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## Official Newsletter of the USS Lawrence Association



### "BREAKING NEWS"

#### ADAMS CLASS NAVAL SHIP MUSEUM

On Tuesday October 12, 2010 at about 5:45 PM, the Jacksonville City Council voted 15-0 to approve Ordinance 2010-675, which gives the City of Jacksonville's formal support for berthing the ADAMS Class Museum, utilizing the USS CHARLES F. ADAMS, alongside the Acosta Bridge in downtown Jacksonville on the south bank of the St Johns River. This is one of the key legislative steps in satisfying the US Navy requirement to demonstrate the availability of a permanent berth for ADAMS for at least 10 years. Great work by the JHNSA team of Bert Watson and John O'Neil who worked hard with Councilman Bill Bishop, the sponsor of the Ordinance to make this happen.

Over the past two years since the City Council passed a resolution supporting the idea of the Adams Class Museum many repeated meetings were held briefing various area of government on the Adams Project. Now with this ordinance showing the Jacksonville's formal support the major fundraising can take place. Yes, it is now all about the money in this tough economy. Both JHNSA & ACVA are working to locate equipment, in-kind contributions, and of course hard cash. At this time they are working out details of donated mooring lines and possible free or greatly reduced dry docking to repair the hull of the ship. They are also in need of volunteers in the Jacksonville Area to help man the Adams Class Museum Visitor Center at the Jacksonville Landing, help with getting donations, and assistance during fundraising events. If you can help contact them through the JHNSA website [www.adamsclassmuseum.org](http://www.adamsclassmuseum.org).

With the ordinance now in place, the only thing stopping the project is lack of funding. The USS Lawrence Association sponsored 3 hull plates for a total of \$7000 to assist in refurbishing the hull of the ship. Rather than use association funds to pay for them we are relying on each shipmate's generosity. To date our shipmates have contributed \$2930 towards the hull plates. We need your help to pay off this pledge. With our newsletter reaching over 700 shipmates, we are asking that those who can afford to make a tax deductible minimum donation of \$10. So as one Adams Class Shipmate put it: "Send in your cash! Send in your wife's cash! *Heck, send in your wife!!!!*" Please remember that USS Lawrence DDG-4 is going to be well represented in the Adams Class Museum. Presently equipment from DDG-4 is on display at the Visitor Center and we are looking at getting all of the Lawrence CIC equipment from the Independent Seaport Museum in Philadelphia to replace the missing items on Adams. Fill out the Hull Plate Donation Form on page 5 to send in your donation.



### 2011 USS Lawrence Association Jacksonville, FL Reunion

Will be held from Tuesday June 21 to Sunday June 26, 2011

More details on Page 2

## 2011 JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA REUNION

We will be staying at the Crown Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront. The hotel is one of the major supporters of the Adam Class Museum. This is a very military friendly hotel who's manager is a ex-Marine. He has the staff bend over backwards for all military reunions. You have three room options: Standard City View @ \$115/night, Standard River View @ \$135/night, or a Jr Suite with river View @ \$165/night. These rates do not include tax. This is what our association receives for the above rates:

1. Rate is good 2 days before and after reunion.
2. Complimentary parking. (usually \$10/day)
3. Continental Breakfast served in Hospitality Room
4. Free hospitality room with BYOB.
5. One lucky attendee will have their room upgraded to a Jr Suite at the \$115/night rate with Club Level Privileges.
6. One complimentary room for our "Win a Reunion Raffle"

Make your reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1-904-398-8800 Ext. 500 and mention the USS Lawrence Reunion. You may visit their website at [www.cpjacksonville.com](http://www.cpjacksonville.com).

### Jacksonville Reunion Events

#### Tuesday June 21, 2011

Arrival day for most with hotel check in at 4PM. The hospitality room will be open around noon. Bring your swimsuit and enjoy the summer evening! The Welcome Reception will be held at the hotel's riverfront pool.

#### Wednesday June 22, 2011 US Naval Station Mayport Tour

Welcome aboard U. S. Naval Station, Mayport, this is the second largest naval base on the East Coast which serves over 20 ships and several helicopter squadrons. The Aegis class destroyers, stationed here were built at a cost of over \$1 billion each. A ships tour has been requested (security conditions permitting). Following the base tour, visit the Jacksonville Anheuser-Busch brewery, one of Anheuser-Busch's twelve U.S and two overseas breweries. This tour is a wonderful chance to learn about the companies' rich brewing heritage and discover how the Busch beers are carefully crafted. The tour includes a visit to the Brew House, Beechwood Aging Cellars and the state-of-the-art packaging facilities. At the end of the tour, there will be samples for all (you must be at least 21 years of age in order to sample the beers). Relax in the hospitality room and enjoy your favorite brew or browse the unique Anheuser-Busch gift shop.

#### Thursday June 23, 2011 Historic St. Augustine Tour

You will learn about the incredible history of St. Augustine and Florida; how they grew and prospered under Spanish, British, French and American rule. Your professional guide will show you the sites and regale you with captivating historical accounts of the Native Indians, Spanish Galleons, Pirates and the Revolutionary War. You will ride through the ***Fountain of Youth*** property and hear the fable of the Fountain, Ponce de Leon's discovery of *La Florida*, and his encounter with the native Indians. Regarded as the oldest city in the United States, you will find Florida's history a fascinating story. Following the guided tour, there will be time for exploring, shopping, and lunch on your own in this quaint little town. St George's Street, which is a reconstruction of Old World Florida is lined with stone houses with overhanging balconies and walled garden patios. St George's and its neighboring side streets is where you will find many historical spots, boutiques, gift shops, restaurants and cafes. This will be a wonderful day in Old Florida.

Jacksonville Reunion continued on Page 3

### Friday June 24, 2011 Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach Tour

Amelia Island is known as Florida's Golden Isle. One of a chain of barrier islands stretching from South Carolina, Amelia Island is a charming place - 13 miles long and two miles wide. Settled by the French, developed by the Spanish, named by the English and tamed by the Americans, Amelia is the only location in the United States to have been under eight different flags. Today, Amelia Island is a quaint, unique and upscale destination of many visitors. Your day begins with a guided tour which will highlight some of the Islands most historical attractions including the "Silk Stocking District" which boasts some of Florida's most elegant Victorian homes, Fort Cinch, built in 1847 to protect Fernandina's deep water port, and American Beach, the only beach open to African Americans until the 1960's. The afternoon will be spent at Fernandina Beach which is the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry, the shrimp boats depart the docks on most days. The 50 block historic district with classic Victorian architecture makes a stroll through the city a delight. You will have time to explore the boutiques, shop, watch the boats, and have lunch on your own by the water.

This is a nice relaxing day in Old Florida.

### Saturday June 25, 2011

Spend the day on your own wondering around the city or lounging poolside. Our Farewell Banquet will be held later in the evening.

We are also exploring group dining for the evenings for those that are interested. On Friday evening plans are in the works for us to attend the TAG Block Party. This is a outdoor event put on by "Take Away Gourmet" & "Matthew's Restaurant". Chef Matthew and his staff create a large variety of gourmet foods that are to die for. The cost will be around \$25/person, but it is all you can eat and drink (beer & wine). We may also do something at River City Brewing if the price is right. Looking at a meal with unlimited beer sampling. RBC is a short two block walk along the river from the hotel.

## FUTURE REUNIONS

### San Diego, CA June 19-24, 2012

We will be staying at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center. Our ladies will love this place. Room rates have been reduced from \$150/night to \$120/night +tax. Tours will have us visiting the San Diego Naval Base and the USS Midway Museum Ship. Other tours will also be planned. West Coast Shipmates we really need to see you attend this reunion as it will help determine if there is interest in returning to the West Coast in the future.

### San Antonio, TX June 2013

We are in the process of getting bids from the hotels located downtown along the Riverwalk. Hoping for room rates around \$110/night. To see sample tour options go to our website and click on the Future Reunions link and look under San Antonio for the link to the tours.

### Norfolk, VA June 2014

This will be our first trip back to our homeport of Norfolk since the ship was decommissioned. We would expect a large turnout for this reunion with many of our shipmates residing in the Tidewater Area.

Please remember that if you live in a area where the reunions are held, our tours are all optional. We would like to see you at the Welcome Reception and Farewell Banquet. You are also permitted to hang out with the crew in the hospitality room at the hotel.

## 2010 Boston Reunion Review

With the economy still taking its toll on all military reunion attendance, ours was no different. we did have several new shipmates attend this year. Thursday was the Welcome Reception with a ton of food, renewing our friendships from the past, and making new friends. On Friday we had a tour of the historic City of Boston. Saturday was a harbor cruise to the USS Constitution and back with lunch at the Quincy Market. Sunday was a free day with many traveling to Downtown Boston on their own. A small groups even made their way to Gloucester home of the movie "A Perfect Storm", Salem to learn about the Witch Trials, and to the Medieval Manor for a meal and comedy show with the knights. Several shipmates who won't be mentioned here were dragged up on stage with others to perform "I'm a Little Tea Pot"! Below is a picture of those who attended the reunion. Not pictured but attended are: John Knell (66-69), Art Parker (72-73), Dave Williamson (62-64), Jim Williamson (61-63) and Eugene Winkler (66).



First Row: Frank Eastlack (70-71), David Guild (79-83), Andy Pisarcik (65-67), Scott Chausee (80-85), John Roesse (61-63)

Second Row: Peter Bergan (65-67), Rich Pardy (67-70), Mike Webb (82-84), J B Graham (77-79), Walter Keebler (62-64), Mike LoVaglio (71-75), Craig Bernat (82-86)

Congratulations to Andy Roberts who was the winner of the Adams Class Model Ship that was raffled off from all the entries that were mailed in. Thanks to Keith Mullen owner of BaD Ship Models and Adams Class Sailor for donating the kit to our association to raffle off. Our association made \$500 on the raffle. Maybe Andy will bring it to the Jacksonville Reunion assembled to show off his model building skills????

## Ship's Store Items

Below are items in the ship store that are no specific to USS Lawrence. We would like to clear these out as soon as possible. They are limited in size and quantity which is indicated under each item. They would make nice Christmas gifts so order now while supplies last. Use the order form on Page 7 to place a order.



Item 5485 - 4 left



Item 5641 - 2 left



Item 5667 - 3 left



Item 5743 - 3 left



Item 5748 - 4 left



Item 5951 - 4 left



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M, L, & XL-4 left, 2XL-2 left



M & XL-4 left, L & 2XL-2 left

### 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

# WIN IN THE 2011 JACKSONVILLE REUNION RAFFLE

Here is your chance to win a free room for the 2011 Jacksonville Reunion. The first place winner will receive free a room from June 21-26, 2011, reunion registration for 2, two admissions to the "Welcome Reception", and two Farwell Banquet Dinners. The second place winner will receive a side view framed print of DDG-4 or DD-250 which can be seen on the Tin Can Sailors website. Third place prize is a framed print entitled "Home For Good" the USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2). This is a reproduction of a painting done by the artist Duffy Soto who is known for his paintings of military aircraft. Duffy has donated the original painting to the Adams Class Ship Museum. This print is one of only 25 that were signed personally by Duffy. All proceeds of the sale of this print were donated to the Adams Class Museum. This will make a great keepsake.

Here is how to enter. USS Lawrence DDG-4 or DD-250 crewmembers are entitled to one(1) free entry. No purchase is necessary, but you must register your free entry by completing the entry form on page 7 and mailing it in or you will not be entered in the drawing. You may get one(1) extra entry in the drawing for each one of the following: Pay your 2010 or 2011 dues or purchase from the ship's store. You can get additional entries by making a donation to the Association. For every \$5 you donate, you will receive one(1) free entry. The official rules are located on the website. If you don't have a computer and want a copy please call 814-322-4150. We are no longer giving away free tours in the raffle since they are no longer given to us for free. The tours are your own expense.

## Cell Phones for Soldiers

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist from Norwell MA, with \$21 of their own money. Since then, the registered 501c3 non-profit organization has raised almost \$2 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas. To a military family, a phone call home is priceless. Cell Phones for Soldiers address an everyday emotional need that everyone has experienced: the need to call home, to hear a familiar voice while far away. You can help our troops stay connected by donating your used cell phones. The phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone. Proceeds from each phone are used to purchase calling cards for U.S. Soldiers serving overseas with an hour of talk time. Americans will replace an estimated 130 million cell phones this year with the majority of phones either discarded or stuffed in a drawer. To forwarding you old cellphone/s drop off points for phones can be found at [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/locateDropoff.asp](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/locateDropoff.asp) by entering your zip code or they can be sent by mail or FedEx. At [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/resource\\_center.html](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/resource_center.html) you can download a shipping label with prepaid postage for mailing 1-3 phones. For 4 or more phones, go to [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com) for a FedEx shipping label.

- Deactivate phone(s) and turn off power.
- Keep battery attached to phone. If battery is not attached to phone, place tape over terminal ends.
- Place phone(s) in drop off box or put in an envelope or small box, affix the prepaid shipping label to package, seal and drop in mailbox or FedEx package center.

[Source: Military.com Military Report 30 Aug 2010 ++]

## Treasurer's Report July 1 2009 to June 30 2010

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Startiing Balance \$2014.68	Raffle Prizes	\$288.62
Ship Store Sales 1225.32	Bank Fee	00.35
Model Raffle 510.04	Donation	110.00
Postage 289.00	Postage Paid	1132.86
Membership Dues 510.00	Printing/Supplies/Other	144.19
Raffles & Other 355.00	Hotel/Banquet Fees	422.98
Cash Donations 759.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME \$3648.36</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2099.00</b>
Cost of goods sold \$1801.53	<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-\$252.17</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT \$1846.83</b>	<b>CASH ON HAND</b>	<b>\$2419.25</b>

Because this is a report that goes midyear to midyear it is showing a small operating loss. This fiscal year a profit to date.

**USS LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP, SHIPS STORE, & 2011 RAFFLE ENTRY FORM**

**ASSOCIATION DUES**

2011 CREMEMBER (non-voting)	Free	Free
2011 CREWMEMBER (voting)	\$10	_____
2010 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	_____ =	_____
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 =	_____

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

Check Rec on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Raffle Entries This Order \_\_\_\_\_

USS Lawrence Association DDG-4 & DD-250  
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If you are not the addressee or the addressee is deceased, please indicate and return to your letter carrier.

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"Breaking News" on the Adams Class Naval Ship Museum

New ship store items!

*Fair winds and following seas to our departed shipmates.....*

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William Burdick Ernie Ryavec Victor Spata

DDG-4

William Baldwin SN, Keith E. Broy, Elbert W. Byous DK3, Virgil J. Englert FTCS, John Fairhead YN2  
Harold R. Hickox FTCS, Glenn J. Keys, Phillip L. Lather, Henry A. Levien, Rodney R. McWane EM1  
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Website

This is always a work in progress. Slowly we are getting things posted that have been emailed to us. We are working to make maintaining the site easier and may eliminate a few pages to do so. Check back on occasion for the latest site updates.

[www.uslawrence.com](http://www.uslawrence.com)

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