USS MacDonough Reunion Association

President's Message

Hello, shipmates,

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds everyone in Good Health because, without that, nothing else matters. I want to thank Helena & Ed Bayona for hosting last year's reunion in Myrtle Beach and for continued support during this transition of officials of the reunion association.

I also want to thank all the previous officials that brought the reunions to where they are today. We are operating in "the Green!"

Well, here we are, months after last year's reunion in Myrtle Beach. I was "installed" as President of the Reunion Association. We will do our best to pick up the pieces and continue the ***Might Mac*** *reunions. We welcome all shipmates' suggestions to strive to make reunions a fun vacation for all of us.*

*We are going to put together a "****Healing of Sorts****" next year in Myrtle Beach since it's a popular destination and centrally located on the east coast. The cost of rooms has gone up since last year, so we won't be having as many group activities as in the past. We will most likely have more free time as this is a vacation for all of us.*

*Let's all have fun as well as shipmates should. Though we all may have served at different times or decades, for that matter, whether there was an "8" or "39" painted on her, we are brothers connected to the "****Mighty Mac****" that we all served on. We stood in the same chow line, hung out on the same mess decks, and traveled the world from the North Atlantic to the Med, the Caribbean Sea, and South America. We all rode aboard the "****Mighty Mac****" and protected the freedoms that we enjoy. Let's have a fun reunion again! Laughter is good medicine, and old sea stories are still funny no matter how long it's been and how many times they are told.*

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USS MacDonough Annual Reunion

Myrtle Beach, SC

April 30th - May 4th

Grand Shores Ocean Resort
201 77th Ave North
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Arrival: April 30, 2023,
Check-in time: 4:00 pm

Departure: May 04, 2023,
Check-Out Time: 11:00 pm

Reunion Agenda

April 30 – May 4

Sunday – April 30
Arrival & Supper in The Resort Hotel Restaurant

Monday- May 1
Free Day for All – Enjoy the Beach

Tuesday – May 2
Legends in Concert

Wednesday – May 3
Memorial Service /Business Meeting

Thursday – May 4 check-out
Breakfast with Officers

Have a Safe Trip Home



With a heavy heart, we tell you that Susie Blankenship, wife of Lee Blankenship, passed away on November 3rd, 2022. More about Susie on the Reunion Association website, ussmacdonough.com



It is with deep sadness that we report that our Chaplain, Daniel Pastorius, passed away on December 10, 2022. Additional Information can be found on the Reunion Association Website, ussmacdonough.com

Photos from the 2022 Reunion can be seen on the Reunion Association Platform. ussmacdonough.com and on the MacDonough Facebook Group

Membership statistics will be provided at the Reunion. We are slowly growing, and everyone can help by reaching out to your shipmates and inviting them to join our Facebook group and visit our Reunion Association website.

The Secretary will be giving a hands-on training session on Monday for those interested in posting articles on our website. Having others contribute helps everyone learn about our shipmates.

2023 MYRTLE BEACH USS MACDONOUGH REUNION

Welcome, Sailors and Guests! Your hosts are **Helene (Boom Boom) and Ed Bayona**. If you need anything this week, do not hesitate to call us with questions. Helene, at 336-687-6028 or Ed at 336-689-0039.

Agenda

Sunday: The hospitality room is open from 3-6 pm and again after dinner. In addition to games, coloring books, jigsaw puzzles, and snacks, the Silent Auction items will be on display. Also, feel free to leave your yearbooks and personal memorabilia for others to review. Please note that we will not have a Live Auction at this reunion.

We will gather at 6 pm in the hotel restaurant, Shoreline Café, for dinner. You can order off the menu at your own expense.

Monday: We do not have anything planned. I will be getting coupon books for Tanger Outlets, and there is plenty to do in Myrtle Beach. There are many great restaurants in the area. Enjoy dinner but be sure to be back in time to get your game on for Trivia at 7 pm in the hospitality room. Door prizes will be awarded.

Tuesday: All day is free to explore the resort, the beach, or the city. Enjoy. This evening we will go to the theater to see Legends in Concert. Tickets are $30 per person; this is such a great show!

Wednesday: The hospitality room will open at 1 pm. The Memorial Service and Business meeting will take place in the hospitality room at 1:30 pm. We will discuss plans for upcoming reunions, among other businesses. Silent Auction will end at 2 pm, winners will be announced, and money is due at this time.

Get dressed; it's Banquet time. The group photo will be at 6 pm. Please arrive promptly. A cash bar is available. At 6:45, we will pay our respect to the Missing Man Table, and the banquet will follow.

Thursday: Check out. Let's all have one last farewell breakfast. The Executive Committee will see you in the restaurant. We hope you enjoyed your stay.

USS Macdonough 2023 Reunion Registration:

Please fill out, copy, and mail this form along with your check made payable to USS Macdonough Reunion Association, c/o John Curtain, 6938 Maynard Rd., Portland, MI 48875

Name _____Guest Name _____

Address _____City_____State_____ Zip_____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency contact name _____ Phone _____

Location/Date

Grande Shores Ocean Resort and The Horizon at 77th

Myrtle Beach, SC 29572. 843-692-4152

April 30 - May 4, 2023.

Ask for the USS Macdonough rate. All room rates are listed before taxes. Ocean View Standard Hotel Room $62. Ocean Front Standard Hotel Room $71. Ocean Front Efficiency $76.

Activity/Item Cost Quantity Total

- **Registration fee: $20 per person or couple …… _$20___**
- **Tuesday: Legends in Concert, $30 per person…… ….(x_____) = _____**
- **Bus Transportation provided by Association**
- **Wednesday: Banquet at hotel, $50 per person ……..……..(x_____) = _____**
- **2023 Annual dues and any prior years unpaid, $20 per year. (x._____) = _____**
- **T-Shirts quantity __S __M __L__XL __XXL $20 ea. (x_____) = _____**

Total _____

All monies are due March 15, 2023

Registering for the 2023 USS MacDonough Reunion

To register online and pay online or register online and pay by check.

Select the link below and register for the reunion. Once you register and select your events/fees on the USS MacDonough Website, you will receive an invoice in your email. You can pay the invoice online by March 1st or send a check for the invoice payable to USS MacDonough Reunion Association c/o John Curtin, 6938 Maynard Road, Portland, MI 48875. Once your check is received, your online receipt will be marked paid. All payments are due by March 15th, 2023. Your online payment goes directly to the Associations account.

https://ussmacdonough.com/2023-uss-macdonough-registration-form/

To register by snail mail and send your check by mail:

If you would rather send your registration and payment by snail mail, you can download the registration form and send the registration form and check made payable to USS MacDonough Reunion Association, c/o John Curtin, 6938 Maynard Road, Portland, MI 48875.

With the increased cost of copies, stamps, and address labels to send our newsletter, we are looking at over $1200.00. We truly appreciate everyone's efforts to move into the 21st century. Thank you, and see you all in Myrtle Beach.