

Norfolk Reunion Items of Interest

We steam into our homeport of Norfolk Virginia, Tidewater USA for our next reunion on Oct 18 - Oct 22, which is a homecoming and always a big reunion. The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Norfolk, Virginia Beach Executive and Conference center which is the same hotel that hosted our last reunion in Norfolk.

The Executive Board voted and the membership approved providing free dinner to any shipmate that has attended at least five (5) reunions (not counting this one), this is only for shipmates, sorry not for spouses or dependents. In addition, if you register to attend the reunion and the registration is post marked prior to 1 July you can deduct \$25.00 from your registration fee. Look for the discount on the second page of the registration.

We are going to shake things up a little bit more this year, break out the **Ben Gay** and put on your dancing shoes. Immediately after the Saturday two bell ceremony and dinner, a DJ and dancing will be had or something that resembles dancing! The 50/50 raffle will be held during the normal Saturday dinner. More information will be provided on the website and in future newsletters.

During the wine and cheese meet on Friday bring a big appetite there will be plenty of eats for everyone, and another change to protocol is that we will hold the donated raffle items during this period rather than during the dinner on Saturday so get your raffle tickets early. You must be present to win.

If you are not staying at the hotel, please note it on your registration form, that way we can keep better track of overall registration at the hotel. This is particularly important at this venue since many of our shipmates live in the area and prefer to sleep at home

Tours are plentiful, we have four tours proposed that will keep everyone busy. Two tours on Thursday, one tour on Friday and one on Saturday. Please be mindful of the following:

- Gratuities for the guide and driver are not included in the price of the tour
- If you do not sign up for a tour, and decide at the last minute that you want to go, there will be an additional charge of \$5.00
- Boarding times for tours are 15 minutes prior to departure
- Guests requiring special arrangements (dietary, physically disabled) must make your needs known in advance to guarantee that they can be accommodated.
- All individuals going on the military tour must have a picture ID. Everyone is subject to search and you cannot have pocket knives, scissors, and nail files. You are not allowed any bags other than pocketbooks or camera cases on military installations. We are considering a plan to provide snacks/sandwiches to tour members since lunch is not included.

- The tour company will provide one comp for every 35 paid guests. The 10th person to sign up for each tour (if the minimum of 35 is met), will be awarded the comp. **Executive Board Members are NOT eligible.**