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## From the Editor:

Many of you are aware that I've succeeded in obtaining a contract with the Four Points Sheraton French Quarter in New Orleans for the dates June 10-14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The rate is \$99 and includes breakfast for two. There is little - if any - free parking in New Orleans but I was able to negotiate a discounted rate of \$20 Valet parking from the hotel that will charge the fee to your room. The itinerary is enclosed along with a registration form. This info may be found also on our website: [www.steadyeddy.org](http://www.steadyeddy.org)



There are currently 3,739 names of Air Force, Civilians, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy personnel in our Edisto database. Of that number, 383 have joined the Association with many signing up as Life Members. The Executive Board thanks you one and all for participating in the Association which exist only to serve its members, conduct reunions, and promote education of the Arctic and Antarctic continents and surrounding waters.

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Remember to check our website now and again at [www.steadyeddy.org](http://www.steadyeddy.org)

## HURRICANE IRMA

Reunion 2017 in Charleston was memorialized by Hurricane Irma that formed August 30<sup>th</sup>, destroying most of Puerto Rico before setting its sites on Florida and beyond. Winds were recorded to be in excess of 180 mph. With reunion plans set for September 7-10 at the Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport, we all were keeping a watchful eye on Hurricane Irma.

*“Do we go to the reunion? ... and will we be able to get home?”* A question that we had to ask ourselves. Of course all that changed as it continued to move north and forecasts that indicated Charleston could be in its path. The uncertainty caused many shipmates to cancel plans to attend but despite the threat, 70 shipmates and guests were on hand to party.

With the threat of a hurricane, it became necessary to modify our reunion plans to condense activities to 3 days to a welcome dinner, a tour of Patriots Point and then a farewell banquet. However, this change meant that our planned entertainment of the Dave and Daphne Show would not take place because they had a conflict that they could not resolve.

When the city began implementing its contingency plan, many of the Charleston attractions began closing their doors which included Patriots Point and Fort Sumner, our planned tours. After considerable deliberation it was decided to further condense our event to 2 days with the banquet held on the day we would have normally taken a tour.

The Crowne Plaza was designated as the First Responders hotel and was pleased that our event was short-lived but as the storm progressed, it moved further west into Florida.

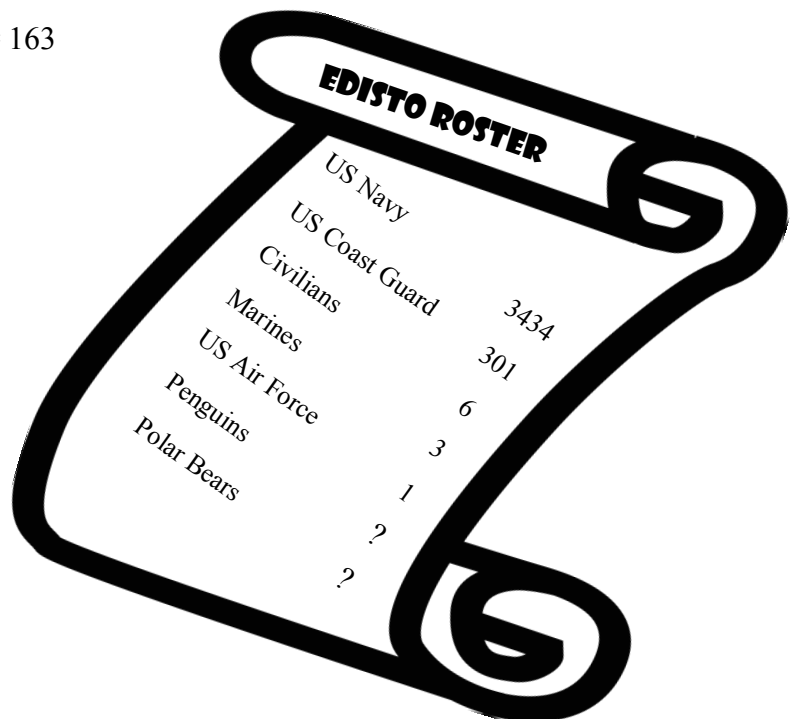
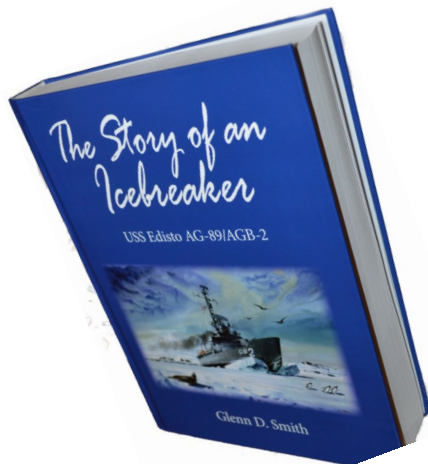


**“We sailors never die. We just report to Davy Jones' Locker and Regroup.”**

**DAVY JONE’S LOCKER**

Last_Name	First_Name	DOD	Rate	Onboard	Ship#	Member
Bork	Stanley T.	6 Apr 2017	DCFN	52-53	AGB-2	Member
Curry	Lawrence D.	10 March 2018	EN2	51-55	AGB-2	Life Member
Duignan	John J.	22 Nov 2017	PN3	61-63	AGB-2	Life Member
Ellsworth	Neal I.	27 Jan 2017	AMS3	64	AGB-2	
Evans	Sidney	22 Jul 2017	S1	47-48	AG-89	Member
Fernald	Joseph Burton	17 Apr 2017	BM1	65-67	WAGB-284	Life Member
Hughes	Erwin N.	4 Jun 2017	SA	51-53	AGB-2	Member
Kenning	Darryl K.	23 Mar 2017	ET3	61	AGB-2	Life Member
Lavassar	Donald J.	23 May 2017	EM2	63-64	AGB-2	
Maisano	Frank	17 Aug 2017	AT2	55-56	AGB-2	Life Member
Martin	Orrin R.	18 Sep 2017	FA	52-55	AGB-2	
Menard	Leo P.	27 Mar 2017	RM1	55	AGB-2	
Paulk	Virgil H.	17 Apr 2018	S4	47-48	AG-89	Life Member
Shadwell	Percy F.	23 June 2018	EM2	55-56	AGB-2	
Urban	Edward F.	28 Apr 2017	EN2	53-57	AGB-2	Member
Ward	Gilbert O.	14 May 2017	BM3	59-60	AGB-2	Life Member

Association Membership Status:  
 Total Members = 383    Life Members = 163



We have been asked for copies of “*The Story of an Icebreaker*” but unfortunately - or fortunately - all copies were sold. To publish a book this size was very expensive but we were able to recover the cost and at this time there aren’t any plans to republish.

# A GREAT SEA STORY



SS Warrimoo

## A FASCINATING SHORT SEA STORY

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LON 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".

Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ships position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor.

At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!  
The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.  
The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.  
The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899  
In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in:  
Two different days,  
Two different months,  
Two different years,  
Two different seasons  
But in two different centuries - all at the same time.  
~ GO NAVY ~



*"The Heart of the French Quarter"*

**Four Points Hotel by Sheraton**

**541 Bourbon Street**

**New Orleans, LA**

**Desk: 504-648-2335**

Howdy Shipmates,

I have succeeded in negotiating a contract with the Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter in New Orleans for June 10-14, 2019. The rate is \$99 and includes breakfast for two and this rate is good for Sunday 9th if you choose to come in a day early. Parking is discounted to \$20/night Valet parking at the hotel. They will charge the fee to your room. You can examine the hotel by going to this link [Four Points Sheraton French Quarter](#). For reservations, use this special Edisto link: [Edisto Room Reservation](#) or call 1-(888) 627-7596

The hotel insists we have a 45 day cutoff date of April 25, 2019 so to guarantee a room with the discounted rate, you must make reservations before that date. Friday 14th is the normal checkout day. Rates go up for weekend as shown below.

You may cancel 24 hours before arrival without penalty. Otherwise they will charge for one night. Traditional rooms are those without balconies. The latter are normally charged at a much higher rate but I was able to get discounted rates should anyone wish a room with a balcony. Here is the breakdown on room rates:

June 9-14

Traditional Room Single: \$99 + tax

Traditional Room Double \$99 + tax

Discounted Weekend rate (Fri & Sat)

Traditional Room \$149 + tax

Balcony Courtyard \$159 + tax

Balcony Toulouse Street \$189 + tax

Balcony Bourbon Street \$209 + tax

It is recommended that you make your reservations now. You can cancel by June 8<sup>th</sup> if necessary or at least 24 hours before planned arrival without being charged one night's penalty.

Taxi to/from the Louis Armstrong Airport (MSY) is approximately \$33-35 a couple for taxi and \$15 for 3rd person. UberX and Lyft as well as Veterans Cab (504-367-6767 and Yellow Cab (504) 207-7777 are available.

Negotiated parking fee is \$20/night Valet parking with the hotel which will charge the fee to your room.

The more the merrier so invite your friends, your relatives, brother, sister, wife and/or girlfriend.

The current agenda is as follows:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

12-4 pm Registration

6-10 pm Welcome Buffet - \$48 pp inclusive

Soup: Chicken and Sausage Gumbo

Salad: Pasta Salad & Wild Field Greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette.

Entrees: Chicken, Shrimp and Sausage Jambalaya

Shrimp and Crawfish in Cream Seafood Sauce with Penne Pasta

Vegetable: Chef's selection

Dessert: New Orleans Bread Pudding

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

9 am - 3:30 pm Tour of WWII Museum - \$60 inclusive of admission to museum and to movie, "Beyond all Boundaries," 2<sup>nd</sup> day admission, bus fee and taxes.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Free Time

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

9-11 am Business Meeting & Election of Officers

5-6 pm Photo Shoot

6-10 pm Plated Dinner and Entertainment - \$50 inclusive

Select one of the following entrées:

Chicken Dumonde – Filled with our local Andouille sauce and gulf shrimp lightly breaded with Creole Sauce.

Blackened Pork Loin – Seared in a Creole Season and roasted au jus.

Pecan Crusted Red Fish – Red fish topped with lemon sauce and served with rice pilaf. Seasonal vegetables

Cheese cake and assorted rolls and creamery butter

NOTE: All prices are per person and are inclusive of admission service charge, tax and gratuity.

Cash Bar

Call drinks & Wine \$7.00

Imported Beer \$6.00

Domestic Beer \$5.00

REUNION AGENDA JUNE 10-15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 IN NEW ORLEANS, LA



Hotel: Four Points Sheraton French Quarter located on corner of Toulouse and Bourbon Streets.  
Address: 541 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 Desk Ph: (504) 648-2335.

Reservations: (888) 627-7596 Online: Copy/paste the link below or press CTRL and click on link.

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1806218592&key=B2DF9C1>

Rates: Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is first day to get the \$99 rate. Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>, last night to get the \$99 rate.  
Friday and Saturday nights, the rate is discounted but is much higher.

Valet Parking is discounted to \$20/night and will be charged to your hotel bill.

Airport: Louis Armstrong Airport (MSY) Airlines are American Airlines, Delta, Southwest, Jet Blue, and Spirit

Website: <http://www.flymsy.com/Flight-info> On PC, press CTRL while clicking on link

Day 1 Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> is Welcome Buffett

Dinner to kick things off, perform housekeeping, give away door prizes, photo shoot and cash bar. Cost for the buffet is \$48 inclusive of service charge and taxes.

Day 2 Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> is tour of WWII museum.

0845 buses will load on Toulouse Street. Due to the narrow streets, large coaches are restricted from use so there will be up to four (4) smaller 25 passenger buses. These same buses will pick up at 1500 (3pm) for return to the hotel. Cost is \$60 inclusive of service charge and taxes. This includes bus fee, Museum admission, Beyond the Boundaries Movie admission and a second day admission fee.

Day 3 Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> is a FREE DAY.

There is so much to see and do in NOLA that Tuesday night, Wednesday day and night was left as free time.

Day 4 Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> Farewell Dinner

9 am – 11 am Business meeting and election of officers  
5 pm – 6 pm Cash bar and photo shoot  
6 pm – 7 pm Dinner Service  
7 pm – 7:30 Door Prizes  
7:30 – 10 pm Dinner, Dancing and Entertainment by Pooyai Jamm Band & the Wedding Preacher. Cost for dinner and entertainment is \$50 inclusive of service charge, tax and gratuity.



## 2017 CHARLESTON REUNION ATTENDEES

Last_Name	First_Name	Rate	Onboard	Ship#	Spouse	Guest
Belcher	James L.	EN2	63-64	AGB-2		
Bertrand	Charles G.	EN2	63	AGB-2	Maureen	
Bunkoczy	Bela L.	FA	64-65	AGB-2	Eva	
Clark	Russell	EN2	67-68	WAGB-284	Carol	
Conaway	Preston R.	EM3	58-60	AGB-2	Glenda	
Crease	Paul		71-73	WAGB-284	Joyce	
Crutchfield	Calvin S.	SA	64	AGB-2		
Daubar Jr.	Armando	SN	57-58	AGB-2	Jeannie	
Downs	Gerald L.	CS2	60-62	AGB-2		
Dykas	Richard F.	SN	58-60	AGB-2	Mitzie	
Dykas	Ronald		Kin		Nancy	
Frary	Kenneth W.	EN2	63-65	AGB-2		
Gallant	William F.	SN	60-62	AGB-2	Cathy	
Green	Duane L.	CPL	47-48	AG-89	Betty	Valerie
Heidel	Warren A.	E3	62-64	AGB-2	Faye	
Isachsen	Eric	BM3	64-65	AGB-2	Kit	
Jensen	James M.	QM3	60-62	AGB-2		
Koenig	J. Weldon	RADM	58-60	AGB-2		
Koski	Raymond	YN3	61	AGB-2	Pat	
Lazinsky	John	QM1	73-74	WAGB-284		
Madej	Robert F.	EM3	61-64	AGB-2		
Meyer	Rudolf K.	RM3	64-65	AGB-2	Pattie	
Moorhead	Charles E.	CAPT	64-65	AGB-2	Elizabeth	
Nally	Gerald J.	ADR3	64-65	AGB-2	Angela	
Neilsen	Kenneth	SN	63-65	AGB-2	Nancy	
Reitmeyer	Robert E.	LTJG	64-65	AGB-2	Regina	
Ripley	Marcus J.	FN3	63	AGB-2		
Seymour	Sapaletto J.	SN	61-63	AGB-2		
Simmons	Lawrence M.	QMSA	63-65	AGB-2	Gina	
Smith	Glenn D.	ET2	60-62	AGB-2	Kathie	
Weber	Robert A.	RD3	62-64	AGB-2	Valerie	
Weber	Robert Leo	EM2	61-65	AGB-2	Sarah	
Weiner	Jerry	BM1	72-74	WAGB-284		
Whelan	Frederick C.	AN	64-65	AGB-2	Ann	

Despite the threat from hurricane Irma, there was a party going on at the Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport Hotel.

# SHIPS STORE

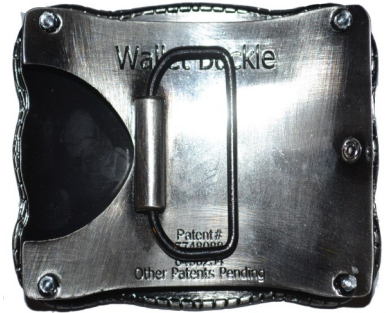
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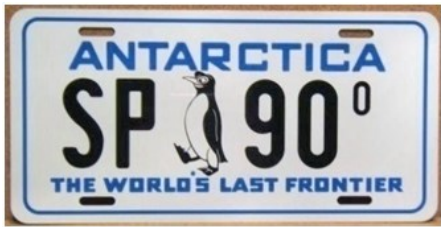


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PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING	
BUCKLE	\$35
COASTER (4)	\$12
COASTER (6)	\$16
COOSIES (4)	\$12
COOSIES (6)	\$16
HATS	\$25
ICE WATER PIN	\$10
LICENSE PLATE	\$20
PATCHES	\$10
SHIPS PRINT	\$20



Back of Buckle



South Pole 90 Degrees License Plate



Ice Water Pin



Drink Cousie



Drink Cosaster



Hats are available with the patch as shown at right if preferred.



Coast Guard Patch



Navy Patch

Call or email Rich for inventory and price. He has Navy blue hats for sale with USS Edisto AGB-2 logo. \$25 includes postage

## USS/USCG EDISTO 2019 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Four Points by Sheraton French Quarter, 541 Bourbon St, New Orleans, LA 70130. Rate is \$99 plus tax and includes breakfast for two. Make Reservations by calling 1-888-627-7596 or call direct 1-504-648-2335 and tell them you are with the USS/USCG Edisto Association or you may register online by clicking [Here](#) NOTE - Cutoff date is April 25, 2019, the last day to get this rate.

Guest 1 & 2

Last Name:       First Name:       Nick Name:       Birthday:       Spouse Name:

Street Address:       City:       State:       Zip Code

Email Address:       Telephone:       Cell Phone

Rate:       Onboard:       Service Number:       Emergency Contact:       Emergency Nbr 1:       Emerg Nbr 2:

Arrv\_date       Dep\_date       Room Nites       # in Party       Fly       Auto       Handicapped       Wheelchair       Room Rsrvd

Allergies or Special   
 Accomodations:

**All prices quoted herein are inclusive of room charges, service charges, state & local taxes.**

Event Registration	Hotel Guest: (Single \$30/ Couple \$50) <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT staying at Hotel: Single \$40 / Couple \$60 <input type="checkbox"/>	RegTotal
<b>Mon - Jun 10th</b> 6:00 - 10:00 PM	<b>Welcome Buffet</b> Meet & Greet - Door Prizes - Housekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons X \$48	<input type="text"/>
<b>Tue - Jun 11th</b> 9:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>World War II Museum Tour</b> Fee includes bus, admission & 1-day pass for return during week	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons X \$60	<input type="text"/>
<b>Wed - Jun 12th</b>	Free Time to visit other attractions		
<b>Thu - Jun 13th</b> 9:00 - 11 AM 5:00 - 6 PM 6:00 - 7 PM 7:00 - 10 PM	<b>Business Meeting &amp; Election of Officers</b> Photo Op & Cash Bar Banquet Dinner - \$50 pp inc tip & taxes Entertainment	All Entrees are \$50 Blackened Pork Loin X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pecan Crusted Red Fish X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Dumonde X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Friday June 14th</b>	Check Out	Total \$	<input type="text"/>

**April 5, 2019** - Early Bird Drawing for registration form and money received on/before this date. Winner receives one (1) night's Free lodging. The drawing will be held during the Welcome Buffet Dinner.

**WARNING - Cutoff Date is April 25, 2019** - Room reservations must be made by this cutoff date to get the discounted rate of \$99.

**Individual cancellations made before May 31, 2019** may be refunded in full minus the registration fee with the approval of the Executive Board.

**April 25, 2019** - Completed registration form and money are due by the cutoff date in order to pay for attractions, transportation, tour guides, buses, drivers, tolls, taxes, catered meals and entertainment.

**Room Cancellations** must be made **24 hours before** expected arrival to avoid penalty of 1 night's rental.

Complete the form and mail it and a check to USS EDISTO ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 747, Mims, FL 32754-0747. Call if you have any questions: (321) 362-5284 or email me at [ussedisto@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ussedisto@cfl.rr.com). Make a copy of the form for your files. Information can be found also at [www.steadyeddy.org](http://www.steadyeddy.org).