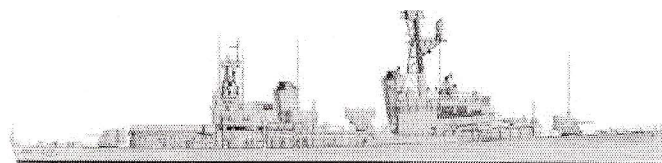




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November 24, 2007

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.

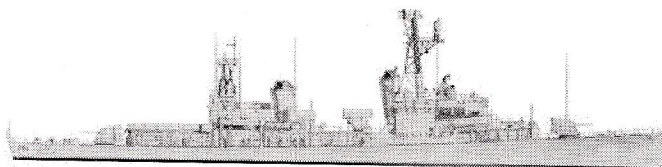
At last the final preparations for the USS Johnston DD-821 2008 reunion have been completed. Included in this newsletter is a reunion flyer and registration form. As we had mentioned in our last newsletter the 2008 reunion will be held at the Sheraton Gateway Suites O'Hare in Chicago Illinois. The reunion 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.



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He has done more for the USS Johnston DD-821 Association than any other individual in the history of our organization. He has performed his duties flawlessly and never once asked for praise or recognition. No other individual more exemplifies the USS Johnston spirit than this individual. We all owe Ray a tremendous debt of gratitude for his tireless dedication to our association. I know I am speaking for the entire USS Johnston DD-821 Association when I sincerely thank Ray Pac for his many years of service to our association. Well done shipmate Pac, well done indeed.

As for myself, I would like to thank the members for their confidence in allowing me to act as president and vice president of our association. There will always be a place in my heart for the USS Johnston DD-821 and all those that served on this mighty Greyhound of the sea.

That's it for now my shipmates. Until we meet again, I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Tony Tomasin

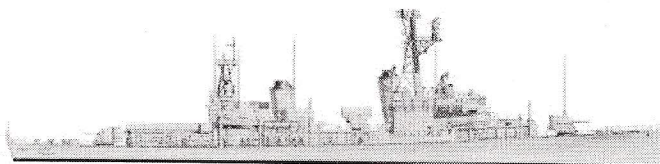
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USS Johnston Reunion

April 17-21, 2008

~~ Chicago, Illinois ~~

To be held at the Sheraton Gateway Suites at Chicago Airport. All rooms are 2 room suites and rates are only \$109 per night, plus tax. Parking at the hotel is \$12 or there is a free lot 300 feet away. Airport Transportation is complimentary from Chicago O'Hare Airport only. Registration will be \$107 per person and include the following:

- ~ Welcoming Package with name button, itinerary, list of attendees, & local information
- ~ Thursday Reception Dinner
- ~ Sunday Business Meeting
- ~ Sunday Banquet Dinner & Program
- ~ Hospitality Room stocked with snacks & beverages & cocktails all 4 days
- ~ All associated taxes and gratuities

Call the Sheraton Gateway Suites at 847-699-6300
no later than 5 pm CST March 16th 2008 to make your hotel reservations.
Be sure to mention you are with the USS Johnston Reunion to receive the group rate

Optional tours are available to include

Friday- Great Lakes Naval Base Tour and Graduation— Includes private group tour of the Great Lakes Naval Base and graduation. Lunch at the club is included in the ticket price. Tour time 6:30 am -5:00 pm Price per person \$52

Saturday City Highlights & Navy Pier- Experience all Chicago has to offer with a guided tour of the city. Afterwards we will have free time for shopping as well as Lunch at "Rivas" on Navy Pier. Lunch is included in the ticket price. Tour time 9:00 am 5:00 pm Price per person \$60

COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!

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