

THE REBEL YELL

USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN/SSN-601)

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, JOE WHITE:

Next Reunion

Newport News, Virginia, April 29-May 1, 2011

At the reunion in San Antonio the membership overwhelming voted to have the next reunion in Newport News. This location was chosen for a number of reasons. Since the Robert E. Lee got its beginning here it was felt this was the perfect destination to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the very first Patrol and going back to the location where the Lee was built.

Key Dates

- Keel was laid on 8-25-58: At Shipway #5 Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company
- Launched on 12-18-59
- Commissioned on 9-16-60
- First Patrol on May 2, 1961 with 16 A-1 Polaris Missiles
- Last Patrol on October 1, 1981
- Decommissioned on November 30, 1983

The Hotel we have chosen for this reunion is:

The Newport News Marriott at City Center

740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23606
Phone: 1-757-873-9299

Website: www.marriott.com/phfoy

As your President, I visited the Newport News Area in late 2009 and along with my wife Donna. We were



able to get a good idea of what was available in the area and what would best fit our needs as an Association. It was our decision, after visiting three hotels, that the Marriott at City Center was by far the best location for us stay during our upcoming reunion. The Marriott is near shopping and wonderful eating places that are within walking distance. The price and accommodations were by far the best we could find for us to stay.

Hotel Reservations

We have plenty of rooms blocked for our Association at \$99.00 plus 12.5% sales tax so the total cost per night is \$111.37. The rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion is over.

Cruise

Please go to the Lee web site and under the reunion tab you will find information about a cruise that is planned after the reunion. This cruise is not a part of the Lee Reunion and is being handled through another website. If you are interested in going on this cruise please sign up under their website. You can find all the information about the cruise under the cruise tab on the Lee Web Site.

For more information on the Cruise you can contact:

Marty Theile
mthielesr@gmail.com

Crew Roster

If you would like a copy of the Crew Roster, please send me a letter or an e-mail and we will send you one. In trying to keep cost down we as a Board have decided to not mail out a Crew Roster unless it is requested.

Association Membership Dues for 2011 are due:

Membership dues help pay for mailing out the newsletters, setup and run reunions, and to purchase items needed to run the Association. If you haven't renewed your membership for this year yet, or wish to join, please send a check to Chuck Horvath at the address below in the amount of \$10.00 per year. As in the past you can pay in advance for multiple years. Please also provide us with your new e-mail address, if it has changed, so you will receive our e-grams.

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SSBN 601 ASSOCIATION ENLISTMENT FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____

Years Aboard _____ Rate/Rank _____ Crew Blue - Gold

Is this a renewal? Y N

Number of years renewing for _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Make check payable to: USS Robert E. Lee Association

Mail to: USS Robert E Lee Association
C/O Chuck Horvath
435 B Somerset Court
Aurora, IL 60504

Robert E. Lee (SSBN601) Reunion
April 28-29, 2011
Newport News, Virginia

TOUR 1

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011. 5:30 PM-9:30 PM (BOARD AT 6:00 PM, CRUISE FROM 6:30-9:00 PM),
BBQ DINNER CRUISE ON BOARD "MISS HAMPTON II."**

- Enjoy majestic vistas of the world's largest natural harbor from the decks of one of Virginia's Favorite Harbor Cruises, the Miss Hampton Harbor Cruise.
- The members of the USS Robert E. Lee Association will enjoy a 2 and 1/2 hour private charter departing from the Historic Downtown Hampton waterfront and proceeds out of the Hampton River, passing the point where Blackbeard's severed head was displayed on a post after his capture.
- Enter the Hampton Roads Harbor and sail the waters of Captain John Smith and the First Settlers. Pass Fort Monroe with a close-up view of the oldest operating lighthouse in America, and an awe-inspiring look at the magnificent Chesapeake Bay, historic Fort Wool, a Civil War Island fortress, and the Norfolk Naval Base.
- Guests will enjoy a casual North Carolina style buffet BBQ Dinner while cruising which includes non-alcoholic beverages.
- Alcoholic beverages will be available at a cash bar.



Package Price: \$79.00 per person, inclusive. BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 60 GUESTS

TOUR 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011. 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, RIDING NORFOLK CITY TOUR, NAUTILUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER, BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK TOUR, LUNCH INCLUDED ON BASE

- Board the motor coach with your tour guide to visit Norfolk and learn about this seaport city's colorful 325 year history as you ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. View the stately homes along the Hague, old St. Paul's Church, the Moses Myers House, the Chrysler Museum of Art, MacArthur Memorial, the historic Freemason District, the restored waterfront area, as well as many other points of interest. Downtown Norfolk has undergone a complete transformation in the last decade and features the beautifully renovated Town Point Park with the Armed Forces memorial, brand new \$34 million cruise terminal, waterfront condos and state of the art shopping area.
- Visit Norfolk's premier waterfront attraction, **NAUTILUS, the National Maritime Center**. NAUTILUS is a unique and thriving campus of visitor attractions that explores the economic, naval, and natural powers of the sea. Features here include series of ingenious interactive exhibits, shows, and theaters with various films. Also, housed here is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, one of ten museums officially operated by the U.S. Navy. Highlights of the naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork, and memorabilia are showcased in the museum. A true highlight of your visit to NAUTILUS will be a tour of the Battleship Wisconsin, one of the famous Iowa-class ships. This great ship saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently in the Persian Gulf War. Wisconsin is permanently berthed beside NAUTILUS where it is accessed by a connecting walkway. The main deck and sections of two upper decks are open for you to explore.
- Next, visit the **Norfolk Naval Base**, which is part of Naval Station Norfolk--the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to 78 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 26 aircraft squadrons comprised of 133 aircraft and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, this naval complex occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel. Your tour will take you past the 14 piers and through the Naval Air Station. You will also drive by the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" which now house the flag officers. Lunch will be included at one of the clubs on base for your group.



Lunch will be included on base. ALL GUESTS MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID TO TOUR THE BASE. Package Price: 54.00 per person, Inclusive. Lunch Included

Robert E. Lee (SSBN601) Reunion Tour Registration
April 28-29, 2011, Newport News, Virginia

THE PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motor coach transportation, tour guide service, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and meal gratuities.
- Gratuities for guide and driver are not included and are at the discretion of the individual.
- Prices are based on a minimum of 60 people for Tour 1 and 40 people for Tour 2
- Guests may pay by check or credit card (Mastercard or Visa Only). **NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Your cancelled check or charged credit card is your receipt.
- No refunds after March 31, 2011 unless the tour is cancelled due to lack of participation. Refund requests made prior to March 31, 2011 must be submitted in writing and a processing fee of \$4.00 per person, will be assessed to any refunds. All refund requests must include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Tour tickets will be held at the Robert E. Lee (SSBN601) Reunion registration desk for pick up. It is suggested that you do not wait until the day of the tour to pick up your tickets. Tickets must be presented to a Phillips guide upon boarding the coach.
- All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary.
- Boarding times will be fifteen minutes prior to listed departure times in front of the Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News.
- Last minute participants will be accommodated on a space-available basis only. On-site tickets sales will be assessed an additional \$5.00 per person.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Any guests requiring special arrangements (dietary, physically disabled) must make us aware of their needs in advance, otherwise, we will not be able to guarantee that they will be accommodated. Those guests with physical disabilities should have someone traveling with them to assist physically. Phillips DMC staff and motor coach drivers cannot accept responsibility for lifting guests in and out of coaches.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** All passengers visiting any military installation **MUST** have a picture ID (driver's license, military ID, passport), and no bags other than pocketbooks or camera cases will be allowed on base. Please do not bring any pocket knives, scissors, or nail files on tour. All persons are subject to personal search.

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION:

Please mail or fax completed reservation form to:

Phillips Destination Mgmt. Services, PO Box 11043, Norfolk, VA 23517

QUESTIONS: Email: Shannon@phillipsdmc.com, Phone: 757-623-4400; Fax: 757-222-0373

REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATE: MARCH 31, 2011

Newport News Reunion Tours

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011: \$79.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____

(BBQ Dinner Cruise on Board "Miss Hampton II)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011: \$54.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____

*(Riding Norfolk City Tour, NAUTILUS, The National Maritime Center,
Battleship Wisconsin, Naval Station Norfolk Tour, Lunch included on Base)*

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME (S) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ **EMAIL** _____

SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS _____

I am paying by:



Check # and amount _____ **Please charge to my credit card: MasterCard** _____ **Visa** _____

Amount to be charged: _____ **Name on Card** _____

Card Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____ **3 Digit CVC Code** _____

Billing Address: _____

AGENDA

Thursday - 4/28 1 pm - 4 pm	Friday - 4/29 9 am - 5 pm	Saturday - 4/30 9 am	Sunday - 5/1
EARLY REGISTRATION 	REGISTRATION	BUSINESS MEETING Old business Elect new officers New business Pick next reunion city	Depart for Home or stay and enjoy Newport News and Norfolk or Depart for a Caribbean Cruise out of Baltimore
	9:00 am - 4:00 pm Riding Tour Includes tour of Norfolk, the NAUTILUS, the national Maritime Center, Battleship Wisconsin and the Norfolk Naval Station (with lunch on base.) 	11:00 am - 5:00 pm Visit Newport News and Norfolk on your own	speakers Vice Admiral Albert H. Koentzni, Jr. 
	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	5 pm - until ??	5:30 pm - until??
BBQ Dinner Cruise on the "Miss Hampton II" 	Cocktail Reception Opening Ceremony Banquet Special Speaker: Vice Admiral Joe Williams, Jr. Commissioning Gold Crew Commanding Officer 1960-64	Photos and Cocktail Party Banquet Key Note Speaker Vice Admiral Albert H. Koentzni, Jr.	Vice Admiral Joe Williams, Jr. 

Joe White
1708 S. Blvd
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

FIRST CLASS

NEWPORT NEWS REUNION REGISTRATION

Crew Member _____

Guest Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

Phones

Home _____

Cell _____

Reunion Charges (Credit Cards NOT accepted) Each

Total

Reunion Fee \$95 X _____

Crew Member Association Dues * \$10 X _____ Years

Reunion Total _____

* You must be a current (paid up) Association member to attend (Crew Members only, not guests.).

Please make checks payable to: USS R E Lee Association

Mail this form and check to: **Chuck Horvath**
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Aurora, IL 60504-4088