

# USS Johnston (DD821)



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## NEW ORLEANS BOUND

Our shipmates voted to have our 2020 reunion in New Orleans. This is the second time we've been there and as I understand, everyone really enjoys the city. Bob Nava has arranged for our hotel to be in the heart of town. It is easily within walking distance to nearly everything. As we've mentioned in the past, we appreciate those of you that make your hotel reservations early and of course, send us your registration as early as possible. We have to set guaranteed numbers for the hotels and tour providers we use. If we estimate too high and don't get the required number, the Association has to pay the difference out of our Association account. If we estimate too low, we pay more for the hotel and tours. It's a juggling act to say the least. Please book your room and send in your registration as soon as possible.

Our 2020 reunion is scheduled for Monday, afternoon, June 8th through Thursday evening, June 12th. Most will arrive on Monday the 8th and leave on the 13th. We will be staying at the Cambria New Orleans located at 632 Tchoupitoulas St. New Orleans, LA 70130. The specially negotiated rate is \$99 per night plus taxes. Various types of rooms are included for you to pick from. If you want to arrive early or leave late, the same rate will be provided to you. High speed internet and bottled water is included at no charge. Specially discounted valet parking is available at \$30/night. The hotel phone number is 504-524-7770. Make sure you mention the USS Johnston reunion. You can also make your reservation via the following link:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/VB42Z8>

Don't forget we have a welcome dinner on Monday night and a Farewell Banquet on Thursday evening. Keep this in mind when making your travel plans. The Association Board looks forward to seeing each of our shipmates at the reunion and hope that you make it an annual event.



# TAPS



ENS George Nugent 5/22/2018  
TMCS Grover Fewoy 9/13/2018  
TE3 Phil Demmel 9/14/2018  
RM1 Steve Zenes 10/18/2018  
CDR William Georgen 4/26/2019

## BEYERLE AND ACCORD



USS Johnston (DD-821) shipmates Dana Beyerle, QMSN, left, and PNCM Price "Darrell" Acord, USN Retired, at a January 2019 mini-reunion. Both served aboard the Johnston from 1971-72, Acord as a PNC. Chief Acord retired in 1979 after serving 22 years and then had a career as a small businessman, owning and operating several successful ventures. Beyerle worked as a wire service and newspaper reporter in five different decades. He contributed to the Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News' coverage of the deadly 2011 Alabama tornadoes that earned a Pulitzer Prize in 2012. Beyerle retired in 2013 and then from a "second career" as director of communications for the Business Council of Alabama, the state's leading business advocacy organization, in 2019. (Photo contributed).

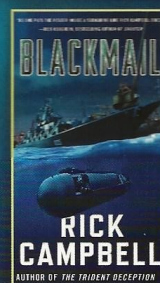
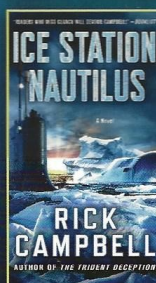
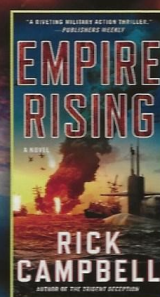
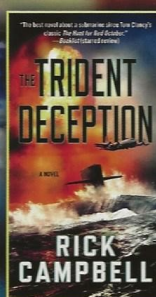
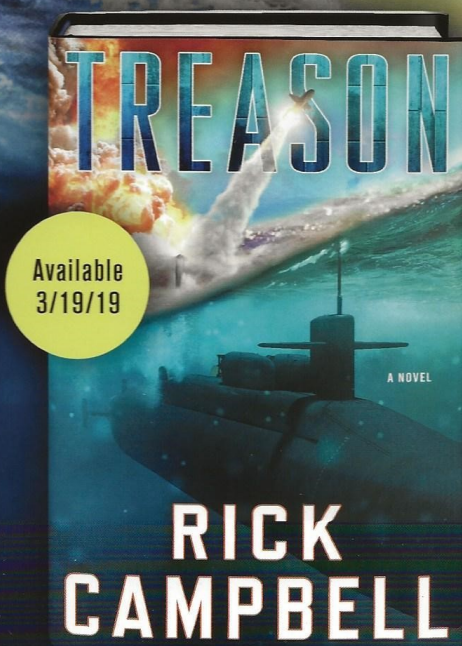


**"Readers who miss Tom Clancy will devour Campbell."—Booklist**

**COULD A MILITARY COUP LEAD TO ALL-OUT WAR?  
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 St. Martin's Press

Author Rick Campbell has donated autographed books to our reunion for several years now. We auction them at our Farewell Banquet and the money we raise helps pay for the reunion and also goes into our general fund. Please support Rick. The books are fabulous.

## USS Johnston DD-821 Association Reunions

1	1992	Myrtle Beach, North Carolina
2	1993	Pensacola, Florida
3	1994	Mobile, Alabama
4	1995	Baltimore, Maryland
5	1996	Charleston, South Carolina
6	1997	Virginia Beach, Virginia
7	1998	Las Vegas, Nevada
8	1999	Branson, Missouri
9	2000	Charleston, South Carolina
10	2001	San Antonio, Texas
11	2002	Nashville, Tennessee
12	2003	Providence, Rhode Island
13	2004	San Diego, California
14	2005	New Orleans, Louisiana
15	2006	Washington DC
16	2007	Las Vegas, Nevada
17	2008	Chicago, Illinois
18	2009	Virginia Beach, Virginia
19	2010	San Diego, California
20	2011	Pensacola, Florida
21	2012	Savannah, Georgia
22	2013	Las Vegas, Nevada
23	2014	San Antonio, Texas
24	2015	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
25	2016	Jacksonville, Florida
26	2017	Boston, Massachusetts
27	2018	Charleston, South Carolina
28	2019	Savannah, Georgia
29	2020	New Orleans, Louisiana

X3	Charleston, SC
X2	Pensacola, FL
X2	Virginia Beach, VA
X3	Las Vegas, NV
X2	San Antonio, TX
X2	San Diego, CA
X2	Savannah, GA
X2	New Orleans, LA



# Advice From the Ocean



Advice from the **Ocean**:

Be **SHORE** of yourself

Take time to **COAST**

Avoid **PIER** pressure

**SEA** life's beauty

Don't get **TIED** down

Make **WAVES**

Don't be **SHELLFISH**

Adapt to changing **TIDES**

Expand your **HORIZON**

Bet on a **SHORE** thing

**SEAS** every opportunity

# USS JOHNSTON DD821 CHALLENGE COIN

John Argonti of the USS Johnston DD821 Association board has arranged for the manufacturing of a USS Johnston DD821 Challenge Coin. As you can see, it is beautiful and should make a wonderful keepsake for shipmates and family members. If interested, please fill out the form below and mail as indicated. John Argonti will ship them directly to you. All profits go to the Association's general fund!



The cost is \$15.00 each which includes shipping. Please fill out the form below and mail it to the following address along with your check made payable to John Argonti:

John Argonti  
2515 Madison St.  
Cambria, CA. 93428

Yes I would like to purchase USS Johnston DD821 Challenge Coins at \$15.00 each including delivery.

Number of Coins requested \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

Your mailing address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**DD821 Ball Cap and Patch are also available for \$25 which includes shipping! For Ball Caps & Patches only, Send check to**

**USS Johnston DD821 Association, 11746 Goombay Ct, Venice, FL 34292**

**Be sure to include your mailing address and the quantity you want!**

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## USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION

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 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.

## USS Johnston DD-821 Newsletter

As the editor, I have to admit I’ve run out of “items/ideas” to put in the Johnston Newsletter. This is the first issue of the 11th year of the newsletter and I’m willing to continue putting the newsletter together but I need your help. Anything you feel would interest our shipmates would be appreciated. Articles such as “my favorite Johnston port”, “my scariest moment of the Johnston” or your biography. Basically any short story and your photographs make the stories even more interesting. Have you written a book and want to share it, send me the information. Any articles you may have about the Jolly J, books that include our favorite ship and whatever else you can think of. 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 former shipmates have been doing in their lives all these years since I left “J” in 1971. Your story can be a few paragraphs to a page or more. The best length is one type written page, include a picture if available. Please email them to George Sites at “george.sites@gmail.com”. You can also mail them to: USS Johnston DD-821 Association, 11746 Goombay Ct., Venice, FL 34292.

Secondly we would appreciate payment of the yearly dues by the end of January, 2020. We do understand that not all can afford to pay and that is OK. However at \$15/year, you have to admit it’s a great deal. At the time of this writing, we have only 54 paying members for 2019 or beyond out of the 314 (about 17%) that are currently listed on our roster. All shipmates on the roster receive our newsletters and 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. You do the math, each mailing of the newsletter cost about \$230. Fifty-Four paying members equals \$810. That barely covers the cost of three mailings and leaves no money for maintaining our website. Extra donations have been our saving grace. Some are now receiving the newsletter IN COLOR via email and that has helped lower our delivery costs. Keep in mind the dues are NOT tax deductible! Contact George Sites via email if you don’t know your dues status.



# USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION

## 2020 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES

AHOY SHIPMATES! Once again it is time for our annual dues request to help support the USS Johnston DD-821 Association. While we know these are trying times, your dues make it possible for us to stay in contact with as many former Johnston shipmates as we can reach. Your generous donations help us cover the cost of postage, newsletter mailings and maintenance of our website. At this time each year we ask all our shipmates to please help support our Association and keep it growing. Our dues rate is still just \$15.00 per year, but we will accept any additional donations you may wish to include and help us offset membership costs for shipmates that may be less fortunate than yourself. We currently have only about one-fourth of the known Johnston shipmates as paying members. Our roster has **314** names on it. Keep in mind, over 4000 served aboard the Johnston over the years.

PLEASE NOTE WE SEND THIS FORM OUT WITH EACH NEWSLETTER AS A FRIENDLY REMINDER. MANY HAVE SENT IN DUES MULTIPLE TIMES WHEN THEY HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. WE ALWAYS APPLY YOUR PAYMENT TO THE NEXT YEAR'S DUES IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. WE APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE BUT IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU ARE PAID UP TO DATE, PLEASE CONTACT GEORGE SITES VIA EMAIL ([george.sites@gmail.com](mailto:george.sites@gmail.com)) OR SNAIL MAIL.

If you wish to continue your membership in the USS Johnston DD-821 Association or are an individual wishing to join, please fill out the information on the next page and send it to George Sites at the address shown on the form along with your annual membership check for \$15.00 payable to the USS Johnston DD-821 Association. Even if you choose not to join or cannot afford the dues at this time, please fill out the personal information sheet so that we may keep track of your current mailing address and email address. We will never turn our backs on our shipmates, and maybe someday we may need a little help as well. By sending us your completed information sheet it helps us keep our database current and up-to-date so we can continue to send you all our newsletters and reunion notices.

The requested dates of service should include any and all time spent in any branch of the US military. This will help us determine if your donations in the future can be considered "tax deductible". Currently your dues and/or donation are **NOT** tax deductible. Many of our shipmates have asked for a copy of our membership roster. We are asking you for permission to add your name to the published roster.

On behalf of all the officers of the USS Johnston DD-821 Association, we thank you for your support and wish you and your families our very best.

Sincerely,

*George A. Sites*, Treasurer

USS Johnston DD-821 Association

# USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION

## 2020 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES SERVED ON THE JOHNSTON: \_\_\_\_\_

RATING (RD3, etc) WHILE ON THE JOHNSTON: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES SERVED IN ANY BRANCH OF THE US MILITARY INCLUDING THE JOHNSTON:

\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

YES I WANT TO JOIN, ENCLOSED ARE MY **2020** ANNUAL DUES FOR \$15.00 ( )

I DO NOT WISH TO JOIN AT THIS TIME BUT INCLUDE ME IN THE ROSTER ( )

YES, PLEASE ADD ME TO THE PUBLISHED ROSTER FOR ALL TO USE ( )

IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE INCLUDED, PLEASE INDICATE IF THEY ARE FOR FUTURE DUES OR A DONATION TO HELP DEFRAY OPERATING COSTS:

FUTURE DUES: \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_ (Currently dues and/or donations are **NOT** tax deductible)

Dues are requested by January 1, 2020.

Make Check Payable To: **USS Johnston DD-821 Association**

Send To: **USS JOHNSTON DD-821 ASSOCIATION**  
**C/O GEORGE A. SITES, TREASURER**  
**11746 Goombay Ct.**  
**Venice, FL 34292**