USS MacDonough

Reunion Association

Newsletter - Spring 2024

Presidents Message!

Hello again Mighty Mac family,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits! And Happy New Year to all! It's that time of the year again! We are reeling in the years for sure! Father time marches on! It looks like Helene and Eddie Bayona have put together another fantastic reunion in Jacksonville, FL. Hope to see as many shipmates and their families as possible. And for those who can't make it due to medical issues we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers!

Best Regards

Vic Radeka.

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2024 Reunion: Hosted by: Helene and Ed Bayona



Our reunion will take place May 5-9, 2024, at the Fairfield Inn & Suites. 4888 Lenior Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32216. 1-904-854-6200.

The USS MacDonough DLG rate is $99 + tax per night.

Jacksonville is located on the Atlantic Ocean in Northeast Florida. There are over 20 miles of beach and 40 miles of the Intracoastal Waterway canal. The city is home to 10 state and national parks. There is a thriving food industry, craft beer presence, cultural events and nightlife.

Sunday the hospitality room will be open at 3 pm with hot and cold sandwiches and snacks available for weary travelers. The hospitality room will of course have games, puzzles, memorabilia, and silent auction items. Merchandise is limited so tee shirts and hooded sweatshirts must be preordered. Additional activities in the hospitality room will be posted upon your arrival.

Monday you are on your own. But don't stay out too late because Tuesday is busy. We will be on a five-hour driving tour with Ad Lib Luxury Tours starting at 9 am. In addition to learning about the city we will be making a stop at the Jacksonville Memorial Wall and the USS Orleck Naval Museum. Then we will head to Riverside Avondale neighborhood. Lunch and shopping are on your own in this picturesque community along the St John's River.

Wednesday evening's banquet will be catered by Well-Oiled Events. The buffet will include salad, dinner rolls, roasted vegetables, herb orzo, salmon,

herb chicken and desert. There will be a cash bar for your convenience.

We will not have a live auction at the banquet.

Re: Wikipedia (9/2/2023)

Jacksonville is the most populous city proper in the state and the largest city by area in the contiguous United States as of 2020. It is the seat of Duval County, with which the city government consolidated in 1968. Consolidation greatly increased its population relative to its extended size which placed most of its metropolitan population within the city limits. As of July 2022, Jacksonville's population was 971,319, making it the most populous city in the Southeastern United States and the largest in the South outside the state of Texas. With a population of 1,733,937, the Jacksonville metropolitan area ranks as Florida's fourth-largest metropolitan region.

Secretaries Report

Being new to the position I still find myself a tad behind the curve. I'm looking forward to Jacksonville and catching up with our members. I hope to see most of you there. As I am also doing our newsletter, I am interested in enhancing it a bit by including items any of you might want to send me to be included. As long as it doesn't extend the size of the newsletter too much, I'll try to include it. Thanks, and, again, I look forward to seeing you in Jacksonville.

Treasurers Report:

Our Reunion Association is doing well financially. Thanks to dues paying members, donations, and our Reunion auctions. Our monies are spent on newsletters, mailing expenses, our USS MacDonough website, sympathy flowers and paying for some of the Reunion expenses. Recently we purchased 50 hats. We now have at least 25 hats with DLG-8 and at least 25 hats with

DDG-39. Thank you too all.

USS Macdonough 2024 Reunion Registration:

Please fill out, copy, and mail this form along with your check made payable to:
USS Macdonough Reunion Association,
c/o John Curtin, 6938 Maynard Rd., Portland, MI 48875-9687.

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Name _____ Guest Name _____
Address _____ City_____
State_____ Zip_____ Phone _____
Email_____
Emergency contact name _____ Phone _____

2024 Merchandise Available (to be delivered to you at the reunion)

- Commemorative T-shirts (enter quantities): Small @ $12___, Medium @ $12___, Large @ $12____,XL @ $12____, XXL @ $15___, XXXL @ $15_____. T-shirt total $ _____
- Zipper Hoodies: Navy blue, Gold lettering "USS Macdonough" and an anchor on left side (enter quantities): Small @ $22___, Medium @ $22____, Large @ $22____, XL @ $22____, XXL @ $22____, XXXL @ $25___. Hoodie total $ _____
- **Challenge coins are in limited supply; they will be at the reunion for sale.**
- **Polo shirts and hats will also be available for purchase at the reunion.**

Merchandise Total (enter here and below): $ _____

Location/Date Fairfield Inn & Suites, 4888 Lenior Ave, Jacksonville FL, 32216 1-904-854-6200. May 5-9, 2024. The USS Macdonough DLG rate is $99.00 + tax per night. This is available both before and after our event.

Activity/Item Cost	Quantity	Total
Registration fee: $20 per person or ……. ……		$ 20.00
Sunday: Welcome reception luncheon buffet, $10 per person....	(x_____) =	_____
Tuesday: Ad Lib bus tour of Jacksonville, $65 per per……	(x_____) =	_____
Wednesday: Banquet at hotel, $50 per person……..	(x_____) =	_____
Merchandise total (from above)..……..…….		_____
2024 Annual dues, and for any prior years unpaid, $20 per year.	(x._____) =	_____

All monies are due **March 30, 2024**

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