



# USS JULIUS A. FURER (DEG-6 / FFG-6) 2026 REUNION

April 2, 2026

Hope this letter finds everyone happy and healthy. Whether you're a plank owner or you took the last steps off our beautiful ship for the last time, we all called this girl our home at one point or another. What great memories we've had and shared throughout these reunions.

It is that time again for all of us to gather for The Jolly JAF Reunion. This year we will gather in Charleston, South Carolina. The dates for the event are Thursday, November 12, 2026, thru Sunday, November 15, 2026. We have some planned events that you are welcome to enjoy as a group or plan your own day for your favorite Charleston adventures. We will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn (Charleston Airport). The address is:

**Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Airport (843) 308-9330  
5265 International Blvd.  
North Charleston, South Carolina 29418**

Below is a schedule of events:

## **Thursday, November 12, 2026**

1500: Hotel Check-in  
1500 – 2200: Free Time (Hospitality Room (Palmetto-Carolina))

## **Friday, November 13, 2026**

0700 – 1000: Breakfast (Local or in the Hotel)  
1000 – 1600: The H.L. Hunley Submarine Tour  
1600 – 2200: Free Time (Hospitality Room (Palmetto-Carolina))

## **Saturday, November 14, 2026**

0700 – 1000: Breakfast (Local or in the Hotel)  
1000 – 1200: JAF Meeting (Shipmates only) in Hospitality Room (Palmetto-Carolina)  
1200 – 1600: Activity of your choice  
1600 – 1800: Free Time (Hospitality Room (Palmetto-Carolina))  
1800 – 2000: Dinner (Cypress Ballroom)  
2000 – 2200: Free Time (Hospitality Room (Palmetto-Carolina))

## **Sunday, November 13, 2022**

0700 – 1000: Breakfast (Local or in the Hotel)  
1000 – 1100: Free Time (Hospitality Room (Palmetto-Carolina))  
1100: Guests Checkout



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**Hotel Check-in:** Once you get checked in, we have the Hospitality Room (Palmetto-Carolina) booked for the evening and throughout the weekend. Including wives, we are planning on approximately 80 total people (40 rooms). If you have not done so, please make your reservations now. You will not be billed until time of checkout. There are two ways to reserve your room:

1) PREFERRED: A link to the hotel will be provided on Facebook (USS Julius A. Furer (FFG-6) and USS Julius A. Furer (DEG-6)), the JAF website (<https://ussjuliusafurerffg-6.org>), and as a link in this letter via email. The link is: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/chsahgi-927-0b81bd0b-684d-4532-98ef-903d618fb2f1/>.

- Directions: Click on the provided link. Select “Book a Room.” The stay includes Wednesday. A few of the officers are planning on arriving Wednesday. At the top of the page you can select “Edit Stay” and adjust your personal dates and how many guests are staying in your room. Follow the remaining direction to book.

2) Call the hotel directly, but make sure you reference Group Name: **Bi Annual Reunion-USS Julius A. Furer FFG6 Association**. This is the only way you will get the discounted rate and we will get the credit for the room booking.

As long as we book 40 rooms, the Hospitality Room will be complimentary for the entire weekend; therefore, booking through this website is highly recommended. Here are some hotel highlights:

- Newly renovated guest rooms have a mini fridge, microwave, and Keurig coffee maker
- Complimentary shuttle to the CHS International Airport
- Conveniently located by shopping, dining, and entertainment at Tanger Outlet Center – home to 90 stores and 30 restaurants and Charleston’s Top Golf facility
- Complimentary WiFi and parking
- Fitness Center and outdoor pool
- Breakfast is included in your rate (6am – 10am Mon-Fri / 7am – 11am Sat & Sun)

**Breakfast:** We are on our own each morning for breakfast. You can eat at the hotel restaurant complimentary or at the many local restaurants.

**Activities:** There are numerous activities to choose from. I personally like to do one trip as a group. All of the below activities have their own advantages and disadvantages. Some are expensive and others may be a distance out of our comfort zone. I will suggest in the coming months we see who is attending the reunion and who is interested in what. We will go from there to plan something. I can also negotiate the pricing for museums. Unless I find something, we may be on our own getting from site to site.

**The H.L. Hunley Submarine (6.5 Miles):** The Hunley became the world's first successful combat submarine in 1864 with the sinking of the USS Housatonic. After making world history, she mysteriously vanished. Lost at sea for over a century, she was finally found in 1995 and then raised from the ocean floor in 2000. Since then, scientists have been at work to conserve the legendary submarine and solve the mystery of her disappearance. Tours of the Hunley include viewing the Hunley in her 75,000 conservation tank, facial reconstructions of the crew, and interactive exhibits that tell the submarine's fascinating tale throughout the centuries.



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**Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum (14.5 Miles):** Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum on South Carolina's Charleston Harbor is a must-see. With WWII aircraft carrier USS Yorktown as centerpiece, the Museum is also home to destroyer USS Laffey, the Cold War Memorial, the Vietnam Experience, the Medal of Honor Museum and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. It's nearly 1,000,000 square feet of hands-on history combined with heroes' stories and stunning natural landscapes. We're the destination for history and adventure with exhibits and more that engage families, veterans, tour groups, educators and others.

**Tanger Charleston (1 Mile):** EXPERIENCE THE FUN at Tanger Outlets! Come enjoy shopping the way it should be at your favorite brand name stores including Saks Off 5th, Nike, Michael Kors, Under Armour, The North Face, Ann Taylor, Old Navy, Gap, Palmetto Moon, Tommy Hilfiger, Coach, Vera Bradley and many more! Before you travel, check out the latest deals on the Tanger Outlets website. Find unmatched savings around every corner, surprise discoveries and deals that you can feel at Tanger Outlets!

**Fort Sumter National Monument (11 Miles):** Learn all about this storied spot of the first clash between the Union and Confederate armies in the Civil War, in which the Union forces finally surrendered after a 34-hour bombardment by the Rebels.

**Charleston City Market (13 Miles):** Established in the 1790s, this historic landmark is one of the oldest public markets in the U.S. There's everything from handmade crafts, trinkets, and jewelry to the nation's most prized souvenir, the woven sweetgrass basket.

**Dinner:** Dinner will be held Saturday evening buffet style in the Cypress Ballroom. The cost of dinner will be \$50/person and includes the following:

## COMFORT CLASSICS

Chicken Marsala

Beef Tenderloin Medallions

Buttered Egg Noodles

Mashed Potatoes

Roasted Asparagus

Roasted Baby Carrots with Honey & Thyme

Dinner Rolls

Garden Salad

Chef's Choice Dessert

served with sweet & unsweetened iced tea and a coffee station

cash bar will be available



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**Dues/Fees:** JAF membership dues are \$20 (covers 2 years). The membership fees will be due at the reunion and are NOT included in the total price. The total charge for the reunion will be \$50/single or \$100/couple for the meal and the reunion fee will be \$50/shipmate. Therefore, the total cost is \$100 for a single shipmate or \$150 for a couple. This price is \$15 more than our last reunion (\$10 more for a single person). The reunion fee covers the cost of the dinner banquet room, tax and gratuity on the food, cost of servers, etc. We try very hard to keep these costs reasonable and our goal is to break even. We usually have some cool JAF items to auction and split the pot (50/50). These events help to keep our costs to a minimum. More details to come. If you would like to auction items you may have from the JAF, or unique items from your home town, please bring them for the silent auction.

**WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO ASAP:** Please make your reservation immediately as noted above. Hotel charges are paid upon checkout. Your meal and reunion costs must be prepaid. Send a check written to JAF REUNION, mail to Cliff Smith, 10900 Legend Trail, Cheyenne, WY 82009. Meal will be \$100.00/couple (\$50/person), Reunion fee \$50 (single or couple) for a total of \$150.00/couple or \$100/single. You can pay the \$20 in dues at the reunion since some are paid ahead. **PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOMS NOW USING THE RESERVATION CODE.** This is the only way we can get an accurate head count and you take advantage of the discounted pricing.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in November!! Thanks so much for the support!!

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