

USS Gurke 2010 Reunion Information

The USS Gurke DD-783 reunion will be held April 08-11, 2010 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Dulles Airport. The hotel is located near Dulles International Airport (Washington, DC) at 22700 Holiday Park Drive, Sterling, VA. There is complimentary airport shuttle service to/from the hotel and Dulles International. To obtain transportation from Dulles to the hotel you may use the courtesy phones located near the baggage claim area or call the hotel direct at 703-537-7800. **If you fly to the reunion we recommend flying into Dulles; there is no complimentary airport shuttle to/from Reagan National in DC.** For those who drive, parking is complimentary. Because of the much higher prices in Washington, this Hampton Inn was selected because of the favorable rates and location. Most Hampton Inns do not have the facilities needed for a reunion, but this one – less than two years old – has all of the amenities needed and we are confident you will be comfortable and pleased. Rooms are spacious and nicely appointed and feature all of the in-room amenities that you have come to expect from a quality hotel. Additionally, there is a business center, coin laundry, a small convenience store, and a gift shop. There are shops and restaurants near the hotel, and the hotel offers complimentary van shuttle within a three mile radius of the hotel. A hot breakfast is included in the room rate so you may eat at your leisure.

Washington, DC is known for the beautiful “Cherry Blossoms” in the spring time. According to the experts, the reunion is being held when the cherry blossoms are in full bloom; but no one controls the weather, so no wild guarantees. There is so much to do and see in the Washington area that it will be impossible to do and see everything for everybody. We think the tours will offer you a sampling of the best of DC. If you would like to spend additional time in the area, carry over rates are available 48 hours before and after the reunion dates. The tours have been scaled down, but in order to reach some of the Washington Monuments, there will be some walking required.

Your Choice: Once again 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 **March 8, 2010**. Final payment is due before **March 19, 2010**.
2. **Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **April 2, 2010** 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 **April 2, 2010**. **Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.**

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 dinner; Saturday night banquet; Thursday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Washington, DC City tag; 2010 Reunion Memory Book, Banquet and Memorial Service Programs; 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 \$698.00 per couple; \$516.00 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 dinner; Saturday Night Banquet; Friday and Saturday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Washington, DC, City Tag; 2010 Reunion Memory Book; Banquet and 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 \$528.00 per couple; \$380.00 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; Washington, DC City Tag; 2010 Reunion Memory Book; Banquet and 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 \$286.00 per couple; \$209.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

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Thursday April 8, 2010

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room opens stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. Because of liability considerations, private alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the hospitality room. The hospitality room will close during the welcome reception.

5:00—6:00 PM: Welcome reception begins. The “beer and pizza/pasta” reception was so well received last year that numerous suggestions were received to do a repeat, so we will. Soft drinks will also be available. *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”.*

Friday April 9, 2010

Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind when the DC tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in the room rate; therefore you cannot opt-out.*

8:15 AM: Load ‘em up’ 8:30 AM move ‘em out: Optional trip to Washington, DC departs. Today’s Optional trip will begin with a stop at the Navy Memorial. At 1000 AM the Memorial Service and Wreath Laying will be held. Please be at the designated place for the service! Following the memorial service/wreath laying (obtaining the wreath has been taken care of) you will have time to visit the many exhibits in the museum; add your name to the computer listing; and you’ll see the IMAX theater presentation “At Sea”. Following the movie you’re off to lunch (on your own) at the Famous Union Station. After lunch you are off to Arlington National Cemetery for a narrated tram ride and a stop at the Tomb of the Unknown to see the “Changing of the Guard”. Upon returning to the bus, it’s back to the hotel. Be advised that the time frame selected is peak Cherry Blossom season and Washington will be crowded –prepare for it. Also, since there are many tourists, many busses are in use. Only a 32 passenger bus is available so the first 32 to register get the seats. A waiting list will be started and if numbers justify, every effort will be made to find another bus, but no guarantees. Register early to insure you get a seat. There will be some walking, but mostly you will be on the bus, tram or at the Navy Memorial where there is ample seating. There is seating at the Tomb of the Unknown as well. Unless you are a glutton for punishment – don’t try to drive into DC!! You’ll arrive back at the hotel around 4:30 PM. *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: Hospitality Room opens if anyone does not go on the tour. It will be stocked with fresh coffee and cold drinks. Snacks will be served in the afternoon. Registration will resume for Friday arrivals.

6:00 PM: Social hour begins. Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you anticipate a good meal and a fun evening.

7:00 PM: Dinner is served. Tonight you’ll enjoy a single entree buffet featuring pulled pork BBQ with homestyle potato salad, baked beans, and creamy cole slaw, coffee, tea, and dessert. After dinner we’ll have some self-entertainment. As a gentle hint, if you have any talent, be prepared to share it. Can you pick ‘n grin; dance, sing (or think you can); do magic tricks (we know Charley Betschart can do at least one magic trick, he taught an un-named member how to walk down the street and turn into a bar). So be prepared to share your talent. *Cost of dinner is included in Options A and B.*

Saturday April 10, 2010

Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind the tour departs at 9:00 AM. *Cost of breakfast is included in the room rate; therefore you cannot opt-out.*

8:45 AM: Load ‘em up; 9:00 AM: Move ‘em out! Today’s Optional Tour takes you back to Washington to visit the major monuments and the Cherry Blossoms surrounding the Tidal Basin. Stops will be made at the Korean War, Vietnam (the wall) War, and WW II memorials as well as the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials. A stop will be made for lunch, but it is on your own. This visit to DC will acquaint you with some of our Nation’s history and allow you to choose places you’d like to come back and spend more time at – you can’t do it all in a short day. Be advised that the time frame selected is peak Cherry Blossom season and Washington will be crowded –prepare for it. Also, since there are many tourists, many busses are in use. Only a 32 passenger bus is available so the first 32 to register get the seats. A waiting list will be started and if numbers justify, every effort will be made to find another bus, but no guarantees. Register early to insure you get a seat. There will be some walking involved, especially to the Korean and Viet Nam memorials. Unless you are a glutton for punishment – don’t try to drive into DC!! You’ll return to the hotel around 2:00 PM. *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 if anyone does not go on the tour. It will be stocked with fresh coffee and cold drinks. Snacks will be served in the afternoon. Registration will resume for Saturday arrivals.

3:30-4:30 PM: Business Meeting in the hospitality room.

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session begins. Individual and/or couples photos will be taken for inclusion in the 2010 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 Gurke Banquet. 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 all Options. If you can not participate in the banquet, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Saturday’s Banquet”.*

Sunday April 11, 2010

8:00 AM: For those who can wait until this hour to leave, breakfast together will be in the hotel restaurant. Eat at your leisure. A section of the restaurant will be set aside for Gurke members. If you must leave earlier or want to sleep in, you may eat at anytime the restaurant is open for breakfast. *Cost of breakfast is included in the room rate; therefore you cannot opt-out.*

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Hampton Inn & Suites Dulles International Airport
22700 Holiday Park Drive, Sterling, VA 20166

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before March 8, 2010. 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/gurke

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

If this is your first USS Gurke 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 (Washington, DC) 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 Washington, DC city tags; _____ Previous years' city tags (list cities on a separate sheet) _____

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: _____

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: _____

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that for cancellations received on or before **April 2, 2010** there will be 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 a vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **April 2, 2010**. Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: (sign here) _____

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): \$516.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$698.00 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): \$380.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$528.00 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): \$209.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$286.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Thursday's Reception @ \$15.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Friday's Tour @ \$50.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's dinner @ \$39.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's tour @ \$35.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$42.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging (includes bkfst) @ \$101.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

Deduct nights lodging @ \$101.00 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 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.**

2010 Reunion Memory book: @ \$25.00 per book X _____ (# books) = \$ _____

Thursday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$47.50 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, registration fee, cocktail hour (cash bar), dinner @ \$71.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee
@ \$74.00 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