USS MacDonough

Reunion Association

Newsletter – January 2025

Presidents Message

Hello again Mighty Mac family:

I hope this message finds everyone in good health and spirits. Because without good health nothing else matters. As we are all finding out as we enter our "GOLDEN YEARS" ! I hope everyone had a nice summer. Also, I hope to see as many shipmates as possible at next May's reunion in the Norfolk/Virginia Beach area. Our secretary, Leonard Dalenberg has been busy putting together another fantastic reunion. I also hope that those who can't make it to the reunion due to medical issues to heal quickly as you will be in our thoughts and prayers! This newsletter is for registration for our next reunion so don't just read it then toss it in a corner somewhere, or read it online and delete it! All the reunion information is in this newsletter.

Best Regards, Vic Radeka

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Treasurers Report:

Our Association is still in the green. Due to the loss of many members over the last few years our dues and donations have dropped substantially. The Association will continue to ensure members receive newsletters, gift, or donation acknowledgement for the loss of shipmates and various other operating expenses. Thank you to the dues paying members and those donating articles for our annual silent auctions at our Reunions.

John Curtin

Secretaries Report

Reunion preps are just about finished. I will be in Norfolk around the 13th to finalize a couple of details like paying the deposit on our Mystery Theater-show scheduled for the 7th. I will also be getting with the Hotel Hospitality staff to review the Sunday snacks arrangements

Leonard Dalenberg.

Scan this qr code to visit dlg8new.org →

2025 Norfolk/Virginia Beach Information: Hosted by Leonard Dalenberg:

Our reunion will take place May 4th – 8th. We will be staying at the **Quality Suites & Sleep Inn** hotels at Lake Wright-Norfolk Airport. These are two hotels sharing the same Lobby and facilities. Parking is complimentary. Reservations for both facilities can be made by calling **844-684-9427**

"Quality Suites Lake Wright": Room rates are $109 (plus tax). One-bedroom suites, two queen size beds or one king bed, microwave, coffeemaker, refrigerator, iron & full-sized ironing board, hairdryer, sitting area with sleep sofa and two televisions.

"Sleep Inn Lake Wright": Room rates are $99 (plus tax). Two double beds or one king bed, coffeemaker, refrigerator, microwave, iron & full-sized ironing board, hair dryer and walk-in oversized showers (no tubs).

Click for Menu

All guests enjoy our complimentary buffet breakfast each morning, complimentary coffee in our lobby, complimentary Wi-Fi, gift shop, business center, indoor swimming pool, guest laundry facility and interior corridors.

- Sunday the 4th: 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 during your stay.
- Monday the 5th we will be having dinner at the Ocean View Fishing Pier Restaurant. Scan this QR Code for Ocean View Restaurant Menu.
- Tuesday the 6th we will have a free day so you can do some exploring.
- Wednesday the 7th we will be attending a Mystery Theater-show ***at the Hotel***. Note that this is participative!! Have your Sherlock or Poirot on!
- Thursday the 8th we will have our Banquet, catered by the hotel for our meeting, trivia, silent auction, etc.

Scan me!

Click for Menu

Scan thi QR code to see a plethora (a bunch) of information on the greater Tidewater Virginia area for your "FREE" days.



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Here are a few things to do in Norfolk on your FREE days.

Norfolk Buffet Dinner Cruise

Food & Drink

Celebrate a special occasion, host a group event, or experience a unique date night. Great for parties of all sizes.

From $89 per adult

Virginia Zoo & Battleship Wisconsin

Historical Tours

Come experience the best of Norfolk, Virginia with a combo attraction pass to admission to Norfolk's top attractions!
Free cancellation: From $38 per adult

Norfolk Buffet Brunch Cruise

Food & Drink

Whether you're a local, new to the city, or just visiting, a brunch cruise is the perfect end to your weekend activity. …

From $74 per adult

Self-Guided Scavenger Hunt: Mystery of Norfolk

Historical Tours

Let's Roam leads the pack as the top app-led adventure hunt company! Explore the city's top landmarks and discover hidden…

From $13 per adult

Norfolk Signature Lunch Cruise:

LIKELY TO SELL OUT*

Food & Drink

Join us on our Norfolk Signature Lunch Cruise for amazing views of the mighty Atlantic Fleet while cruising along the Elizabeth…

From $85 per adult

Norfolk City Scavenger Hunt Excursion by Wacky Walks

Fun & Games

Use an app to explore Norfolk in this fun royal scavenger hunt! In Wacky Walks, you will compete in royal tournaments to…

Free cancellation: From $10 per adult

Sip Your Way Through Norfolk

Food & Drink

In Norfolk, there's always something on tap to quench your thirst. With the NFK Brew Hop pass

cancellation: From $18 per adult

Scavenger Hunt in Norfolk by Zombie Scavengers

Fun & Games

Use an app to survive a zombie apocalypse in Norfolk. In Zombie Scavengers, explore the city however you'd like to search.
Free cancellation: From $20 per group

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Gnarly Norfolk Scavenger Hunt:

SPECIAL OFFER

Fun & Games

Our very unique, immersive adventures are the only ones of their kind.

Free cancellation: From ~~$25~~ $20 per adult

Visit Norfolk's Perk Up Pass

Food & Drink

But first, coffee! Join Visit Norfolk as we highlight our local coffee shops throughout the city of Norfolk.

Free cancellation: From $17 per adult

Nutty Norfolk Scavenger Hunt

Fun & Games

Our unique, immersive adventures are the only ones of their kind.
Free cancellation: From $27 per adult

Scavenger Hunt in Norfolk by 3Quest Challenge

Fun & Games

You'll use an app to explore Norfolk in this fun scavenger hunt! In 3Quest Challenge, the app will give you a list of things

Free cancellation: From $10 per adult

Adventurous Scavenger Hunt in Norfolk by Operation City Quest

Fun & Games

To play Operation City Quest in Norfolk , you'll use an app to gather points by completing exciting tasks and finding objects.

Free cancellation? From $10 per adult

Important notice:

For those our members who are getting this newsletter by good old snail mail, USPS, starting with the next newsletter due to funding issues) we will only be using the pony express for those who have paid dues 'recently'. If you are not current, we haven't decided if having paid dues once in the last 2 or 3 years will be sufficient. So – send me your email address. If you by chance don't have an email address, contact me and I will get you one you should like.

<your name>@dlg8new.org.

This would be a ***free*** email account.

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You can also get free email accounts at these providers: just google the to get to their sign-up page. Comments are not mine, but were added by the AI that I used for the information

- Gmail - Best Overall Free Email Account
- Outlook.com - Great for a Focused Inbox
- Neo - Great AI Integrations
- Yahoo Mail - Great Email Storage
- Proton Mail - Best for Security
- iCloud Mail - Best for Apple Users
- Zoho Mail - Great for Business Users
- AOL Mail - Best for Long-Term Storage
- Mail.com - Largest Attachment Sizes
- Tuta - Best for No Ads
- Mailfence - Best to Ensure Communication Integrity

USS Macdonough 2025 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.

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 @ $25___, Medium @ $25____, Large @ $25____, XL @ $25____,

  XXL @ $25____, XXXL @ $28___. **Hoodie total** $ _____

- Norfolk Lapel Pins @ $9___. **Pin 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 Quality Suites & Sleep Inn hotels at Lake Wright-Norfolk Airport, 1521 Premium Outlets Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23502 1-844-684-9427. May 4-8, 2025. The USS Macdonough rates are $109 for Quality Suites and $99 for Sleep Inn (plus tax). These rates are available both before and after our event.

- Registration fee: $20 per /person ……. ……. …. … (x_____) = $_____
- Sunday: Welcome reception luncheon buffet, $15 per person... ..... (x_____) = $_____
- Monday: Ocean View Fishing Pier Restaurant, ***individuals will order from the menu***
- Wednesday: Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner, $20 per person…… (x_____) = $_____
- Wednesday: Banquet at hotel, $50 per person…… ….. (x_____) = $_____
- **Merchandise total** (from above)…… $_____
- 2025 Annual dues, and for any prior years unpaid, $20 per year. (x_____) = $_____

Murder Mystery Show is immediately after the banquet

All monies are due **March 30, 2025**

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