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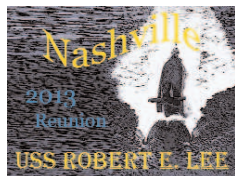
NOTICE: Please check the upper right hand corner of your newsletter mailing label. If there is no year shown or the year date has passed, the Association would very much appreciate your new/renewal membership in order to continue providing top notch reunions and crew communication services.

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From your President
Joe White

Next Reunion
Nashville, Tennessee,
April 19-21, 2013



more than pleased with the accommodations of the Embassy Suites.

Embassy Suites Nashville Airport
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At the last reunion in Newport News, the membership overwhelming voted to have the next reunion in Nashville, Tennessee. It was decided by the membership to hold a reunion in Music City and try to encourage more members and former Lee members to take advantage of the central location. I toured the area back in September and visited four different hotels and had the opportunity to take a number of tours to see what our membership might like to do and try to find the hotel that would best fit



the needs of the Robert E. Lee Association. It was our decision to accept the proposal of the Embassy Suites as our location. The Hotel is near the Nashville Airport and only a short drive to Downtown Nashville, Grand Ole Opry and other exciting places to visit. I'm confident that you will be

We have plenty of rooms blocked for our Association at \$109.00 plus 9.25% sales tax and 6% hotel occupancy tax rate plus \$2.50 per room per night. As we checked out all the hotels, this was the rate everyone quoted. We felt that if we were going to pay this amount we should get the best rooms available and all the rooms at the Embassy are suites, making your stay much more comfortable. The hotel will not be accepting reservations until April of 2012.

TOURS AND SITES AROUND NASHVILLE AREA

We will be posting on the Lee Website in the next couple of months, our recommended tours and sites to visit, and the cost of each activity. We will also e-

Crew Roster

gram out this information as soon as we make that decision.
As a member of the Robert E. Lee Association you can go to our web site and find the crew information there.



Membership Contact Information

Please provide the Association with your current mailing address and your current email address so we can make sure each member of the Association gets all of our correspondence. At the present time we have a large number of incorrect e-mail addresses.

Association Membership Dues for 2012 are due now. Multiple year payments are encouraged.

Please send in your 2012 membership dues to Chuck Horvath at the address listed in this newsletter and make your check out to: USS Robert E. Association (SSBN601)

Jim Stewart
Vice President

Vice President Comments:

I'm sure many of you have noticed the increased cost of a hotel room these days. I guess that's just a sign of the times. For those of us who are now retired and living on fixed incomes, it's starting to mean taking a second look at the necessity of each trip away from home. And that's a big price to pay for simply getting a little older.

We can't tell you that attending your USS RE Lee reunions should be the first priority in these decisions, but we hope you'll at least be able to keep them in the running. As our last reunion demonstrated, bringing old shipmates together, sometimes for the first time in half a lifetime, has rewards even beyond those few hours we spend together biennially. Old friendships are renewed, new friendships are made, and oft-forgotten memories are revived, and a reconnection is created, for many of us, with our elite and mutual experience of the Navy and submarine service.

Another of the things we witness at these reunions is the re-kindled patriotic spirit of serving our country and fellow citizens, along with an occasional opportunity to rub elbows with some of the brightest successes of the past and of the present. And we who earned the dolphins have assured ourselves the right of honest pride in knowing we're part of something really distinctive.

Although the price of retirement and growing older is daily paid in many ways, including the heavy burden of celebrity that accompanies the telling of sea stories to grandchildren and friends, some of which may be true, the rewards of friendships renewed helps soften the blows and the necessity of reunion attendance becomes more important and justified.

Nashville, known by some as "Music City," has many attractions to appeal to the country music fans among us.

Our hotel is located central to some of the best, although those of you who pursue a different harmonious discernment may prefer the nearby Jack Daniel's distillery as an option, among several others, to visit with your shipmates. We're looking forward to seeing all of you, whatever your discriminating taste.

Financial Report
submitted by
Chuck Horvath
Secretary/Treasurer

The following report is submitted for the Year 2011:

2011 Annual Report

Beginning Balance	6,896.02
Income	21,913.00
Expense	16,172.74
Ending Balance	\$12,636.28
Difference	\$ 5,740.26

*If you have any questions concerning the finances of the Robert E. Lee Association, please contact Mr. Chuck Horvath at the address in the **Current Association Officers and contact information box**.

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These are a couple of photos "Stew" (*Association Vice President*) took at Holy Loch in August of 2010 when he visited there. These might interest the guys who made patrols out of Scotland to see what it looks like today, without a tender and a bunch of boats floating just beyond the pier.

Also, Stew thought it might be a good opportunity to ask if anyone is willing to admit to throwing a local young man off this pier back in the late 60's. The gentleman is driving a cab for a living nowadays, out of Dunoon, but the memory is still fresh in his mind after all these years. He seems to be in pretty good humor about it now, so here's a great chance for someone to clear his conscience with minimal risk.



A nostalgic look back by Fred Williams:

Seeing the pier picture reminded me of many a late night return to the boat after a long and arduous night sampling the local liquid refreshments. There was a little converted travel trailer (they call them Caravans in Europe) that sat at the head of the pier. On many trips back to the boat I would grab me a quick "hamburger" to hold me over on the liberty launch ride to mid rats.



One night in our haste to do our duty ashore, we left before evening chow call. I was stone sober and hungry so stopped by the little trailer and purchased a quick "hamburger." Great Scot! This previously delicious morsel was really a mutton burger! And I think I know which end of the sheep it came from! Gag!

We are always looking for interesting items for these newsletters and if any of you have similar pictures, or stories of interesting events ("R" rated or cleaner please) of Rota or Guam, send them to: fwilliams22@gmail.com, and we will try to work them into a future newsletter.

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