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USS Hollister DD-788

2023 Reunion

September 20-23, 2023

Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks

Fairfax, Virginia

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U.S.S. Hollister

JANUARY 2023 NEWS AND REVIEWS



THIRTY FOURTH USS HOLLISTER REUNION Fairfax Virginia

Wednesday September 20 to
Saturday September 23, 2023

Hosts: Joe and Lisa Namie
John and Carolyn Kuykendall

Invitation to Fairfax, Virginia

Each year, millions of visitors are drawn to Fairfax, Virginia to experience our nations history. Below are some sites you might want to check out. Watch for April newsletter for details of the reunion events.

Visit Civil war interpretive center: The 12-acre site features historic buildings and beautiful vistas that transport visitors to Fairfax during the Civil War. The Interpretive Center offers educational tours and programs, lectures by prominent scholars, Civil War living history events, and demonstrations.

Visit National Firearm Museum: The museum, located in Fairfax, Virginia, examines the history of firearms dating from 1350 to the present-day with exhibits featuring the firearms of six American presidents, 12 U.S. general officers and six foreign heads of state; treasures associated with Pilgrims, the American Revolution, the Civil War and other notable events in American history.

Shop at Fair Oaks Mall: The mall has nearly 200 shops, services and restaurants including Macy's, Lord & Taylor, Sears and JCPenney, Apple, Banana Republic, BCBG Max Azria, Best Buy Mobile, Brighton Collectibles, Coach, J. Crew, H&M, Michael Kors, Liljenquist-Beckstead

A final farewell to our friends

Virgil Hornick: On board 54/55 Passed September 18, 2022

Colleen Cole: Wife of Charlie Passed April 16, 2015

It's a small world

This story started on the USS Hollister in August 1957 shortly after I exported for duty. We were in port in San Diego and getting ready for my first WestPac deployment. About the same time I reported on board, our destroyer division received a new Chaplain, LT Basil H. Struthers, a very pleasant, down to earth man of God. He was with our division for a couple of years then he went his way, and I went mine. About 6 years later, after 4 years of shore duty in Maryland, I received orders to the Naval Facility ChiChi Jima, 100 miles N of Iwo Jima. Being a very small base, there was no regular chaplain assigned. So Periodically Guam would send up a chaplain. Yep, here was the same chaplain I had met on the Hollister. Once again, after a couple of years, he went his way and I, mine (back to Maryland). Flipping ahead about 8 years, I was assigned to the USS WASP CVS-18, homeported in Quonset Point, RI. We shortly thereafter received a new Protestant chaplain.....you guessed it, we welcomed aboard, Chaplain CDR B. H. Struthers. What are the odds with all the chaplains and all the duty station, we would come together 3 times in vastly different locations. I still have contact with him to this day and he is well into his 90's .

My first foreign port call was Brisbane, Australia, and it was my 20th birthday. A couple of us went into town to church on Sunday and after the service, the pastor invited the two of us to his home for supper and said there was an American pastor visiting, who had been born and raised in that area, and that we might like to talk to someone from home. So we went to supper and talked with the pastor and, of course, the subject came up as to where we were from. When I told him I was from Gloversville, NY, he told me in preached in a church in that city some 5 years previous and it turned out to be my church and he knew several people from there that I knew. As the old popular song goes, "It's a Small World After All. " Imagine running into someone that had briefly been in your home town some 12,000 miles away. Awesome!

That's my favorite sea story.

Ed Gundersen

In the 2022 annual meeting it was voted on to donate \$500 to the Tin Can Sailors. We received the following note from the Tin Can Sailors.

Tin Can Sailors, INC

The National Association of Destroyer Veterans

ATTN Mr. Casey Orr, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Orr:

Thank you for your letter and generous \$500 check from the USS Hollister Reunion Association. Contributions such as these help to carry out the three-part mission of our association:

- To promote comradery among our members through our many events, our quarterly 44 page newspaper and the facilitating reunions of former shipmates;
- To promote the preservation of destroyer history and work to broaden the public's understanding of the contributions made by destroyers and those who served aboard them;
- And to support today's Navy and encourage understanding of its importance and mission.

Additional funds allow us to make an impact on the lives of sailors from yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

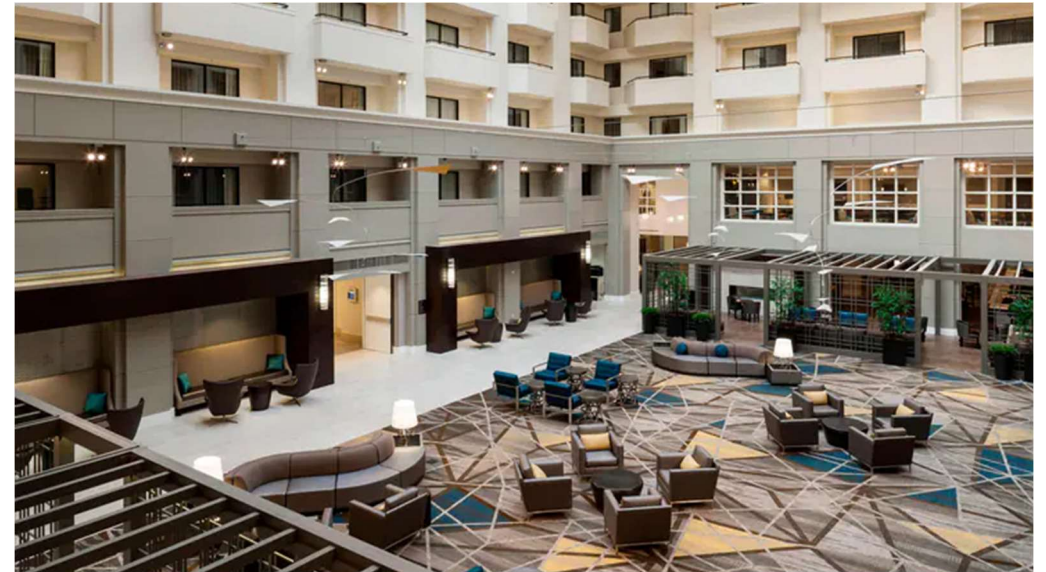
On behalf of Tin Can Sailors, I once again thank the USS Hollister Reunion Association for their generous contribution.

Sincerely,

James V. Jones
President



Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks Fairfax, Virginia



Reservations:

Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks
11787 Lee Jackson Memorial
Highway,
Fairfax, VA 22033
Phone: (901) 553-4976

When Calling for reservations, ask for the
USS Hollister Reunion Group

Features and Amenities

- Complimentary hot breakfast
- Rates offered 3 days pre and post reunion
- Hospitality Room
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary Parking
- \$139.00 + tax per night

Reservations no later than August 23, 2023 to insure the reunion rate.

USS Hollister General Membership Meeting October 12, 2022

President Tom Bowers called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM. Opened the “All Hands” Business Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Minutes: of the last meeting on October 9, 2021 was read by Carol Coyne and was approved.

Treasurer: Balance on hand is \$27,021 not including payment for hospitality room and the banquet. The auction raised an awesome \$5,413. Thanks to all who contributed and participated. It is also a fun event with lots of laughs. This year’s anchor pool brought in \$600. Well done to Dale for stepping up to do the task. The 1099E was sent to the IRS as required.. John Kuykendall will audit the books.

We now have 104 paid members.

Donation:

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500 to the Tin Can Sailors organization. The motion was approved,

New slate of officers for 2023

President	Dave Hall	Trustees	
1st VP	Joe Namie	Past President	Tom Bowers
2nd VP	Wendell Parker	First Trustee	Bear Cannon
Secretary	Carol Coyne	Second Trustee	Orval Mills
Treasurer	Casey Orr	Hosts 2023	Joe Namie/John Kuykendal
Chaplain	Peter Rustigian	Communications	Chris Orr
Historian	Bear Cannon		

New Business:

Chaplain’s report – Peter’s position is a lifetime appointment. No marriages this year. We have lost 20 members in 2022.

Communication:

The Hollister web site is up to date and Rusty gets his information from there. John Kuykendall suggested we use facebook to draw in new members. Also encourage members to stay at the host hotel because of the minimum number of rooms required for our discount. For next year, we need 25 rooms as a minimum. The newsletters consist of January, April and July. Asking for stories on the ship to share and put in the newsletter. Remember when?

2023 Reunion Dates: September 20 – 23, 2023

Fair Oaks Marriott in Fairfax, Virginia.

Hosts: John and Carolyn Kuykendall and Joe and Lisa Namie.

Only 2 blocks from the hotel, is the metro.

They plan to have busses for the excursions.

Joe Namie is planning tours of congress and the house, if possible.

Joe Namie is working on rates for the rooms.

Looking for a location for 2024. Possibly Utah or Midwest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM

Respectfully submitted by Carol Coyne