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Spring 2015 USS Aeolus (ARC-3)

2015 Aeolus Reunion Scheduled

Well it is time to make plans to attend the 2015 Aeolus Association Reunion in Providence Rhode Island. The registration forms and agenda are attached to this newsletter. It is very important to return your registration as quickly as possible (if you have not already done so) as tours require advanced payment. This reunion agenda sounds fantastic as usual. First touring Newport Rhode Island and the Newport Navy Base and then visiting Battleship Cove. As mentioned in the last newsletter Battleship Cove, located on scenic Mt. Hope Bay, harbors the largest collection of preserved US Navy ships in the world. The fleet includes five National Historic Landmarks including the Battleship USS *Massachusetts*.

Sunday we will tour Providence Rhode Island, the state house, and the John Brown house.

The John Brown House is the first mansion built in Providence. It borders the campus of Brown University and is named after the original owner and one of the early benefactors of the university. He was an early American merchant, statesman, and slave trader.

Monday we will tour the USS Nautilus (SSN-571) the worlds first operational nuclear powered submarine.

The Nautilus was the first submarine to complete a submerged transit to the North Pole.

Then it is off to the Coast Guard Academy for lunch and a tour of the base. We will spend the afternoon at the Mystic Seaport which is the largest maritime museum in the world. It is notable for its collection of sailing ships and boats, and for the re-creation of the crafts and fabric of the entire 19th century seafaring village. It consists of more than 60 original historic buildings, most of them rare commercial structures moved to the 17 acre site and meticulously restored.

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We will be transported back to the hotel in time for the reunion banquet which is always a high point of the reunion. And of course during the entire reunion we will have access to the hospitality room to visit with fellow shipmates, swap sea stories, and just relax. All in all the agenda for this reunion is packed with interesting and fun activities as well as allowing time for individual exploring. See you all there.

NOW HEAR THIS

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Navy to Increase Workforce at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

One of the U. S. largest public shipyards is planning to expand its workforce by 715 individuals in an effort to keep up with worker attrition and looming ship repair workload according to an announcement from the shipyard. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Maine is plussing up its technical workforce. Positions including engineers, pipefitters, ship wrights, and welders are to be filled. This is following hiring freezes brought on by 2013 Washington budget battles and the subsequent shutdown. "The shipyard's hiring plan is based on attrition and increase workload challenges," said the commander Capt. William Greene in a statement.

"Taking into account planned attrition, we will grow our workforce from approximately 4,700 to 5,200 civilian employees. The success of this plan is critical to our ability to execute our workload over the next few years and is a top priority for the shipyard." The shutdown prevented all of the Navy's four public yards from hiring workers for nine months. Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) head Vice Adm. William Hilarides told USNI News last month. "In 2013 the sequester and the shutdown resulted in me not being able to hire in my public shipyards for almost nine months. I will lose about 1,000 people a year across the four yards due to attrition, and so during those nine months, we went down a thousand but we were in an increasing requirement." he said at the time.

Hilarides anticipates NAVSEA would spend 2015 correcting the manning levels at the four yards and catch up to the maintenance backlog by 2016. " I hope to do it sooner. I certainly get plenty of input from the Fleet commanders to do it faster than that, but until we're manned to the job I'm going to keep having trouble with the schedules to meet." Hilarides said at the time.

The USS Aeolus Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the memory of the USS Aeolus (ARC-3) and her crew.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of the following

Howard Lewis Hanson, EMC, passed away on December 23, 2013. He served aboard the Aeolus from 1962 thru 1964.

Clifton R Choiniere, SN passed away January 30,2012. He served aboard from 1955 thru 1957 and was a plank owner.

Walter Robert "Bob" Foss, 82, died, Jan. 20, 2015 at Fort Madison.,IA. Bob (MM 2 when aboard) was a USS Aeolus plank owner.

While it has not been the policy of the Association to list the passing of spouses or other than members, when a very special individual who has attended so many of the previous reunions passes away we feel it important to recognize that individual. As such we report the passing of **Sigrun Rasmussen**, wife of Nils Rasmussen who passed away on November 7 2014. Sigrun so much enjoyed the reunions and will be sorely missed.

We are always looking for articles and stories that may be of interest to the Association members. If you have a story or a remembrance that you think would be of interest to the members please send it to Tom Starling at starlingtn@gmail.com so that it can be included in future newsletters. We strive to get the information provided accurately reported but if we miss things along we way, we apologize.

Have you paid your dues?

Dues are only $10 per year and have remained so for many years. You can send your dues to

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ANNOUNCING

USS AEOLUS (ARC-3) REUNION 2015

JUNE 12-15, 2015

Crown Plaza Hotel, Warwick (Providence) Rhode Island

Room Rate $109.00 plus tax

E-mail: reservations@providenceri.crownplaza.com

On-line: ***www.crownehotelwarwick.com***

Phone: ***401-732-6000***

Reunion ID is ***AEO,*** be sure to use this to get our rate

Activities

Friday June 12, 2015

Registration after 4:00PM

Pizza in meeting room

Saturday June13, 2015

Newport/Battleship Cove

A bus will depart the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI at 8:30 a.m. and bring passengers to Newport, RI for a tour. A tour guide will board the bus and give a 90 minute driving tour of Newport. After the driving tour the bus will head over to the Newport Navy Base for a windshield tour. At 12:30 pm passengers will have lunch at the Officer's Club on the Navy Base. Once lunch is done 1:30pm passengers will be transferred to Battleship Cove. Passenger are on their own to explore ship. A departure from Battleship Cove will be at 4:00pm.

Dinner *– On your own (We will have group dining available).*

Sunday June 14, 2015

Morning – On your Own

Afternoon – Bus tour Providence, Rhode Island State House and John Brown House.

Dinner *– On your own (We will have group dining available).*

Monday June 15, 2015

USS Nautilus/Coast Guard Academy

A bus will depart the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI at 9:00 a.m. and bring passengers to the USS Nautilus. Passengers will have an hour and half to explore. At 11:30am passengers will be taken over to the Coast Guard Academy for a lunch and a tour of the base. The afternoon will be spent in Mystic Seaport, CT.

Please keep in mind the Navy Base and the Coast Guard Academy can change the rules and regulations at any time depending on current affairs

Evening banquet in the hotel

REGISTRATION FORM
USS AEOLUS REUNION 2015

NAME _____

SPOUSE/COMPANION _____

RATE/RANK (WHEN ABOARD) _____

YEARS ABOARD _____

SHIRT SIZES (s,m,l,xl,xxl,3x,4x) MEMBER_____COMPANION_____

Registration fee is 300.00 per person (Includes bus tours, refreshments, and banquet.) Mail checks (made out to USS Aeolus Association) and form to:

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Call Mike Jarvis with any questions at 586-899-4801