

USS Durham 2009 Reunion Information

Here it is! The News You've Been Waiting For!! The USS Durham LKA-114 reunion will be held May 21-24 at the Wyndham Hotel located at 4620 South Miami Blvd, (exit 281) Durham, NC. The hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service. To obtain transportation to the hotel, call from the courtesy phone located near the baggage claim area or call the Wyndham direct at 919-941-6066. For those driving, there is ample and complimentary parking. The Wyndham is a first class hotel offering all of the amenities you would expect; iron & ironing board, coffee maker, hair dryer, alarm clock, 32" Flat Screen TV, comfortable beds, as well as Fitness and Business Centers. The Garden Café and Lounge are also available for food and beverage not included in the reunion package. There is also ample hospitality, meeting, and banquet space. You will thoroughly enjoy your stay here. **Please remember that ALL Reservations are made through ML & RS, Inc. The hotel will not accept your individual reservations and offer the special reunion rate!!**

The City of Durham considers it a great honor to have the privilege of hosting the first reunion, and hopes we will return periodically for future reunions!! The Mayor of Durham, The Honorable William V. Bell has declared the week of May 24 "USS Durham Days" and he or his representative will present the Proclamation to the group at one of the functions. The mayor and other city officials have been invited to attend the Saturday night banquet as our guest speaker. Confirmation of his attendance is expected. Chelsey Didsbury of the Convention and Visitors Bureau has worked exhaustively with the ML & RS, Inc staff to locate the best facilities and attractions, media coverage and publicity. You will have a chance to meet her and her fiancé (sorry guys). So you can see this whole reunion is the product of a team effort led by Greg Yung.

Registration Instructions

Your Choice: You may select one of the three options shown below, or create your own limited agenda. You may fax, mail or phone in your registration. Reservations via fax or phone require the use of **American Express, MASTERCARD or VISA.**

- 1. Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **April 20, 2009.** Final payment is due before **May 1, 2009.**
- 2. Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **May 15, 2009** there is a \$50.00 cancellation fee **plus** the cost of any activities that have already been paid for, or for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **May 15, 2009.** Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.
- 3. Minimum Room Requirements:** During this economic down-turn hotel occupancy is down. Consequently attrition clauses, for room occupancy and food & beverage minimums (standard clauses in all hotel contracts), are being strictly enforced. **It is important for you to know that room prices are based on a minimum of 35 rooms, each night (or 105 total rooms).** In the unlikely event the room minimum is not met, the Wyndham reserves the right to adjust the prices to reach minimum anticipated revenue. You will not receive your confirmation letter until a minimum of 15 room reservations are received. Please heed this notice and register early!
- 4. From ML & RS, Inc:** *We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to work with you on your very first reunion. This promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime event. Trite as it sounds, there is only one first reunion. You will never regret attending; you will always regret not attending! Get your reservation in the mail, or fax it, or phone it in.*

Option A

Arrive on Thursday, depart on Sunday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.

Three Nights Lodging (Thur, Fri, Sat); Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; three breakfasts (Fri, Sat, Sun); Friday night Durham Bulls themed dinner buffet; Saturday night banquet; Thursday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Name Tag, Durham, NC city tag; 2009 Reunion Memory Book, Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; all applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this option is only \$774.00 per couple; \$562.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

Option B

Arrive on Friday, depart on Sunday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.

Two Nights Lodging (Fri, Sat); Two breakfasts (Sat & Sun); Friday night Durham Bulls themed dinner buffet; Saturday Night Banquet; Friday and Saturday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Name Tag, Durham, NC City Tag; 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this option is only \$591.00 per couple; \$430.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

Option C

Arrive on Saturday, depart on Sunday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option.

Saturday Night Lodging; Saturday Night Banquet; Sunday breakfast; All day Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Roster of attendees; Name Tag, Durham, NC City Tag; 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Memorial Service Program; Applicable Taxes, gratuities, bartender, set-up fees, registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this Option is \$336.00 per couple; \$243.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

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Thursday May 21, 2009

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room (7th Floor Club Lounge) & Memorabilia Room (Chapel Hill Room) opens. The Chapel Hill Room for your memorabilia items will be stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. Because of liability considerations, private alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into this room. The Chapel Hill Room must close during the Welcome Reception. Private beverages may be brought into the 7th Floor Club Lounge, provided proper decorum and noise control is maintained. Your private beverages may not be taken out of this room, and it must close during hotel sponsored functions including the Welcome Reception. Please be aware that ML & RS, Inc does not maintain nor staff the 7th Floor Lounge.

5:00—6:00 PM: Welcome reception in the Raleigh-Durham Room begins. After a few welcome remarks and admin announcements by Founder Greg Yung, you can enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres along with your favorite adult beverage from the cash bar. This will be a relaxed and casual evening. Dress is casual. Both the 7th Floor Hospitality Room and The Chapel Hill room must close during the reception. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only. If you can not participate in the reception, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Thursday's reception".*

Dinner is on your own tonight.

Friday May 22, 2009

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet in the Raleigh-Durham Room. Eat at your leisure during this hour, keeping in mind when the optional tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in Option A only.*

8:45 AM: Load 'em up' 9:00 AM move 'em out: Optional tour departs and will take you to the famous Durham Bulls Stadium (Remember the movie Bull Durham; this is where it was filmed.) This stadium will become part of the Minor League Museum (projected 2010) and is currently under renovation. It may not be complete at the time of the reunion, but at least we can do a drive-by. From there we can to the current Durham Bulls Stadium which is right across the street from American Tobacco and the Durham Performing Arts Center. American Tobacco was owned by the Duke family, founder of Duke University (you'll tour their homestead on Saturday). There is a restaurant at the American Tobacco Historic District called Tyler's Taproom that has 100+ beers on tap. Just maybe a beer tasting with a BBQ (Carolina style) lunch would be in order. There is another brewery called Triangle Brewing Company located in the downtown area that has several brews. Lunch is on your own, where ever you have it. After lunch you'll enjoy a tour of Duke University. Some people think Duke has a pretty good basketball team (some Tarheel fans may disagree), and maybe we'll have a chance to visit Cameron Indoor Stadium, home of the "Duke Crazy's". Time permitting; we may be able to visit some other historical sites such as Historical Stag Plantation, the largest slave-owning plantation in NC; or "Last Shots" where the last shots of the Civil War were fired. You'll return to the hotel around 3:00 PM; time enough to meet and greet Friday arrivals and have some refreshments. There is a minimum of 35 persons for the tour to go. Less than 35 the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of this tour is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, Add Friday's tour.*

9:00 AM: The Chapel Hill Room opens and Registration resumes.

6:00 PM: Social Hour in the Wyndham Cafe. Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar while anticipating a Carolina-style meal. Then at **7:00 PM** a delicious buffet with a Durham Bull theme featuring some of Durham's favorite dishes will be served. Cost of tonight's dinner is included in Options A and B. *If you can not participate in the dinner, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Friday's dinner."*

Saturday May 23, 2009

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet in the Raleigh-Durham Room. Eat at your leisure during this hour, keeping in mind when the optional tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in Options A and B only. If you can not participate in the breakfast, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Saturday's breakfast".*

8:45 AM: Load 'em up; 9:00 AM: Move 'em out! Today's Optional tour will be an "historic" day. Things may be done in a different order than shown here, but everything described will be included. You'll visit the Bennett Place, site of the largest surrender of the Civil War (yes, even larger than Appomattox.) In April 1865, two battle-weary adversaries, Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston and Union General William T. Sherman, met under a flag of truce to discuss a peaceful solution to the tragic Civil War. The military leaders and their escorts got together midway between their lines on the Hillsborough Road, seven miles from Durham Station. Johnston suggested they sit down together at a simple farmhouse a short distance away. On three separate occasions the Union and Confederate generals struggled to come to mutually agreeable surrender terms at the home of James and Nancy Bennitt (research indicates Bennitt is the correct spelling of the family name). Finally, on April 26, the Bennitt home became the site of the largest troop surrender of the Civil War. May 20 is celebrated as Confederate Memorial Day (North Carolina Observance). Beginning on the 20th, and lasting through the 23rd you can meet historical interpreters portraying Confederate soldiers. They will demonstrate the life of the soldier and discuss what Confederate Memorial Day means to them. The Duke Homestead Historic Site and Tobacco Museum. Here is where Washington Duke started his tobacco empire; see their mid-1800's home, tobacco barn, and original factory. Costumed interpreters demonstrate life on a yeoman's farm in the 1800's. You'll do a drive through of downtown Durham with a stop in Brightleaf Square. Here you can also see the renovated tobacco factories. Brightleaf Square was one of the first, a Liggett & Myers factory (makers of Lucky Strike among other brands). There are great places to eat (on your own) and shops that will appeal to everyone. You'll return to the hotel around 3:00 PM, so you can meet any Saturday arrivals, get refreshed, and get ready for the business meeting. There is a minimum of 35 persons for the tour to go. Less than 35 the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of this tour is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, Add Saturday's tour.*

10:00 AM: Hospitality room opens with fresh coffee and cold drinks. Snacks will be served in the afternoon. Registration will resume.

3:30-4:30 PM: Business Meeting in the Raleigh-Durham Room

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session begins. Individual and/or couples photos will be taken for inclusion in the 2009 Reunion Memory Book. Six to eight weeks after the reunion, the memory book will be sent to everyone who registers for Option A, B, or C; or anyone selecting the "Individualized Option" who places an order for the memory book. Be sure to have your photo taken!

7:30 PM: The USS Durham Banquet in the Wyndham Cafe. Enjoy your last night in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. If you can still wear a complete and correct uniform, please do so. There will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. *Cost of the banquet is included in Options A, B, and C. If you can not participate in the banquet, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Saturday's Banquet".*

Sunday May 24, 2009

8:00 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet in the Raleigh-Durham Room. The memorial service honoring deceased shipmates will be held after breakfast. *Cost of breakfast is included in Options A, B, and C. If you can not participate in the breakfast, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Sunday's breakfast". Handshakes, hugs and good-byes will mark the end of the physical 2009 reunion. The memories will last a lifetime!*

USS Durham LKA-114 Registration Form

Wyndham Hotel Research Triangle Park, Durham, NC

**Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before April 20, 2009. Mail or fax to:
Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.; PO Drawer 11399; Hickory NC 28603.**

Phone: 828-256-6008; Fax: 828-256-6559. Web: www.mlrsinc.com/durham

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **MI:** _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Info

If there should be an emergency during the reunion and we need to contact a member of your family, who should that be?

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Cell Phone or Travel Number in case there are any last minute changes: _____

Name Tag Info

Options A, B, and C will include a name tag and city tag (Durham, NC 2009) to hang below your nametag. Name Tags are blue plastic intended to be used year after year. ***If you sign up for only selected activities, we encourage you to order a name and city tag here.*** This is a great conversation starter and group member identifier. The nametag is a blue plastic tag with your name, the name of your ship, the years you served, and your rate engraved on the tag. Guest tags have the guest's name engraved on it. Indicate below the number tags you wish to order.

Remember, you do not need to place an order here if you registered for either Option A, B, or C. If you fill in the info below, you will be charged for a name and city tag!!!!

Number of Durham, NC name & city tags; @ \$9.75 _____ X # of tags _____ = \$ _____

Your Nametag Name: _____ Guest Nametag Name: _____

Which years did you serve on board: _____ What was your highest rate while on board: _____

Also available, for plank owners, is a plank owner tag to hang directly below your nametag. If you would like a plank owner tags, please indicate so at the right. Cost is \$3.75 each. Number of plank owner tags wanted: @\$3.75 _____

Payments and Cancellations

Make Checks Payable to: "ML & RS, Inc"

Personal Check # _____ Money Order _____ American Express _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____

ML&RS Inc is authorized to bill the below listed credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____

Zip Code where you receive your credit card statement: _____

Account #: _____ Exp Date: _____

I understand and agree that if I register for this reunion and do not attend without canceling my reservation as described in paragraph 2 of these guidelines, I am not entitled to any refund.

Signature (Required before registration is accepted) _____

Special Needs

If you have any special dietary, handicapped, or other special requirements, please provide the details below. Be VERY specific. Special dietary meals are available. List any special requests below.

Handicapped Requirements: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Lodging Preferences

of People: _____ Smoking: _____ Non Smoking: _____ (not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in)

Room Preference: Single _____ Double _____ King/Queen _____ (not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in)

Special Room Requirements: _____

Activity Selection

You may wish to choose one of the following pre-packaged options. You may add to or deduct from these options using the Individualized Option and/or Adjustment Opportunities selections below.

Option A: Requires \$100.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **except tours** from Thursday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$562.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$774.00 per couple _____

Option B: Requires \$75.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **except tours** from Friday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$430.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$591.00 per couple _____

Option C: Requires \$50.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities from Saturday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$243.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$336.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

You may make the following adjustments to the options presented above:

Deduct Thursday's Reception @ \$18.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Friday's Tour @ \$37.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's dinner @ \$27.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's tour @ \$37.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$40.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging @ \$105.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

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Individualized Option

If none of the options above fit your needs, you may select one or all of the activities below. **PLEASE NOTE: These prices do not include the cost of the reunion memory book, city tag, or name tag. If you wish to order a name tag or city tag, see the other side of this form, "Nametag Info Block." To order a memory book, see below.**

2009 Reunion Memory book: @ \$30.00 per book X _____ (# books) = \$ _____

Thursday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$45.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, registration fee, reception (cash bar), dinner @ \$58.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee @ \$71.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: _____

Call 828-256-6008 for "meal only" prices (Will include registration fee)

FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION

Special Offers
#1 USS Durham Reunion T-Shirts

T-Shirts commemorating USS Durham's very first reunion are available. These high quality white T-Shirts are imprinted with a photo of USS Durham (printed in blue) and the words "USS Durham 2009 Reunion" (also printed in blue). Show your pride; wear your T-Shirt at the reunion activities Order yours today and pick it (them) up at the reunion; or have it mailed to you (with postage added to cost).

Size: Small ____; Med ____; Large ____ XL ____; XXL ____; XXXL ____

Cost S thru XL \$18.00; XXL \$19.50 XXXL \$21.00

Number of shirts: _____

Name: _____ I will pick up at the reunion ____; mail it ____

Address: _____

City: _____, St: _____; Zip: _____

If mailed, add \$5.00 per shirt for postage and handling.

Make your check payable to ML & RS, Inc and mail it BEFORE 15 April 2009 to:

ML & RS, Inc, PO Drawer 11399, Hickory, NC 28603

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Shirt payment must be a separate check

#2 Win a Free Reunion (Durham)

Take a chance! Enter the drawing for a free reunion. For only \$25.00 per chance you can win a totally free reunion for a "single" — as described in Option A. Prize does not include tours. If there is not a minimum of 25 entrees, there will be no winner and your original check will be returned to you. The drawing will be at the Saturday night banquet and the winner will be presented a check—on the spot—for the full price of a "single" Option A - (\$562.00). To enter the drawing, simply fill out the coupon below and submit it along with your check for \$25.00 for each entry. Multiple entry fees can be on the same check, but the prize entry check must be separate from your deposit check.

Free reunion drawing: Fill out one line for each entry. Multiple entries will be separated and placed into the "drawing pot."

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Make your check payable to ML & RS, Inc

To save postage, enclose your entry with your reservation, or mail it to:

ML & RS, Inc, PO Box 11399, Hickory, NC 28603