

USS England DLG/CG-22 2007 Reunion ~ June 21-24 Ramada Inn Philadelphia Airport Philadelphia, PA

Your 2007 USS England reunion will be held at the Ramada Inn Philadelphia Airport, located at 76 Industrial Hwy, Essington, PA. Essington, PA is of course a suburb of Philadelphia adjacent to the International Airport. The hotel offers easy access from major highways and Philadelphia International Airport. The Ramada Inn provides complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the airport (Philadelphia International). Just use the courtesy phone near the baggage claim area and call the hotel or call them direct at 610-521-9600. The hotel has 292 spacious and nicely appointed rooms complete with the amenities you would expect to find in a first class hotel. There is a fitness center, a seasonal outdoor pool (should be open in June), a really great restaurant, and a cocktail lounge. Ample meeting and hospitality space is also provided. The service is exceptionally good and the entire staff is waiting just for us!

*Because of the large number of requests for a copy of the pictures taken at the reunion, and the relatively few persons who seem to be aware the photos were a part of the Sentimental Journal which could have been ordered after the reunion, we are making a change in the procedure. Photos will be taken prior to the banquet as usual, but beginning this year a **Reunion Memory Book** will automatically be mailed to each attendee who selects Option A, B, or C. Cost for the Memory Book has been included in the Option price. It will be necessary for anyone selecting the Individualized Option to order their Memory Book separately. There is a place on the registration form for you to do so. The new Memory Book will contain only the individual (or couple) photos, group photos (if one is made), candid photos made during the reunion, a narrative reunion wrap-up with accompanying photos, and a list of attendees. For those not attending the reunion, the new Memory Book will be available in a few weeks to order from the ML & RS, Inc website.*

Registration Procedures

First, a sincere thank you from all of us at Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc for allowing us to continue being a part of your reunion. We pledge our best efforts to insure this reunion will be a memorable experience. Please read the entire packet carefully. The enclosed material should answer most of your questions, but if anything is unclear, do not hesitate to call our Customer Service Representative at 1-828-256-6008 for assistance.

1. **Your Choice:** You may select one of the three options, or you may create your own limited agenda. Please complete and return the registration form on or before **May 21, 2007**. You may fax, mail or phone in your registration. Reservations via fax or phone require use of a credit card. **American Express, MASTERCARD and VISA** are the only credit cards accepted.
2. **Option A** requires a **\$100.00** per person deposit which must accompany your reservation. **Please send only the required deposit, not the full payment with your reservation.** The remaining balance may be paid in a single or two equal installments. The last installment must be received in the ML & RS, Inc office before **June 21, 2007**. Your confirmation letter/balance due statement will detail your installment options and balance due.
3. **Option B** requires a **\$75.00** per person deposit which must accompany your reservation. **Please send only the required deposit, not the full payment with your reservation.** The remaining balance may be paid in a single or two equal installments. The last installment must be received in the ML & RS, Inc office before **June 21, 2007**. Your confirmation letter/balance due statement will detail your installment options and balance due.
4. **Option C** requires a **\$50.00** per person deposit which must accompany your reservation. **Please send only the required deposit, not the full payment with your reservation.** The remaining balance may be paid in a single or two equal installments. The last installment must be received in the ML & RS, Inc office before **June 21, 2007**. Your confirmation letter/balance due statement will detail your installment options and balance due.
5. **The "Individualized option"** requires **full payment** which must accompany your reservation.
6. **Discounts:** Persons selecting either **Option A or Option B** and submitting the initial deposit by the preferred method - personal check, travelers check, or money order, and then making all installment payments using one of these three methods will be given a **two and a half percent (2.5%)** discount from the total reunion price. Your confirmation/balance due letter will reflect your remaining balance.
7. **Option C and the "Individualized"** Options are not discounted.
8. **Reservations:** All Reservations must be made through ML & RS, Inc, and received on or before **May 21, 2007**. Reservations received **May 22, 2007**, or later will be accommodated on a space available basis - with the **probability** of not receiving reunion rates. "Walk-Ins" will be accommodated—space available—at **regular** hotel rates.
9. **Cancellations and Refunds:** **All cancellations must be made through ML & RS, Inc. Calling the hotel to cancel your room is not sufficient.** You must notify ML & RS, Inc via phone, or fax, during regular business hours – 8:30 AM -5:00 PM Eastern Time Zone. Or you may cancel in writing by mail. You will be given a cancellation confirmation number. Your cancellation is not considered valid without the cancellation number. Cancellations received **on or before May 21, 2007** will receive a full refund of their deposit and installment payments, minus a \$25.00 cancellation fee and any activities which ML & RS, Inc has already paid for and/or any activities or events for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor. Cancellations received between **May 22 and June 15, 2007** will be given a full refund of their deposit and installment payments, minus a \$50.00 cancellation fee and any activities which ML & RS, Inc has already paid for and/or any activities or events for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor. **Requests for cancellations or refunds after June 15, 2007 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. IN THOSE INSTANCES, THE AMOUNT OF REFUND – IF ANY - WILL BE ONLY FOR THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN BE CANCELLED AT THIS LATE DATE.**
10. **No Shows:** Persons who register for the reunion, but do not attend without canceling through ML & RS, Inc, as described in paragraph 9 above, will not be entitled to any refund.

11. **When you arrive:** As soon as you arrive at the Ramada Inn, stop by the Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc desk to complete your reunion registration and pick up your packet. You will then need to stop by the hotel front desk to register with the hotel and pick up your room key.
 12. **Special Needs:** Every effort will be made to accommodate your special needs requests; however we must know about them. If you require special equipment (wheelchair, walker, portable oxygen, etc) you must bring it with you to the reunion or arrange for its rental and delivery. Please be specific on your needs. For example, do you need a fully handicapped room with wide doors, or a roll-in shower, grab bars; a room with just grab bars, or do you have walking problems and just need a room near the elevator? List your special requirements on the registration form, and then discuss them with the ML & RS, Inc reunion manager when you check in at the reunion.
 13. **Registration Fee:** Each person attending the reunion pays a small daily registration fee. To insure that everyone is treated fairly, please understand that if you arrive at the reunion before the day/time specified in your option, it will be necessary for you to pay a daily registration fee for each day you are early. For example, if you register for “**banquet only**” and arrive on Sunday or Monday “**just to see who is here**” and then you stay at the reunion, you’ll be expected to pay the same registration fee as your shipmates who pre-registered for those days.
 14. **Housing:** Every effort will be made to house members of the group together; however, due to the many different types of room requests, smoking, non-smoking; king, double, etc it is not always possible to keep everyone together and honor specific room-type requests. Individual room preferences will be given priority.
 15. **Room Assignment:** If you register before the cut-off date, you probably will get your choice of smoking/non-smoking rooms. No guarantees after the cut-off date. Handicapped rooms are limited and will be assigned on a first come basis.
 16. **Importance of timely registration:** Banquet and Hospitality space for our reunion will be allocated based on the number of guests registered on the cut-off date of May 21, 2007. If there are people who register after the cut off date, they will of course be accommodated when possible, but you should be aware that if the numbers increase substantially, it is possible the banquet and hospitality space will become extremely crowded. When an increase in numbers occurs after the cut-off date, the hotel will move us into a larger room only if all other banquet space has not been sold. If there is no other space available, then of course we must live with the space allocated on the cut-off date. Timely registration can help prevent overcrowding, or worse yet having to turn someone away.
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Your Itinerary

Thursday June 21, 2007

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room Opens. Relax in the comfort and privacy of your hospitality room. This is where the reunion starts. It’s the perfect place to greet old friends, especially those that you haven’t seen in years, to meet men you didn’t know, to meet guys who served at a different time but share the ship’s heritage. The hospitality room will be stocked with coffee, soft drinks and snacks. Relax and enjoy the afternoon.

5:00 PM: Welcome reception begins. Enjoy some light hors d’oeuvres along with your favorite adult beverage from the cash bar. After a few welcome remarks any first-time attendees will be asked to introduce themselves so everyone will be acquainted. This will be a fun evening in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Dress is casual. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only. If you do not wish to participate in this event, you may “opt-out.” See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Thursday’s Reception.”*

Friday June 22, 2007

7:15 – 8:15 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. Eat at your leisure during this time, keeping in mind the Philadelphia tour departs at 8:30 AM. *Cost of breakfast is included in the price of Option A only. If you do not wish to participate in this event, you may “opt-out.” See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Friday’s Breakfast.”*

8:30 AM: Load ‘em up and move out. The Optional historic Philadelphia tour is one you can’t miss. You’ll start the day by exploring “*America’s Most Historic Square Mile.*” History comes alive as you visit or pass Independence Hall, site of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; Congress Hall, the Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross’ House and much more. Lunch will be on your own. We recommend you try the food court of the Bourse Building conveniently located in the heart of the historic district. After lunch you’ll depart Philadelphia for Camden, NJ – driving briefly through the charming and restored neighborhood of Society Hill. Then it’s on to the Battleship USS New Jersey located on the Camden waterfront. The “Big “J” was launched in December 1942 and served the country for 48 years, becoming the most decorated ship in US Navy history, having received 16 battle stars and 13 additional citations, medals and ribbons. On your way back to the Ramada Inn you’ll enjoy the cultural/commercial side of the city passing examples of Philadelphia’s architectural treasures, its public art, and city squares including a drive along Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the Champs Elysees of America, for a brief stop in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art at the Rocky’s stairs for the best view of Philadelphia’s skyline. Your guide will also provide interesting commentary and the history on Fairmount Park, the Boat Houses, Fairmount Waterworks and other interesting subjects. You’ll return to the hotel around 4:30 PM. This will be a really great day, don’t miss it! There is a minimum of 35 people - per bus – for the tour to go. Less than 35 persons, the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted to cover the difference. *Since this is an optional tour, the cost is NOT included in either option. You must register separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Add Friday’s Historic Philadelphia Tour.”*

9:30 AM: Hospitality Room will open for Friday arrivals and anyone not going on the tour.

6:00 PM: Social Hour: Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you reminisce with old friends and shipmates. You can also anticipate a wonderful Philly-style dinner.

7:00 PM: Chow Time: Tonight you're in for a special treat – "A Taste of Southern Philly" featuring the famous Cheese Steak, Italian Hoagies, Tastykakes, soft pretzels, coffee & decaf, tea, and an assortment of soft drinks. Following dinner we'll have a little self-generated entertainment by playing one version of the "Philly Swap". Each single or couple is asked to bring a small gift (not a gag gift, but around \$25.00) representative of their home town or state. It could be a piece of locally made pottery, other arts or crafts, a bottle of locally produced wine or locally brewed beer, a jug of maple syrup, T-shirt or cap with your sports team logo, you get the picture. Everyone who brings a gift should go home with one. When you turn in your gift, you'll be given two tickets, one to put into the drawing kitty and one to keep. When the first ticket is drawn, the winner will be given a randomly selected gift (all gifts will be considered equal). The winner must open the gift for all to see, and then a second ticket will be drawn. The second winner may choose between an unopened gift or he/she may take the first winner's gift. If this happens, the first winner gets a new gift from the table. A gift can only be taken once. It's fun and it's free. In order to have maximum participation, please bring a gift. *Cost of tonight's dinner is included in both Options A and B. If you do not wish to participate in this meal, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, "Deduct Friday's Dinner."*

Saturday June 23, 2007

7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind the Valley Forge Tour departs at 9:00 AM. *Cost of breakfast is included in the price of Options A and B only. If you do not wish to participate in this event, you may "opt-out." See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Saturday's Breakfast."*

9:00 AM: Load 'em up and move out. Today's optional tour will take you to the famous Valley Forge National Park. No other place associated with the American Revolution symbolizes the suffering, sacrifice, and ultimate triumph of the soldier than Valley Forge. No battle was fought here, but there was survival against other enemies – low morale due to losses at Brandywine and Germantown, the British capture and occupation of Philadelphia, hunger, disease, and the forces of nature. A short visit to the Welcome Center to view the Orientation film, "*Valley Forge – A Winter Encampment.*" will get your visit off on the right track. A drive through the 3,500 acres occupied by the soldiers will allow you to see authentically reconstructed huts (occupied by the soldiers during the 1777-78 winter), earthen fortifications and a working example of a field "bake-oven." Your guide will narrate and point out other features and give you a real sense of "being there." There is a minimum of 35 persons per bus for the tour to go. Less than 35 per bus the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted to cover the difference. We recommend bringing a snack along to tide you over until returning to the hotel around 1:00 – 1:30 PM, where you can have lunch at the hotel. *Cost of the tour is NOT included in either option. You must register separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, "Add Saturday's Valley Forge Tour."*

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM: Annual Business Meeting.

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session. Be sure to have your photo taken for inclusion in the 2007 Reunion Memory Book which will be mailed after the reunion to all attendees who selected either Option A, B, or C. It will be necessary for those attendees who selected the Individualized Option to order their Memory Book separately. There is a place in the Individualized Options Block to do so.

7:30 PM: The USS England Banquet. Enjoy your last night in a more formal atmosphere. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. If you can still wear your complete and correct uniform, please do so. There will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. You can look forward to a wonderful evening of reminiscing. Following dinner there will be music for your listening and dancing pleasure, contingent upon having at least 100 persons. Less than a hundred, "we'll see." *Cost of the banquet is included in all options. If you do not wish to participate in this meal, you may "opt-out." See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Saturday's Banquet."*

Sunday June 24, 2007

8:00 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. Following breakfast, there will be a short closing ceremony and memorial service paying tribute to deceased shipmates. **Good-byes** begin. We passed the handshaking stage years ago. Hugs are expected and tears are authorized. **See you at the next reunion.** *Cost for breakfast is included in all options. If you do not wish to participate in breakfast you may "opt-out." See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Sunday's Breakfast."*

Option A

Arrive after noon on Thursday, Depart on Sunday

This option provides each person with the following activities and events:

Three nights lodging (Thur, Fri, & Sat)
Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres
Three breakfasts (Fri, Sat, and Sun)
Friday night South Philly Dinner & entertainment
Saturday night banquet & entertainment
Philadelphia City Tag
Hospitality Room with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks
2007 Reunion Memory Book
Roster of attendees
Memorial service programs
Applicable taxes and gratuities, all set-up/clean-up, bartender, and registration fees
Full time services of ML & RS, Inc representative

Option Cost is \$689.00 per couple; \$491.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send the full amount. Persons submitting their initial deposit by check, travelers' checks or money order and then making the final installments using one of these methods will receive a 2.5% discount from the above price.

Option B

Arrive after noon on Friday, Depart on Sunday

This option provides each person with the following events and activities:

Two nights lodging (Fri & Sat)
Two breakfasts (Sat & Sun)
Friday night South Philly Dinner & entertainment
Saturday night banquet & entertainment
Philadelphia City Tag
Hospitality room with coffee, soft drinks, snacks
2007 Reunion Memory Book
Roster of attendees
Memorial service programs
Applicable taxes and gratuities, all set-up/clean-up, bartender, and registration fees.
Full time services of ML & RS, Inc representative

Option Cost is \$509.00 per couple; \$356.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send the full amount. Persons submitting their initial deposit by check, travelers' checks or money order and then making the final installments using one of these methods will receive a 2.5% discount from the above price.

Option C

Arrive after noon on Saturday, Depart on Sunday

This option provides each person with the following activities and events:

Saturday night lodging
Saturday night banquet & entertainment
Sunday breakfast
Philadelphia City Tag
Hospitality room with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks
2007 Reunion Memory Book
Roster of attendees
Memorial service programs
Applicable taxes and gratuities, all set-up/clean-up, bartender, and registration fees
Full time services of ML & RS, Inc representative

Option Cost is \$299.00 per couple; \$207.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send the full amount. This Option is NOT discounted.

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Ramada Inn Philadelphia Airport

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before May 21, 2007. Mail or fax (if paying deposit by credit card) to: Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.; PO Drawer 11399; Hickory NC 28603.
Phone: 828-256-6008; Fax: 828-256-6559 Web: www.mlrsinc.com

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 if there are any last minute changes we need to make you aware of: _____

Nametag Info

If this is your first USS England reunion, or if you have misplaced the nametag you received at a previous reunion, we encourage you to order one now. The nametag is a 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. This is a great conversation starter and group member identifier. **If you fill in the info below you will be charged for the tags.** Cost is \$6.00 each.

Your Nametag Name: _____ Guest Nametag Name: _____

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

Options A, B, and C will include a city tag (Philadelphia, PA 2007) to hang below your nametag. If you sign up for only selected activities, we encourage you to order a city tag here. Indicate below the number of city tags you wish to order. If you would like to order city tags from previous years, please list the city and year and quantity on an additional sheet of paper. Also available, for plank owners, is a plank owner tag to hang directly below your nametag. If you would like one of these tags, please indicate so below. Cost is \$3.75 each. Number of Plankowner tags wanted: @\$3.75 _____

Number of Philadelphia City Tags: _____ Previous years' city tags (list cities on a separate sheet) _____

Payments and Cancellations

Your signature is required below regardless of your payment method**Make Checks Payable to: "ML & RS, Inc"**

Personal Check # _____ Money Order _____ AMEX _____ 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 bill (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 paragraphs 9 and 10 of these guidelines, I am not entitled to any refund.

Signature _____

Special Needs: Help us help you! We make every effort to accommodate your special needs, but we must know about them. If you have any special dietary, handicapped, or other special requirements, please provide the details below. Be VERY specific.

Handicapped Requirements: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Lodging Preferences

of People: _____ Smoking: _____ Non Smoking: _____ (Not Guaranteed)
 Room Preference not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in. Single _____ Double _____ King (or queen) _____
 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 through Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details:

Single (one person in room): \$491.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$689.00 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): \$356.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$509.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$207.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$299.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

You may make the following adjustments to the options presented above (circle your selections)

- Deduct Thursday Reception @ \$15.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____
- Add Friday's Philadelphia Tour** @ \$47.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____
- Add Saturday's VF Tour** @ \$27.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____
- Deduct Friday's Dinner @ \$24.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____
- Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$40.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____
- Deduct Breakfast @ \$11.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____ Which mornings? _____
- Deduct lodging @ \$89.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights? _____
- Add lodging** @ \$89.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights? _____

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 for a nametag, city tag, or 2007 Memory Book. For information on ordering nametags and city tags, see the reverse side of this page "Nametag Info" section. To order a memory book, see below.**

_____ Thursday: hospitality room, reception, (cash bar), registration fee @ \$43.00 per person X (# people) _____ = \$ _____

_____ Friday: hospitality room, cash bar, dinner & entertainment, registration fee
 @ \$55.00 per person X (# people) _____ = \$ _____

_____ Saturday: hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), Banquet, and registration fee
 @ \$78.00 per person X (# people) _____ = \$ _____

2007 Reunion Memory Book @ \$25.00 _____ = \$ _____

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: \$ _____

**This Option is not discounted
 FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION**