



DGUTS News



Official Newsletter of the USS Lawrence Association

USS LAWRENCE ~ 2010 REUNION Boston, MA ~ June 24th – 29th, 2010

Welcome to Boston

Boston is the birthplace of freedom and a city of firsts. History is evident around every corner; from the Puritans, the revolutionaries, immigrants, and presidents. Boston is one of the most colorful cities in America. The USS Lawrence Reunion tour program will provide the opportunity to see some of Boston's top attractions. Don't miss the Boston city tour, which will highlight many places where historical events took place, some of which shaped our Nation as it is today. The harbor cruise to the USS Constitution will provide wonderful views of the Boston Skyline, and provide ample time to explore the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship in the world. There will be many opportunities to catch up with your friends, and explore Boston on your own. This will be an unforgettable visit to Boston and give you memorable experiences that you will want to share with your family and friends. Price Perfect Photos will be taking pictures of our reunion and have them for sale at the end of the banquet.

Hotel Information

The reunion officially begins on Thursday, June 24th and ends on Tuesday, June 29th. You will be staying at the full service **Crowne Plaza Boston Hotel-Natick** which is located at 1360 Worcester St., Natick, MA 01760. The hotel is located close to many of the area's most popular attractions, and is across the street from the *Natick Mall* which offers many shops and restaurants.

The room rate is just **\$129.00** plus tax per night. The room rate includes continental breakfast served daily in our hospitality room. We are also permitted to BYOB in our hospitality room. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available 2 days before and 2 days after the official reunion dates, based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations NOW by calling the hotel directly at the following number 508-653-8800 between 9am-4pm EST and ask for in-house reservations. Be sure to ask for the USS Lawrence Reunion rate to assure you are associated with your group. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (king, double/double, handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. Make your reservations NOW, you may cancel your hotel room up to 48 hours prior to arrival and not be charged. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or **May 14th, 2010**, whichever comes first.

Airport Transportation & Parking

If you are flying to the reunion, Boston Logan airport (BOS) is the closest. There are several shuttle companies who offer transportation service to the hotel, please inquire when you make your room reservation. The least expensive option is the Logan Express Shuttle and their website is www.massport.com/logan/getti_logan_frami.html. The cost round trip per person is \$20-22. The Logan Express will take you from the airport to the Framingham Station. From there you need to call the hotel for the free hotel shuttle service. Remember to have the hotel's phone number with you while traveling. For those of you driving, the hotel offers plenty of free parking.

Travel safely and

See you in Boston!

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USS LAWRENCE~ 2010 REUNION EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION

Thursday, June 24th (7:00pm at the Hotel)

Join your friends for an informal Welcome Reception in the Hospitality Room. This will be casual evening, and a wonderful chance to see everyone. The menu is mini sandwiches, cheese & crackers, vegetables & dip, meatballs, chicken wings, beverages, and cookies. Don't miss this first opportunity to reconnect with your friends.

EVENT A: BEST OF BOSTON CITY TOUR

Friday, June 25th (9:00am-4:00pm)

Board your coach with your experienced tour guide for a narrated tour of "Beantown". Today you will see the places where important historical events took place, some of which shaped our Nation as it is today, and find out why Boston is the "birthplace of freedom and a city of firsts". Attractions will include the golden-domed *State House*, *Bunker Hill*, *Boston Common*, *Copley Square*, *Newbury St*, *Quincy Market*, and *Fenway Park*. Time permitting, the tour will take you to *Paul Revere's House*, the *Old North Church*, and the site of the Boston Massacre. You will have plenty of time for lunch on your own and shopping at the very famous and historic *Faneuil Hall*. This is a great way to see it all, don't forget your camera.

EVENT B: HARBOR CRUISE & THE USS CONSTITUTION

Saturday, June 26th (9:00am-4:00pm)

Board your luxury Yacht for a cruise to the *Charleston Navy Yard* to visit the *USS Constitution*. Enjoy the fully narrated cruise, which will bring you up close and personal with "Old Ironsides". The *USS Constitution* is the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the entire world. Still part of the U.S. Navy ship roster, she is tangible evidence of America's proud naval heritage as well as a modern day representative of America's patriotism and pride. You will disembark for a tour of the famous ship, perhaps the most treasured of all Boston landmarks, and the accompanying *Naval Museum*.

FREE DAYS

Sunday, June 27th & Monday, June 28th

There is so much to do and see in Boston we are leaving Sunday & Monday open for you to visit the attractions that interest you the most. There will be a Association business meeting around 10am on Sunday morning.

BANQUET DINNER

Monday, June 28th (7:00pm at the Hotel)

Join all of your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 6:00pm; dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form of either Chicken Picatta or Sirloin of Beef. We will also hold our annual gift basket and 50/50 raffle. There will also be a drawing for the DDG-4 model.

TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of Tour & Banquet expenses up until three (3) days before the start of your reunion. If you need to cancel – please call our office immediately (817-251-3551) for a cancellation number. If you have not purchased cancellation insurance all tour and meal money is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

Important Reunion Notes:

- ~ Tours may be cancelled if a minimum of 30 people per bus is not met. In this case, full refunds will be given.
- ~ Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary from the bus to attractions and in some instances, to also see the attractions. Please consider your abilities before purchasing tours.
 - ~ Be sure to bring photo identification (like a driver's license) on all events.
 - ~ All tour times are subject to change. A final itinerary is available at registration.
 - ~ Exact vessel for the cruise is subject to change based on availability and/or final tour count.

USS LAWRENCE

2010 REUNION RESERVATION FORM

Complete and mail this entire form with a check payable to:
Military Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

REGISTRATION FEE -- Everyone Please Pay: _____ people at \$15 p.p. = _____
{Fee is non-refundable}

Welcome Reception
Thursday, June 24th (7:00pm at the Hotel) _____ people at \$19 p.p. = _____

EVENT A: Best of Boston City Tour:
Friday, June 25th (9:00am-4:00pm) _____ people at \$52 p.p. = _____

EVENT B: Harbor Cruise & USS Constitution :
Saturday, June 26th (9:00am-4:00pm) _____ people at \$65 p.p. = _____

Banquet Dinner:
Monday, June 28th (7:00pm at the Hotel)
SELECT: Beef _____ people at \$46 p.p. = _____

OR: Chicken _____ people at \$42 p.p. = _____

Tour Cancellation Insurance: (Non-refundable) _____ people at \$10 p.p. = _____

Late Reservation Fee: (If received after May 14th, 2010) _____ people at \$10 p.p. = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Name (As you want it to appear on badge): _____

Spouse: _____

Guest(s): _____

Address: _____ City : _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ Phone: (Other) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Emergency contact during the reunion: _____ Ph: _____

Years Served 19 _____ to 19 _____

Reservations are due by May 14th, 2010. Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a nonrefundable \$10 per person, late fee. You should make a copy of this form for your records. For information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com . Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked before due date above. No refunds will be made after this date, unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. There is a non-refundable \$10 per person refund processing fee. Sorry, no refunds will be given starting 3 days before the reunion for any reason. Your cancelled check is your receipt and proof of purchase. There is a \$25 return check fee for NSF. For a written confirmation please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion. Tours require a minimum of 30 people in order to operate. Full refunds given for any cancelled Event.

Date Rec'd: _____ Check # _____ Amount\$ _____ XCL # _____

Adams Class Ship Museum Commanding Officers Event

On Thursday evening November 5th, 2009 the first of the Adams Class Museum events took place; a Reception for former Adams Class DDG Commanding Officers, Adams Class Crewmen and Sponsors at the River City Brewing Company located on the South bank of the St. Johns River next to the Acosta Bridge. The event was extremely well attended and all had a spectacular view of the St. Johns River and the proposed location for a new pier that will be the future home of the Adams Class Naval Ship Museum ex. USS Charles F. Adams DDG-2.

On Friday evening, the Dinner Commemorating all Adams Class Ship Commanding Officers was held in the OMNI Hotel, beginning with a reception and Silent Auction. Over 150 Navy veterans and Jacksonville City Officials, businesses, and community leaders attended the dinner. During the Reception, a model of the USS CHARLES F. ADAMS DDG-2, built and donated by Keith Mullen owner of BaD Ship Models, was on display. During the Reception, many donated items were put up for Silent Auction to raise funds for the Adams Class Museum. To raise additional funds for the Museum, Keith Mullen donated two additional DDG-2 model kits for the raffle. USS Charles F. Adams DDG-2 Ship Model Built by Keith Mullen at 1/96 scale. After the Reception, everyone headed into the ballroom for the Dinner. Each table had a framed picture of one of the ships of the Adams Class of guided missile destroyers. The emcee for the night was Bert Watson the President of the JHNSA. Following dinner, Captain Bob Branco, former C.O. of Adams and President of ACVA, gave a presentation on the status of our efforts to set up the Adams Class Museum. Rear Admiral George Huchting shared his thoughts on why these ships were so significant, and how the Adams Class Museum should be used to educate the youth of today and tomorrow. Next, our Guest Speaker, Admiral Jonathan Howe USN (Ret) spoke eloquently regarding the Cold War, and the role that was played by the Adams Class DDG Destroyers. He made it very clear that there was a compelling case to be made for telling the story of the Cold War, how the USA was successful in winning that very difficult struggle against Communism, and how the story of the US Navy and the Adams Class ships needs to be told through the Adams Class Museum. Finally, Councilman John Meserve, former Mayor of Jacksonville, gave a strong endorsement of the Adams Class Museum. It's important to note that the dinner attendees included a number of Jacksonville City Council members and local businessmen. The dinner concluded with remarks by JHNSA President Bert Watson.

On Saturday, many event attendees headed to Jacksonville Beach in buses provided by JHNSA to see the Jacksonville Sea & Sky Spectacular - Blue Angels Air Show. Later Saturday evening, everyone walked to The Jacksonville Landing, to attend the Grand Opening of the JHNSA Museum Store. A large crowd assembled and was in awe of what they saw. In the front window was Keith Mullen's 1/96 model of Charles F. Adams. Over half a dozen displays show numerous items from Adams Class ships, a General Alarm, sound powered phone sets, communications equipment, navigation lights and a radar repeater. Diagrams of the proposed Acosta Bridge pier berth for DDG-2, and Hull Plate Donation Program drawings are on display. Within our store is the largest display of military hats in the US as well as Adams Class Museum patches, ball caps, coffee mugs, license plates, dog tags and many other items courtesy of Eagle Crest, a local company.



WIN a USS Lawrence DDG-4 Model

You can win a exact model of DDG-4 just like the one pictured to the left (hull number will be 4).

Raffle entries are \$5 each or 7 for \$25. Fill out the Ship Model raffle entry form on page 6 and mail it in to the address listed no later than June 6, 2010. The winning entry will be drawn at the banquet during the 2010 Boston Reunion. The model kit is being donated by Keith Mullen owner of BaD Ship Models and is valued at over \$400. Assembly is required.

Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association

Salutes the
Chief Petty Officers of the Navy, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines
and the
Adams Class Destroyers

From October 20-24, 2010 in Jacksonville, FL, the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) will host an event to salute the Chief Petty Officers of the Navy, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and Adams Class DDG's. The ACVA will be assisting in this as well. This event is being held in conjunction with "Jacksonville Salutes the Sea Services" which is the reason all sea services are included in the JHNSA's events. The JAX Air Station will also be holding the Air Show that weekend with the Blue Angels. The JHNSA events in the works are a golf tournament (date and location to be determined), welcome reception (10/21), and the banquet (10/22). We have a request in to MCPON Rick West to be the keynote speaker and are waiting for his reply. There will be other speakers as well. Downtown events will include the US Marine Silent Drill Team, fireworks, ships visits on the Coast Guard's tall ship and a new navy Littoral Combat Ship as well as others. Also if you are a member of the Navy League, they are having their National Convention in town during this same time. 10/23-10/24 will be the air show and we expect to obtain VIP seating for our guests. Lastly, if there is a home game scheduled you can attend a Jacksonville Jaguar's game on Sunday as well. This will be an exciting week so if you are a Chief, Officer, or E-1 to E-6 you don't want to miss this event. Come out and support the Adams Class Naval Ship Museum, visit the museum store, and see what DDG-4 equipment is now on display. If you are interested in attending please email us at dguts@usslawrence.com or call 814-322-4150. More information on this will be sent out in the future.

The USS Lawrence Association is proud to support a newly formed Navy Sea Cadet Program in Toledo, OH. The cadets have named their training ship "USS Lawrence" and adopted the slogan "Don't Give Up The Ship!" Our Association is providing their first "ship's ball cap", the round ship's patch, and the command rocker patch for their uniforms. We are also making a plaque containing a brass electrical connection box cover plate to serve as their commissioning plank. This cover plate was taken from DDG-4 during dismantling. The date of their ship commissioning is Sunday April 18, 2010 at 1300. The event will be held at the Naval Reserve Center in Toledo. All crewmembers of DDG-4 & DD-250 are invited. If you live in the Toledo Area you are highly encouraged to attend. We have been told that it would mean a great deal to the cadets to have our crewmembers present at this occasion. If you would like to attend please send a email to dguts@usslawrence.com or call 814-322-4150.

Association Hull Plate Sponsorship

Shipmates, as you know the USS Lawrence Association voted to sponsor three hull plates to assist in the restoration of the hull on the USS Charles F. Adams. Our association took the lead in kicking off this fundraising program for the Adams Class Naval Ship Museum. Now other ship groups have followed. There even has been a couple Adams Class crewmembers who sponsored a plate themselves. To date we have raised \$2120 towards the \$7000 needed to pay off our plates. That leaves a balance of only \$4880. All we ask is that each Lawrence shipmate donate \$10 if you can afford to do so. If you can't we surely understand in these tough times. If you can afford to give a little extra please do so. Remember that your donation is 100% tax deductible. The other important thing is that DDG-4 is going to be well represented in the museum. Already on display are 10 panels of DDG-4 equipment in the museum store in the Jacksonville Landing. The ACVA is also working to obtain all the CIC equipment from DDG-4. Please see the form on the next page to send in your hull plate donation.

LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION HULL PLATE DONATION FORM

NAME: _____ RANK _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____
EMAIL _____ @ _____ DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

Please make check payable to ACVA ad mail to:

ACVA c/o
135 Zurenda Lane
Mineral Point, PA 15942-4505

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LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION MODEL SHIP RAFFLE ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
EMAIL: _____ @ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Indicate number of tickets below

_____ one entry for \$5 _____ entries @ \$5 each for a total of \$ _____ _____ 7 entries for \$25

Please make check payable to USS LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION and mail to:

USS Lawrence Association c/o
135 Zurenda Lane
Mineral Point, PA 15942-4505

SHIPS STORE

We have added a selection of new items to our ship's store. There are 3 styles of black t-shirts with the phrases and pictures "Til Death Do Us Part", "We Own The Seas", & "Ask The Chief" on the fronts. There is also 5 new "Navy" ball caps in different styles and colors. There is also a pink US Navy ball cap for the ladies. You may see pictures of the items at www.uslawrence.com by clicking on the Ship's Store link at the top of the page. Use the Ship Store Order Form on the next page to make an order. Don't forget to pay your 2010 Association Dues. Remember to enter the 2011 Jacksonville, FL Reunion Raffle. Raffle winners are listed on the website.

**USS LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP, SHIPS STORE, & 2010 RAFFLE ENTRY FORM**

ASSOCIATION DUES

2010 CREMEMBER (non-voting)	Free	Free
2010 CREWMEMBER (voting)	\$10	_____
2009 Crewmember (voting)	\$10	_____

<u>BALL CAPS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>QNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ships Ball Cap	\$15 x	_____	= _____
5641 Khaki US Navy Emblem	\$15 x	_____	= _____
5743 Chief Test Select	\$15 x	_____	= _____
5667 USN Own the Seas	\$15 x	_____	= _____
5748 Bone 2B Navy	\$15 x	_____	= _____
5659 Pink Navy Ladies	\$15 x	_____	= _____
5951 Own Seas w/Eagle	\$15 x	_____	= _____
5485 Khaki Navy Vintage	\$15 x	_____	= _____

<u>T-SHIRTS</u>	<u>SIZE/QTY</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
White Flag/Ship	M__L__XL__	\$10 =	_____
GrayBluePirate	M__L__XL__3XL__	\$12 =	_____
CactusGRNMermaid	M__L__XL__	\$11 =	_____
DeathDoUsPart BLK	M__L__XL__2XL__	\$15 =	_____
WeOwnTheSeas BLK	M__L__XL__2XL__	\$15 =	_____
AskTheChief BLK	LG__XL__2XL__	\$15 =	_____

<u>SHIPS POLO NAVY BLUE SHIRT</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Sizes M__L__XL__	\$25 =	_____
Sizes 2XL__3XL__	\$29 =	_____

Blue round ships patch QTY__ x \$7 = _____
(only the patch price includes postage)

DUES & SHIP STORE ORDER TOTAL = \$ _____

PRIORITY SHIPPING COST

1 Item please add	\$5	=	_____
2 to 4 items please add	\$10	=	_____
5 or more items please add	\$14	=	_____

DONATION TO USS LAWRENCE ASSOC = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ENCLOSE CHECK = \$ _____

REUNION RAFFLE ENTRIES

You will receive entries for a chance to win in our yearly reunion raffle by doing one or more of the following:

1. Circle FREE in the box to the left and complete your contact information and mail in.
2. Pay the yearly memberships dues of \$10.
3. Place a order from our ship's store.
4. Make a donation to the Association. For every \$5 donated you will receive one entry.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ST _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ @ _____

RANK/RATE _____ YEARS ON SHIP _____ TO _____

MAIL CHECK AND THIS FORM TO :

USS LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION c/o
135 ZURENDA LANE
MINERAL POINT, PA 15942-4505

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO THE USS LAWRENCE
ASSOCIATION

Questions please call 814-322-4150 or e-mail us at
dguts@usslawrence.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!!!!

Association use only

CK Rec ___/___/___ Dated ___/___/___

- CK # _____ AMT \$ _____

Total raffle entries this order _____

USS Lawrence Association DDG-4 & DD-250
c/o 135 Zurenda Lane
Mineral Point PA 15942-4505

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

If you are not the addressee or the addressee is deceased, please indicate and return to your letter carrier.

In this issue:

2010 Boston, MA Reunion information and registration form.

Win a DDG-4 model kit!

New ship store items!

Fair winds and following seas to our departed shipmates.....
DD-250
Grant Acker Raymond Roach Thomas R Sparks WT1C

DDG-4
Joseph Demarais SKC James A Merritt SN Patrick Risbon William H Shonk Jr (3rd Commanding Officer)
Thomas W F Walsh CDR (1st Commanding Officer)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Website
We are slowly working on getting all the websites features working, correcting any problems, and updating it with information that shipmates have sent. We got behind on this due to work with the Adams Museum Ship project and planning of fundraising events. Slowly time is being freed up to work on our website so please keep checking back for updates!

We only send out the newsletter twice a year. There are times that things happen that we would like to keep you updated on sooner than every 6 months. If you have an email address please ensure that we have it. If you have not received any emails from us it is because we don't have your email address or the one we have for you is bad. The other reason is spam filters. Please set your spam filter to allow email from dguts@usslawrence.com. If you have not got a email from us in February of 2010 then please email us at the above email address.