



**August, 2017**

## **USS FLOYD B. PARKS**

## **DD-884 ASSOCIATION**

Greetings from Your Association,

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in San Diego is rapidly approaching and the news is good. We have already received many reservations for the hotel and related activities. It looks like we are heading for one of our bigger reunions in several years, particularly if local attendees who won't be using the hotel are factored in. The numbers for both the official group tour and the optional tour are good also.

As with last year, please carefully review the activity form and have it into Dennis by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Both the hotel and our tour operator need solid numbers early on. The deadline for room reservations is August 24<sup>th</sup>, but as I am writing this the remaining rooms are going fast. Don't wait until the last minute, or you may end up without a room like I did when I attended my first reunion.

I look forward to seeing all of you and re-visiting San Diego. We all probably have a visit to a special place or an activity planned for our free time. I'm looking forward to fish tacos at the snack bar on the Ocean Beach Pier.

*May You Have Fair Winds and Following Seas,*

Jim Smith  
Association President

### **2016 Raffle Guidelines**

1. Please place a small note card describing your donation and your name. These will be attached to each of the items. If it is money or a gift card, please place them in an envelope with the above information. This will expedite the receiving process.
2. Due to many folks traveling by air, we ENCOURAGE SMALLER ITEMS...items that fit into a suitcase.

**The RAFFLE will take place on Sunday Evening Only!**

Nancy Hall is **looking for volunteers (guys are welcome to assist)** to help with the final sale of raffle tickets and running the gifts Sunday evening. Please contact-  
Nancy Hall [texasnana3@gmail.com](mailto:texasnana3@gmail.com) or 469-556-6607.

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**Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion in San Diego  
September 14-18, 2017**

**Crowne Plaza San Diego, Mission Valley.** Great location at 2270 Hotel Circle North San Diego, CA 92108 [www.cp-sandiego.com](http://www.cp-sandiego.com) Amenities include Wireless Internet, on site restaurant & lounge, heated outdoor pool, room safe. This is a no smoking hotel. We have also secured discounted parking rate of \$4.00 for local and overnight guests per day.

Reservations booking website: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49061562>

Phone number: Call in hours 7am-11pm EST. 1-888-233-9527 ask for USS Floyd B Parks reunion 2017 rate. Reservations have a **48-hour cancellation policy**.

**Deadline for reservations August 24, 2017.** Our group rate is offered 3 days before and after the reunion based on hotel availability. (Block room are filling up fast don't wait).

**King and Queen Room rates are \$122.00 plus tax.** Included is a hot breakfast buffet for up to 2 guests per room. If there are three (3) guests in a room, the rate would be \$130.00 and would include breakfast for all three guests. Four (4) guests in a room, the rate would be \$138.00 and include breakfast for all 4 guests.

**Airport Transportation to Hotel:** The options are Super Shuttle at the rate of \$12 per person, each way or a Taxi which is between \$20-25 each way. Once at the hotel, The Crowne Plaza offers complimentary shuttle to Old Town and the Fashion Valley Mall at scheduled times.

**Get Ready For Another Great Time!**

*Due to many requests for an optional tour on Friday we have put together the bus tour below.*

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>:** Narrated City Bus Tour. This tour includes Mount Soledad Veteran's Memorial located in LaJolla 900 feet above sea level with a sweeping 360 degree view of San Diego and the ocean. We will travel through Coronado and by the famous Del Coronado hotel built in 1888. Shopping at Seaport Village and lunch will be at the classic Bali Hai restaurant located on Shelter Island, established in 1954. We will return to the hotel by 3:00pm.

We had mentioned in the February newsletter, dinner at the hotel on Friday night. However, due to high cost of the dinner, **Friday night will be on your own for dinner.**

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:** USS Midway Tour is the most visited ship in the world. Everyone will receive a complimentary audio set, this allows you to visit your favorite exhibits. Also we will have a 2 hour narrated harbor excursion with a box lunch. The harbor excursion passes by dozens of points of interest including 5 military bases. We will return to the hotel by 3pm.

**Saturday night will be on your own for dinner.**

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>:** The men's meeting will start at 10:00am. Please attend for your Association updates. Following the men's meeting our worship service with our Chaplin; David Lewis is at 11:00am.

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>:** **Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**, this will be a special night to enjoy with friends, family and shipmates. *Memories to be made and shared.*

## ACTIVITY FORM – SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

<b>Name (s): First</b>		<b>Last</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>Email:</b>		
1.						
2.						
3.						
<b>Arrival Date:</b>		<b>Departure Date:</b>		<b>Home Town:</b>		
The Crowne Plaza Hotel – Mission Valley is about 10 to 15 minutes from Airport – <b>NO HOTEL SHUTTLE</b> service; use taxi, uber or other commercial transport						
<b>Rank/Rating on PARKS:</b>		<b>Dates served on ship:</b>		<b>New Attendee? Yes or No</b>		
Day	Date	Activity	(A) Cost	(B) # of People	Total (A) x (B)	
Friday	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Narrated city bus tour of San Diego, Harbor side lunch	\$80			
Saturday	September 16 <sup>th</sup>	USS MIDWAY Tour and 2hour narrated Harbor Excursion with box lunch	\$80			
Saturday Evening	September 16th	Your time to explore San Diego or hang out with Shipmates				
Sunday	September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Banquet Dinner Member/Spouse/Honorary Member or Member Significant Other	\$0		Roasted Tri-Tip	
					Salmon	
					Chicken	
					Vegetarian	
Sunday	September 17 <sup>th</sup> "Guests"	Banquet Dinner – Non Member/Spouse or other Non-member guest Total Dinners	\$50		Roasted Tri-Tip	
					Salmon	
					Chicken	
					Vegetarian	
<b>Total Cost</b>						

Attach the activity form and your check made to **Floyd B. Parks Assn.** for the total activities you would like. **Mail activity form and check by August 15th to: Dennis Allion, 4 Los Encinos Dr. Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940**

**TREASURERS MESSAGE - ANNUAL DUES ARE \$10 PER YEAR Payable to USS FLOYD B PARKS ASSN**

Over 175 of 288 active members have paid their dues through at least 2017 – thank you for your payments. We count on the dues to pay for newsletter printing and mailing, filing non-profit tax returns and other minor expenses of maintaining the Association. Please keep the checks coming.

*Sincerely, Dennis Allion*

***Chaplains Corner:***

What a blessing to write this August letter. It means we are so close to another reunion and a lot of fun. Summer is in full swing with Diana and me. We hope all is well with each of you reading this and enjoying each day.

I have only three names to add to the taps list today. They are: Dale Bratcher '55-'56; Bob Wendt '45-'46; and George Cornell '45. I have added a total of 16 names since last reunion.

Let us all try extra hard to make the San Diego reunion and make an extra special effort to spend time with each one there. We need to keep everyone in our prayers. Our association is the greatest and support from all of you makes it so. As time flies by my list grows and with sadness I report our loss. That is why I encourage the importance of our gathering.

May the Lord grant us the time to meet again in September.

**David Lewis**, MM3 '70-'73, Association Chaplain

*(If you know of someone that is ill or has passed away, please email or call me so I can share with the Parks Family [idawdle@nemr.net](mailto:idawdle@nemr.net) 660-216-0055)*

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