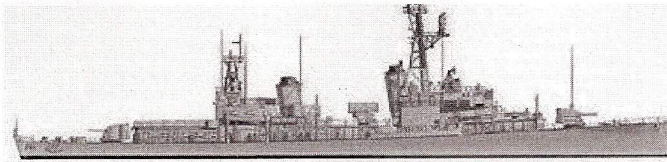




USS Johnston (DD821)



AHOY SHIPMATES

February 5, 2007

I hope that your holiday season was enjoyable and that you were able to celebrate them in good health with your family and friends. I'm sure we all feel that as the years speed along, the time we spend with our friends and loved ones becomes more precious.

I'm afraid I must confess that I failed to proofread the reunion flyer I sent out in our last newsletter. The flyer was provided by the company we selected to be our reunion planners. Once all the final details of the reunion were completed I was in such a hurry to get the mailing out that I assumed all the information on the flyer was correct. Although they might not be major mistakes, there are in fact a few corrections that have to be made; and I have included a corrected flyer and reservation form with this newsletter. The first mistake is that while the listed day and month for the reunion are correct, it is in fact the 2007 reunion and not the 2006 as stated. Hopefully no one thought they missed last year's reunion and you'll let me slide on that one. I hope the next item didn't cause anyone any problems, but in talking with one of my old shipmates who will be attending this year, it may have. Historically we have always had our farewell banquet on Sunday night of the reunion. Most people book their rooms from Thursday through Sunday night and the majority of the people fly home on Monday. Of course there are those that book a few extra days, but that is not the concern. The reunion flyer stated the farewell banquet would be on Saturday instead of our normal Sunday farewell banquet, and this is not the case. My friend almost booked his return flight on Sunday thinking the reunion was over Saturday night. Our farewell banquets have always been one of the greatest events of the whole reunion, and I would hate to see anyone miss out on the festivities. For those of you who have already made your room and travel reservations, please double check the dates against the new flyer in this mailing. As for the rest of you that may be considering attending this year's reunion, I can only say if you come to your first reunion, it won't be your last.

Our treasurer Ray Pac and I wish to thank those of you who paid their annual dues and also those who sent additional funds to help support our Association. It's through your generosity that the USS Johnston DD-821 Association continues to carry on the legacy of the great ship we served on. Without your help we wouldn't be able to hold our annual reunions and send out these newsletters. Thanks again for all your support.

