



USS WAINWRIGHT VETERANS ASSOCIATION HISTORIC CHARLESTON SC

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JANUARY 2016

WELCOME BACK

50 Years since commissioning and 30 Years since the Association's inception

Greetings!

For those of you that attended our 2012 Charleston Reunion I'm sure you can remember the good time you have reuniting with friends, shipmates, and former crew members. Because we were in Charleston just four years ago and this is sure an historic event, the Reunion Committee wanted to give you time to wander the "Holy City" to look up old haunts and favorite places. Thus we have tried to limit organized activities. Those activities that are planned have been our standard activities and one that you asked for via our survey.

Charleston, is full of many interesting cultures and traditions, top chefs who specialize in virtually anything your palette could desire, music from gospel to classical, theater plays, plantation tours, museums, aquarium, historical venues, craft beers, nearby beaches, and shopping, shopping, shopping On behalf of the Reunion Committee I

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welcome you to Charleston and hope you have the time of your lives.

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Charleston Plaza Hotel

Our 50/30 Reunion will be held at the Charleston Plaza Hotel located at 4770 Goer Drive, North Charleston, SC. It is just off I-26 at Exit 213. The hotel is located just minutes from the heart of Charleston, the #1 Best City in America for the last three years by Conde' Nast Traveler and Travel Leisure World's Best Awards for the past two years..



To book your rooms online please go to www.thecharlestonplazahotel.com and use code: USSWAI per the instructions.

OR

Call 1-888-747-1900 and ask specifically for our reservations department so they can secure their reservations before the cut-off date 06/13/2016.

WELCOME BACK TO CHARLESTON RECEPTION



We will be having a Meet and Greet Welcome Reception Wednesday evening outside in the pool area starting at 6:30 PM with a no host bar opening at 6 PM. Wear whatever you like as this will be a cookout Charleston style. But wear something - please we're getting older.



Come and relax after that long trip to Charleston. Have some great chow and beverages while enjoying a refreshing swim in the hotel's outside pool. Remember those "Now hear this, now hear this. Swim call. Swim call?" Reestablish your friendships and bonds with the crew that kept the USS Wainwright the best in the fleet from January 8, 1966 to November 10, 1992.

DINNER CRUISE

Everyone loved the dinner cruise we had four years ago so we decided "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Back by popular demand is the Charleston Harbor Dinner Cruise with a few changes. This will be a private 3 hour cruise and will be strictly limited to 175 people maximum. I believe there may be a White Hat toss as we did before. That was sure a fun evening.



Length: 93 feet

Width: 32 feet

The "Spirit of the Lowcountry" is loaded with amenities, starting with the spacious partially covered upper deck. When you step onto this deck you really feel like you are part of the surrounding beauty of Charleston Harbor. This boat has seven restrooms, an elevator for guests with mobility issues, two fully equipped bars, and two heated/air conditioned dining decks. The décor on this boat is one of the crowning features, with beautiful window tapestries, banquette seating and classic lighting fixtures; this boat is a true gem.



MEMORIAL SERVICE



Once again we deemed it only fitting and proper to hold our 2016 Memorial Service dedicated to our Wainwright shipmates who are gone from this world but not our memories aboard the USS Yorktown at Patriot's Point. We will read the list of deceased followed by a wreath laying ceremony. After the conclusion you are invited to attend a fun Beach Cookout at VFW Post 3137 in Isle of Palms, SC. There will be bus transportation available

2016 REUNION AGENDA

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| Wednesday July 13 | Registration
Trailer will be open and artifacts will be on display.
Meet and Greet Welcome Reception |
| Thursday July 14 | Dinner Cruise |
| Friday July 15 | Memorial Service on USS Yorktown at Patriot's Point
Beach Party at VFW Post, Isle of Palms |
| Saturday July 16 | Men's Business meeting
Men's Lunch
Banquet |
| Sunday July 17 | Check out and good byes. See you in 2018! |

RAFFLE

Our traditional raffle will be an ongoing event during the banquet this year. There have been many requests to speed things up as the raffle has been last, takes considerable time, and cut down on the sleep for those departing early on Sunday morning. As always we ask you to bring something special from your area or a hand crafted item you bought or made for our fund raising raffle. There have been many interesting and great items put up for raffle in the past. Start looking now. We will also have our 50/50 cash raffle.



Association Information & Happenings

Dues

The dues year runs from July 01 - June 30 each year. You must be paid current to qualify for the 10% registration fee discount, the ship's store discount, and to be able to vote at the General Meeting on Saturday July 16, 2016.

Treasurer's Report

The following is the Financial Report for the USS Wainwright Veterans Association.

FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2015 thru December 2015

Current Status

GENERAL FUND: \$5,113.10

TRAILER FUND: \$3,989.47

REUNION FUND: \$476.83

SHIP'S STORE: \$1352.70

Activity

General

Deposit \$60

Reunion

Deposit for Photographer \$(292.26)

Ship's Store

Sales (including shipping) \$196.06

Regards,

Jerry McKnight, Treasurer

U.S.S. Wainwright Veterans Association

Ship's Store - Kurt Ausbeck

It's almost reunion time and I and the board are looking for someone to take over the operation of the ships store. I gave notice at the 2014 Nashville reunion that I would be stepping down this year. If you have any questions about the job please contact me at dlg28cg28association@gmail.com and we can talk. The turnover of goods and records will happen in Charleston.

In the past three years, the ships store has expanded the items for sale and we will have more new items in Charleston.

I am happy to report that for the first time we will be able to accept credit and debit cards as well as cash.

Don't forget to pay your dues as all members who are current in dues as well as life members enjoy a 10% discount on ships store items.

Mobile Museum (Trailer) - Richard Molck

This year was the first year that our traveling museum hit the road and did what it was supposed to. We did a 3200 mile Mid-West tour in May, participated in the Old Soldier's Parade in Alpharetta, GA, Veteran's Day Parade in Charleston, SC, and the Veteran's Day Parade in Columbia, SC. I want to say a very special thanks to the American Legion in Alpharetta, GA. Post 201 for letting us setup our museum after the parade, and Harry Chaffin for making this all possible and riding in the parade with us. It was a successful year for the trailer; we found new shipmates, and family of shipmates that served on DD-419, DLG-28, and CG-28. I have the new calendar for next year, so if you would like to have our museum at your location, please contact me at: rmolck@mpcomputerservices.com

USS Wainwright Veterans Association History - JC Carlson

I started this Association as recognition of my Vietnam War Veteran Shipmates service during a time in the 70s-80s when the nation was still dealing with the political unrest caused by the war. It upset me that returning service members had not received the respect and admiration that they were due..

It is deeply pleasing to watch the shipmates share Facebook chat and to attend our reunions. Unfortunately some may never report in again, and I wish I had another lifetime to find all of our missing shipmates. Thus, my first admonishment is that you all put in some effort in the location of shipmates. Any information you may have such as birthdate, where they were from, possible family member names, anything. If you can't find everything send the info you have to our Shipmate Locator "Cookie" Cookenham.

I have been working, in the background, on the enormous history of our ship and her crews. In 2016 I will have 30 years of effort toward gathering history items. Though I have not achieved all my goals I have worked hard at gathering these nuggets. In time there will some way of distributing this history to those that desire it, but will not happen on my watch.

I have asked the association officers to be retired from my duties. I have new ideas but now must pay more attention to family needs. The Wainwright Association needs a few more historians who can work toward keeping this idea in motion. My second admonishment to you is that those shipmates who like history and would like to preserve our great ship's legacy step up and volunteer to this mighty project.

Toward that end I am willing to stand to the distribution of flash drives of all WWT history archives to

those who come forward. The work is not a crushing urgency, but is an 'as able' to carry on as your time permits. So with this I ask for distribution on this message, by means of the association communications.

Please stand to this duty, those who can, and God bless you all ...

JC Carlson, FTM1, 1967-1970, 2x Vietnam Veteran

Registration Payment Plans

Make It Easy On Yourself

Reunions are always a major expenditure for all of us. Putting down the large sum of money can put us in the hurt locker.

The Easy Payment Plan will continue to help ease this "all at once" burden this may place on you. As usual there are three payment options for you.

1. Pay the entire amount at one time
2. Send in your registration fee along with the first of three installments. Subsequent payments are due April 1, 2016 and May 15, 2016
3. You may also pay by credit card via PayPal.

REGISTRATION

You can register online at www.usswainwright.org and pay with PayPal

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Dates Served on Wainwright: _____ Arrival Date In Charleston _____

Make Checks Payable to: USS Wainwright Veterans Association

Date	Per Person Price	Number	Unit	Total
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		of People	Price	
7/13	Registration Fee Life and Dues Paid Members		30.00 27.00	
7/13	Poolside Reception		35.00	
7/14	Dinner Cruise		80.00	
7/15	Memorial Service Cookout and Beach Time at VFW		60.00	
7/16	Guys Lunch		20.00	
7/16	Banquet		85.00	
	Men's Reunion T-Shirt - Size_____ Ladies Reunion T- Shirt - Size_____		20.00	
	3XL and 4XL Shirts Men's Size_____ Ladies Size_____		23.00	
Total Due \$				

Please Pay All Fees by May 15th

Mail to: Manny Seligmann, 609 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

Please include Registration Form with payment. Keep a copy for yourself.

Ladies shirts are tapered and more fitted.

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