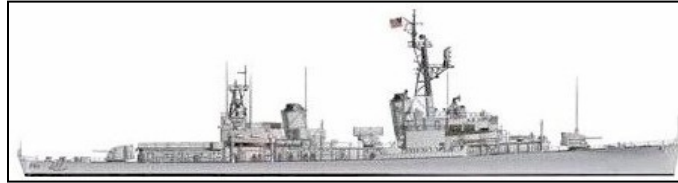


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EXPECTING A BIG TURN-OUT IN SAN ANTONIO



made as soon as possible. There are a limited number of rooms available so don't delay! More will be added as required but they are on a first-come basis. If we have a good turn-out however any additional rooms will be made available on a first-come basis.

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn—San Antonio Riverwalk. You can tell by the hotel's name it is located directly on the world famous riverwalk which will allow all of us to move about the area easily.

The special negotiated room rate is \$99/night plus taxes. The same rate is available 3 days before and after the reunion. If you drive, there is a discounted parking fee of \$15/night for self-parking.

Please call **(210) 224-2500** and ask for the **USS Johnston Reunion group** to receive the special pricing. We cannot emphasize enough how important making your reservation early is!

Based upon early hotel reservations, it would appear the 2014 USS JOHNSTON DD-821 Association reunion held in San Antonio, Texas will have a big turn-out. We have already filled the number of rooms we are obligated for. The dates are Monday, May 19 through Thursday, May 22, 2014. Most will leave on Friday morning. Bob Nava the Johnston Association President has done an excellent job of negotiating a wonderful price for the hotel and meals. Please note that a convention is taking place in San Antonio the same week as our reunion so your hotel reservations MUST be



Robert W. Curran, Navy captain, dies at 83



Editor's Note: Captain Curran served as the Jolly J's captain from March 9, 1967 to March 9, 1969.

Robert W. Curran, a retired Navy captain and veteran of two wars, died Oct. 21 at his home in Annandale. He was 83.

The cause was bladder cancer, said a son, Timothy Curran, an editor at The Washington Post.

Capt. Curran served nearly 30 years in the Navy before his final active-duty assignments, in 1979, on the staff of the chief of naval operations and on the Joint Chiefs of Staff's strategic planning council. He was a veteran of the Korean War and was commanding officer of the destroyer USS Johnston during the Vietnam War in addition to in-country assignments in Vietnam establishing bases for operations along strategic waterways.

After his military retirement, he was an engineer for RCA and General Electric in the Washington area.

Robert Welch Curran was a native of Canton, Mass., and a 1952 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He received a master's degree in international relations from George Washington University in 1972.

His military decorations included the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with combat "V" and the Bronze Star with combat "V."

He was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Joanne Pratts Curran of Annandale; four children, Pamela Schaefer of Corrales, N.M., Jennifer O'Hare of Falls Church, Robert Curran of Carson, N.M., and Timothy Curran of Washington; a sister; a brother; and four grandchildren.

TAPS



Kroeger, James	02-13-2013
Bross, John	03-01-2013
Buckle, Edward	03-19-2013
Atchley, Melvin	04-01-2013
Sprague, George	07-01-2013
Ballard Sr, James	08-11-2013
Siple, Donald	09-06-2013
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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 RE-UNION 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.

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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, 2204 Ravinia Circle, Venice, FL 34292.

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 127 paying members for 2013 or beyond out of the 407 (31%) that are currently listed 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 **2014** dues payment forms with this newsletter in case you have misplaced yours.