

Dear USS Purdy Crewmember,

Collectively, each and every Purdy reunion has produced some special memories, and within each reunion there have been “moments” that will always stay with us. Are those days gone? Certainly not!

To be sure, the past two years have been trying, age is creeping up and slowing us down, and we have lost good friends loyal attendees. Some of the “regulars” seem to be a bit discouraged – but please don’t be, the flame is still there. Warwick is going to be the reunion that turns the flame into a bonfire – believe me when I say, Warwick is a great reunion site. Check out the itinerary for some of the details, and picture yourself on the Freedom Trail in Boston walking on the same ground that Paul Revere and other great Americans walked on. And the self entertainment night may be the best ever. Even as we speak one of your shipmates is probably rehearsing his rendition of “*Sixteen Chickens and a Tambourine*” which he will perform for us. Folks, if it comes to pass that will be worth the price of admission! (No guarantees at this point)

All of the above are reasons to attend the reunion – but none of them are the primary one. Comradeship! You are carrying on the heritage of a great ship – one that you were proud of - one that you were a part of it. You helped write the history of the ship. You come to the reunion to see old friends and make new ones – that has not changed since the first reunion in Hickory, NC – nor will it. Look at your memory book, then at the mailing roster and you’ll see a great disparity in the numbers. Some will say the reunion is too expensive. In spite of inflation, the cost is virtually the same as last year – and less than Savannah two years ago! The reservation packets are being sent early this year giving you more time to save or make installments. Make your plans to attend, your shipmates really would like to see you; if you haven’t attended in a couple of years, this is the year to come back. Will we see you there?

Show this letter to your family and drop a small hint that a trip to Warwick and the reunion would be a great Christmas gift – and it doesn’t have to be completely paid for until sometime in April. Or, you could give them a trip to go with you to Warwick! We have a group (the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment) who jumped into Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944 that just met two weeks ago at Ft Benning, GA. Only thirteen of the paratroopers were able to be there, and that in itself is remarkable, but even more so is that we actually had nearly 100 attendees. They brought their whole families along. Not only have the paratroopers stayed close, but since their families also attend, all the families are close! The reunions are still going strong even though the age of the paratroopers prevents more than just a few of them to attend each year! It’s still a strong and vibrant reunion group! Think about that, you are spring chickens compared to these guys!

BECAUSE MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED, THE REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE BEING SENT EARLY THIS YEAR. THIS WILL GIVE YOU A LONGER PERIOD TO PAY FOR THE REUNION – IF YOU NEED THE EXTRA TIME. A RESERVATION FOR THE REUNION WOULD MAKE A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT. TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO REGISTER EARLY, EVERY REGISTRATION FOR EITHER OPTION A OR OPTION B RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2011 WILL RECEIVE A 3% DISCOUNT FROM THE REUNION OPTION PRICE. YOUR DEPOSIT IS SUFFICIENT TO QUALIFY FOR THE DISCOUNT. YOUR DISCOUNT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE APPLIED – YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS MONEY SAVING OFFER – REGISTER RIGHT AWAY.

We look forward to seeing each and every member of the USS Purdy Association in Warwick for the 2012 reunion!

Larry, Brenda, Dina, Lynette, Elaine and Karen – Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc

USS Purdy DD-734 2012 Reunion Information/Registration

The 2012 USS PURDY DD-734 reunion will be held **May 16-20** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Providence/Warwick, Warwick, RI. The hotel is located at 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI, just off I-95, Exit 12A. It is easy to find and near the airport. For those who fly, airport shuttle service is complimentary. For those who drive, parking is complimentary. The parking lot can accommodate mobile homes and/or campers. There are no hook-ups, but if you wish to stay in your MH or Camper on hotel property there is a \$50 nightly charge. There is no fee for parking if you stay in the hotel. Reunion rates will be honored 72 hours before and after the reunion dates. If you arrive more than 72 hours before Wednesday or if you depart more than 72 hours after Sunday you will be charged the full rate (whatever that may be at the time). The Crowne Plaza is a first class facility with all of the amenities that you would expect from a quality hotel. There is ample meeting, banquet and hospitality space. The restaurant and cocktail lounge make dining and your evening beverage a real pleasure. The staff is looking forward to being your host and you are assured of having a great stay. The information contained herein should answer most of your questions; however, if anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to call our Customer Service Representative at 1-828-256-6008.

- 1. Reservations:** **All reservations, including lodging, must be made through ML & RS, Inc. The Crowne Plaza will not offer the reunion rate to individual call-ins.** Please 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.**
- 2. Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **April 16, 2012. After the initial deposit, you may make up to three installment payments in any amount as long as the full amount is paid by April 27, 2012.**
- 3. Cancellations:** **ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH ML & RS, INC. YOU MUST OBTAIN A CANCELLATION NUMBER FROM ML& RS, INC. CALLING THE HOTEL AND CANCELLING YOUR RESERVATION IS NOT SUFFICIENT.** For cancellations received on or before **May 11, 2012** 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 11, 2012.** *For your protection so you do not lose your investment, 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); four breakfasts (Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun); Wed night welcome reception w/cash bar and hors d'oeuvres; Friday night dinner buffet; Saturday night banquet & entertainment; Wednesday through Saturday use of hospitality room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Warwick, RI city tag; 2012 reunion memory book, memorial service program; roster of attendees; all applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; and the full time services a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$945.00 per couple; \$725.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Up to three installment payments in any amount may be made as long as the full amount is paid by April 27, 2012.

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 buffet; Saturday night banquet & entertainment; Thursday through Saturday use of hospitality room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Warwick, RI city tag; 2012 reunion memory book; memorial service program; roster of attendees; all applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; and the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc. manager.

Cost of this option is \$768.00 per couple; \$579.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Up to three installment payments in any amount may be made as long as the full amount is paid by April 27, 2012.

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 buffet; Saturday night banquet & entertainment; Friday and Saturday use of hospitality room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Warwick, RI city tag; 2012 reunion memory book, memorial service program; roster of attendees; all applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; and the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$605.00 per couple; \$438.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Up to three installment payments in any amount may be made as long as the full amount is paid by April 27, 2012.

USS Purdy 2012 Itinerary

Wednesday May 16, 2012

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. This is the first “planned” function. Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar and after a few welcome and admin announcements light hors d’oeuvres will be served. Dinner is on your own tonight. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only. If you cannot participate in the reception, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Wednesday’s Reception”.*

Thursday May 17, 2012

7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet served in the hospitality room for guests staying in the hotel. Eat at your leisure during this hour. Keep in mind the Boston Freedom Trail tour departs at 9:00 AM. *Cost of breakfast is included in the room rate, therefore you may not opt out.*

8:45 AM: Load ‘em up; 9:00 AM Move ‘em out to Boston. Boston, “the birthplace of American Revolution” is full of US history and today you are going to see where much of it happened. The Boston Commons which was once used as a pasture for grazing cattle, a site for hangings, duels, and spirited oratory marks the beginning of historic Freedom Trail. Other attractions that you’ll see or visit are the Massachusetts State House, Old State House, Old North Church (a dollar donation is requested if you physically enter the church). You’ll go “across the river” into Cambridge to see MIT and Harvard; Bunker Hill Monument “Don’t Fire Until You See the Whites of Their Eyes”. There will be other points of interest along the way. There will be some walking – but you can remain on the bus anytime you don’t want to walk. A stop will be made for lunch, but it will be on your own. We will also be visiting the USS Constitution for a self-guided tour. You’ll arrive back at the hotel around 4:30-5:00 PM. There is a minimum of 35 persons for the tour to go. *This is an optional tour so the cost is not included in either of the options. You must register for each tour separately, see the Registration form, Adjustments Opportunity Block, “Add Thursday’s Tour”.*

The remainder of the day is free for you to relax, explore and have dinner on your own; or relax in the Hospitality Room.

10:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens for anyone not going on the tour or for Thursday arrivals. It will be stocked with fresh coffee and cold drinks. Snacks will be served in the afternoon. Registration will resume for Thursday arrivals.

Friday May 18, 2012

7:30 – 8:15 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet served in the hospitality room for guests staying in the hotel. Eat at your leisure during this hour. Keep in mind the Newport tour departs at 9:00 AM. *Cost of breakfast is included in the room rate, therefore you may not opt out.*

8:35 AM: Load ‘em up; 9:00 AM Move ‘em out! Optional tour departs. Today you are off to historic Newport, Rhode Island; founded in 1639 it soon became a bustling city and remains so today. A fully narrated driving tour will take you on a panoramic tour of the stunning homes along Ocean Drive. On Bellevue Ave you’ll learn about the “Gilded Age” as you see the homes of the rich and famous, then enjoy a tour of one of the mansions. The Breakers is the most opulent of the “summer cottages”. This 70 room estate was built for Cornelius Vanderbilt in 1895 and modeled after a northern Italian Renaissance palace. You’ll also have time for shopping in the charming wharf area downtown. We are also planning a visit to the Naval Base with lunch in the Officer’s Club (included in tour price). You’ll return to the hotel around 4:00 PM. There is a minimum of 35 persons for the tour to go. *This is an optional tour so the cost is not included in the options. You must register for each tour separately, see the Registration form, Adjustments Opportunity Block, “Add Friday’s Tour”.*

6:00 PM: Social Hour begins with a cash bar.

7:00 PM: Dinner is served. Tonight you will enjoy a specially prepared New England Seafood Buffet. Members with dietary problems can order an alternate entrée. Be sure to indicate this on the Registration Form. Following dinner there will be some “self-entertainment”. To make it fair for everyone, we won’t tell you what is being planned – it may scare people away. *Cost of dinner is included in all Options. If you cannot participate in the dinner, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Friday’s Dinner”.*

Saturday May 19, 2012

7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet served in the hospitality room for guests staying in the hotel. Eat at your leisure during this hour. Keep in mind the Battleship Cove tour departs at 9:00 AM. *Cost of breakfast is included in the room rate, therefore you may not opt out.*

9:00 AM: Optional tour to Battleship Cove. Don't just learn about history—live it! At Battleship Cove, you will experience firsthand what it was like to serve on board a Navy warship in WWII. You can sound the diving horn on Submarine Lionfish before you slip below the sea...you can crank the handwheels on Big Mamie's 40-mm guns as you knock enemy planes from the sky. But your journey doesn't end there. Sail through the Cold War on USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. and learn how the ship's unmanned helicopter hunted Soviet submarines. Or climb on board a high-speed missile corvette that the Soviets designed to fight us. Whether you're a die-hard naval history buff or a casual enthusiast of military hardware, you'll have much to discover at Battleship Cove! Lunch (included in the tour price) will be on the Battleship Massachusetts. *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 Saturday’s Tour”.*

3:30 PM: Business Meeting.

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session begins. Individual and/or couples photos will be taken for inclusion in the 2012 Reunion Memory Book. As soon as possible 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 enjoyment. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options. If you cannot participate in the banquet, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Saturday’s Banquet”.*

Sunday May 20, 2012

8:00 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet served in the hospitality room for guests staying in the hotel. The Memorial Service will be held in the hospitality room immediately after breakfast. *Cost of breakfast is included in the room rate, therefore you may not opt out.*

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Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before April 16, 2012

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: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 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 it be?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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 \$6.25 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 (Warwick, RI 2012) to hang below your nametag. If you signed 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.

Plankowner tag @ \$3.75 = \$ _____; # of Warwick, RI city tags @ \$3.75 X (# tags) _____ = \$ _____

Previous years' city tags (list cities on a separate sheet): \$3.75 X (# tags) _____ = \$ _____

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 **May 11, 2012** 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 **May 11, 2012**. **For your protection so you do not lose your investment, 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: _____

Credit Card Billing Address: _____

Signature Required: _____

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 Wednesday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$725.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$945.00 per couple _____

Option B: Requires \$75.00 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): \$579.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$768.00 per couple _____

Option C: Requires \$50.00 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): \$438.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$605.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

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

Add Thursday's Tour @ \$43.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Friday's Tour @ \$74.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's Dinner @ \$44.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's Tour @ \$68.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$56.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging & breakfast @ \$118.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

Deduct nights lodging & breakfast @ \$118.00 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. The DAILY registration fee is included in the prices shown below – except if you **only** go on a tour, the registration fee will be added to your tour price. Example – if you register for Saturday's activities, but go on Friday's tour (and do nothing else on Friday), registration fee will be added to Friday's tour cost.

2012 Reunion Memory book: (included in Options A, B, and C) @ \$30.00 per book X _____ (# books) = \$ _____

Wednesday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$44.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Thursday – hospitality room, registration fee @ \$15.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, registration fee, cocktail hour (cash bar), dinner @ \$76.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hosp room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and regis fee @ \$89.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: _____

FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION