

  
**BALCH/PORTERFIELD REUNION ASSOCIATION**

July 2011

Greetings Shipmates:

This is the last newsletter before the reunion. If you haven't sent in your sign-up sheets, please do. We need accurate counts for events, tours and bus companies. The deadline for hotel reservations is August 1, 2011. The reunion rate will be available for 2 days before and 2 days after the reunion.

Lexington George Washington Inn & Conference Center  
500 Merrimac Trail  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
757-220-1410  
September 11-17, 2011  
\$74.00 per night plus tax

The hotel, because of city ordinances, restricts the food we can have in the quarterdeck to dry snacks. There are refrigerators in all guest rooms. You may store food in your rooms to make sandwiches and take them to the quarterdeck. There is a Food Lion supermarket across the street from the hotel.

We received word that Jack Hanley (Balch, GM1, 42-44) passed away on June 9, 2011. Jack and Alice were at most reunions and hosted the reunion in Daytona Beach, FL. Jack will be missed.

If you're on Facebook, please join the USS Porterfield group page. It's a place where you can keep up with your shipmates. Family members are also welcome. Just type USS Porterfield in the search box and click Ask to be Added when you get to the page. If you're not on Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and sign up. It's easy and free.

If your address or email address has changed, please be sure to send us the change. 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. If an email gets returned, we then have to add that person to the list of people to receive paper copies, increasing our costs. If there's no forwarding address, we have to stop sending them. If you have news about yourself or your shipmates, please let me know so I can include it in newsletters.

We're looking forward to the reunion in September and hope to see a lot of you there.

Fair winds and smooth sailing  
Jim & Pat Siler



**U.S.S. BALCH DD363**



**U.S.S. PORTERFIELD DD682**

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check, payable to **Balch-Porterfield Reunion Assn.**, to Tom Hamilton, 17004 Doty Rd., New Haven, IN 46774.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 11, 2011</b>	<b>Price Per Person</b>	<b>Number of People</b>	<b>Total</b>
1300 2200	Quarterdeck Opens Check in, pick up name badges and welcome packages Quarterdeck Closes	Reg. \$5.00 Kitty \$25.00		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 12, 2011</b>			
0700 1500 1700 1730 1800	Quarterdeck Opens Free Day Board of Directors Meeting Quarterdeck Closes Cocktails, cash bar Welcome Buffet	\$35.00		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 13, 2011</b>			
0700 0900 1200 1300 1530 2200	Quarterdeck Opens Board coaches for Jamestown and Memorial Service Lunch on your own at Jamestown Board coaches for Yorktown Victory Center tour Return to hotel Free Evening Quarterdeck Closes	\$48.00		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 14, 2011</b>			
0700 2200	Quarterdeck Opens Free Day and Evening Visit Colonial Williamsburg on your own, <b>admission \$38.00 per person at visitors' center</b> , or shopping. Public buses pass hotel (\$1.00) Quarterdeck Closes			
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 15, 2011</b>			
0700 0900 1130 1230 1530 2200	Quarterdeck Opens Board coaches for bus tour of Norfolk Naval Station Proceed to Mariner's Museum in Newport News Lunch in private room at museum Return to hotel Free Evening Quarterdeck Closes	\$42.00		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 16, 2011</b>			
0700 TBA 1700 1800 1830 1900	Quarterdeck Opens Business Meeting & Raffle Quarterdeck Closes Cocktails, cash bar Grand Banquet Music & Dancing	\$40.00		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 17, 2011</b>			
0800	Farewell Breakfast	No charge		
	Total			

All prices include tax and gratuity, including for the coach drivers. Entertainment at the banquet included in cost of banquet.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your rate or rank when aboard \_\_\_\_\_ Which ship? \_\_\_\_\_ The years you were aboard \_\_\_\_\_

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2200	Quarterdeck Closes			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 12, 2011</b>			
0700	Quarterdeck Opens			
	Free Day			
1500	Board of Directors Meeting			
1700	Quarterdeck Closes			
1730	Cocktails, cash bar			
1800	Welcome Buffet	\$35.00		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 13, 2011</b>			
0700	Quarterdeck Opens			
0900	Board coaches for Jamestown and Memorial Service			
1200	Lunch on your own at Jamestown			
1300	Board coaches for Yorktown Victory Center tour			
1530	Return to hotel	\$48.00		
	Free Evening			
2200	Quarterdeck Closes			
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1130	Proceed to Mariner's Museum in Newport News			
1230	Lunch in private room at museum			
1530	Return to hotel	\$42.00		
	Free Evening			
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TBA	Business Meeting & Raffle			
1700	Quarterdeck Closes			
1800	Cocktails, cash bar			
1830	Grand Banquet	\$40.00		
1900	Music & Dancing			
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## Website

<http://www.balch-porterfield.org>

The Balch-Porterfield Reunion Association website was managed by Jeff Shaffer for many years. We owe him a debt of gratitude for all his hard work. Pat Siler has taken it over and is in the process of updating the site. Please be patient while this is being done.

The main page has been updated and the Roster and Memorial List will be the next to be done. This newsletter will be posted on the website along with previous newsletters.

## Baseball Caps

We have baseball caps for sale. The price is \$10.00, which includes shipping. Please indicate which ship you were on.

To purchase, send a check payable to **Balch-Porterfield Reunion Association** to Jim Siler, 835 Claybanks Drive, Callaway VA 24067-4524.

## Patches

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 spear came out in the 60's (price \$4.00). The decal is the same design as the 60's patch, with the seahorse (price \$1.00).

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