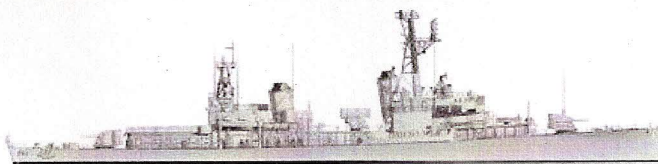




USS Johnston (DD821)



AHOY SHIPMATES

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As always, I hope that this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits. I am sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter to you, but life has been hectic for this old salt and I pray for your indulgence.

The 2007 reunion in Las Vegas was viewed by many as a resounding success. The weather was great; and as far as I know, everyone had a wonderful time. As with most Vegas trips, we took in the Hoover Dam and had a great lunch cruise on Lake Mead. We didn't lose anyone overboard, and none of our members tried taking over the ship. There was also a city tour and numerous spottings of who some people swear was Elvis. To the best of my knowledge no one came back any richer than when they came except for the great memories that every reunion provides. Vegas is a great city; and if we had a month, we couldn't have seen it all. As is usual at our reunions, we all spent many hours with our shipmates and their families, reminiscing of old days when we were men of the sea. Johnston reunions never seem to be long enough, and the Vegas reunion was no exception. We bid farewell to all those who attended, and I know many of us anxiously await next year's reunion.

Speaking of next year's reunion, by an almost unanimous decision at this year's Johnston business meeting, the 2008 USS Johnston DD-821 annual reunion will be held in Chicago, Illinois. With the help of many dedicated Johnston shipmates and their family members, we are happy to announce that our 2008 reunion will be held at the Sheraton Gateway Suites O'Hare. 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.

