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THE IRONMAN—A DOUBLE ENDER’S NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Content

This newsletter is all about the 2008 Reeves Reunion in Washington, DC. News from our shipmates, from the web-site, exciting emails, etc. will appear in the next issue.

Please read this issue completely if you are planning to attend. Hey, read it completely even if you aren’t coming. May be you’ll want to attend the next one.

It’s pretty safe to say that there won’t be another reunion in D.C. - at least for the next eight years. This one’s packed with touring, time and places to go. Join us in D.C.!

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Special points of interest:

- Reunion 2008, Washington, DC, registration form is enclosed. Please complete and return soonest if you plan to attend.
- 50/50 booklets are enclosed to participate whether attending or not.
- If you aren’t a current member, please complete the form on the back page and return so that you can continue to receive the newsletter.

Washington D.C. 2008 Reunion Dates Confirmed

After considerable searching and requests for proposals, Terry McManuels of Military Reunions To Remember (MRTR) received an excellent response from the Holiday Inn National Airport. This hotel is barely five minutes due west of Reagan National and at the southern end of Crystal City proper. Its location is excellent for access to neighboring shops and restaurants, as well as travel to Washington, DC, proper.

Holiday Inn has offered Thursday, September 11th to Sunday, September 15th for the Reeves reunion. The hotel will reserve a block of 30 rooms for that period at a special rate of \$95 per night. This is an outstanding value!

We had 44 positive “I will attend” responses to the reunion survey, of which 20 were 100% sure of attending. In order to receive a guaranteed block of rooms, we had to commit to 30 shipmates attending. Anything less, and no hotel would commit or even propose a package. Anything more, with our survey data, could end up costing us considerably for unused rooms. Bottom line—if you are planning on attending, don’t wait to make hotel arrangements. Once the 30 rooms are booked, there are no more at our special rate.

For those who have never visited the Washington DC area, Crystal City is a one-mile long three-block wide strip of modern hotels, office buildings, condos and apartments that sits adjacent to the George Washington Parkway, across from Reagan National Airport at the 14th Street Bridge

gateway into Washington.

The Holiday Inn is located one-half mile from the Pentagon, one and one-half miles from Arlington Cemetery and two miles across the 14th Street Bridge into the City of Washington. There is transportation galore in and around Crystal City. Metro operates buses above ground, the Metro subway station is at the Crystal City Underground, and Arlington Transit operates a shuttle route within the Crystal area.

As can be seen by the reunion dates, only Friday will be a work day in DC. Generally, Saturday and Sunday are better days to view the sights on your own. We are planning guided tours on both Friday and Saturday to help everyone see as

many points of interest as possible—including those that will require advanced scheduling, such as Arlington Cemetery and the Navy Memorial.

Crystal City offers a variety of shops that range from upscale to economical. The wives will especially enjoy the arcades on Crystal Drive (two short blocks from the hotel) and the Crystal Underground.

For the more adventuresome with ground transportation, it is a short distance to Mt. Vernon, Gunston Hall and the Quantico Marine Corps Museum. The Smithsonian Air & Space Museum at Dulles Airport is 20 miles west, and Old Town Alexandria is only two Metro stops away.

More information for tour plans and all reunion details are found on Page 5 of this issue. A must read!



The Lone Sailor at the center of the Navy Memorial plaza.

Funding a Reunion - Or, What...You're Not Coming?

Bad topic, I know. Good times is always fun, don't ever talk money—it hurts and cuts into my beer bucks.

There are over 2,000 crew members who served on the Reeves over her lifetime from 1964 to 1992. We have been able to locate about 850 of you. 210 ship-mates will be receiving this mailed newsletter. Nearly all those who have stepped up to the plate want a reunion. Not everyone can attend a particular reunion (distance, timing, finances, etc.) But, we need to keep funding reunions so that we can keep on having them.

Aside from your personal costs for travel, hotel, the wife's shopping, tours, eating out, and sipping a brew or two with an

old Navy buddy or three, there's still the cost of the banquet, hospitality room, etc., etc.

So, we're having a 50/50 drawing. That means you can help us keep these reunions going, even if you can't attend, and you get a chance to win on the 50/50 drawing at the reunion banquet. **Winner need not be present to win!**

This issue of the newsletter contains a book of 50/50 tickets. The book has 12 tickets that can be yours for a donation of \$10. You don't have to be at the reunion to share in our success. Fill out the stubs and send them back to the address on the coupon. That'll make sure that we get your support here where and when it is

needed. 50/50 coupon books will also be available at the reunion. If you're not attending and would like more, send us a check and we will enter the coupons for you.

There will also be a raffle at the reunion. For that, you'll really have to be there. Examples of prizes: unique Navy logo ceramics, complimentary hotel rooms, and ship's store items like coffee mugs and ship's reunion ball caps. With enough interest, we can also provide either polo-style or t-shirt style reunion shirts.

So, do your part to help make the reunion a success. **If it's only to help the 50/50 to be successful, that's a big start.**



"I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm's way." - John Paul Jones

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My email is always open...

Reunion Headquarters - Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City

The Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City is located at :

**2650 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202.**

It is located at the southern end of Crystal City, on U.S. Route 1 adjacent to the overpass to Reagan National Airport. Reservations can be made by calling locally at

(703) 684-7200

or Central Reservations at

(800) Holiday [465-4329]

or online at

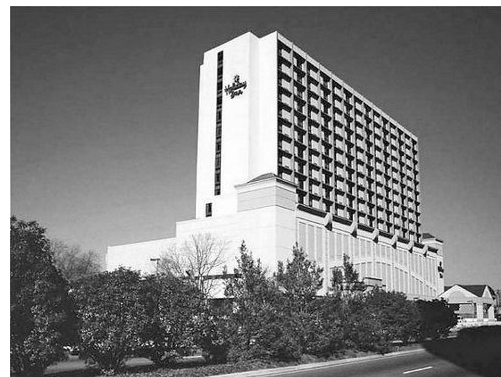
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When calling for reservations, tell the reservation clerk that you are part of the **USS Reeves Reunion group**. Reservations must be made by **August 11, 2008**.

Our reunion dates are **September 11-September 14, 2008**, checkout on Monday, September 15, 2008.

This is a non-smoking hotel (as are nearly all hotels in this area). Rooms in the reservation block include king-size beds or twin double-beds.

In-hotel dining can be found at O'Malley's Irish Sports Pub or the National Diner at the



Lobby Level. Additionally, there are more than 60 restaurants within 1/2 mile throughout the Crystal City area ranging from McDonalds next door to Ruth's Chris or Morton's Steak Houses up the street.

Parking at the hotel will cost \$16 per day (in-out daily privileges) for those who are driving. There may be limited on-street parking, but Arlington County is very restrictive, especially in the area of residential and retail activities.

There are no RV parks in the metropolitan DC area. The closest known full-service park is Aquia Pines RV Park in Stafford, VA, about 32 miles south of Crystal City.

There is a complimentary shuttle service to and from Reagan National Airport and anywhere within 1 mile of the hotel.

2008 WASHINGTON, DC REUNION INFORMATION

Following is this year's registration information for Washington, DC

**Place: Holiday Inn National Airport
2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Arlington, VA 22202
Phone: (703) 684-7200**

**Date: Thursday, September 11, 2008
To: Monday, September 15, 2008
(check-in time is 3:00 PM,
check-out time is 12:00 Noon)**

Bell Captain can arrange to check baggage for guests arriving early
**USS Reeves Association Guest Room Rates are \$95.00 per night for all Standard Rooms.
Note: Association Rate must be requested at the time reservations are made.**

Rates are subject to all current local taxes. Guest parking cost is \$16 per day with unlimited in-out privileges. Contact the hotel for information on motor home parking for registered guests.

ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOLIDAY INN NATIONAL AIRPORT HOTEL BY AUGUST 11, 2008 TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY AT THE GROUP RATE. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING THE HOTEL AND CONFIRMING THE FIRST NIGHT WITH A MAJOR CREDIT CARD. HOTEL CANCELLATIONS WILL BE HONORED PRIOR TO 6:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008.

All Meal and Tour Reservations must be made with the enclosed Reservation Form and forwarded to: Military Reunions to Remember, 1673 Kilt Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 no later than August 11, 2008.

SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET

Menu 1:

Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

Sliced Sirloin of Beef

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

Warm Rolls and Butter

Chef's Choice of Desserts

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea

Total Price including Tax \$41.00

SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET

Menu 3:

Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

Fresh Salmon Filet

Long Grain and Wild Rice

Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

Warm Rolls and Butter

Chef's Choice of Desserts

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea

Total Price including Tax \$42.00

SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET

Menu 2:

Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

Boneless Chicken Breast topped with Lump Crabmeat and Asparagus

Long Grain and Wild Rice

Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

Warm Rolls and Butter

Chef's Choice of Desserts

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea

Total Price including Tax \$42.00

SUNDAY EVENING BANQUET

Children's Menu (4-12)

Chicken Strips

French Fries

Corn

Milk, Fruit Punch

Dessert

Total Price including Tax \$17.00

MEALS FOR SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

The Complete Itinerary — Keep This Page, Even If You Aren't Coming

2008 USS Reeves Association Reunion Washington, DC

Thursday, September 11, 2008

- 12:00 Hospitality Room opens and remains open until noon, Monday, September 15, 2008 (closed midnight to 7:00 AM)
- 3:00 Arrival and Registration, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- 6:00 Reception in the hospitality room until 7:30 PM, dinner on your own. Today would be a great time to visit some of the local attractions or just relax and visit the Hospitality Room.

Friday, September 12, 2008

- 7:00 Hospitality Room opens until midnight
- 7:30 Arrival and Registration until 8:15 AM
- 8:30 Board tour bus to Arlington Cemetery, Washington, DC and Navy Memorial tour
- 8:45 Tour bus departs for Washington, DC tour
- 12:00 Lunch "On your own" at Union Station
- 5:00 Return to Hotel
- Open evening for local dining or Hospitality Room visiting

Saturday, September 13, 2008

- 7:00 Hospitality Room opens until midnight
- 7:30 Arrival and Registration until 8:15 AM
- 8:30 Board tour bus for Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, Driving City Tour and Georgetown
- 8:45 Tour bus departs for Washington, DC tour
- 12:00 Lunch "On your own" at Union Station
- 2:00 National Air and Space Museum (Dulles) Tour
- 5:00 Return to Hotel
- Open evening for local dining or Hospitality Room visiting

Sunday, September 14, 2008

- 7:00 Hospitality Room opens until midnight
- 7:30 Registration schedule posted in the Hospitality Room
- 10:00 Business meeting until 12:00
- 12:00 Open afternoon for touring and shopping
- 6:00 Attitude Adjustment Hour, Cash Bar
- 7:00 USS Reeves Banquet Dinner

Monday, September 15, 2008

- Farewells and Departures
- 7:00 Hospitality Room opens until noon
- 11:00 Room check out for departing guests
- 12:00 Hospitality Room closes

Reunion Planning - Coming Into Focus

Facility: The Holiday Inn National Airport/Crystal City will be our headquarters for our 2nd national reunion. We have a block of 30 rooms available from **September 11th to September 15th.**



Cherry Blossoms on the Tidal Basin

As discussed on Page 1, we were not able to assure the hotel that more than 30 shipmates would be attending. This means that early reservations are a necessity to ensure that you are able to secure a room at our special reunion rate of \$95 per night. Reservations after the block of rooms is gone will be handled on a space-available basis - and not necessarily at the guaranteed rate.

Agenda: For our organizational activities, we are planning a Welcoming Reception on Thursday night, a business meeting on Sunday, and our plated banquet on Sunday evening.

Tours: In addition, we are planning two tours (one each on Friday and Saturday). There will only be 50 seats available on the bus. It will include a tour guide.

This is a brief itinerary:

Friday, September 12th

Arlington Cemetery - Tour JFK/RFK gravesites, Tomb of the Unknown and the Lee-Custis Mansion (Arlington House). Visit the FDR & Jefferson Memorials. Lunch at Union Station. Visit the WWII Memori-

als, other DC monuments and the Navy Memorial & Museum.

Saturday, September 13th

Visit Lincoln, Vietnam & Korean War Memorials. Drive by Pentagon. Visit Air Force Memorial & Iwo Jima Memorial. Drive thru Georgetown & lunch at Union Station. Visit Air & Space Museum at Dulles.

The costs of the tours are \$48 for the Friday tour (that includes the Tour mobile at Arlington) and \$40 for the Saturday tour. There will be only one bus scheduled for each day. Basically, it's first come - first served.



The Wall

Registration: Speaking of addresses, it is important that all reunion registration forms and payments be sent to the organizer's address. Please do **not** use our Bastrop, TX association address. If you are planning to attend, you should fill out the enclosed registration form and mail it along with a check (payable to **MRTR/Reeves Association**) to the organizer at:

Military Reunions to Remember

1673 Kilt Street

Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Make your hotel reservations as soon as you can. The number to the Holiday Inn is (703) 684-7200. I am certain that you will not get a better rate at any other hotel in the Washington, DC area. Be sure to tell them that

you are with the USS Reeves Association reunion when making reservations. We have guaranteed a limited number of rooms in our room block in order to avoid penalties so it is essential that you make your reservations early. Remember, you can always cancel the room reservation, but once the hotel starts to fill and we exceed our room block, we will not be able to increase our room allocation. This is going to be a great reunion. Don't risk missing out.

Free Time: As you can see from the schedule, there will be plenty of time to prowl, wander, shop, or eat on your own. Crystal City is one square mile of restaurants and shops just across the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Reagan National Airport. You can walk nearly anywhere, take the hotel's complimentary local area shuttle anywhere within the Crystal City area, or use Arlington Transit to journey up and down Jefferson Davis Highway.

If you are a mall junkie, Potomac Yards mall is just down Jeff Davis Highway heading toward Alexandria.

Hospitality: You can also sit around the hospitality room with shipmates, sipping brews or soft drinks, knoshing on light snacks and tell those sea stories that have been getting better with every telling for the last 20 or more years. The hospitality room will be open every day from 7 a.m. to midnight - through departure on Monday. Please bring artifacts, cruise books, photo albums or any items of interest to other shipmates.

Last Note: There will be reminder emails along the way. But, mark your calendars, make your reservations and send your registration forms back as soon as possible.



Membership Application

Name _____

Street Address 1 _____

Street Address 2 _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

I served on the USS REEVES (DLG-24/CG-24) as a _____ (rate/rank) from 19____ to 19____.

Membership in the Association includes the right to vote and hold elective office. It also includes receiving a newsletter, email updates and further privileges as to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Dues Per Year: **\$10.00**

I also wish to support the goals of the Association which is the building of a membership that will increase interest in bi-annual reunions, as well as the establishment of a newsletter and other means of communicating our activities with all Reeves shipmates. I am making an additional donation of \$ _____.

I enclose my check or money order in the amount of \$ 10.00 _____. I am interested in helping the Association grow and become successful. I wish to serve on a committee, provide other assistance or have an interest as follows: _____

Mail application to:

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