



**U.S.S. DES MOINES CA-134
REUNION ASSOCIATION
MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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REUNION INFORMATION

AUGUST 5TH, 6TH, 7TH

2011

If you are planning to attend the 2011 Reunion please complete the registration form at the bottom of this page and return it to Art Weeks, Vice President. It is important that this form is returned to Art with all information - whether you prepay or plan to pay at the reunion.

If you prefer to register on line, please send an email to Art Weeks at ca134@cox.net. Be sure to include all information that is requested on the Reservation Form.

Our policy is that if you prepay and then are unable to attend, we will refund your money.

The food and drinks must be ordered and/or purchased in advance. Your help in providing us with an accurate attendance count is important.

GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY! AREA MOTELS/HOTELS FILL UP QUICKLY

RESERVATION FORM FOR THE REUNION

DEADLINE – July 15, 2011

Please mail this form to: Art Weeks, Vice President; 5 Karen Street; Portsmouth, RI 02871

Please print all information.

NAME _____ \$195 per couple _____

ADDRESS _____ \$140 single _____

CITY _____ Total No. Attending _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ Annual Dues: \$20 _____

PHONE (include area code) _____ TOTAL DUE _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

Payment can be made with this form or at the reunion. All checks should be made payable to: U.S.S. DES MOINES

If you will be bringing a guest(s) please include their name:

NAME _____ NAME _____

REUNION SCHEDULE 2011

THURSDAY – AUGUST 4

1800- Pizza
(A donation will be collected)

FRIDAY – AUGUST 5

0900-1000 Breakfast – juice, coffee, tea, donuts, pastry
1000-1215 Free time
1215-1315 Lunch
1315-1715 Free time
1715-1815 Dinner
1900 DJ and Dancing

SATURDAY – AUGUST 6

0900-1000 Breakfast – juice, coffee, tea, donuts, pastry
1000-1215 Free time
1215-1300 Lunch
1300-1400 Free time
1400 Annual Association Meeting
1700-1800 Dinner
1900 DJ and Dancing
2130 Fireworks ?

SUNDAY – AUGUST 7

0900 Breakfast – scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon,
hash browns, french toast bake, toast with jelly,
fresh fruit

Reunion officially ends after breakfast.

LIST OF MOTELS IN THE MERCER AREA

MERCER, PA

Mercer Motel 724-662-4250
Colonial Inn 724-662-5600
Comfort Inn 724-748-3030

HERMITAGE, PA

Overnight Inn 724-981-3100
Fairway Inn 724-981-4421
Royal Inn 724-347-5546
Collins Motel 724-981-6150

GROVE CITY, PA

Ameri-House Inn 724-748-5836
Park Motel 724-458-8850
Comfort Inn 724-748-1005
Super 8 Motel 724-748-3000
Holiday Inn Express 724-748-5514

CAMPGROUNDS

RV Village, Mercer
724-662-4560
Rocky Springs, Mercer
724-662-4415
Mercer Grove City KOA
724-748-3160

AIRPORTS

Erie, PA Youngstown, OH
Pittsburgh, PA Cleveland, OH

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION

Beginning immediately we will not be printing either the Shipmates Roster or the Deceased Roster. They will only be sent to shipmates in computer format. Each of these rosters contain over 3,000 names. If you are interested in obtaining a roster please contact Art Weeks at

his email address: ca134@cox.net
or by phone at: 401-683-3131

If you do not have a computer we suggest you work with a friend who would be willing to have it sent to him/her. Or, you could set up an email address at your public library and it could be sent there.

NOTE: BOTH OF THESE ROSTERS ARE ON THE WEBSITE. HOWEVER, THE SHIPMATES ROSTER DOES NOT INCLUDE ADDRESSES OR TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR PRIVACY REASONS.

DUES

Please send your dues, in the amount of \$20.00, to:

Art Weeks, Vice President

5 Karen Street

Portsmouth, RI 02871

TAPS

Sassaman, Art
Masters, Ray
Bull, Daniel S
Boyd, John K
Petty, Kenyon
Krapf, Gerald D
Peling, Roger
Drachnik, Joe
Leibowitz, Martin
Kuzio, Fred
McGowan, Robert M
Reinhold, William

Ellis, Burt
Mock, Jack
Donovan, Robert
Jackson, Jr.
Masse, Thomas
Welk, Buddy, G
Osterfeld, Alfred E
Jones, Bernard P
LePage, Robert L
Heist, Ron
Dunning, Leon
Buitenhuis, William

The information that we post on the website is made possible with your help. Please remember to keep us informed of any shipmates that pass away or become sick. We need your help to keep this information current.

**you can make a quick call to
Jim Aker
Webmaster
513-505-8933 (cell phone)
or email Jim at
jeaker01@hotmail.com**

**BE SURE AND CHECK OUT THE REUNION ASSOCIATION WEBSITE AT
<http://ussdesmoines.com>**

SHIPS STORE

Hats – blue – summer & winter with scrambled eggs - \$15 (no eggs - \$12)

White hats (no eggs) - \$12

Golf shirts – blue or white – Ship name & number - \$20

Coffee Mugs - \$5

Kneeling/Seat Pads - \$5

Include \$5.00 for shipping on each item ordered. Order from Tim Overly, 1240 Lake Road, Mercer, PA 16137

Check should be made payable to USS Des Moines CA-134

Please do not send cash through mail