

2014 REUNION REGISTRATION – SEE DETAILS INSIDE – Y’ALL ATTEND!

# LAFFEY NEWS

THE USS LAFFEY DD-724 – THE SHIP THAT WOULD NOT DIE



**“I’LL NEVER ABANDON SHIP AS LONG AS A GUN WILL FIRE”: CO F. JULIAN BECTON**

**Dedicated to those who served in Battle...and those that Preserved in Peace**

**July-August-September**

**[www.laffey.org](http://www.laffey.org)**

**2014**

## **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**FALL - 2014**

I want everyone to know that Ari Phoutrides is now the hero of D-Day 1945. The D-Day celebration was held on June 6, 2014 at Patriots Point. Ari and Lee Hunt were there to represent some of the survivors of the invasion of Normandy, France.

Lee was there during the day and had a great time. However, this wore him out and he went home early and could not attend the seminar in the evening. Ari was there to represent the USS Laffey and another gentleman was there representing the Army heroes who landed on the beaches of Normandy.

The folks at Patriots Point did a great job with the program. Melissa Buchanan was one of the performers. She, along with a few more Patriots Point people acted as wives, soldiers and people at home who were involved in the battle. They really did a professional job.

After the program, Ari and others took to the stage for a question and answer session. Ari was great. Afterward he signed autographs and had photos taken with many of the folks in attendance. While we were there for 3 or 4 days, we were treated to

lunch at the new restaurant next to Patriots Point. We had around 20 attendees from the Association. The whole luncheon was donated by Pat Waters who happens to be the grandson of General George S. Patton. We want to extend many thanks to Pat for the delicious meal. We hope to see Pat and his wife Marsha at the reunion dinner.

Patriots Point treated us to dinner aboard the Yorktown after the seminar. Thanks to Mac for the treat. Our friend Jeff Jacobs of the Patriots Point Foundation brought the new plaque to the luncheon for a sneak preview. It’s really beautiful and it will be a real tribute to the 32 men killed at Okinawa. The new plaque will be formally dedicated during the reunion.

Our reunion enrollment is rolling along. Jill is working really hard to get this thing going. Jill also told me that there has been some confusion at the Quality Inn and Suites at Patriots Point concerning having rooms available. At this time (August 7) there were 23 more rooms available. Some folks were told that they were out of rooms.....not true. Please ask for the Group Sales person to get this straightened out. Be sure to tell them you are with the Laffey Reunion group.

**REMEMBER – YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN LODGING RESERVATION FOR THE REUNION.**

This is going to be a special reunion. We are going to dedicate this beautiful plaque and Live Oak tree that was donated by Bartlett Tree Experts. The plaque was paid for from our association treasury. Also, at our reunion dinner, we will have a new guest speaker. General James Livingston USMC (ret) has agreed to speak. General Livingston is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Medal was awarded to him for his actions in Viet Nam as a Captain in the Infantry. I have read his book and this man is exactly what you think of when you think of a real MARINE! So hurry and get signed up! Get your checks to Jill Michel ASAP.....Hurry!

The raffle tickets are going out shortly. By the time you receive this newsletter you should have received the tickets in the mail. Please fill them out and mail me the check and the stubs with your name on it..... NOT THE BIG END WITH NO NAME SHOWN ON IT!!! Duh! I need to have them returned by Sept. 15, 2014. That way I can guarantee they will make it to the drawing.

Our work party will be coming up October 19-25, 2014. We will have a lot to do. I have 20 guys already signed up so far. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us. Call me at 410-515-3223 or e-mail [soncher724@verizon.net](mailto:soncher724@verizon.net) and I will put you on the list. Remember, we have 30 racks if you plan on sleeping on the carrier.

Please pray for our shipmates who are in failing health: Joe Folino, Lee Hunt and others that we aren't aware of to date.

See you all at the Reunion!

Sonny Walker  
President

### **NOW LISTEN UP – JILL MICHEL HAS SPOKEN!**

Our reunion coordinator, Jill Michel has recently announced (August 3<sup>rd</sup>) that she spoke with the Quality Inn Patriots Point and they said they still have rooms available for the reunion **but they are only holding the rooms for us until August 22nd. MAKE YOU RESERVATION NOW/ASAP.**

Come join your old friends and those that will become new friends. Concerning the plans for the

reunion, we will be visiting the Charleston Tea Plantation, having lunch at the Irvin House Vineyards and stopping by the Firefly distillery. When we take a trip down to Patriot's Point for the Tree Dedication and Memorial Service, we will then stop at the Harbor Breeze for lunch and fun and will be finishing up Wednesday night with our USO dinner. You will have a lot of time to explore on your own and hang out in the Hospitality room. Hope to see you there.

### **JUST RECEIVED – SAD NEWS TO ANNOUNCE**

All Hands:

More bad news: Don Vorgity, past president of the USS Laffey DD724 Association and veteran of the Korean War, has passed away.

Don has been fighting cancer for a long time and he finally succumbed to this terrible disease. Jill, Don's Daughter, called this morning and told me that Don passed away at 7:37 this morning. She said he went peacefully.

Don was elected president twice. Bob Langevin took over for him after his first term and I took over after his second term. He had planned on bringing his daughter Jill to the reunion this year but he ran out of time.

He will be remembered at our fall reunion in September.

Please say a prayer for Don and his family.

Funeral arrangements have not been made. I will advise when I get them.

Sonny (August 8, 2014)

### **AN EARLIER NOTE TO THE LAFFEY NEWS**

Bob –

December 17<sup>th</sup> is my Dad's (Glenn Setmire) birthday. So, in his memory I always send a donation to the Laffey. I think he would like that because it was something he was proud of – his ship and crew mates.

I always read the newsletter that is sent to my Mom to keep up with what is going on. Even though my Dad has passed away (4 Years) it makes me feel good to be able to do a little in his memory: The Laffey meant so much to him.

Keep up with all the good work everyone does.

Sharry Setmire

**Editor's Comment:** Sharon's in memory of donation was acknowledged in the first quarter edition of the Laffey News.

### QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

"You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor."

**Aristotle**

### THE LAFFEY'S SHIP MODEL – WITH PRIDE!



President Sonny Walker recently sent out raffle tickets for a chance to win the ship's model during **the annual reunion in Charleston this year**. The above photo of the model is representative of the quality and attention to detail that we provide the winner.

The drawing for this wonderful model is the primary means of fund raising for the association. We hope that you all recognize the needs we currently have and we trust you will buy the raffle tickets (or more) when they arrive in your mailbox. **Remember –“Ya gotta play to win”! Good luck!!**

### FALL 2014 WORK PARTY DATES ANNOUNCED

ALL HANDS:

We are booked on the Yorktown for our fall work party.

Arrival date: Sunday October 19th. Compartment will be available after 0900. Depart date: Saturday October 25.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can keep track of how many will be there.

Sonny Walker

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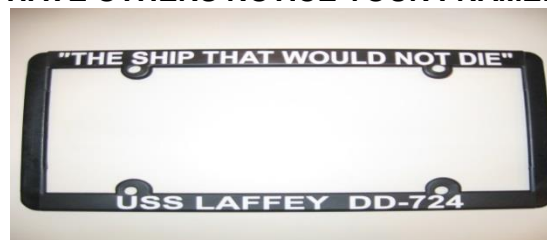
### CSS ALABAMA ARTIFACTS ADDED TO NHHC

From Military.Com - Week of July 07, 2014

The Naval History and Heritage Command's Underwater Archeology Branch (UAB) recently received more than 30 conserved artifacts from the sunken Confederate Ship, CSS Alabama, to add to the command's collection. The artifacts consisted of two wooden boxes, a partial gunstock, a copper alloy bolt, and pieces of wood from cannons, ropes, leather and cloth. These artifacts will help the scientists interpret the site of the ship. CSS Alabama, built by John Laird Sons and Company of Liverpool, England, was commissioned on August 24, 1862. Its mission was to wreak havoc on Union warships and Union-backed merchant ships, which it did for nearly two years.

For more information on the CSS Alabama, visit the Naval History and Heritage Command website at [www.history.navy.mil/branches/org12-1.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/org12-1.htm)

### FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA HAVE OTHERS NOTICE YOUR FRAME!!



Let's make certain that you (**procrastinators and the many new members**) do your part in making everyone know that the Laffey still lives! Install these plate frames around your vehicle tags and be noticed!! Remember, \$1.00 of each frame price goes to help fund the Junior Laffey Sailor Program.

The price for each custom frame is \$10.00 with shipping and handling included. Decide how many frames you might want, write a check made out to the USS Laffey DD-724 Association and send it to:

Bob Wampler, Editor Laffey News  
USS Laffey DD-724 Association  
100 Landing Lane  
Bluffton, SC 29909-6060

We'll do the rest: Your car, truck, golf cart, boat, go-kart, wagon, whatever, will thank you. Be noticed- It's a nice feeling!!

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**NEWS FROM PATRIOTS POINT**

**ALL SYSTEMS "GO!" FOR THE NEW APOLLO 8  
MISSION EXHIBIT**

**Apollo 8 Mission Exhibit Now Open**

Visitors can now blast into space in the new immersive Apollo 8 Mission exhibit. In 1968, the USS YORKTOWN recovered the Apollo 8 space capsule from the Pacific Ocean. Now guests can experience what life was like for those astronauts during the historic first trip around the moon. An immersive model Apollo 8 capsule simulates the sights and feels of the trip using state-of-the art technology. The new exhibit is included in the museum admission price.

While on a simulated trip around the moon, guests lying inside a model Apollo 8 capsule will hear radio communication and see photos and video recorded during the actual mission in 1968. They'll also feel what it was like to splash down in the Pacific Ocean and be picked up by the USS YORKTOWN.

**WHEN:** Exhibit opened July 20, 2014

**WHERE:** USS YORKTOWN, Hangar Bay 1

**PRICE:** Exhibit pricing included in museum admission. Parking is \$5



Construction Underway on the Vietnam Exhibit Expansion

Construction has begun on the expansion of the Vietnam Experience, opening Veterans Day 2014. When completed, the exhibit will include a US Marine Corps Artillery Firebase and a Brown Water Naval Support Base. The Town of Mt. Pleasant is also building a new lagoon for a MK1 River Patrol Boat.



New Audio Tour Available on the USS Yorktown

Patriots Point is now offering an audio tour that enhances the USS YORKTOWN experience by bringing memories of the ship to life. The tour is \$6 and includes more than 110 exhibits on the historic aircraft carrier.



**Patriots Point Awarded TripAdvisor.com Certificate of Excellence**

Thank you for helping Patriots Point earn a Certificate of Excellence for the second year-in-a-row. The recognition is based on consistent high reviews given by the museum's visitors. The museum is currently ranked as the number one attraction in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

**RECRUITS TURNED DOWN FOR TATTOOS**

About 100 men and women in El Paso who wanted to enlist in the Army have been turned away because of new tattoo policies that began March 31, said a statement from the Army Recruiting Command in Phoenix.

"A lot of the applicants come in here with tattoos or with gauged ears and they've wanted to join the military since they were kids and they're not able to," said Capt. Joshua Jacquez, Army recruiting company commander in El Paso.

According to Army Regulation 670-1, which details grooming and appearance standards for all soldiers while in uniform, new recruits cannot have more than four tattoos below the elbow or knee. Tattoos are also prohibited on the neck, face, head, hands, wrists and fingers. Ear gauges are also prohibited. Individual tattoos must be smaller than the recruit's hand. Individual tattoos that are clustered together to appear as one large tattoo are prohibited.

John Ceballos, a military veteran and member of the "All-Airborne" Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, said many members in the group have discussed the Army's tattoo policy. "Back in our days we weren't allowed to have tattoos, so many of us are against it," said Ceballos.

Tattoo policies in other branches of the military require that tattoos be covered up while in uniform.

In the Air Force, the tattoo policy prohibits airmen from having tattoos that cover more than 25 percent of a body part while wearing any type of uniform, such as short sleeve, long sleeve, sleeves rolled up or open collar. Any tattoos above the collarbone, such as on the neck, head, face, tongue, lips or scalp, are prohibited.

In the Marine Corps, new recruits with more than four tattoos will be subject to review according to its tattoo policy.

Tattoos on the head and neck are prohibited. Sleeve tattoos, and half-sleeve or quarter-sleeve tattoos that are visible to the eye when wearing standard physical training gear are prohibited.

In the Navy, tattoos on the head, face and neck are prohibited as well as tattoos on the inner lips or mouth that are visible with an open mouth. Tattoos located on the torso, legs or upper arm cannot be visible while wearing white uniform clothing. Tattoos exposed when wearing a properly fitted crew neck T-shirt cannot be bigger than the applicant's hand.

For all branches of the military, the content of tattoos is also reviewed before men and women can enlist. (From Military.com longer article)

## **NAVY HAS ITS FIRST FEMALE FOUR-STAR ADMIRAL**



Navy News | Jul 01, 2014

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The United States [Navy](#) promoted Michelle Janine Howard to the rank of four-star admiral July 1 during a ceremony at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus presided over the ceremony and administered the oath of office.

Adm. Howard is the first female four-star in the 238 year history of the United States Navy.

Howard is a 1978 graduate of Gateway High School in Aurora, Colo. She graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1982 and from the Army's Command and General Staff College in 1998, with a Masters in Military Arts and Sciences.

Howard's initial sea tours were aboard USS Hunley (AS 31) and USS Lexington (AVT 16). While serving on board Lexington, she received the secretary of the Navy/Navy League Captain Winifred Collins award in May 1987. This award is given to one woman officer a year for outstanding leadership. She reported to USS Mount Hood (AE 29) as chief engineer in 1990 and served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. She assumed duties as first lieutenant on board the USS Flint (AE 32) in July 1992. In January 1996, she became the executive officer of USS Tortuga (LSD 46) and deployed to the Adriatic in support of Operation Joint Endeavor, a peacekeeping effort in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. Sixty days after returning from the Mediterranean deployment, Tortuga departed on a West African training cruise, where the ship's Sailors, with embarked Marines and U.S. Coast Guard detachment, operated with the naval services of seven African nations.

She took command of USS Rushmore (LSD 47) on March 12, 1999, becoming the first African American woman to command a ship in the U.S. Navy. Howard was the commander of Amphibious Squadron Seven from May 2004 to September 2005. Deploying with Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 5, operations included tsunami relief efforts in Indonesia and maritime security operations in the North Arabian Gulf. She commanded Expeditionary Strike Group Two from April 2009 to July 2010. In 2009, she deployed to CENTCOM Theater, where she commanded Task Force 151, Multi-national Counter-piracy effort, and Task Force 51,

Expeditionary Forces. In 2010, she was the Maritime Task Force commander for BALTOPS, under 6th Fleet.

She was the 2011 USO Military Woman of the Year, and the 2013 NAACP Chairman's Image Award recipient.

### **Stealthy Warship Zumwalt is Getting Jet Fuel (LAFHEY NEWS UPDATE)**



Associated Press | Jun 30, 2014 | by David Sharp

BATH, Maine -- Bath Iron Works is getting ready to bring fuel aboard the Navy's biggest destroyer in preparation for firing up some of the world's largest marine turbines this summer.

Shipbuilders will be working methodically in the coming weeks to bring JP-5 military-grade jet fuel aboard the ship and flush the systems before lighting off the turbines and activating the ship's high-tech electrical systems. It's a complicated process for the first-in-class [Zumwalt](#).

"Because it's the lead ship, we're doing everything in a very deliberate and painstakingly accurate and detailed way," shipyard spokesman Jim DeMartini said.

Those turbines - similar to units in the Boeing 777 - won't propel the ship. They'll provide the grunt for generators that produce electricity that drives the ship.

Around the world, there are other electric-drive warships. But this is the first time the U.S. Navy has built a surface combatant using electric propulsion since a line of destroyer escorts in the 1940's.

For now, the Zumwalt remains a work in progress.

On a recent day, shipbuilders worked throughout the 610-foot-long vessel, testing various systems using land-based electricity. There were wires dangling, false ceilings, and tools and portable equipment throughout the interior.

Rolls-Royce modified its Boeing 777 turbo fan engines, each of them enclosed with an automated fire suppression system deep in the belly of the ship. Banks of high-voltage electrical switches and voltage converters lend the appearance of a power plant.

"It's the heart of the ship," said shipyard program manager Todd Estes, who served as an engineering chief aboard a Spruance-class destroyer before leaving the Navy.

The ship itself will boast plenty of new technologies: an angular shape to reduce radar signature; a gun with rocket-propelled projectiles; new radar and sonar systems; missile launchers that deflect explosions outward; heavy use of automation; and a new hull shape. All told, there are 2.3 million feet of electric cabling and 1,300 automated valves aboard the ship, Estes said.

The ship also has tremendous electrical capabilities. The two main generators, along with two auxiliary units, can produce 78 megawatts, enough electricity for about 10,000 homes.

All the power can be diverted to where it's needed, ship propulsion, or weapons or radar.

Down the road, there's enough juice to operate an electromagnetic rail gun, a futuristic weapon designed to fire projectiles at hypersonic speeds, said Norman Friedman, author of books including "U.S. Destroyers and Illustrated Design History" and the U.S. Naval Institute's "Guide to World Naval Weapon Systems."

Such a system could be a game-changer in the future, Friedman said. "The thing that sold electric drive was the promise of electric weapons like the rail gun," he said.

**IN LOVING MEMORY BY A.J. TARQUINO,  
LAFFEY NEWS WEBSITE MANAGER**



*"Farewell, Dear Mother"*

Somewhere in my heart,  
Beneath all of this pain,  
Is a smile I still wear...  
At the sound of your name.

She truly was my best friend,  
Someone I could confide in,  
She always had a tender touch,  
A soft and gentle grin.

The precious word is "MOTHER"  
She was my world, you see,  
But now my heart is breaking,  
She's no longer here with me.

I want to thank you Mother  
For teaching me so well,  
Even though the time has come,  
That I must bid you farewell.

God chose her for His angel  
To watch me from above,  
To guide me and advise me  
And know that I'm still loved.

I'll remember all you've taught me  
To put God above all others...  
For I had no better teacher,  
Than you ..... My Dear Mother.

The day she had to leave me,  
Her life on earth was through,  
But God had better plans for her  
For this, I surely knew

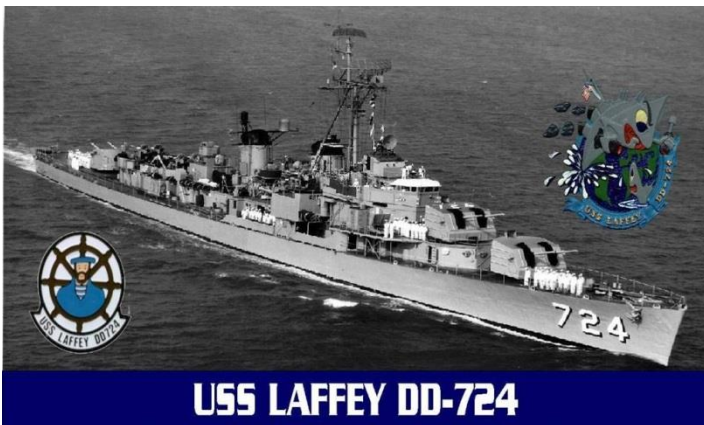
Even though you've left this earth  
And had to take your flight,  
I know that you are here with me,  
Each morning, noon and night.

When I think of her kind heart  
And all those loving years,  
Because we're only human,  
They're bound to bring us tears.



**Bartlett Laffey, Medal of Honor Recipient – The  
Civil War - For his heroic actions at the battle of  
Yazoo City, MS on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1864**

**USS LAFFEY AUTO PLATE AVAILABLE**



One of our members has created an auto license plate suitable for mounting on vehicles not having a

front plate state tag requirement. They can also be installed on golf carts. The cost of each plate is \$23 with shipping and handling included. Normal delivery is within 3 weeks.

The USS Laffey Association is not directly involved with the ordering or shipment of these great looking plates. Instead, your orders and payment checks should be directed to the following:

Mr. Bob Karas  
452 Wilmington Circle  
Oviedo, FL 32765-6186

**Include your phone number and address with the mailed-in order.**

**DONATIONS RECENTLY RECEIVED**

CHIC SALE (Work Party)	\$500.00
PAT STRIPLIN (Work Party)	\$100.00
HOMER DOSTER (Work Party)	\$ 75.00
VERNON HONSINGER (Work Party)	\$ 50.00

The USS Laffey DD-724 Association sincerely appreciates all donations. The generosity of our membership provides us with the financial ability to maintain the Laffey so she can remain the "prettiest ship" at Patriots Point (And she is!!).

**TAPS LIST**

Robert Esposito, EM3  
Served aboard Laffey 1967-71  
Passed Away on July 9, 2014

Ronald W. Mathews, BM3  
Served aboard Laffey 1953-56  
Passed Away on July 26, 2014

Pauline McVicker  
Mother of A.J. Tarquino, Web Site Manager  
Passed Away on July 11, 2014

Don Vorgity, QM3  
Served aboard Laffey 1952-56  
Twice Past President USS Laffey Association  
Passed Away on August 8, 2014

Please take a moment to remember these recently deceased association members and family members and pray that their families are comforted



as they journey down grief's pathway. May all of those recently departed rest in peace.

### LAFHEY DRESS FOR THE 2014 REUNION

Dave Bossard, owner of "The Locker Room" and a member of the USS Laffey DD-724 Association, has plenty of Laffey Gear available for immediate shipment. **Give Dave a call at cell # 610-698-4653, or fax him at # 610-488-5012 to discuss pricing, sizing and selection details.**

### SAD NEWS TO REPORT, SUNDAY AUG. 10<sup>TH</sup>

I, (Bob Wampler), received a phone call this evening from A.J. Tarquino (Our website manager) informing me that his Son passed away on Saturday. Please keep AJ and his family members in your thoughts and prayers.

### D-DAY EVENT AT PATRIOTS POINT JUNE 5-9, 2014

Patriots Point issued the call and the USS Laffey responded! The following pictured shipmates were able to attend and participate in events and tours scheduled for the anniversary date of D-DAY on the sixth of June, 1944. We salute all who attended and extend a bravo-zulu to them.

Here are a couple pix from the luncheon that was paid for by Pat Waters, grandson of General George S. Patton.

### Lee Hunt (left) and Ari Phoutrides, Plankowners



Please note the memorial plaque

(Photos provided by Jeff Jacobs,  
Communications Officer, Patriots Point  
Foundation)

### The "Prez" and "his Gang at the luncheon



Many Laffey veterans were in town last weekend for the D-Day ceremonies on the Yorktown and they saw the new memorial plaque for the first time.

**Kneeling:** Chris Kirhagis, Rich McKinney  
**Seated:** Pat Striplin, Lee Hunt, Ari Phoutrides, John Nettle, John Kapuska, Homer Doster.

**Standing:** Bob Lucey, Sonny Walker, Charlie Meyer, Kip Campbell, Walt Harrington, Steve Papp, John Hudak, Joe Luque, Ken Rohloff, Bob Toleman

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

For those members who are not life members and instead pay their dues on an annual basis, the USS Laffey DD-724 Association several years ago established January first as the due date for annual membership dues (for 2014).

The annual fee for membership in the USS Laffey DD-724 Association is \$25.00/year. Your check should be made out to the USS Laffey Association and mailed to our new Membership Chairman Mr. Mike Pereira, 92 Elmdale Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889. The check should indicate it is for 2014 membership.

If you are uncertain concerning your membership status, please contact Mike Pereira at 401-787-3014. Mike will gladly look into our membership roster and inform you of your current status.

## SAVE THESE DATES

### September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2014 USS Laffey Reunion

The reunion is going to be back in Charleston, South Carolina.

It will be a Great time to catch up with some of your friends, retell some of those sea tales and have some fun. A nice visit to the ship is also in order. She has been back from the yards a couple of years now and is looking Beautiful and Proud.

We will be staying at the Quality Inn - Patriots Point Please call the hotel directly and make your reservations. (843) 856-8817

#### Room Rates:

Deluxe room with 2 Queen Beds - (95.99)

Queen Suite with 2 Queen Beds, mini fridge (105.99)

King Suite with sitting, mini fridge (109.99)

#### Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

1pm – 10pm

Stop by the Hospitality room to register and pick up your information packet.

7pm: We will be enjoying all of the food that **YOU** brought in the Hospitality room

#### Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

9am – 3pm

Island Sip and See Tour: Ride the Low Country Loop Trolley out to visit the Charleston Tea Plantation, Firefly Distillery and Live Oak Winery at Irvin-House Vineyards. Lunch is included.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

10 am Okinawa Battle Memorial Service onboard the USS Laffey followed by the tree and memorial plaque dedication.

1-5pm Harbor Breeze for lunch and Fun

#### Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

9am Board Meeting

10am General Meeting

630 pm - Let's have a Great send off at our USO Dinner at Omar's (Business Dress Casual)

## SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT:

\*We are asking everyone to bring something to share with everyone at the Get-Together on Sunday night. (cookies, cakes, cheese trays, etc.) If you are unable to bring something or would rather like to make a donation towards some trays of food, just send the extra money with your registration fee and we will pick up something that will be delicious.

\*\*BYOB (bring your own bottle). We will have soda available but beer, wine, and other spirits you will need to supply.

\*\*\*We love and appreciate it when people bring something to be auctioned off or donations for door prizes at the reunion. If you think you will be bringing something, please give us a heads up (if possible) so we can have a drop bag set aside and a space for it on the table.

Hope to see you there!



**SHE MAY BE OLD, BUT SHE SURE IS PRETTY!**



**PLAN TO ATTEND**

**THE USS LAFFEY 2014 REUNION**

**EXPERIENCE THE COMRADESHIP ALL OVER AGAIN....JUST LIKE THE GOOD OLD TIMES!!**



**2014 USS LAFFEY REUNION REGISTRATION, CHARLESTON, SC**

**Reunion Dates: Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

Cost for Scheduled Activities: \$150 per person  
(Payable with this registration document)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number and names of persons

attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E/Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What Years did you serve on the USS Laffey? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your rate? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any young children attending: If yes, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

What day do you expect to

arrive? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this be the First reunion that you are Attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs / Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please let us know if you will NOT be attending a specific function during the reunion. We must pay per person, you will not be refunded but the money would stay in the Association instead of paying for something unused.**

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**This year we are starting BYOB (bring your own bottle – beer, wine spirits). We will have soda available, please give us an idea of what kind you would like.**

**Reminder:** Sunday night Get-Together we are having you bring something to be served. If you would rather send a few extra dollars, we will put it towards some trays of food for all to share.

Please let us know if you are bringing something to be raffled off so we will be prepared with a ticket drop bag.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Send Reunion Registration and check made out to "USS Laffey Association" to: Jill Michel, 26 Quaker Road, Mickleton, NJ 08056-1303.

Contact: Jill Michel @comcast.net or call 609-870-0600 / 856-423-4263. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

**PLEASE NOTE: WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL RESERVATION FORMS RECEIVED BY 9-8-14.**

**USS Laffey DD-724 Association**

Bob Wampler, Editor

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