

USS Purdy DD-734 2010 Reunion Information

The USS Purdy DD-734 reunion will be held April 21-25, 2010 at the Inn at Ellis Square, located at 201 West Bay St, Savannah, GA. All rooms are equipped with the amenities that you have come to expect from a fine hotel; hair dryer, coffee maker, iron & ironing board, etc. The rooms are recently renovated and feature wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling Southern décor.

The Inn at Ellis Square is an historic hotel situated in city-center within walking distance of dozens of shops, (heaven forbid, pubs), and attractions. Except for an introductory tour of historic Savannah, Friday night's dinner at old Ft Jackson, and the trip to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, organized bus tours are not necessary. The Thursday trolley tour of the historic area will acquaint you with the area and you will have the opportunity to revisit the attractions that you are most interested in.

The location, comfort, service and price made the Inn at Ellis Square the only logical choice for the reunion. Complimentary airport shuttle service is not available (nor is this service offered by any other downtown hotel.) Parking has been discounted to \$9.00 a day with unlimited in-out privileges.

A Word About Cost! This reunion is more expensive than usual – we know that, but Savannah is not the sleepy little southern town some people perceive it to be. It is a major tourist city, especially in the spring-time which is the most popular and expensive time of the year. The room rate is the real killer and be assured you are staying in the least expensive hotel (with the amenities required) that could be found. Registration packets are being sent out early giving you more time to prepare. Credit cards or Installments – whatever amount you are comfortable making - are welcome so long as the final payment is received by the date shown on the Registration Form. The higher cost is 100% reunion related; ML & RS, Inc has not increased our fee since 2006 – in spite of our increased admin costs of postage, printing, paper, etc. On the other hand, the food prices and tour prices are good, no worse than the prices you've seen in the past. The planned tours and attractions you can visit on your own are probably the best you've ever experienced. And this reunion is going to be one of the best you have ever attended, guaranteed! In spite of the higher cost, it will be worth every penny. You won't go home regretting that you spent the money! Remember also, there is nothing you "have to" participate in. All you have to do is deduct an activity and delete that activity cost. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block for guidance.

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 22, 2010.** Final payment is due before **April 2, 2010.** After the initial deposit, you may make installment payments as long as the full amount is paid by the due date of March 26.
2. **Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **April 16, 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 16, 2010.** Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.

PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST SIGN THE REGISTRATION FORM IN TWO PLACES IF YOU USE A CC; ONE PLACE IF PAYING BY CHECK!!

Option A

Arrive on Wednesday, depart on Sunday

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

Four Nights Lodging (Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat); Wednesday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; four breakfasts (Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun); Friday night dinner @ Old Fort Jackson; Saturday night banquet; Wednesday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Savannah, GA City tag; 2010 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 \$1,133.00 per couple; \$874.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (April 2).

Option B

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); Three breakfasts (Fri, Sat & Sun); Friday night dinner @ Old Fort Jackson; Saturday Night Banquet; Thursday through Saturday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Savannah, GA City Tag; 2010 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 \$901.00 per couple; \$686.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (April 2).

Option C

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 @ Old Fort Jackson; Saturday Night Banquet; Friday and Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Roster of attendees; Savannah, GA 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 a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this Option is \$688.00 per couple; \$509.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (April 2).

YOUR ITINERARY

Wednesday April 21, 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 have a display table of local attractions to help you decide what you want to visit.

5:00—6:00 PM: Welcome reception begins. After a few welcome remarks and admin by Association President Larry DiPasquale, deli mini-sandwiches will be served and the cash bar will open. Enjoy the evening in a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only. If you are scheduled for a later arrival or for some other reason cannot participate in the reception, you may opt out. See the Registration Form, page 4, "Adjustment Opportunities" and deduct the Welcome Reception.*

Thursday April 22, 2010

7:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. A variety of different breakfast item selections will be available. Eat at your leisure during this hour. *Cost of breakfast is included in Option A. If you cannot participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, page 4, Adjustment Opportunities Block, "Delete Breakfast."*

9:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens and Registration resumes. The hospitality room will have a display table of local attractions to help you decide what you want to visit.

9:00 AM: Load 'em up; move 'em out: Today's Trolley Trip will take you first to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum which covers an area of nearly 90,000 square feet and is situated on 13 acres. This fantastic museum is filled with exhibits tracing the history of the 8th AF and so much more. Exhibits include "On the Grounds"; "Prelude to WW II"; "From Savannah to the UK"; "Combat Gallery"; "Memorial Gardens"; "Downed Airmen, E & E"; "The Lights Come on Again"; "Fly Girls of WWII" and others. Each exhibit is a powerful and compelling example of sacrifice, patriotism, and courage. Following the museum tour lunch (included in the tour price) will be served. After lunch you'll depart the museum for a riding tour of historic Savannah. See the Magnolia trees draped in Spanish moss that line the avenues, exquisite Southern homes, and much more. Learn the history of Savannah from your tour guide. This will be a great day, one that you are sure to enjoy. There is a minimum of 30 persons for the tour to take place. You'll return to the hotel at approximately 2:30 PM. *Since this is an optional tour the cost is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, page 4, Adjustment Opportunities Block, Add Thursday's tour.*

The Remainder of the Day is free to have dinner in one of the many near-by restaurants, explore on your own, or relax in the hospitality room.

Friday April 23, 2010

8:00 – 9:00 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. Since this is a free day, breakfast will be served a little later. Eat at your leisure during this hour. *Cost of breakfast is included in Option A and B. If you cannot participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, page 4, Adjustment Opportunities Block, "Deduct Breakfast."*

9:00 AM: Hospitality Room Opens. The hospitality room will have a display table of local attraction brochures to help you decide what you want to visit. **Today is a leisure day until 5:00 PM.** Spend the day relaxing or exploring Savannah on your own. For example, cross one street to River Street where shops, pubs, and boutiques of all sizes, shapes, and forms offer something for every shopper or bar hopper. From River St you can board the Riverboat for a luncheon cruise on the Savannah River. A few blocks in the other direction you can visit TV Cook Show Hostess Paula Deen's restaurant for lunch. Maybe you'd rather take another ride on the trolley to revisit places you saw on Thursday and would like to spend more time at. The hotel is on the trolley line. Your trolley ticket will allow you on and off privileges; spend time at your favorite site, then get on the next trolley if you are feeling really good, you could take a guided walking tour Savannah. Just be sure to be back at the hotel at 5:00 PM for a really special evening at Old Fort Jackson.

5:00 PM: "Mess and Muster" trip to Old Fort Jackson depart. This evening will be special. Named for James Jackson, the fort is the oldest standing fort in Georgia. It was not the first fort to occupy the site, however. In 1776 Savannah residents built an earthen fort, which was destroyed by the construction of Fort Jackson. You will learn the full history of this historic fort during your visit there. In addition to a tour of the fort led by an interpreter you can see the museum with original artifacts, your program will include an impressive firing of 12 pound cannon, a performance by an interpretive musician during dinner, a campfire, and dinner. Dinner will include BBQ chicken, Brunswick stew, macaroni & cheese, garden salad, homemade rolls & butter, ice tea and coffee. This is an event that you don't want to miss! *Cost of the evening is included in Options, A, B, and C. If you cannot participate in the activity, you may opt out; see the Registration Form, page 4, Deduct Friday evening Mess & Muster.*

Saturday April 24, 2010

8:00 – 9:00: Breakfast will be a private buffet. Since this is a free day, breakfast will be served a little later. Eat at your leisure during this hour. *Cost of breakfast is included Options A, B, and C. If you cannot participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, page 4, Adjustment Opportunities Block, "Deduct Breakfast."*

10:00 AM: Hospitality room opens. The hospitality room will have a display table of local attractions to help you decide what you want to visit. **Today is a leisure day until the business meeting at 3:00 PM.** Maybe today you'd like to take trip out of Savannah; Tybee Island, Hilton Head Island, and historic Beaufort, SC are all within easy driving distances.

3:00-4:00 PM: Business Meeting (location to be announced).

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 Purdy 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. Following dinner there will be a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options. If you cannot participate in the banquet, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, page 4, Adjustment Opportunities Block, "Deduct Banquet."*

Sunday April 25, 2010

8:00 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. Following the meal the memorial service honoring deceased shipmates will be held. Everyone is requested to remain for this important part of the reunion. *Cost of breakfast is included in all options. If you cannot participate in breakfast, you may opt-out; see the Registration Form, page 4, Adjustment Opportunities Block, "Deduct Breakfast."*

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Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before March 22, 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/purdy

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Info

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Name Tag Info

If this is your first USS Purdy 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 (Savannah, GA 2010) 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 Savannah, GA 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: _____

Cancellation Policy

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that for cancellations received on or before **April 16, 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 16, 2010**. Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.

Signature Required: _____

Payments

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: _____

Account #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Zip Code where your card's billing statement is sent: _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: (sign here) _____

Lodging & Banquet 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: _____

Please select one entree' for each person: Sliced London Broil Steak w/demi-glaze & mushroom ragout _____ Tilapia _____

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 Thursday's tours** from Wednesday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$874.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$1,133.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$686.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$901.00 per couple _____

Option C: Requires \$75.00 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): \$509.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$688.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Wednesday's Reception @ \$13.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Thursday's Tour @ \$45.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's Dinner @ \$43.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$50.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Breakfast @ \$12.50 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____ Which mornings: _____

Add nights lodging @ \$145.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

Deduct nights lodging @ \$145.00 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: @ \$30.00 per book X _____ (# books) = \$ _____

Wednesday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$39.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Thursday – hospitality Room, Registration fee @ \$21.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, registration fee, Mess & Muster Dinner @ \$63.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee @ \$81.00 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