



USS Hanson DD/DDR 832

Steering Committee

The following crewmembers of the USS Hanson form a Steering Committee that assist and support the Reunion Committee in the planning of the current reunion.

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PLANNER FOR THE NEWPORT REUNION

Chairperson
Bob Grimm

We acknowledge the hard work done by Bob in organizing our Newport reunion and contributing valuable information to our newsletter.

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Annual Reunion

Newport, Rhode Island

Tuesday, October 18 to Friday, October 21, 2016

THE MAINSTAY HOTEL

151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd. Newport, RI

Offering Atlantic Beach Hospitality

OUR HOTEL: Situated in beautiful Newport, Rhode Island, The Mainstay Hotel and Conference Center has everything one might want in accommodations. It is right across the street from the very popular Newport Grand Casino. There is a full-service restaurant on site, **The North End Steakhouse**, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. With the convenient shuttle, you will be just minutes away from Newport Beaches, Newport Mansions, and the very popular attractions of downtown Newport. The lounge is open until 1AM.

The 200 rooms at the Mainstay Hotel and Conference Center come with either two double beds or one king bed. Rooms have a flat screen cable TV, an in-room safe, a hair dryer, an iron and board, high speed internet and free WiFi, a coffee/tea maker, and free local calls. Some rooms have a micro-fridge and microwave by request.

There is a 24-hour business center, a fitness center, room service, a guest laundry, and free parking.

RESERVATIONS AND RATES:

VERY IMPORTANT-The absolute cut-off date is Monday, September 5, 2016. Room rates are \$89.00 for two people, plus 13% tax. The rate is good for 1 day prior to and 1 day after the reunion. Please do not use Expedia, Travelocity, Kayak, etc. in order that we can make our minimum necessary participation to get this rate. The Mainstay Hotel phone # is 401-849-9880.

You can fly into Providence, Hartford, Boston Logan or New York City, although NYC would be the least preferred. The hotel has no airport shuttle, so take a taxi or rent a car. From Providence (closest), take I-95 South, stay in the left lane to Exit 9 for RI Rt. 138 east Drive over the Jamestown and Newport bridges (Toll or EZ PASS), stay in left lane, take no exits. Road bears left, then right and right again. You will come down an exit ramp and see the hotel on your left. Stay in the left lane, take a left at the next light, left again on Girard Ave., left again into the parking lot.

Hartford, same directions.

Logan, get on I-93 South, at Exit 4 Mass, take Rt. 24 South into Rhode Island. In Fall River, take I-195 South to RI Rt. 24. In Portsmouth, pick up RI Rt. 138 West, go to Newport and follow as above. Allow 2 hours. Gas is cheapest in New Jersey, then Massachusetts, and most expensive in New York.

Things to Do:

- **Harbor Cruise:** a variety of fun options for sightseeing
- **National Museum of Illustration:** inside a grand old Newport mansion.
- **Touro Synagogue:** oldest in the USA
- **Ghost Tours:** fun combination of historical fact and fiction.
- **Long Wharf Mall:** excellent shopping, especially at the **Only in Rhode Island Shop**
- **Cliff Walk:** 3 ½ miles along the southeastern edge of the island.
- **City Trolley** cheap and convenient way to see the city.
- **Newport Grand Casino** right across the street.
- **Newport VFW** 5 minute drive away.

Plan of the Day

Tuesday, October 18
Wednesday, October 19

Check in at Hospitality Room Noon until 9:15 Departure for Naval Station Newport, exchange and commissary, lunch at the Officer's Club. **YOU MUST HAVE A PICTURE ID TO GET ONTO THE BASE!!**

IMPORTANT: All attendees that will be visiting the Naval Station Newport will need to submit their name, SSN, and date of birth to **Robert Grimm** via email at grimmbob832@gmail.com no later than **October 10th**. This information will be submitted to base security ahead of time for easier entry to the base. Remember, photo ID is MANDATORY to enter the base.

Thursday, October 20

1:30 Departure from base for bus tour of Newport and mansions
5:00 Arrive back at hotel
Dinner on your own
8:45 Depart for Battleship Cove, arrive 9:15, tour ships (Battleship USS Massachusetts, Destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Submarine Lionfish, PT 617, PT796, and more), We will hold our memorial service here. Then tour the Fall River Maritime Museum, and eat lunch in Fall River, known for Portuguese cuisine. Depart 2:30
3:30 Arrive at hotel
4:00 Business meeting
6:00 Pre-banquet happy hour, cash bar
6:30 Dinner banquet—Chicken, scrod, beef, salad, potatoes, coffee, tea,

Costs

Wednesday tour and lunch at Officer's Club \$47.00	x _____ = _____
Thursday tour of Battleship Cove and Fall River \$20.00	x _____ = _____
Thursday evening banquet \$31.00	x _____ = _____
Hotel Breakfasts Wed., Thu., Fri. @ \$14.00 each	x _____ = _____
Yearly dues (shipmates only) \$20.00	= _____
Total	= _____

Please make checks payable to **USS Hanson Reunion** and mail to **Bob Beiter**
717 Elizabeth Dr.
Huron, OH. 44839

Name, years on board, rank, and home town _____

Spouse and/or guests name and home town _____

At our business meeting in Albuquerque, we decided to hold our 2017 reunion in Nashville, Tennessee. This is being organized by Roger Austin. If you would like to volunteer to help, Please call him at 770-584-5023. Stay tuned for more information!

USS Hanson Web Site

If you are looking for current information regarding the activities of your former crew members, including e-mail addresses; mailing addresses; information on planned crew reunions and names of deceased shipmates, contact our web site at: www.usshanson832.org. To make additions or to correct data on the Hanson web site, please contact Carl (Arkie) Pearson our Webmaster at drlrac@gmail.com.

Banquet Raffle

Don't forget to bring your gift to Newport to be used in the fund raising raffle to be held at the Thursday evening banquet. This is our major fund raising event of the year and we appreciate your full support for this event.

Hospitality Room

Please bring crew books, and any Hanson memorabilia you may have, as well as pictures from the ship or from previous reunions. We all enjoy sharing memories. The Ship's Store will be open for business whenever the Hospitality Room is open, with Hanson merchandise for sale.

Nashville 2017

At our Albuquerque Reunion business meeting, the crew and guests voted to hold our 2017 reunion in Nashville. Roger Austin is in charge of this, and will welcome help. Stay tuned for information and dates!