

# USS SALISBURY SOUND

ASSOCIATION



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## President's Corner

For our 2015 Reunion in Washington, DC, we have contracted with the highly-rated Westin Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA (4.5 out of 5 star Expedia rating), conveniently located one block from the Metro and close to Reagan International Airport. Because of our flexibility, we were able to negotiate an excellent weekend rate of \$119.00, plus tax, which includes a hot breakfast, free self-parking, and free shuttle service to Reagan Airport. Because their main business is government, the weekdays are their busy days and we could not get our usual guarantee of the same rate for those staying before and after the reunion. Those interested in pre- or post- reunion stays should check with the hotel for the availability of special rates.

We have put together a slate of attractions that will have something for everyone. All are priced on an ala carte basis, so you can participate in as many or as few as you like.

After check-in on Thursday, September 24, the Hospitality Room will open at 2:00 p.m. We will assemble at 5:30 p.m. for the Cocktail Hour and Welcome Aboard deli buffet.

On Friday, September 25, our tour will include some of the most requested sights of

Washington, DC. The tour has been designed to maximize our sight-seeing opportunities while minimizing the amount of walking required. Included in the tour will be the World War II, Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean and Marine Corps Memorials. We will board Arlington Cemetery's tram to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We will view from the coach the U.S. Capitol Building, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court, the House and Senate Office Buildings, the FBI Building, the White House, the Federal Triangle, Embassy Row and Georgetown. A box lunch will be provided. We will return to the hotel by 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, September 26, we will have the unique opportunity to see Mount Vernon by Water Cruise. We will enjoy a cruise on the Potomac River to Mount Vernon where we will have lunch on our own and spend the afternoon touring the estate. We will return to the hotel by 5:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 27, we will hold our Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Business Meeting at 10:30 a.m., concurrent with the complimentary Ladies Coffee, Tea and Gift Exchange. The afternoon is free until the 6:00 p.m. Cocktail

Hour, followed by the Final Evening Dinner and Dance at 7:00 p.m.

now for what could be our most exciting reunion ever!

Our Nation's Capital is rich in American history. It is the perfect place to hold our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual reunion. Registrations will fill up fast. Don't miss out on this one. Register

See you in Washington, DC!

Maurice Medland  
President



#### **TAPS**

Our sincere condolences go out to the families and friends of our departed shipmates.

Martin Culver (61-3) (V1) R - 12/29/14  
Daniel Hargis (55-7) (E) - 10/5/14  
James Hammer (51-5) - 11/23/94  
CAPT Burke Lucas (55-6) (N) C138 - 11/4/12  
Ted Malick (51-4) (M) R -10/13/14  
Frank J. Pound (51-53) (E) C87 - 12/17/10  
Ken Saine (48-52) (S) C9 (Past President 1993 - 2003) - 12/13/14

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#### **Membership**

Currently we have 674 people on our roster for which we have addresses, consisting of 108 Charter Members, 182 Regular Members, 16 Widows, 7 from other tenders and 361 nonmembers. Our numbers are gradually decreasing as can be expected because of our age.

If you have contact information on a shipmate that is not on the roster please give the information to Marian Bruce. He in turn will extend an invitation to join our association.

### Missing Shipmates

We have lost track (returned mail) of the following shipmates. If you are in contact with one of them please inform Marian Bruce and he will put him back on the roster.

Duane Anton (54-5) (V) R  
Richard Hart (59-65) (V1) R  
Calvin Leach (65-7) (V) C98  
LCDR J. L. McClain (59-63) (W) C113  
CDR Orten Rudd (60-2) (N) C195  
CWO Les Tucker (57-8) (W) C35  
Eddie Wentzel (52-4) (S) R  
CDR W. E. Zielinski (57-9) (S) C155

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### Dues

As a reminder, our dues are \$20 per year for regular members and \$15 for charter members. If you fall behind for five years you will be moved to a non-member status. You are encouraged to keep your dues up to date to fund our newsletter and other expenses that are incurred.

Please send your dues to Secretary Marian Bruce and not Treasurer Barry Henry. We do this so we have a check and balance when handling money. Please make the check out to Salisbury Sound Association, not Marian Bruce.

The last date that you paid dues is listed on the fourth line of the address on the envelope of this newsletter. For those who receive this by email you will receive an email dues reminder.



### **Sally Baseball Caps and Polo Shirts**

Sales continue to be brisk for Sally Baseball Caps and Polo Shirts. Caps are \$22 plus \$6 for shipping and handling. Polo Shirts are \$35 plus \$6 for shipping and handling. These beautiful caps and shirts feature a state-of-the-art embroidered image of the ship that is incredibly detailed. Don't miss out. Order yours before the current supply is exhausted. Make check out to USS Salisbury Sound Association and mail to:

Barry Henry, Treasurer  
3298 Province Circle  
Mundelein, IL 60060

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### **Ladies Tea to be Complimentary Once Again!**

For years, the Association provided the Ladies Tea at no cost. In 2010 at the reunion in Las Vegas, the Association bought and paid for the Ladies Tea as usual and estimated that 50 ladies would be present. A much smaller number actually showed up, leaving money on the table that we didn't have to lose. Our financial position was very weak at the time and we knew we couldn't afford a repeat of that. So beginning with the 2011 Reunion in Branson, we had no choice but to begin charging \$15 for the Tea. Also at that time, we took steps to strengthen our financial position through a modest increase in dues (the first ever, necessary to help pay

for the increased cost of postage, etc.), charging a registration fee of \$15 (necessary to help pay for the DJ and Hospitality Room), and the sale of marble plaques, baseball caps and polo shirts. That effort has been successful and effective with the 2015 reunion in Washington, DC, we are once again in a position to provide the Ladies Tea on a complimentary basis. We will continue this policy for as long as we are able. All that will be necessary is for the ladies to check a box on the Registration Form indicating that they will attend. So Ladies, enjoy!

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### **We're Number One!**





Our web site at [www.salisburysound.org](http://www.salisburysound.org) has been hugely successful with over 100,000 "hits" since we went live. That level of activity, along with other factors, has been recognized by Google's very sophisticated algorithm for determining web site rankings. As a result we are now ranked the number one web site when a search for "USS Salisbury Sound" is done on Google. Check it out, if you haven't already. As the official web site of the USS Salisbury Sound Association, it is the single largest collection of Salisbury Sound information and memorabilia available anywhere. Enjoy!

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# USS SALISBURY SOUND (AV-13)

## Washington D.C. Reunion

### September 24-28, 2015

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<p>Check in at <b>THE WESTIN CRYSTAL CITY HOTEL</b> <b>\$119.00 per room per night plus tax includes hot breakfast, free self-parking and free shuttle service to Reagan Airport</b> <b>2:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open</b></p>  <p><b>5:30 p.m. COCKTAIL HOUR and "WELCOME ABOARD" DELI BUFFET</b> <b>\$39.00 per person, including tax and gratuity</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Breakfast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:30 a.m. WASHINGTON/ EMBASSY ROW/ARLINGTON CEMETERY TOUR</b> This tour will take you to some of the most requested sights of Washington. Included in tour will be the WWII, Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean and Marine Corps Memorials. Board Arlington Cemetery's tram to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. View from the coach the U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, House &amp; Senate Office Buildings, FBI Building, White House, Federal Triangle, Embassy Row and Georgetown. <b>Box Lunch Included</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$74.00 per person, including tax, gratuity and transportation</b></p> <p>Back to the hotel by <b>5:30 p.m.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:30 p.m. BOARD MEETING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Breakfast</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00 a.m. MOUNT VERNON by WATER CRUISE</b> Enjoy a cruise on the Potomac River to Mount Vernon where you will have lunch on your own and spend the afternoon touring the estate. <b>\$59.00 per person, including tax, gratuity and transportation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Back to the hotel by <b>5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Breakfast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:00 a.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30 a.m. LADIES TEA</b> <b>Complimentary</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:00 p.m. COCKTAIL HOUR and FINAL EVENING BANQUET</b> At Hotel <b>\$59.00 per person, including tax and gratuity</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Breakfast</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Depart</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">All times listed are preliminary and subject to change. Please check for final times when you check in at the reunion. There will be a final Itinerary at that time. <b>Thanks!</b></p>

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Washington D.C. Reunion  
September 24-28, 2015**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
YEARS ABOARD (e.g. 55-57) \_\_\_\_\_  
DIVISION (e.g. V2) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Host Hotel: The Westin Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Va.**

For hotel reservations call direct to: 1-888-627-8209

Be sure and mention you are with the USS Salisbury Sound reunion group to get the special group rate of \$119.00 plus tax. Rooms not reserved by September 3, 2015 will be released from the group block. You will pay for your room upon check-out.

Thursday, Welcome Aboard Deli Buffet _____ # of attendees x \$39.00 pp	\$ _____
Friday, Tour and Box Lunch _____ # attendees x \$74.00 pp	\$ _____
Saturday, Mt. Vernon Cruise and Tour _____ # of attendees x \$59.00 pp	\$ _____
Sunday, Ladies Tea _____ # of attendees	Complimentary
Sunday, Final Evening Banquet _____ # of attendees x \$59.00 pp	\$ _____
_____ Chef's Choice Chicken _____ Grilled Pork Chops _____ Chef's Choice Beef _____ Vegetarian	

Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_ # of attendees x \$15.00 pp \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Any physical disability? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

A 50% deposit is required by July 24 with final payment due by Aug. 24 on the activity package. No refunds on activity package after September 10, 2015.

**Mail Registration Form and Check Payable to:  
GATHERINGS PLUS  
P. O. BOX 1023, BRANSON WEST, MO. 65737  
417-338-4048**

Want to see who has signed up? Check the Reunion Website:  
[www.salisburysound.org](http://www.salisburysound.org) and click on "Washington DC"