


BALCH/PORTERFIELD REUNION ASSOCIATION

June, 2017

Greetings Shipmates and Families.

The 2017 reunion in Jacksonville, FL has been finalized. Sign-up sheets are included in this newsletter. Be sure to make your hotel reservations before August 11. Our hosts are John & Desiree Bryan. If you attended the Kerrville, TX reunion a few years ago, which they hosted, you know they did a great job and will do a great job for this one.

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?
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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.

The reunion runs from Sunday, September 10 through Saturday, September 16.

- Sunday will be the day to check in, pick up your name badges and welcome packets, and to sit back and visit old and new friends.
- Monday will be a free day. There will be a Board of Director's meeting at some point during the day. In the evening we will have our welcome buffet, which will be "Low Country" (dishes representative of Jacksonville). There will be entertainment following the dinner.
- On Tuesday, we will tour Naval Station Mayport, followed by lunch and the Anheuser-Bush Brewery. We'll have a free evening.
- On Wednesday, there will be a tour of historic St. Augustine, with lunch on your own and a shopping opportunity in the pedestrian only area. We'll have a free evening.
- On Thursday, our Memorial Service will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, followed by a Jacksonville city tour and lunch. In the evening we will attend the Alhambra Dinner Theater for dinner and a show.
- On Friday, we'll have a free morning, our business meeting and raffle in the afternoon and our banquet and entertainment in the evening.
- On Saturday morning will be our farewell breakfast.



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The website address for the hotel is: <http://www.doubletreejax.com/>. There you will find pictures and amenities.

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 are sad to report the passing of Diane Essig, widow of Gary Essig (P, SH3, 61-65) on Monday evening, June 12, 2017. Anyone who has attended reunions knows that Diane and her sister Carolyn worked hard doing anything that needed to be done. Diane will be sorely missed and we will be hard pressed to try to fill her shoes at future reunions. If anyone would like to send a card to her family, here is the address.

The Essig Family and Carolyn Fitch
255 Winchester Ave.
Reedsport, OR 97467-1456

**** IMPORTANT ****

If your address or email address has changed, please be sure to send us the change as soon as possible. Each time we send out newsletters, we get several mail and email returns. Some of the mail returns have new addresses, but many don't. Postage is a large expense for the association, so returns are costly. If there is no forwarding address, we have to remove that person from our mailing list. If an email gets returned, we then have to add that person to the list of people to receive paper copies, increasing postage costs.

We received many USPS returns on the April newsletter. Most had new addresses, meaning we hadn't been notified of the change of address. This costs **YOUR** association money to mail the returned newsletter to your new address. Pat always does an online lookup on these trying to find new addresses, but this takes time. Please be sure to update your address, phone number and email with us if you move. If we can send your newsletter via email, we save money on paper, toner, envelopes and postage.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,
Jim & Pat Siler

Additions to Roster

No additions at this time.

Additions to Memorial List

Cox, Robert H., P, FC2, 43-46
Died June 12, 2016

Davis, Edgar A., P, MM3, 43-44
Died August 8, 2016

Erwin, August M. B, TPM3, 41-42
Died August 11, 2015

Diane Essig, widow of Gary Essig (P, SH3, 61-65)

Gifford, Charles L., P, RM3, 64-66
Date of death unknown

Lynskey, Ray, P, GMSN, 51-53
Died April 20, 2017

Turpin, Lander H., B, MMC, 38-44
Died, May 17, 2009

Address Changes, etc.

Please let us know your phone number, email address and your rate and years information if they aren't listed below. It's important to keep our database complete.

Brick, Eugene M., P, GM2, 45-46
165 NE 16th St #3
Madras, OR 97741

Cave, Mrs. Thomas
13651 Old Annapolis Rd
Mount Airy, MD 21771-7730

Clark, Charles M, P, MM3, Late 60s
6444 Hwy 107 S
Plaucheville, LA 71362-2343

Clements, Russell, P, SN, 62-64
616 Peaceful Way
Maryville, MO 64468-9727
660-562-3920

Coke, Jr., William B., P, BT3, 67-68
7315 Oakstone Dr.
Dallas, TX 75249

Eversole, Charles L., P, Late 50s
3801 Berkman Dr. Apt 153
Austin, TX 78723-4525

Fogler, Eloise (widow of Sam, P, WT1, 43-46)
365 Kings Way
Ellabelle, GA 31308-5817
912-927-3824

Howard, Denis, P, E3, 61-63
321 Carmel Ln
Camden, TN 38320-6497

Hutchins, Robert B., P, BTFN, 65-68
21150 SW McInnis St.
Beaverton, OR 97078-9608

Pagnano, Edward
225 New London Ave. Apt. 127, B, FN1/c, 43-46
Cranston, RI 01920-5648
H: 401-921-1398
C: 401-351-3947

Raabe, Jim E., P, BT3, 64-67
1435 S Main Chapel Way Unit C307
Gambrills, MD 21054-1972

Thornton, Edward L., P, CS2, 5859
1816 Cartier Dr.
Livermore, CA 94550-5669

Turley, Ted, P, 65-67
517 Riverside Dr
Chesapeake, OH 45619-1021

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
Sunday, September 10, 2017				
1300 (1p)	Quarterdeck opens Pick up name badges, programs, etc. Free afternoon and evening	Registration: Kitty:		
2200 (10p)	Quarterdeck closes	\$5.00 \$25.00		
Monday, September 11, 2017				
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			
Tuesday, September 12, 2017				
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			
Wednesday, September 13, 2017				
0700 (7a)	Quarterdeck opens			
0915 (9:15a)	St. Augustine Historic Tour (lunch on your own, shopping)	\$59.00		
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Thursday, September 14, 2017				
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			
Friday, September 15, 2017				
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	___ ___	
Saturday, September 16, 2017				
0700 (7a)	Quarterdeck opens			
0730 (7:30a)	Farewell Breakfast			
	Total \$			

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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Contact Information

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Callaway, VA 24067-4524

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Email: twrahamil2000@hotmail.com
Phone: 260-632-4019
Cell: 260-415-3555

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.