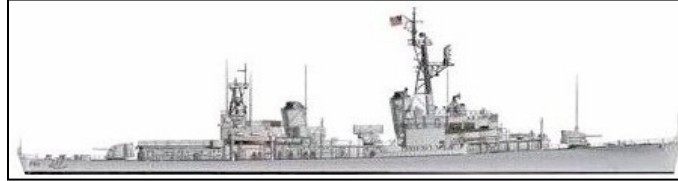


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VEGAS HERE WE COME!



The 2013 USS JOHNSTON DD-821 Association reunion is just around the corner. We are expecting another good turn out so you late comers need to get your hotel reservations made and your checks sent into the Association just as soon as possible.

If you've lost the reunion forms, send George an email at George.sites@gmail.com and he will send you the forms immediately.

As we have mentioned in the past, the Association has to guarantee a certain number of

meals, excursion numbers, etc. If we don't give them accurate information, we pay for any mistakes in the numbers we've given them.

The Vegas reunion is one of the lowest cost reunions we put on so make it an adventure and come on out! What have you got to lose?

We have included the hotel information in this newsletter for the last time. Next newsletter will be after the reunion.

Remember "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas."



ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Your current USS Johnston DD-821 Association Officers were elected at the Virginia Beach reunion four years ago! They are Bob Nava (President), Ralph Hocking (Vice President & Historian), John Argonti (Secretary) and George Sites (Treasurer).

Bob, John and George are willing to continue to serve in their respective positions however Ralph has asked to step down. Ralph has served a total of eight years on the Association board and we thank him for his loyal support and help over the years. However we understand his position and we hope someone is willing to step up to fill his shoes.

At the 2013 reunion we will be asking for someone to volunteer for his position. Being an Association Officer doesn't require a lot of time. However the volunteer must

be someone who pays their dues on a regular basis and comes to the reunion each year. The Association Officer must be a former USS JOHNSTON DD-821 sailor or officer.

The Vice President & Historian is an important position for the association. His duties are maintaining the Association's artifacts, help with the planning of the reunions and whatever else is needed. In the past he has ordered and maintained our inventory of caps and patches as well as the ordering of them. He also has to be willing to step into another position should the need arise.

Please give volunteering on the Association a thought. The Officers need you, the Association needs you. All of the serving officers have taken great pride in what they've been able to do over the past four years. Consider helping us out in the future.

The next volume of "The Real Story of the USS Johnston DD-821" is a real possibility!

As reported in the last Newsletter a "Part 2" of "The Real Story of the USS Johnston DD-821" is coming along nicely. Currently we have about 230 pages typed, formatted and in the book and with lots of new pictures. We need a couple of hundred more pages to make it all worth while. Remember, you requested we do a "sequel" to the first book. It takes a lot of work so surely you can take an hour or two out of your busy schedule and write down your Johnston adventures and send them to George Sites. You can send them via email: George.sites@gmail.com or by snail mail to George Sites, 2204 Ravinia Circle, Venice, Florida 34292.

We are also looking for a dynamic picture for the covers of the new book. If you have a great picture of the Johnston in action in either color or black & white, please have it scanned in high definition and send it to George Sites.

This is your last chance to memorialize your Johnston experience, don't miss out!

Johnston Association Reunion Headed to Las Vegas in 2013

Your Association Board has been hard at work working out the details for the 2013 reunion in Las Vegas. As in the past, we make every attempt to keep the cost of attending as low as possible for our members and we achieved that again for 2013. Again our reunion will be at the “The Orleans” Hotel and Casino. We made every attempt to have it at a different hotel than before but the Orleans is the only hotel that is friendly to Military Groups especially as small as ours. We talked to about a dozen different hotels and basically none of them wanted our small group. You may want to keep that in mind the next time you visit Vegas.

The reunion will start on **Thursday May 16, 2013 and will end Sunday night May 19, 2013**. Most of our members leave on Monday morning. Details for excursions, shows, meals, etc. are still being worked out and will be included in the next newsletter.

With that said, we have negotiated a fabulous rate as indicated below. For the entire four days of the reunion the hotel will cost you less than \$300 including the 12% tax not shown in the table. That’s nearly \$100 less than for the 2012 reunion in Savannah, Georgia. Please keep in mind the rates are for single or double occupancy, additional guests in a room will be charged an additional \$15 per night. As indicated below, the rates are guaranteed for up to 3 days prior and after the reunion. Please note the rate is higher on Friday and Saturday nights.

		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun				
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22
\$39	\$39	\$39	\$39	\$89	\$89	\$39	\$39	\$39	\$39

Our Association had to guarantee a number of rooms and guests for the meals, etc. Please make your reservation as soon as possible using this information. The hotel recommends using their on-line reservation through the website. You will need the reservation ID: **A3UJC05**

www.orleanscasino.com/groups

If you prefer to call, make sure you mention the **USS Johnston—DD821** to get the special rates. The proper number to call is: 1-800-675-3267. Keep in mind that if you do not use the group name, you will not receive the special pricing.

The Orleans is a complete destination with many fine restaurants, a bowling alley, casino, snack bars, theatres, and bars. They also have a shuttle that leaves every 30 minutes for the strip at no charge.

Sign up soon and we’ll see you in Vegas!

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THE PURPOSE OF THE USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION IS TO PERPETUATE THE BONDS THAT WERE FORMED AMONG THE PERSONNEL WHO EXPERIENCED THE "TRADITION OF THE SEA" WHILE SERVING ABOARD THE USS JOHNSTON DD-821, IN PERPETUITY.

WE DO THIS BY PROVIDING SHIPMATES A WEBSITE SECOND TO NONE THAT WAS BUILT BY AND IS OPERATED BY FORMER SHIPMATE DUANE MALLAST, AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE USS JOHNSTON ASSOCIATION AS A MEANS TO MEMORIALIZE AND SHARE THE EXPERIENCES WE ALL HAD WHILE SERVING ABOARD THE U.S.S. JOHNSTON. IN ADDITION, THE ANNUAL JOHNSTON REUNION REINFORCES THESE BONDS AND BRINGS US ALL TOGETHER AGAIN.

THE ASSOCIATION IS A "NOT FOR PROFIT" ORGANIZATION FORMED BY AND OPERATED BY USS JOHNSTON DD-821 SHIPMATES.

In Color?

If you want to see the newsletter in color? Then visit the Johnston webpage at: www.ussjohnston.org and see your newsletter in full color.

USS Johnston DD-821 Newsletter

The Association Board hopes you are enjoying the USS Johnston DD-821 Newsletters. Over the past couple of years we have expanded the content, improved its format and increased the number of newsletters from one to three per year. We would like to make it a quarterly newsletter, expand its content even more and make it available to all of our known shipmates. However to do that, we need help from you our fellow shipmates in two ways.

First and foremost to keep the newsletter interesting, we need your help writing articles such as "my favorite Johnston port", "my scariest moment of the Johnston" or your biography. Basically any short story you feel our fellow shipmates will enjoy reading. Your photographs make the stories even more interesting. I don't know about you, but I really enjoy reading about all our shipmates. I'm sure you would especially enjoy reading about that favorite officer and/or sailor you served with. I find it interesting to know what my favorites have been doing in their lives all these years since I served on the Jolly J. Your story can be a few paragraphs to a page or more. The best length is one type written page. Please email them to George Sites at "george.sites@gmail.com". You can also mail them to: USS Johnston DD-821 Association, 5653 Haydens Reserve Way, Hilliard, OH 43026.

Secondly we would appreciate payment of the yearly dues (\$15/year) if at all possible. We do understand that not all can afford to pay and that is OK. At the time of this writing, we have only 82 paying members for 2013 or beyond out of the 427 (19%) that are currently on our roster. All shipmates on the roster have been sent a dues payment form. The dues basically keep the Association afloat by not only paying for the printing of the newsletters but the cost of mailing them also. Dues also help to defray the costs of maintaining the USS Johnston website (www.ussjohnston.org). Now I don't know about you, but in my opinion, our website is second to none. Contact George Sites via email if you don't know your dues status.

We are including the **2013** dues payment forms with this newsletter in case you have misplaced yours.