

  
**BALCH/PORTERFIELD REUNION ASSOCIATION**

July, 2017

Greetings Shipmates and Families.

This will be the **LAST** newsletter before the reunion. **The dates are September 10-16, 2017.** Hotel reservations and return of sign-up sheets has been slow. The deadline for hotel reservations is August 11. If you are planning to attend, please reserve your room and send in your sign-up sheets NOW!

DoubleTree by Hilton Riverfront  
1201 Riverplace Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Reserve by Phone: 800-222-8733 (Mention Balch-Porterfield Reunion or Group Code UBP)

Reserve Online: [https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/dt/reservation/bookhtm?](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/dt/reservation/bookhtm?inputMod-)

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**Reservation Cut-Off Date: by midnight August 11, 2017.**

Room rate: \$109.00 for single or double, which is good for three days before and three days after.

This includes a discounted breakfast coupon for \$12.50 per person and complimentary self-parking.

Note: The hotel doesn't have shuttle service from the airport. You might want to coordinate arrival times with friends and share a cab. Below are three cab companies that received excellent ratings from customers. There are several more, just Google Taxi Service in Jacksonville, FL.

A Team Taxi Service

4251 University Blvd S Ste 102, Jacksonville, FL 32216

(904) 443-7100

Omni Cab

1381 Cassat Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32205

(904) 639-6363

Angela's Taxi

11534 E Ride Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32223

(904) 300-8785

We really would like to see a good turnout. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,  
Jim & Pat Siler



U.S.S. BALCH DD363



U.S.S. PORTERFIELD DD682

Please complete all **the information below** and return with your check, payable to **Balch-Porterfield Reunion Assn. to Tom Hamilton, 17004 Doty Rd., New Haven, IN 46774-9726.**

Time		\$ per Person	# of People	\$ Total
<b>Sunday, September 10, 2017</b>				
1300 (1p)	Quarterdeck opens Pick up name badges, programs, etc. Free afternoon and evening	Registration: Kitty:	\$5.00 \$25.00	
2200 (10p)	Quarterdeck closes			
<b>Monday, September 11, 2017</b>				
0700 (7a)	Quarterdeck opens Free day			
TBD	Board of Directors' meeting			
1700 (5p)	Quarterdeck closes	\$60.00		
1800 (6p)	Welcome Buffet—Low Country Foods—Entertainment			
<b>Tuesday, September 12, 2017</b>				
0700 (7a)	Quarterdeck opens			
0830 (8:30a)	Naval Station Mayport Tour, Lunch. Anheuser-Busch Brewery	\$69.00		
1600 (4p)	Return to hotel Free evening			
2200 (10p)	Quarterdeck closes			
<b>Wednesday, September 13, 2017</b>				
0700 (7a)	Quarterdeck opens			
0915 (9:15a)	St. Augustine Historic Tour (lunch on your own, shopping)	\$59.00		
1600 (4p)	Return to hotel Free evening			
2200 (10p)	Quarterdeck closes			
<b>Thursday, September 14, 2017</b>				
0700 (7a)	Quarterdeck opens			
0930 (9:30a)	Memorial Service, Veterans Wall Memorial, City Tour, Lunch	\$69.00		
1330 (1:30p)	Return to hotel			
1745 (5:45p)	Alhambra Dinner Theater	\$69.00		
2245 (10:45p)	Return to hotel			
2200 (10p)	Quarterdeck closes			
<b>Friday, September 15, 2017</b>				
0700 (7a)	Quarterdeck opens			
1300 (1p)	Business Meeting & Raffle			
1700 (5p)	Quarterdeck closes	C: \$45	___	
1800 (6p)	Banquet and entertainment (check one) Grilled Chicken__ \$45, Grilled Salmon__ \$51, Prime Rib__ \$55	S: \$51 PR: \$55	___ ___	
<b>Saturday, September 16, 2017</b>				
0700 (7a)	Quarterdeck opens			
0730 (7:30a)	Farewell Breakfast			
	<b>Total \$</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Years 19 to 19

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first reunion? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Will you be staying at the hotel? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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**Website** (<http://www.balch-porterfield.org>)

Newsletters are posted on the website. Email notifications are sent out when a new one is posted.

## Facebook

We're on Facebook. Type USS Porterfield in the search box and click to get to the page. Then look for "ask to be added" at the right. We'll add you and then you can start having fun. You're welcome to post photos, which everyone loves to see. And there's some useful information regarding dealing with the VA in getting disability for Agent Orange and Asbestos exposure. Family members are also welcome to join the group.

## Baseball Caps

We have baseball caps for sale. The price is \$12.00, which includes shipping. Please indicate which ship you were on. We have solid cloth and mesh back caps available. Please indicate which you prefer. To purchase, send a check payable to **Balch-Porterfield Reunion Association** payable to James W. Siler, Jr. at the address above. Caps are available at reunions as well.

## Patches and Decals

We have two patches and a decal for sale. The first patch, with the Pacific Ocean globe with Pride of the Pacific on it, was issued during the Korean Conflict (price \$4.00) and the second patch, with a seahorse and trident came out in the 60s (price \$5.00). The decal is the same design as the 60s patch, with the seahorse and trident (price \$3.00). Please note the increase in price for the 60s patch and decal. We've had to order new at an increased price. To purchase, send a check payable to **Balch-Porterfield Reunion Association** to Jim Siler at the address above. Patches and decals are available at reunions as well.