

# USS TERROR CM-5 REUNION

September 16 - 20, 2007

Shipmates, First Mates, Friends

Just a few Reunion notes serving no real purpose at all. Now, to the first order of business. As the group arrives on Sunday a free buffet snack awaits the traveler. This, obviously, will not be courtesy of the hotel. This has been paid for by an overly generous contribution by a shipmate who will not be in attendance. This gentleman wishes to remain anonymous and I assured Charles (Len) Scheid that if I do nothing else well - I keep secrets!

How about Patriots Point! I have visited WWII ship museums from Battleship Cove in Fall River to USS *Hazard* in Omaha and Charleston has to be the largest and most impressive display. Excepting the submarine *Clamagore* all the vessels have an extensive WWII history.

*Yorktown* CV 10 was originally the *Bon Homme Richard* but renamed for *Yorktown* CV 5 lost at Midway. The story of *Laffey* DD 724 is well known. The handsome *Allen M. Sumner* class destroyer, on April 15th, endured four bombs and five kamikaze hits. The fact that the ship refused to sink can be attributed to two reasons. First, the ship was built in Bath Iron Works in Maine and second, the crew despite terrible casualties, battled the flames and damage to an unbelievable degree. USCG *Ingham* did her bit as well. These *Treasury* class cutters were, I think, the largest and served as part of the US Navy throughout the war.

During our stay at *Terror's* Reunion, the USS *Randolph* CV 15 will have their annual reunion. This will be a large group as the complement of these ships was about 3300 men and the ship served well into the 1960's. *Randolph* served in the Pacific and was hit at Ulithi by a Japanese kamakazi, *Frances* receiving minor damage. The carrier then went on to serve at Okinawa.

Final thought! Bring "good stuff" for the Craft table. This is the only source of income!

Please send the enclosed tour information as soon as possible.

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Ramada Charleston  
7401 Northwoods Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29406  
Tel: 843-372-2200

Amenities:  
Hot buffet breakfast  
Exercise room and business center  
Inside and outside pool  
Microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot  
Iron and ironing board

Complimentary shuttle to and from the airport as well as to local restaurants, Tanger Outlets and Northwoods Mall for shopping

**Hotel Reservations:** Call 843-372-2200 for reservation. The rate is \$74.00, single or double, and is good for three days prior and three days following the reunion. No cancellation fee if cancelled 4:00 PM prior to arrival.

**Shuttle:** Call 843-372-2200 to have shuttle pick you up at the airport

**Sunday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>:** Buffet 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in Hospitality Room

**Monday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Patriots Point Tour      **Cost \$55.00 per person**

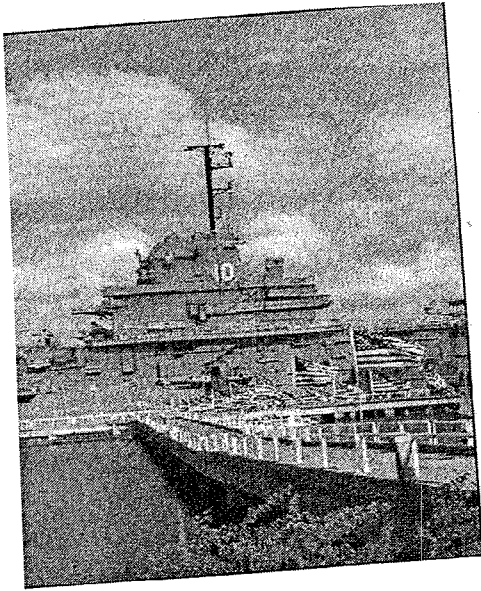
**Tuesday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Fort Sumter      **Cost \$55.00 per person**  
While cruising Charleston Harbor, you will view the beautiful homes along the battery and watch the sea gulls and the dolphins playing in the harbor. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began, the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before touring the fort and the museum. Lunch will be at a local “Irish Pub” and a bus tour of the city

**Wednesday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting and Banquet  
Instead of a “Goodie Bag” the Treasury will pick up the cost of the banquet.

Most important: Crafts make money!! Bring your crafts and while there  
SPIN THE WHEEL

**Total cost of the tours per person \$110.00**

# 2007 REUNION - CHARLESTON, SC



Where: Ramada Charleston

7401 Northwood Blvd.

Charleston, SC 29406

Tel: 843-572-2200

When: September 16 - 20, 2007

Rate: \$74.00 per night good for three nights prior and  
three nights after

Tours: Fort Sumpter and Patriots Point (USS Yorktown)

Includes: shuttle from airport (six miles)

Hot breakfast buffet

In-room microwave, refrigerator and coffeemaker

Indoor and outdoor pool

Laundry

Restaurant and lounge

Tanger Outlet Mall and Northwoods Mall for shopping and dining are accessible via  
hotel shuttle

*USS Randolph (CV-CVA-CVS-15) & USS Albert W. Grant DD649*

The above reunions will be the same week.

A picture of the *USS Terror CM-5* will be unveiled in the Ramada Hall of Honor with

127 other ship photos

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March 22, 2007

Dear Shipmates and Family,

This letter is an attempt to give an overview of this particular Ramada Inn. Last week Marie and I came in "off the road" and checked in to get an unescorted view of the premises and a general impression of what these people do. First and foremost, they do Military Reunions!. Over time they have hosted over 200 and this summer have now booked 35 more, so they are old hands at this and it is evident when you walk in the lobby. In our layer talks with the hotel, hospitality room, banquet facilities are as good as any previous reunions in my opinion.

I have talked to previous reunion folks and have letters from a half dozen who quote,( and nothing negative),  
Richard LeBlanc USS Henley "there has been nothing but praise for our reunion held May 6, 2006  
George Rateike USS Skagit "Best reunion ever".  
Phil Knowles USS Monterey Assoc. I have his letter and talked with him for half an hour. Net result: Best reunion ever. All reunions I discussed were in 2006 and Monterey was, I recall in December.

When one walks in the lobby it is immediately evident that these people do reunions, primarily Navy, and do them better than any I have seen.

Now, let's flip the coin over and talk about accommodations. This is an older hotel. As the years have passed the structure is bounded by a freeway and huge hotel packing lot. The hotel is four floors all adequately serviced by elevator. The interior rooms in the hotel are reserved year round for airlines and USAF personnel so we are concerned with what's left. All these rooms face out (motel style) although attached to the main hotel, to the freeway, parking lot or outside pool. The second day, I went in all rooms we might get - all were neat and clean and have all the amenities (microwave and refrigerator) as promised. Mattresses and linens were good. I was concerned with noise from the freeway but found when the door was closed I heard none. I have never concerned myself with views from a hotel room---. The rooms are adequate. All the other amenities (fitness room, computer access, swimming pool etc.) are pretty much standard and are as good if not better than most.

The savings of thirty bucks a day on the room rates doesn't hurt either.

*Please*, let us know ASAP regarding the tours and banquet choices but do not send any funds at this time.

Sincerely



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March 10, 2007

Dear Shipmates and Family

What is the status of the *Terror* Reunion 2007?

At our Annapolis get together Mike and Lorraine Asiello volunteered to assume the task of hosting the 2007 Reunion in Corning, New York. All of us know full well a serious illness can strike anytime and this is the case with Mike. He is waging a tough medical battle which makes it impossible to host the coming reunion.

Lorraine has been in touch and rather than see the reunion go by the boards, Marie and I, after some discussion with others, have agreed to put one together. The details we have been arranging in the last couple of days are noted in the enclosed notice.

Please note our new permanent address:

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More details to follow.