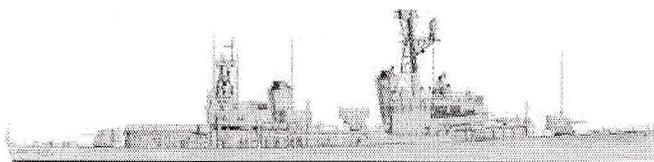




# USS Johnston (DD821)



## AHOY SHIPMATES

November 24, 2007

We sincerely hope that you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday in good health and spirits. The sacrifices of many have made this possible. We have much to be thankful for and we are truly blessed to be a part of this great Nation.

At last the final preparations for the USS Johnston DD-821 2008 reunion have been completed. Included in this newsletter is a reunion flyer and registration form. As we had mentioned in our last newsletter the 2008 reunion will be held at the Sheraton Gateway Suites O'Hare in Chicago Illinois. The reunion will run from Thursday April 17, 2008 thru Sunday April 20, 2008 with farewells and departures on Monday April 21, 2008. We have reserved a block of rooms for our reunion at a special rate of \$109.00 per night. This rate is guaranteed for an additional three days before and three days after our reunion dates if booked as part of your reunion stay. This hotel is an all suite hotel so rooms will be 2 room suites. The hotel is located 3 miles from O'Hare Airport and one of the few hotels that offer free airport transportation. There is parking on site for \$12.00 per day, but in addition there is also parking across the street for free. For those interested, they have a heated pool, fitness center, business center, rental car service, sauna, full service restaurant and lounge on site. To book your rooms please call the hotel at 846-699-6300 or 866-716-8103 and please mention that you are making reservation as part of the USS Johnston DD-821 reunion and the dates that you will be staying. We do however recommend that at this time you make your room reservations as soon as possible.

Also included with this newsletter is a letter from our treasurer Ray Pac regarding the USS Johnston DD-821 annual membership and dues appeal. Without your continued support our association would cease to exist but I will let Ray expound more on that in his appeal.

It is with great sadness I must report that because of health issues, and other personal commitments, that two of your humble servants will be resigning their offices as board members of our association. Your treasurer Ray Pac and I as president of the association will be resigning at the 2008 business meeting. Our decisions have not been made hastily, but life has a way of dictating what we can or cannot do. In all the years that I have known Ray Pac I have never found a kinder or more dedicated man to his family, friends, shipmates or his country.

