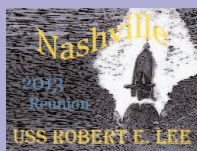




LEE'S SHADOW



THE REBEL YELL

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

From your President
Joe White

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

The next reunion is just around the corner and we are making plans to have a wonderful time for all those that choose to attend this reunion. We mentioned in our last newsletter that Nashville was the unanimous choice for our 2013 Reunion. I hope you have made plans now to attend and if you're still on the fence, I hope you can work it out and come and join us in Nashville, Tennessee.

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USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN601) REUNION
APRIL 18-20, 2013
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



NASHVILLE NIGHTLIFE DINNER THEATER
Thursday, April 18, 2013 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Arrive at the Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater. Plan to come with an appetite! The nightly country style dinner buffet includes your choice of entree, salad, home-made bread, vegetables, and a delicious dessert. Voted Nashville's # 1 Dinner & Show, "The Best of Country Music Show" is a celebration of Country Music past & present. Hear songs from many of the great artists in country music history along with today's hottest superstars. Enjoy the music of everyone from Hank Williams Sr. and Patsy Cline to the superstars of today like Sara Evans and Toby Keith! Throughout the season we have many guest stars appear at our theater including: (Grand Ole Opry Star) Jeannie Seely, "The Fiddle Man" Tim Watson, Diana Murrell, "Nashville's favorite" Brenda Best, Paula Poe Murrell (from the Tammy Wynette show) and many other celebrities.

Price: \$55 per person (based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers per coach)

Tour includes: Deluxe Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation, Buffet Dinner & Show at Nashville Nightlife, Services of a Sharin' Nashville Tour Escort, All taxes, and gratuities (except driver & guide)

EXPERIENCE MUSIC CITY TOUR

Friday, April 19, 2013 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

This 6 hour "experience" features some of the best highlights of Music City, including a driving tour of the historic downtown area, Ryman Auditorium, the State Capitol, Bicentennial Park with WWII Memorial, the Parthenon and more. You'll visit world-famous Music Row, the heartbeat of the music industry where hearts are broken and dreams come true. You'll stop and tour Historic RCA Studio B - Home of 1000 Hits; one of Nashville's first and oldest surviving recording studios. Legends such as Dolly Parton, Roy Orbison, the Everly Brothers, Charley Pride, Jim Reeves and Eddy Arnold all recorded their hits at Studio B. The most famous to record at Studio B was Elvis Presley, who recorded over 260 songs in 50 Master Sessions from 1958-1971. Learn the true secret to how Elvis created the melancholy lonely feeling in his recording of "Are You Lonesome Tonight". You will enjoy a self-guided tour of the state-of-the-art Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and a limited engagement exhibit of Patsy Cline, "Always Loving You" and the Bakersfield Sound and Dottie West, "Country Sunshine."

You'll enjoy Lunch at the 222 Grill located in the beautiful atrium area of the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum. Free time for shopping on your own after lunch.

Price: \$70 per person (based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers per coach)

Tour includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Experienced & fun tour guide, Admission to Historic RCA Studio B, Admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum, Lunch at the 222 Grill, All taxes and gratuities (except driver & guide)

GRAND OLE OPRY TOUR --

Saturday, April 20, 2013 6:15pm - 10:00 pm

Board your coach to see the show that made Country Music famous, the Grand Ole Opry! You have reserved seats for the longest running radio show in radio history, from 1925 to present. The Opry is the #1 reason folks have been coming to Music City for six decades. From today's contemporary artists to, legends of tomorrow, you'll see & hear a host of entertainers this evening.

Price: \$56 per person (based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers per coach)



Tour includes: Deluxe Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation, Reserved seat ticket to the Grand Ole Opry, Services of a Sharin' Nashville Tour Escort, All taxes and handling (except driver & guide)

USS Robert E. Lee (SSBN601) Reunion Tour Registration April 19-21, 2013

- Guests may pay by check or credit card. No phone orders will be accepted.
- Your cancelled check or charged credit card is your receipt
- Cancellations and refunds before April 4, 2013: Refunds to be determined according to attraction admissions included in the tour and based on monies that are refundable to Sharin' Nashville Tours.
- No refunds after April 5, 2013
- Tour tickets will be held at the Robert E. Lee Reunion registration desk at the hotel for pick up.
- 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 Embassy Suites
- 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. SNT staff and motor coach drivers cannot accept responsibility for lifting guests in and out of coaches.

To make your reservations:

Please mail, e-mail or fax completed reservation form to:

Sharin' Nashville Tours, PO Box 11043, Nashville, TN 37214

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Phone: 615-846-0867 Fax: 615-846-0870

REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATE: March 15, 2013

Association Membership Dues for 2013 are due now:

Please send in your 2013 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:

It's 72 days and a wakeup call for the reunion, as I write this, time to be booking hotel rooms and spit-shining the dress shoes. It always comes quicker as the date gets closer, doesn't it?

I want to remind you of two things in this final newsletter: Charge up the batteries in your digital cameras, and start thinking about your next Association officers.

We're going to try to get a local professional photographer from Nashville to set up a corner during Friday evening's banquet to take portraits of all those who look pretty that night. We'll look for somebody that doesn't charge an arm and a leg, and yet is good enough to make an old salt look sweet. That could be a challenge. But we're depending on you for the snapshots and candid photos this time. When the reunion is over we want you to send us your best images and we'll get them posted for all to see on the website. Keep it clean like we did on patrol...right.

Joe, Chuck and I have manned the Conn on this boat for 4 years now, since San Antonio. It's been fun and it's been educational, and we hope you've been satisfied with what we've done. We'd like to

give new blood a chance to step into the Control Room now. "Variety is the spice...", as they say. We welcome new people, new approaches and new ideas for our organization and for future reunions. Before the end of April you or your shipmate could be planning the next groovy USS Robert E. Lee Association reunion.

Smooth sailing, "Stew"

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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Grand Ole Opry Tour

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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Idle Hands?

I reported aboard the Lee while she was in the Vallejo shipyard for retrofit and refueling in the mid sixties. Me and way too many other weapons Petty Officers. Why do I say way too many? Well you could simply count noses and billets and simple math confirmed the obvious. We all know too many bodies makes for twice as many idle hands. And as my dear old Mother was fond to say, "Idle hands are the Devil's workshop."

This fact manifested itself throughout the shipyard stay and long after. Shortly after reporting aboard, I was passed one day by a rapidly moving Nave pickup truck headed for the shipyard main gate. In the bed was a rather glorious looking bar, complete with big brass foot rail, and a couple of young Lee sailors hanging on for dear life. I later learned this was the product of some Chief Petty Office's extensive "Com-Shaw" efforts. This was shortly followed by a Lee sailor receiving a base speeding ticket on a BICYCLE!

This was merely the beginning of what proved to be a very long line of exciting events perpetrated by way too many Lee sailors. Or was it just SOP? Things continued along at a high level of intensity up until I was unfortunately transferred to Torpedo Fire Control School and eventually assigned to the Patrick Henry SSBN 599. (By the way, these are events I only observed or was told of.) Like everyone else on board, I was damn near sprouting wings.

One situation that manifested itself following the shipyard stay probably should be blamed on sheer luck, and not directly related to staffing levels. Good or bad luck? I guess it is all in how you look at it.

Seems the "other" crew had taken the boat to Washington state for sound trials and other post yard testing. One such effort was the test firing of a practice torpedo. Pretty standard stuff in the silent service. But, fate has a nasty habit of raising it head during some of the most mundane events. That is why good Submariners are forever vigilant.

Seems the practice shot ran hot, straight, and normal passing under the keel of the target vessel and continued on toward the nearby shoreline at a high rate of speed. This is where luck slipped in. Seems as practice fish are bad to do, it malfunctioned. Why do I know this? Have you ever heard any excuse for a total miss blamed on anything else?

In this instance the practice shot failed to "pop the cork" and surface after running the required distance. We will not speculate on exactly what distance was actuality dialed into the fish before firing.

Anyhow the fish continued at its best speed, skidded up the nearby beach and nailed a giant Washington state pine tree dead center! Upon receiving the boat back in the normal crew rotation. I personally verified this story by noting the entry in the weapons log book.



Target Rich Enviroment

It read, "Saw pine tree. Sank same."

One of the almost incalculable number of episodes occurred while we were tied up for an extended time aft of the "Observation Island" in Cape Canaveral (Before being renamed, Cape Kennedy), preparing and conducting our missile systems testing. Actually I could fill a thick book with the tales of this era, but this one deserves special recognition as it might cause you to question the meaning of life.

Seems some of those weapons division sailors were on liberty in Coca Beach one evening. Are hands holding beers and other more powerful concoctions considered idle? Anyhow, as they weaved their errant way to catch the liberty bus back to the boat, they stumbled upon a rather large dead shark. The A Weaps had rented a motel room in Coco Beach, which unfortunately these sailors knew the location of. With some effort, they proceeded to drag the shark to the door of the A Weaps motel room where they quietly leaned the stiff dead fish against the door. They then pounded loudly on the door and rapidly staggered to a safe location. A Weaps naturally opened the door and had a rather large, smelly guest fall into his room.

Now as to the meaning of life part. What the H___ would they have done if A Weaps was not possibly the one of the best liked officer on the Lee?

--Fred Williams



Captain Sam Adams

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