



USS FISKE



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FISKE SETS SAIL FOR ANNAPOLIS

WILL YOU BE ON THE PIER WHEN SHE ARRIVES?

Reservation Form on Page 2



*Sandie Siciliano,
ETN2/USNR
1975-1980*



Editorial: Sun Sets on Fiske News

Shipmates, the famous poet, Edgar Guest wrote the poem entitled "Don't Quit", which starts out like this:

*"When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
when the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
when the funds are low and the debts are high,
and you want to smile, but you have to sigh..."*

It's been a great experience, these past few years, and I have so enjoyed publishing this newsletter. Yet, because so many members do not pay their dues, the Treasury can no longer fund the newsletter as we have come to know it. In addition to the cost of printing, envelopes, and labels (not to mention the manual labor for distribution), postage is a major expense that continues to rise.

Sure, we could cut back on the pages, print black and white, and cut out the fun stuff, but what would be the result? A dry and boring "report" that would most likely end up in the circular file unread.

It's worth mentioning that the \$10.00 annual dues have never been raised in the history of our Association. A recent analysis showed that of the 500+ members, only 9% pay their dues.

This issue will be addressed at the General Meeting in Annapolis as we look for solutions.

Meanwhile, and until next time, on behalf of the other Officers and myself, we wish all of you fair winds and following seas.

- Sandie



Reunion Report: Officers Assume Roles as Hosts

At General Meetings over the years, we've never had a lack of shipmates stepping forward to host a reunion. Sadly, that has been changing the past few years. Yes, we are getting older, yes, it is a big job, and yes, selecting the venue with the subsequent contract negotiations takes a lot of time; but, after that has been accomplished, the membership-at-large always does a great job of turning to, to assist the host with the many tasks that make the difference between a not-so-good reunion, and a great reunion.

That said, Dick Pettingill, has had to withdraw for various reasons. We would be remiss if we did not extend our warmest thanks and appreciation to him for laying the foundation for our Annapolis reunion.

Without a formal host, we Officers have joined together as a team, to act jointly as your hosts, to assume the remaining tasks, and to ensure that all will be ready for your arrival in Annapolis. If you have not yet sent in your reservation, it is on the next page.

ANNAPOLIS- AUGUST 24-26, 2017

Do Not Be Listed As AWOL or Lost At Sea!

Send In Your Reservation Now!

Great Hospitality and Friendship Await Those Who Will Gather With Former Shipmates!

LAST CALL FOR RESEVATIONS!





USS FISKE

DD/DDR 842 Association, Inc.

16th Bi-Annual Reunion at Annapolis, Maryland

AUGUST 22-24, 2017



16th REUNION RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____ Name of Spouse or Guest(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip : _____

Telephone: Home: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Years served on board: _____ Rank/Rate: _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

All hotel reservations are to be made directly with the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel
174 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Reservations: 1-866-782-9624 or 1-410-263-7700

Mention Block Code: USSFISKE17 and Block Name: USS Fiske Association, Inc.

Online: www.ocallaghanhotels-us.com Room Rate: \$119.00 per night plus applicable taxes

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY TO AVOID ERRORS! DEPOSITS ON GRAND TOTAL ACCEPTED!

MANDATORY FEES FOR ALL ATTENDEES

Hospitality Room Fee:	Number	@ \$ 15.00 PP	Total \$
Contingency Fee to support Reunion:	Number	@ \$ 15.00 PP	Total \$

BANQUET MENU MEAL OPTIONS:

Make your choice and indicate how many below

Roast Prime Rib of Beef – Rosemary Au Jus	Number	@ \$50.00 PP	Total \$
Chicken Champigon – Sherry Scented Breast of Chicken	Number	@ \$47.00 PP	Total \$
Jameson Salmon – Filet in Jameson Whiskey Sauce	Number	@ \$49.00 PP	Total \$
Vegetarian (The Association will contact you for choice)	Number	@ \$44.00 PP	Total \$

Any Special Needs: (Please specify)

TOURS (Details to follow)

Wednesday, 8-23-17 3:00 to 4:00 PM	Harbor Queen Tour	Number _____ @ \$ 14.40 PP	Total \$ _____
Thursday, 8-24-17 9:15 AM to 1:00 PM	State House/Capital & US Naval Academy Tour then lunch at the Drydock Restaurant		

Indicate sandwich choice & number

Roast Beef _____ Tuna Salad _____ Turkey _____ Ham _____ Veggie _____ Pizza (2 slices) _____	Number _____ @ \$28.20 PP	Total \$ _____
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If you would like to pay your dues at \$10.00 per year: (Specify Years: _____)	\$ _____
Contribution for others:	\$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO & Mail To:
USS FISKE (DD/DDR-842) Association, Inc
c/o James R. Rapson, Treasurer
244 Park View Avenue
Warwick, RI 02888-2541

GRAND TOTAL:

\$ _____

VOLUNTEERS!
Please check here

If you might be able to
help in Hospitality,

Ship Store Pre-Order, Pre-Pay Program



- Pete

Dear Shipmates, as we return to basics, Pete and I will be finalizing Ship's Store transition in Annapolis. To save money, rather than incur shipping costs, I will be transporting everything to turn over to him at that time. Talk about teamwork! *With our Pre-Order, Pre-Pay Program*, James is accepting all funds, passing orders to me to process, which I then drop-ship to Pete, who will coordinate who gets what, bringing all items with him to Annapolis, so when you check in at Hospitality, everything will be waiting for you. There will be unannounced surprises too! You can also order by mail from this form.



- Sandie

Hats: Because of the DD/DDR split designation, it has always been a guessing game as to how many of each we should have on the shelf. With your help, we can maintain a healthy Treasury by asking you to order (or indicate your preference of DD or DDR) in advance. We will have extras for mail orders.

<p>BEER MUGS \$ 30.00</p>  <p>25 or 13 oz YOUR CHOICE</p> <p>1 Annapolis Reunion Personalized DD-842</p>  <p>ETN2 Sandra Siciliano 1977-1979</p> <p>Personalized DDR-842</p>  <p>USS FISKE DDR-842 Lt. James R. Rapson 1964-1967</p>	<p>CIRCLE YOUR CHOICES - PERSONALIZE BELOW IF APPLICABLE</p> <h2>Annapolis Reunion Specials</h2> <p>DEADLINE: WE MUST HAVE YOUR ORDER IN HAND BY 1 JULY TO ENSURE REUNION DELIVERY!</p>  <p>Any Service Branch for Beer Mugs or Fiske Logo! Mugs & Cups are Dishwasher & Freezer Safe & Individually Boxed</p> <p>Beer Mugs are 25 oz tempered glass; Smaller 13 oz. also available for \$28.00. Coffee Cups are 11 oz etched ceramic in Colbalt Blue or Black</p> <p>Prices Listed are for Pickup at Reunion *</p> <p>Personalization for beer mugs: add your name, rate, dates of service or up to 3 lines of text below the logo as shown on samples. (Coffee cups - personalized with name, rate, and years only)</p> <p>(rate) _____ (name) _____</p> <p>(dates) _____</p> <p>(line 3) _____</p> <p>* Supplier charges \$ 8.95 to Drop Ship by Mail Free Shipping for Mail Orders \$50.00 or More Buddy Up and Buy One for a Friend or Buy a Mug and a Cup!</p>	<p>COFFEE CUPS \$ 20.00</p>  <p>11 oz. ceramic YOUR CHOICE</p> <p>Annapolis Reunion 4</p> <p>or personalize with</p> <p>5 DD-842 6 DDR</p> <p>HATS & SHIRTS \$ 14.00 ea</p> <p>7 DD 8 DDR</p> <p>BLUE (or) GRAY 9</p> <p>S M L XL 2X</p>
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Pickup Up in Annapolis _____ Please ship to me at the address below: _____

Name	Street Address	
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email Address:	

Separate checks allow James to keep the accounts balanced! To order, fill out this form, total it, and write a separate check made out to the Association, then mail it along with your Registration Form. Optional dues are gratefully accepted!.

<p><i>Make check payable to the USS Fiske (DD/DDR-842) Association, Inc</i></p>  <p>Send To: USS Fiske (DD/DDR-842) Association, Inc. c/o 244 Park View Avenue - Warwick, RI 02888 Email: jrrapson@cox.net - Phone: (401) 781-5879</p> 	<p>ORDER TOTAL: \$</p> <p>DUES \$</p>
	<p>AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$</p>

