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# USS BASILONE

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December 2013

Greetings Shipmates and Associate Members,

Well another year has come and gone, as has another reunion. We hope that this letter finds everyone in good spirits. Dues is due. Dues as per the last newsletter is \$25.00 a year and \$125.00 for life membership as approved by the membership at the 2012 business meeting. Checks should be made out to the USS Basilone Association and mailed to the association treasurer Frank Crouse at 3103 Mt. Carmel Rd. Upperco, MD 21155.

We have several news articles from New Jersey papers that have been added to the archives. It was also brought to my attention that this was the first year for the Basilone Bowl, which is between High Schools in the Raritan area. It's supposed to be an annual event.

The reunion at Gettysburg was well attended with about 45 shipmates and about 90 total people in attendance. It was a nice mix of the usual attendees, some occasional attendees and newbies. We even had a former captain of the Basilone with us at the farewell banquet, Captain Robert Day.

The ships store is mostly in the hands of Jim Goodspeed. He has ships patches, pins, T-shirts, hats and golf shirts. He can be reached through the website by sending him a private message (PM) on the site ([www.uss-basilone-dde-dd24.org](http://www.uss-basilone-dde-dd24.org)), his regular e-mail [jwgoodspeed@gmail.com](mailto:jwgoodspeed@gmail.com). I have the coffee cups and our newest item, challenge coins, my info will be at the end of this letter. The coins have the DDE ships patch on one side and the DD patch on the other. After the Gettysburg reunion we found that we are sold out of DD hats (on order) and the blue golf shirts of all sizes and both types needed to be reordered.

The reunion started on Tuesday with check in and the hospitality room being open. On Wednesday we did an Adams County Winery tour. On Thursday we toured Hershey and saw everything that Milton Hershey did for the town from the schools for needy and orphaned children to the other projects that still stand today. Of course we did stop at chocolate world for a sample or three or more. On Friday we did the battlefield tour and even after all the time I worked in Adams County (Gettysburg) I found some facts I didn't know like When you see a cannon pointing up into the air means that a headquarters of some kind was on that site. Our memorial service was held at the only monument at Gettysburg that mentions sailor and the Confederates erected it. Saturday we departed for home.

At the business meeting we approved the usual donations to the John Basilone Foundation \$500.00, Tin Can Sailors \$100.00, The John Basilone Parade \$100.00 and the Navy Memorial \$100.00. We voted to have another reunion in 2014 in the Seattle area which will be hosted by Bob & Shirley Terhune and Jim & Dee Goodspeed. The reunion

will take place in September, some information about the reunion is enclosed in this mailing but the official reunion packets will probably not be mailed out till sometime in March. Just a reminder that if you decide to attend the reunion you don't have to sign up to go on every tour the guys will have planned. We have several other people that have shown interest in hosting reunions and here is a list of potential sites, Myrtle Beach-Wilmington, NC, Norfolk, Cincinnati. Just to mention a few.

This year we have found a few shipmates but we have lost many more. The following is a list of newly found shipmates Robert Simmons 60-63, Richard Murphy 52-54, Frank Gatto 60-62, David Kruske 55-57, Jim Voelkner 64-67, Dennis Forslund, Ed Frederick, Richard Diamond, John Scroggins, Bruce Richard, Arthur Saraphis, Byron Troite, John Baxter and William T. Dent.

We have lost the following shipmates this year Jack Kwait, Phillip W. Clay, Robret A Ficsher, George M Stephan, James McKnight, Claude B Shaw, Doyt Ladd, Richard Arlinghaus, Glyn Randall, George Helm, Herb Hartmann, Sanford Berman, William Brown, Francis Dotsie, David Palmisono, Ronald Randolph, Milton Simmonds, William Burkholder, Louis Colbus, George Brame, Edward McIntosh, JR, Kenneth Fisher, William Gatliff, Woodrow Strum, Charles P. Rozier, Lonnie Litaker, Dwight Demilt, Bruce K Wiggins, Leonard Bourque and Normand Laurianno.

Just a reminder to all you associate members that you are always welcome to our reunions and we hope to see some of you at our upcoming reunions.

That's all for this year and this is and here's to seeing you all in Seattle.

Your Shipmate,



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On Board 69-70

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST 2014, USS BASILONE REUNION  
PREVIEW

Co-Hosts: Bob and Shirley Terhune, Jim and Dee Goodspeed

Host Hotel: Pepper Tree Best Western, Auburn, Washington

- King or Two Queen Bed Mini-suites, large flat screen TV, refrigerator, microwave, WiFi

- Complimentary Hot Breakfast

- Indoor Heated Swimming Pool, Fitness Center

- Mon.-Thur., 1700-1900 Complimentary beer/wine Happy Hour

- Complimentary Local Hotel Shuttle Service (Restaurants, Factory Stores/

Shopping,

Muckleshoot Casino, Emerald Downs Horse Race Track

- \$89.99 per night plus tax

Events:

Sat. 9/13 1400 Pre-Registration for Returning Alaska Cruise Guests, Private USS  
Basilone

SeaTac Airport Shuttle Available on Request (530) 748-9445 or (530)

748-1962

Sun. 9/14 1000-1800 Private USS Basilone SeaTac Airport Shuttle Available on  
Request

1400 Reunion Registration, Hospitality Suite, 1900 Welcome Dinner

Mon. 9/15 0600-0930 Start your day with a complimentary Hot Breakfast

0900 Motor Coach Tour Seattle (the Emerald City), Original

Starbucks, Pike Place

Market (lunch on your own) , Space Needle

1700-1900 Complimentary Happy Hour (beer and wine), 1900

Dinner on your

own, Shuttle Service to optional selected restaurant, 2100 Hospitality

Night Cap

Tue. 9/16 0600-0930 Start your day with a complimentary Hot Breakfast

0800 Motor Coach Tour Mount St. Helens, Washington State

Capitol, lunch provided

1700-1900 Complimentary Happy Hour, 1900 Dinner on your own,

Shuttle Service

to optional selected restaurant, 2100 Hospitality Night Cap

Wed. 9/17 0600-0930 Start your day with a complimentary Hot Breakfast, Sleep Late

Free Day to spend time as you wish, Hotel Shuttle Service to local restaurants,

Factory

Stores/shopping, Muckleshoot Casino, Emerald Downs; Make Up Event for

the Ladies

1000-1430 Van Mini-tour, Mt. Rainier\*/ Skookum Falls, Sunrise Lodge,

Emmons Glacier,

Black Diamond Pioneer Bakery (lunch on your own) (Tour Weather

Permitting)

1630 Ship's Company Annual Business Meeting

1700-1900 Complimentary Happy Hour, 1900 Dinner on your own, Shuttle  
Service to

optional selected restaurant, 2100 Hospitality Night Cap  
Thur. 9/18 0600-0930 Start your day with a complimentary Hot Breakfast,  
0800 Motor Coach Cascades Adventure, Snoqualmie Falls and Pass,  
Leavenworth

Bavarian Village (lunch on your own) , Liberty Orchards, Snohomish Pass  
1700-1900 Complimentary Happy Hour, 1900 Dinner your own, Shuttle

Service to

optional selected restaurant, 2100 Hospitality Night Cap  
Fri. 9/19 0600-0930 Start your day with a complimentary Hot Breakfast,  
0900 Motor Coach Puget Sound Tour, Washington State Ferry to Bremerton,

Memorial

Service on USS Turner Joy DD951, Narrows Bridge to Tacoma  
1700 Banquet at Long Horn 1930 Raffle 2000 Hospitality Night Cap  
Sat. 9/20 0600-0930 Start your day with a complimentary Hot Farewell Breakfast  
0630 Private USS Basilone Shuttle Service to SeaTac Airport Begins, Book  
your flight  
at 0800 or later to avoid everyone relying on the first shuttle run.

#### NOTES:

- Jerry Moorman of "Around The World Tours" will lead all Motor Coach Tours, Little Jerry will direct seating and traffic.
- Jerry will be taking photographs of our 2014, Pacific Northwest Reunion and will produce a custom, 2015 USS Basilone calendar. Your \$30.00 Registration Fee (per couple) will provide the calendar, hat pins, all registration materials and Hospitality Room snacks. Your Arrival Registration Packet will contain a calendar confirmation form which will provide Jerry with the address for mailing your 2015 calendar.
- The Long Horn is just across the parking lot from the hotel and will host our Friday Banquet. You are encouraged to use other selected restaurants for mid-week dining and keep the Long Horn special for the banquet.
- The USS Basilone will operate a private 12 passenger shuttle for SeaTac Airport service and preselected evening dinner restaurants in the local area. This shuttle will be used for Wednesday's Van Mini-tour to Mt Rainier.
- \* Mt. Rainier Van Mini-tour is 4-5 hours and will be offered on a limited basis. Persons who have difficulty with altitude or walking on rough, glacial terrain SHOULD NOT TAKE this tour. Sunrise Lodge is at the 7,800 foot elevation at the base of the Emmons Glacier.
- Each Guest receives two hotel drink coupons per evening for beer or wine at Happy Hour.
- The Hospitality Night Cap will offer Rainier Beer, Olympia Beer, other beers and Washington State wines and is provided by your hosts.
- Guest Arrival Registration Packets will include local highlights brochures, a souvenir 2015 calendar confirmation form, hat pins and plans of the day.
- The hotel will honor our special reunion room rate before and after reunion on request.
- RV sites in a wooded, river front resort, operated by the City of Auburn, with water, 30

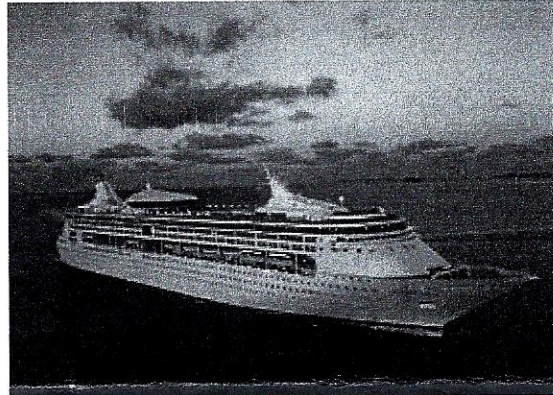
amp. Electric, picnic table and fire ring may be reserved for \$25.00 per night. These are less than 2 miles from the reunion Hotel. A special RV information packet will be available on request.

You may preview accommodations, local attractions and other features at our Host Hotel by going to: Peppertree, Auburn ,WA

Advance Registration Materials will be mailed in March. For this very special group room rate, DO NOT contact the hotel for reservations until you receive these materials.

# USS Basilone Association

Presents



*“Give yourselves Alaska for Christmas”*

***A 7-Day Cruise Leaving from Vancouver, BC, Canada  
{September 6-13, 2014}  
(Holland America's Zuiderdam)  
(Pass Port Required)***

## ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIV E	DEPAR T
Sat	Sep 6	<u>Vancouver, BC, Canada</u>		5:00pm
Sun	Sep 7	Inside Passage (Cruising)		
Mon	Sep 8	<u>Tracy Arm (Twin Sawyer Glaciers), AK</u>	10:00am	10:30am
Mon	Sep 8	<u>Juneau, AK</u>	1:00pm	10:00pm
Tue	Sep 9	<u>Skagway, AK</u>	7:00am	9:00pm
Wed	Sep 10	<u>Glacier Bay National Park, AK</u>	7:00am	4:00pm
Thu	Sep 11	<u>Ketchikan, AK</u>	10:00am	6:00pm
Fri	Sep 12	Inside Passage (Cruising)		
Sat	Sep 13	<u>Vancouver, BC, Canada</u>	7:00am	

**Call : Ray @ 800/514-9986 ext 7052**

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