



## USS FLOYD B. PARKS DD-884 ASSOCIATION

**May 2018**

*Spring greetings from your USS Floyd B. Parks Association,*

We are only four short months away from getting together again. We are looking forward to our return to the East Coast after a three year absence due to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in San Diego. Philadelphia has such an important role in our history that it was time for us to come and explore. This newsletter has all of the basic information on the hotel and all group activities.

Pamela was able to find us another great hotel located close to the airport, with complimentary shuttle service. Based on a survey of East Coast cities and prices, we are getting an excellent package, including discounted breakfasts. It is in an area with lots of close options for your personal time activities.

Again, this year, we are planning two group events and leaving everyone plenty of free time for exploring and dining at your own leisure. For any old sailor, visiting the New Jersey on Friday, this will be a memorable event. Saturday's tour of the historic sites will put us in touch with the source of our Constitution. This newsletter has a short list of other potential activities. I personally hope to get in a little surf fishing, and get that checked off my bucket list.

I'm sure many of you are wondering about moving the reunion dates later into the month. This is a one-time shift due to several factors, including how busy the East Coast cities are in the fall. There is a lot of competition for large blocks of hotel space that meets our reunion needs.

Hope to see you in Philly!

May you have fair winds and following seas.

*Jim Smith*

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**USS Floyd B Parks DD884 Navy Reunion in Philadelphia, PA  
September 27 – Oct 1, 2018**

**We are pleased to announce our stay will be at the Double Tree by Hilton Philadelphia Airport.** 4509 Island Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19153. It is located just minutes from the Philadelphia International Airport [www.philadelphiaairport.doubletree.com](http://www.philadelphiaairport.doubletree.com) Amenities include Wireless Internet, on site restaurant & lounge, heated indoor pool, safe, coffee maker, handicap accessible rooms. This is a no smoking hotel with complimentary self-parking. Valet Parking is \$15 plus tax per night.

Blocked rooms are under the name **Floyd B. Parks DD884 Navy Reunion.** Reservations can be made directly by calling (215) 365-4150 ext. 33. Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. Or call Hilton Worldwide Reservations 1-800-445-8667 after 5pm or weekends. Check in time 3pm and check out is 12noon.

**Please note the cutoff date for reservations is Monday August 20, 2018.** Do not wait. This hotel fills up fast. Reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. **The cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to arrival.** Failing to call or show before 2:00am after the first night of a reservation will result in cancellation of the remainder of your reservation. Contact the hotel directly.

*The group rate will be offered 3 days pre and post of the reunion based on hotel availability.*

Double and Queen rooms rates are \$139.00 plus tax. Discounted breakfast coupons @ \$14.00 per person inclusive of tax and service charges will be provided at check in. If you decide not to use the breakfast coupons, there will be no charge to you. Breakfast is served daily from 6am – 11am. There is a \$10 charge for each additional adult over 2 adults per room.

Transportation: Doubletree provides complimentary transportation to and from the Philadelphia Airport.

**Philadelphia has a lot to offer, it will be another fantastic time.**

**Friday, September 28th: Philadelphia's History in the Military on the Battleship New Jersey**

**AMERICA'S MOST DECORATED BATTLESHIP:** At the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial not only do you see exhibits of artifacts from the ship's past, but you are put into the exhibit as you go through the tour route. Sit in the chair from which Admiral Halsey commanded the fleet. Stretch out on the bunks where the sailors slept. Climb into the 16" gun turret and learn how the projectiles were loaded. Friday Night will be on your own for dinner. We will return to the hotel by 3:30pm.

**Saturday, September 29th: Guided City of Philadelphia Tour**

This tour includes historic district, Society Hill, Penn's Landing, Center City, Museum District and Park Service Tour of Independence Hall interior.

We will return to the hotel by 3:30pm

Saturday Night will be on your own for dinner

**Sunday, September 30th:** The men's meeting will start at 10:00am. Please attend for your Association updates. Following the men's meeting will be our worship service at 11:00am.

**Sunday, September 30th: Our Banquet Dinner.** A very special time to enjoy with friends, family and shipmates. *Memories to be made and shared.*

### ACTIVITY FORM – Philadelphia, PA

<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 DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia provides complimentary transportation to and from the Philadelphia International Airport							
<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 Peopl e	Total (A) x (B)		
Friday	September 28th	Philadelphia's History in the Military including Battleship New Jersey. Lunch on board	\$90				
Saturday	September 29th	Guided City of Philadelphia Tour Historic District, Society Hill, Penn's Landing, Center City, Museum District, Independence Hall Lunch at Maggianos	\$90				
Sunday	September 30th	Banquet Dinner	\$45		Sirloin with Demi Glaze		
					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**

*Suggestions of things to do while in Philadelphia*

**Reading Terminal Market**

Historic hub for eclectic foods & goods

Famous indoor farmer's market offering diverse fare, housewares & area specialties since 1892.

**Eastern State Penitentiary**

Historic prison with tours & exhibits

Gothic-style prison-turned-attraction with tours of Al Capone's cell, exhibits & a haunted house.

**Longwood Gardens**

Garden in the Chester County, Pennsylvania

Vast collection of vibrant flower gardens, a greenhouse & fountain shows

**Chaplains Corner**

***Greetings Shipmates,***

Not much news to pass along. I feel summer is finally arrived for Diana and I. We planted our garden today.

This year Diana and I will not be attending the reunion. The time frame is the start of our fall harvest. If any of you attending the reunion would like to help and volunteer with the ships store, please let the committee know.

A new list of deceased was passed to me. They are:

Delbert Meier '51-'54

Captain George Berry Wilson '64-'66

I get several calls from people that just want to talk and more than a few who found us and want to order a cap. Not everyone can attend the reunions, but many share fond memories of their time on the Floyd B. Parks.

May all be blessed and happy

**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)*

***Our sincere thank you to those who have paid their \$10 dues for 2018!***

You are helping pay for the administrative cost of keeping the USS FLOYD B. PARKS website up and running, for the mailing of newsletters, insurance, IRS filing fee, and other minor administrative cost.

Please help us keep track of shipmates who have either passed away or moved – hard to keep up when we don't hear from folks. My phone number is 831-915-0857; always happy to hear from you. If I can't answer your call, please leave me a voice message. Send payments to:

**USS FLOYD B PARKS ASSN – c/o Dennis Allion, 4 Los Encinos Drive, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940**

Sincerely, **Dennis Allion**, Your Association Treasurer

## 2018 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.

## Highlights from the San Diego Mini Reunion

Janet Romero successfully pulled together another memorable day with shipmates and loved ones from the Floyd B. Parks held at Imperial Beach FRA Branch 289! Thank you Janet for keeping this reunion alive!





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