

Destroyer Leader Association 24rd Annual Reunion

NEW ORLEANS LA. September 19-24, 2022

CALL TO REUNION

The Destroyer Leader Association invites all shipmates who served on any of these ships at any time to attend our reunion to be held September 19-24, 2022. **NOTE** that all former shipmates are invited to reunion activities. You do not have to be a dues-paying member DLA member; note, though, that you must be current with your dues to attend the DL Association's annual business meeting.

FOUR POINTS by SHERATON FRENCH QUARTER HOTEL

The host hotel for the 2022 Reunion is the Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter Hotel .Room reservations **must be made by you directly** with the hotel by calling the hotel's Reservations Department at **504-524-7611 or Marriott Reservations 1-888-627-7596** To obtain the discounted room rate, you must ask for the Destroyer Leader Association group rate of \$109.00. These DLA room rates will also apply **Three (3) days** before and/or after the reunion. You will be responsible for your room, tax and incidental charges. Note also that any room cancellations **must be received** by the hotel's Reservations Department **72 hours** prior to the day of arrival for a full refund.

A room block of 40 rooms is being held until 5:00 PM, EDT, JULY 20, 2022 . You must make your hotel reservation by JULY 20, 2022 to receive the discounted DLA rate. The DLA is NOT handling any room reservations. If you need assistance, you may call the hotel directly @ Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM EDT. The hotel room rate does not include Breakfast.

NO AIRPORT SHUTTLE is available You will need a rental car, Taxi , Uber or Lyft for transportation Hotel Valet parking @ \$25.00/ night (reduced Rate)

FAMILY REUNION

Why not invite your family and/or friends to meet you in NEW ORLEANS and have a mini-family reunion combined with the DLA reunion?

REGISTRATION

“Welcome Aboard!” The welcome and registration table will be located in the Hospitality Room. You will pick up your reunion envelope, containing general reunion info, meal tickets, tour tickets, brochures, and your name tag / city tag. The Ship's Store will be at the Reunion this year, with its wares displayed in the Hospitality Room.

NOTE: Walk-ins may register here, but meal, event and tour tickets will not be available to anyone after JULY 20, including walk-ins. This is due to contractual agreements with the hotel and the tour company.

Registration by mail will not be accepted after JULY 20, 2020. Anyone registering after July 20 is eligible to attend the reunion hospitality Room, the Board of Directors' and business meetings (with a current due card) only, as tickets for other events **will not be available.**

Remember to bring your cap, scrapbook, cruise book, photo albums and Navy memorabilia for display in the Hospitality Room. In the process of having a Local Photographer do Individual/ Couples & ship photos on Friday afternoon.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Anyone attending the Reunion but NOT staying at the Four Points by Sheraton is required to pay an additional Hotel User Fee/Assessment of **\$50.00** to cover meeting and banquet room rental, setup and cleaning, bartender fees, etc. The fee does not apply to those staying in a room at the host hotel nor the member's guest(s).

The Hospitality Room will be located on the MAIN floor of the Hotel. 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, to meet shipmates you didn't know and meet people who served at a different time but share your ship's heritage. Bring any memorabilia for display there. As noted above, it will remain open so long as there are volunteers to stand watch during the tours. Call or email the reunion planner (Mike Bugara, 401-635-8860 or mjbugara@hotmail.com) to volunteer. The room will be closed during the Welcome reception, and Friday's banquet, Tours unless a Volunteer will man the room.

NOTE: Food and beverage items provided in the Hospitality Room may not be taken from the room due to hotel contractual agreements. 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 near the Atrium / Restaurant.

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.

Name tags Members attending the reunion use permanent blue plastic laminated name tags. The name tag includes the attendee (or guest) name, rate, years aboard, ship name and hull number.

If you are a first-time attendee or have misplaced your name tag, a new permanent name tag (as described above) can be provided. Please fill out the information on the Registration Form for yourself and guest and include the name tag price in your payment. **All name tags** (NOT city tags) **are \$15.00 each.** Also, if you need a city tag for a previous reunion, that may also be purchased at the ship's store @\$3.00. NOTE: If you have a pacemaker, please indicate on the Registration Form that you need a clutch pin attachment rather than the usual magnetic fastener.

PLAN OF THE DAY

****Note – the Hospitality Room will be open daily, if there are volunteers to staff it.**

Please be sure to check the POD/announcements board in the Hospitality Room daily for changes to the schedule shown below:

Monday, September 19 , 2022

9:00 am Hospitality Room set-up
11:00 am – 2:00 pm Early registration
2:00 pm DLA / Hotel pre-con meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

9:30 am – 10:00 pm ****Hospitality Room open**
Welcome, Registration
3:00 – 4:15 pm Board of Directors' meeting
6:00 pm **Hotel's welcome reception**
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

8:00am – 10:00 pm **Hospitality Room open

8:15 am – 5:00 pm Tour # 1

WW2 Museum -ALL DAY

DLA memorial Service, 4D Movie ,Beyond all bounds , Lunch on own @ museum

Dinner on your own

Thursday, September 22 ,2022

8:00 am – 10:00 pm **Hospitality Room open

8:15 am – 5:00 Tour # 2

NOLO City tour w stop at Historic Cemetery,
Buffet Lunch on Paddlewheel Lunch
cruise

Thursday, September, 22, 2022 cont'd

6:00 pm **Dinner on your own**

7:45 pm **Annual DLA Auction,**

The Auction Please bring or ship to the hotel a Gift to be auctioned off at the annual Auction. The Auction will be held on Thursday, Sept 22^h (see POD.)

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

Guest name or Destroyer Leader Reunion
C/O - Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter
541 Bourbon Street
New Orleans ,LA. 70130

PUT Attention :DLA reunion on the package

Tours are dependent upon minimums being met. Tour prices are based upon a minimum of 32 paid passengers per tour (maximum is 25 passengers per bus) as noted in the tour *description*. Each tour package price includes a deluxe Motor Coach, admissions as noted, meals as listed and taxes. **Coach boarding times will be 15 minutes prior to the listed departure times listed in the Plan of the Day.** Coaches will board outside the hotel front door. **Drivers' gratuities are NOT** included but also are left to each participant's discretion. **The first two rows of seats are reserved for our Handicapped and the bus monitor. If needed, a bus with one wheelchair spot will be reserved.** **Please advise on your registration form if you will need this option.** On-site reservations are not possible – **MAX # of people on TOURS this year 65 due to bus driver shortage.**

NOTE that all tours require some walking.

Please board promptly so that an on-time departures may stay on time . If you miss the busses you are on your own to get back, We will be using 29 passengers busses this year to accommodate pick up/ Drop off at Hotel front Door

Friday, September 23, 2022

8:00 am – 5:00 pm **Hospitality Room open

9:30 – 11:00 am **Men's Meeting**

Ladies' Bunco

11:00 am – 3:00 pm On your own to visit local sights

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Photo shoot

4:00 PM – 10:00 Cash Bar available)

6:00 pm Seating for Banquet & Program

6:30 – 8:15 pm Dinner served

8:30 – 10:30 pm Banquet program,
President's remarks, Installation
of 2020-2021 Officers, Raffle

Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:00 am **Hospitality Room open

9:30 am Chapel Service and Goodbyes

NON-TOUR ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, 3:00 – 4:00 p

A brief meeting of the Officers and Directors will be held. Any DL Association member is welcome, and invited, to attend as an observer. If you do plan to attend, please indicate this on the Registration form.

Members' business meeting: Friday, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Ladies' Bunco: simultaneous with the business meeting

While the annual membership business meeting of the DLA is in session, the ladies are invited to join a bunco. Only DLA dues-paying members in good standing will be admitted to the meeting. Please have your current membership card with you to be admitted. This important meeting will elect Board members/Officers for the coming two years and will include 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

Banquet : Friday, 6:00 pm

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.

NOTE: The doors will open for seating; salads may already be on the tables. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE INVOCATION BEFORE BEGINNING TO DINE.

The dinner menu:

Choice of one entrée: Filet Mignon /Peppercorn sauce
Chicken Dumonde w/Gulf Shrimp
Broiled Tilapia w/baby Shrimp & rice Pilaf
And, with each: Potatoes and Vegetables& Tossed Green Salad
Warm rolls and butter
Chiefs choice desert
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea
Vegetarian Option is available only with prior notice

A program, installation of Officers and a fifty / twenty-five / twenty-five raffle will follow dinner.

NOTE: There will be a cash bar available.

Chapel Service: Saturday, 9:15 AM

We'll hold a brief service in the Hospitality Room – Goodbyes after the

ALL REUNION REGISTRATIONS WITH FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY

JULY 20, 2022

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE OR MAIL AFTER JULY 20.