker, you should not use the magnet fastener. Please indicate on the Registration Form that you need a clutch pin attachment rather than magnets.

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CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS

The DL Association must pay the tour company (Mid Atlantic Receptive Services) for all tours by September 12, 2010. **THE CANCELLATION POLICY IS THAT NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THIS TIME EXCEPT IN EXTREME EMERGENCY (WEATHER, DEATH, ETC. SUCH REFUNDS WILL BE HANDLED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AS REVIEWED BY THE DLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.) ANY PARTICIPANT WHO DOES NOT SHOW FOR THEIR TOUR BECAUSE THEY FORGOT, OVERSLEPT, CHANGED THEIR MIND, ETC. WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND.** The minimum for any tour to run is 35 paid passengers as noted with the tour description. If less than 35 sign up for a tour, then your money will be refunded after the reunion.

No refunds for meals will be made after September 11, 2010 as final guaranteed numbers must be given to the hotel and paid as of that date. Same cancellation policy applies for meals as for tours above.

If you must cancel your trip to the reunion, remember YOU must:

(1) Call the hotel to cancel your room, and YOU must:

(2) Call 330-823-8230 as soon as you know but (before September 12) so that we may modify our hotel/activities count. We will gladly send you a refund for any activity that has not already been paid to the hotel or tour company.

Anyone attending the Reunion but NOT staying at the host Holiday Inn Chantilly Hotel is required to pay an additional Hotel User Fee/Assessment of \$15.00 to cover meeting & banquet room rental, setup & cleaning, bartender fees, etc. This fee does not apply to those staying in a room at the Holiday Inn, nor member's guests.
See Registration Form.

**All Reunion Registrations with full payment must be received by September 11th.
Registrations will NOT be accepted by mail or phone after September 11th.
Instead, they must be brought to the hotel for Late Registration on October 14th.**

**All Tours, Thursday Buffet, and Saturday Banquet are for Pre-registered only.
Tickets for these events will not be available after September 11th.**

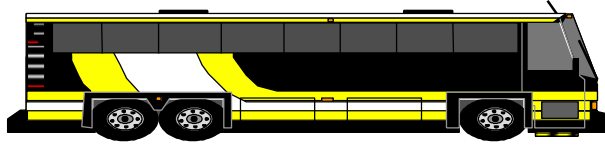
**MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM WITH FULL PAYMENT TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN
THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF ----- SEPTEMBER 11, 2010.**

SHIPPING INFORMATION

If you plan to ship any items to the hotel prior to your arrival, it must not arrive more than 3 days before the reunion. It must be addressed as follows:

Destroyer Leader Association, Mary Kashani
Holiday Inn Chantilly Dulles Expo
4335 Chantilly Shopping Center
Chantilly, VA 20151

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TOURS

All tours begin loading at the front of the hotel fifteen (15) minutes before departure time listed in the POD. Please board promptly so that an on-time departure may be made. Gratuities for driver and on-board guide ARE INCLUDED in the tour price. Participating on any tour is optional. Note that most tours require some walking and some parts of a tour may not be ADA compatible.

Wednesday, Tour 1 for Early Arrivals: ***(No tickets available after Sept. 11)*******

Enjoy an **illuminated tour** of Washington, D.C. & Monuments
5:00 – 10:00 pm

Stop at **The National World War II Memorial, The Jefferson Memorial, The Air Force Memorial, The Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue).**

Drive by The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington Monument

Stop for a **White House photo opportunity.**

Time will be allocated for you to get off the bus at each of the memorials for pictures etc.

Thursday, Tour 2: ***(No tickets available after Sept. 11)*******

Visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico. (Lunch on your own at the mess hall).
Arrive at the Smithsonian Castle and visit your choice of the Smithsonian Institutions.

NOTE: The tour bus will drop you off at the Smithsonian Castle at approximately 2:00 PM and return to pick you up again at 4:00 PM. (**Please be prompt as there are parking restrictions**)

Friday, Tour 3: ***(No tickets available after Sept. 11)*******

Visit the U.S. Navy Memorial and Heritage Center. The DLA Memorial Service will be conducted at 11:00 AM outdoors (weather permitting) at the statue of "The Lone Sailor". The Service will be held in the auditorium in case of inclement weather.

Enjoy lunch on your own at Union Station and browse the shops.

Arrive at The Washington Navy Yard and visit the USS Barry (DD-933) and/or the U.S. Navy Museum

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Mail your reservation form with full payment today to be sure it is RECEIVED by Walter Alexander, the DLA Registration Coordinator by the Registration cut-off date of September 11th.

Walk-in Registrations will be accepted in Chantilly, but only to attend the Business Meeting, use the Hospitality Room, and photos for Memory Book. They CAN NOT be guaranteed to be able to purchase tickets for the Welcome Reception, Tours, Buffet, nor Banquet.

Pre-registration fee is \$30.00.

Walk-in Registration is \$40.00 After September 11th.

Mail Registration Form with full payment to:
Destroyer Leader Association, Inc.
% Walter Alexander, Registration Coordinator
2311 Idavere Rd.
Roanoke, VA 24015-3903

If you have any questions or need more reunion information, contact the Registration Coordinator, Walter Alexander at the above address, or the Reunion Planner, Mel Young, Email: dl2sailor@sbcglobal.net, or call (330) 823 – 8230.

I look forward to meeting you in Chantilly, VA

Mel Young

Volunteer Reunion Planner 2010



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Keep pages 1 to 8 for your reference.