



USS CONWAY DD/DDE-507

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AHOY TO ALL USS CONWAY (DD/DDE-507) SHIPMATES, ONCE AGAIN!

Hello Shipmates, Family, and Friends,

I hope everyone had a happy and prosperous 2016. If you missed our 32nd Annual Reunion in New Bern, North Carolina you missed a great time. Pam and Rick Miller planned a perfect time for all of us. We explored the Tryon Palace dating back to the early colonies, walked streets from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and saw our young military men and women in action at the Cherry Point Marine Base. Good food, beautiful surroundings and each other. What could be better?

To all those shipmates and family members who weren't able to attend in 2016, your presence and friendships were missed. You are all an integral part of our association and we look forward to seeing you in Virginia this fall. It was voted to have a reunion in 2018 in Branson, Missouri, but because of high costs, it was decided that a new location would be researched and decided on at our 2017 Reunion. Adding a reunion to your bucket list should ensure that you have a long life since there is nothing better and healthier than reliving shared memories and renewing friendships. My greatest wish is that everyone stays well so we will see you in September.

Andy Nelson, President

Important 2017 Reunion Information Enclosed!

REPORT ON 2016 REUNION IN NEW BERN, N. CAROLINA

Our hostess and host, Pam and Treasurer Rick Miller, welcomed us to the Conway Veterans Association 32nd Annual Reunion at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel in downtown New Bern from September 25th through September 29th. We were right on the waterfront of the Trent and Neuse Rivers. As always, the hospitality room was where shipmates and friends got reacquainted. The first evening we had a Welcome Dinner followed by our annual Executive Board Meeting. This allowed time for everyone to get caught up on what they had been doing since last year's reunion. Monday, we all boarded buses for a tour of Cherry Point Marine Flight Base in Havelock, N.C. We saw the base operations, F-35 fighters in the sky and even trained Marine canine running through their drills. We were treated to a lunch at Millers Landing and had all our questions answered by the Commander of the Base. We returned to the hotel for the General Membership Meeting and then that evening we had a wonderful dinner, live music and dancing.

Tuesday morning was a guided Trolley Tour of historical New Bern. We saw the birthplace of Pepsi, toured the Tryon Palace with its lovely gardens and gained knowledge in the North Carolina History Museum. In the evening, we had a great dinner topped off with our annual Live and Silent Auction. With Otis, Coy and Bud, you know there were lots of laughs! Wednesday was our free day of preferred golfing, sailing, shopping or exploring. That evening we attended our Annual Dinner Banquet and Memorial Service. We honored 13 departed shipmates who had left us since the 2015 reunion. We all said our good-byes and our 32nd reunion came to a successful end.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM EXEC AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meeting was called to order by President Andy Nelson. Minutes were read from the September 2015 Membership Meeting in Mystic, Connecticut. Motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Miller states that funds transferred to the new Treasurer and CVA Account was \$9,894.25. CVA Deposits were \$5,247.00. CVA Expenditures were \$3,782.44. The Live and Silent Auction in Mystic, CT raised \$789.00 and the 50/50 Raffle raised \$130.00. Dues received since 8/31/2015 was \$1,335.00 and Donations and Gifts were \$197.00. Bank balance as of 8/31/2016 is \$12,329.40. After this reunion, the Bank balance will be \$16,079.40. Rick stated we are financially sound. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded and passed.

Donation

Rick Miller stated that in 2015 the CVA made the \$500 donation to the Conway/Rockport Museum in Camden, Maine.

A thank you note from the Museum was received by Rick expressing their gratitude for our commitment. The Museum has a permanent exhibit of the USS Conway. They greatly appreciate the donation and stated that it is so valuable to have a place dedicated to keeping and reliving the memories of the USS Conway. The museum is open for tours three afternoons a week and by appointment. A motion was made by Bob Moody to continue the \$500 donation this year to the museum, seconded and passed.

Audit Committee Report

Spencer French stated the 2015 Reunion Audit submitted by Jim Zolnik was letter perfect. Rick's Treasurer's Report was audited and was correct and in order. Motion was made to accept the Audit Reports, seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

2017 Reunion - Bob Moody volunteered to work with a planner to organize a Williamsburg/Jamestown, Hampton, Va. area reunion. The dates will be Wednesday, September 13 thru Sunday, September 17, 2017. Bob stated that the reason for the midweek start of the reunion is that rates are more reasonable. The \$99 group rate will be honored 2 days before and 2 days after the reunion. Bob requests that any questions or concerns be directed to him. Bob was thanked for all his hard work on behalf of the CVA in planning the 2017 reunion.

Conway Website

Bob Moody stated the website is working well now. All information, history and pictures are there for all to view. The Association voted to continue working with the webmaster, Lee Gordon at a charge of \$50 a year and the \$160 for Go Daddy.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

Chairman Jim Zolnik presented the 2016 recommendations for the Slate of Officers and Directors. Andy Nelson will continue as President for the second year. Larry Coy has stepped forward to be Vice President. He was unanimously approved by the Executive Board. With no nominations received from the floor, the positions for the 2016-2017 USS CONWAY VETERANS ASSOCIATION were filled. Motion made to accept, seconded and carried. It was expressed how missed Vice Chairman Chap Aldrich was at this year's reunion.

***Greetings from Rich Miller
2016 New Bern Reunion***

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2016 Conway Reunion in New Bern, NC. Pam and I were thrilled to share our new hometown with you, and hope that you'll come back in the future. For those of you who could not attend last year's reunion, we hope to see you in Williamsburg this September.



Highlights from Exec Cont....

Future Reunion Plans 2017 and beyond

Bob Moody thanked Rick and Pam for stepping up to host the 2016 reunion. Hosting is a big job, but so rewarding and appreciated by all our shipmates and their families. When no one came forward to host in 2017, Bob Moody volunteered to work with a planner and run the September reunion. Bob suggested with everyone getting older and health problems being a reality, it may be necessary to continue to use a planner, but it will always be our first choice to have a shipmate step forward and host. Everyone should think about hosting in 2018, 2019 or 2020, with or without the assist of a planner.

Departed Shipmates

Rich Dinardo stated that we have 13 departed shipmates to honor at our Memorial Service this year. Rich and Francine have worked on the preparations and programs for the ceremony. "This is a solemn service and will be done true to the way Leo Demers recommended," Rich stated. Our dear friend, Theresa Demers, was honored this year with her picture displayed and a rose to show our appreciation for all the help with the Memorial Service in previous years. The New Bern H.S. ROTC presented the Colors and shipmate Bob Duffy took care of the bugle for the ceremony.

Discussion

Shipmate Jerry Kantor expressed his gratitude to Charlie Cole and Dick Margin, who many years ago spent much time writing to Senators and speaking with Congressmen in hopes of getting a new ship named after William Conway. Jerry states that he cherishes being a WWII Veteran and a member of the CVA and wants to safeguard the Conway's legacy.

Rick Miller made a recommendation of the possibility of photographing the archives in the Maine Museum and have all items put on our website. All agreed that this would be very helpful in keeping all members connected with their honored memories. We have a roster of 418 shipmates. All present at the meeting agreed it would be great to have a link with the website so everyone can go online and view the things in the Conway Museum. Tom Niemeyer made the motion to give the Tin Can Sailor Organization a \$100 donation from the CVA. He states they do such fine work with keeping the Legacy of Destroyers intact. The motion was seconded and passed. Rick Miller made a motion that the CVA donate \$50 to the New Bern ROTC from the reunion fund. Motion seconded and passed. Respectfully submitted by Susan Nelson, Recording Secretary

USS CONWAY VETERANS ASSOCIATION 33rd ANNUAL REUNION IN COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG/JAMESTOWN, VA.

The 33rd USS Conway Veterans Association annual reunion will get underway starting Wed. Sept. 13, 2017 with hotel check-in and check-out is on Sun. Sept. 17, 2017. Our host hotel is the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina located at 700 Settlers Landing Road Hampton, Va. 23669. The hotel's décor is 100% nautical throughout and is very impressive. This 173 room IHG Rewards Club hotel has views that are spectacular as it is in the heart of the historic Hampton Harbor among the various boats and yachts. When making reservations please ask for a room with a view of the harbor and a refrigerator. The Crowne Plaza hotel has 2 on-site restaurants and an outdoor pool on the roof top with fantastic views of the Hampton Harbor Marina.

NOTE>>>> *For those shipmates who attended the 2016 reunion in New Bern, please disregard and discard the 2017 reunion information I provided to you in your goody bags. There was an error that I did not realize until after the 2016 New Bern reunion had ended. The tours listed in my handout that was provided to you in New Bern incorrectly states the tours are Wednesday, Sept. 13 and Thursday, Sept. 14. THIS IS WRONG!!! The tours are now correct in this newsletter. The tours are Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017 and Friday, Sept. 15, 2017. All other information on the announcement is correct.*

RESERVATIONS: As always the hotel reservations are made by the individual shipmate by calling 757-727-9700. I was able to obtain a room rate of \$99 and that includes a huge daily buffet breakfast for two. The room rate is good three (3) days prior and three (3) days after the reunion dates for those who want extra time to tour this very historic area on your own.

LOCATION: The hotel is located next to the Virginia Air & Space Museum, the famous Hampton Carousel that was built in 1920, and also next door is Miss Hampton II a tour boat that offers a 2 ½ to 3 hour harbor tour of Hampton Harbor and the Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk. All of these sites are within a few hundred feet to our hotel so no need to worry about walking any long distance. This will also give you additional choices for your free day which will be Saturday, Sept. 16. For those of you flying into the Norfolk area, unfortunately there is no airport shuttle provided by the hotel. The Norfolk International Airport is located 14 miles from the Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina.



TOURS: We have Phillips Destination Management out of Norfolk handling our tours and registrations as we did at the 2014 reunion in Virginia Beach. All monies including the registration fee will be sent to Phillips for all your reunion meal & tour selections. Please read the information provided carefully concerning all your deadlines to avoid problems. Please note: Once you have sent in your reservations and selections to Phillips DMC and need to cancel prior to August 21, 2017, the request must be in writing.

RATES: When you contact the Crowne Plaza Hotel for your room reservations, you must mention you are with the USS Conway Veterans Association to get this reduced room rate of \$99. There is on-site free garage parking and on-site Enterprise car rental desk at the hotel complex. Unfortunately there is no parking space for any RV parking at this facility. There are a few local RV sites that you can contact if needed. The Colonies RV Travel Park (757-722-2200), Gosnold's Hope Park (757-850-5116), and Sandy Bottom Nature Park (757-825-4657).

USS CONWAY VETERANS ASSOCIATION 33rd ANNUAL REUNION
IN COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG/JAMESTOWN, VA.

2017 Reunion Info Cont....

GOLE: A few of our shipmates have planned a golf outing in the past several years and I imagine that this will be the case this year also. The golf outing generally occurs on our reunion free day which will be Saturday, Sept. 16. There are three courses in the local area which are The Woodlands (757-727-1195), The Hamptons (757-766-9148), and the Peninsula (757-723-9220) Golf Courses. My suggestion will be to contact Bob & Ronnie Duffey (570-698-0983) to make your golfing plans.

If I can be of any assistance or can answer any questions you may have concerning the 2017 Williamsburg/Jamestown reunion, please feel free to contact me by my cell phone (724-766-8016) or email me mowedge@zoominternet.net. I look forward to seeing the "Conway Family" once again this year. Please Shipmates.....if you know of any shipmates who have not attended one of our past reunions please attempt to make contact with them and encourage them to attend.

Bob Moody, USS Conway Veterans Association



DECEASED CONWAY VETERNANS

At the 2016 Memorial Service, a candle was lit and a ship's bell rung for the following Shipmates who have passed away:

- Peter M Coy (Plank Owner)
- Robert I. Lewis
- Robert Madden
- Earl Ball Sr.
- Benjamin Kershner
- William S. LeRose
- John Austin Mesch
- Bradley C. Wingert
- Harley A. Thompson
- Lawrence Papio
- Hugh Doy
- Joseph O'Brien
- Phil Taylor

Conway Veterans Association Officers 2017

The CVA Officers for the coming year are as follows:

Andy Nelson, President	andyconwaydd507@gmail.com • Phone: 443-328-6821
Larry Coy, Vice President	coys@frontier.com • Phone: 419-744-2225
Susan Nelson, Recording Secretary	andyconwaydd507@gmail.com • Phone: 443-328-6821
Rick Miller, Treasurer	rickmiller950@hotmail.com • Phone: 252-631-1474
Bob Moody, 2017 Reunion Host	mowedge@zoominternet.net • Phone: 724-452-7065

Our updated website at <http://www.ussconway.com> provides a more complete list of all whose efforts are to support the memory of the USS Conway-DD/DDE 507.

USS CONWAY VETERANS ASSOCIATION REUNION
September 13-17, 2017, Hampton, Virginia

TOURS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017—9:00 AM-3:30 PM: COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG & WILLIAMSBURG WINERY

Depart via motor coach with your tour guide for the charming town of Colonial Williamsburg. Interesting and informative narration will be provided during the journey. Upon arrival guests will follow in the footsteps of America's early patriots with a leisurely walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg, the nation's largest living history museum. The guide will narrate along the 4-5 blocks of Duke of Gloucester Street, where costumed interpreters walk the brick sidewalks reenacting every day American Revolutionary life. There will be free time to shop the many unique specialty shops in Merchants Square and have lunch on your own in one of the Colonial taverns, or in one of the many cafes and restaurants.



In the afternoon, travel the short distance to the Williamsburg Winery to experience an 18th century-styled winery surrounded by over 50 acres of vineyards. A guided tour will feature Old World barrel cellars and modern winemaking equipment. Following the tour, you will enjoy a tasting of available wines, and spend time browsing in the gift shop on premises.
Package Price: \$62.00 per person, inclusive. Lunch on your own.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017—9:00 AM-4:00 PM: JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT AND AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM AT YORKTOWN

After breakfast, depart via motor coach with tour guide for Jamestown Settlement. Established in 1607, this was the first permanent settlement in the New World. Guests will enjoy the re-created village which chronicles the nation's 17th century beginnings in Virginia in the context of its Powhatan Indian, English and western central African cultures. Through an introductory film and expansive indoor exhibition galleries, guests will discover the political, social and economic factors that led to the colonization of the New World, the culture of the Powhatan Indians of coastal Virginia at the time of the English arrival, and the first century of the Virginia colony when Jamestown served as its capital. Outside, history comes alive in re-creations of a Powhatan Indian village, a colonial fort, and the three ships that transported English colonists to Virginia in 1607. Costumed historical interpreters demonstrate work and everyday life of the era and engage visitors in a variety of activities. A boxed lunch will be enjoyed in the Jamestown Café and there will be time to browse the beautiful gift shop for unique "Made in Virginia" items.



In the afternoon, visit the brand-new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. Begin your guided experience with a wonderful film introducing visitors to the world of Revolutionary America. The permanent exhibition galleries include artifacts, re-created immersive environments and an outdoor living history center including the Continental Army encampment with a drill field and an artillery demonstration and a working Revolution-era farm. After exploring the museum and its grounds, your guide will give a narrated riding tour past the battlefields and through the quaint village of Yorktown before returning to the hotel.

Package Price: \$86.00 per person, inclusive. Lunch Included.



MEALS AT HOTEL:

Wednesday, September 13, 2017—Virginia Welcome Buffet

- ◆ Fried Catfish
- ◆ Baked Herb Chicken
- ◆ Mac and Cheese
- ◆ Cole Slaw
- ◆ Green Beans

Warm rolls and Apple Cobbler

Price Per Person: \$38.00

Friday, September 15, 2017—Down South Buffet

- ◆ Pork BBQ
- ◆ Fried Chicken
- ◆ Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Collard Greens
- ◆ Mixed Greens Salad

Corn Bread, Biscuits and Assorted Layer Cakes

Price Per Person: \$38.00

Thursday, September 14, 2017—Taste of Italy Buffet

- ◆ Chicken Parmesan with Fettucine
- ◆ Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions
- ◆ Vegetable Lasagna
- ◆ Caesar Salad

Italian Breadsticks and Tiramisu

Price Per Person: \$38.00

Saturday, September 16, 2017—Banquet Dinner

Guests will Pre-Select—Choice of one of the following entrees:

- ◆ Grilled Salmon with Lemon Cream Sauce
- ◆ Sliced Sirloin with Wild Mushroom Demi Glaze
- ◆ Citrus Chicken with Gouda Moray

Chef's Choice of Seasonal Accompaniments, Warm Rolls and Butter, Carrot Cake and Chef's Pies

Price Per Person: \$45.00

**USS Conway Veterans Association Reunion -Tour & Meal Registration Form
September 13-17, 2017, Crowne Plaza Hampton-Marina, Hampton, Virginia**

THE PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- ◆ Motor coach transportation, tour guide service, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and meal gratuities.
- ◆ Gratuities for guide and driver are not included and are at the discretion of the individual.
- ◆ Guests may pay by check or credit card (Mastercard or Visa Only). **NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- ◆ An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of this registration form.
- ◆ Deadline to register for tours is **August 21, 2017.**
- ◆ Registrations received after August 21, 2017 will be accommodated on a space-available basis only and will be assessed an additional \$5.00 per person, per tour.
- ◆ No refunds after **August 21, 2017** unless the tour is cancelled due to lack of participation. Refund requests must be made in writing prior to August 21, 2017.
- ◆ Tour tickets will be held at the USS Conway registration desk for pick up. It is suggested that you do not wait until the day of the tour to pick up your tickets. Tickets must be presented to a Phillips guide upon boarding the coach.
- ◆ All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary.
- ◆ Boarding times will be 15 minutes prior to listed departure times in front of the Crowne Plaza Hampton-Marina.
- ◆ **Please include a \$15.00 registration fee per person.**

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION:
Please mail or email completed reservation form to Phillips DMC, PO Box 11043, Norfolk, VA 23517
QUESTIONS: Email: Erika@phillipsdmc.com, Phone: 757-623-4400
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Phillips DMC

Cut on dotted line and send the below reservation form to Phillips DMC

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

USS Conway Veterans Association Reunion, September 13-17, 2017, Hampton, Virginia

TOURS

Thursday, September 14, 2017 (Colonial Williamsburg & Winery): \$62.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____
Friday, September 15, 2017 (Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown): \$86.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____

MEALS

Wednesday, September 13, 2017—Virginia Welcome Buffet: \$38.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____
Thursday, September 14, 2017—Taste of Italy Buffet: \$38.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____
Friday, September 15, 2017—Down South Buffet: \$38.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____
Saturday, September 16, 2017—Banquet Dinner: \$45.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____

Dinner Selections: (Please select choice of one of the following entrees per person)

- _____ Grilled Salmon with Lemon Cream Sauce
- _____ Sliced Sirloin with Wild Mushroom Demi Glaze
- _____ Citrus Chicken with Gouda Moray

Subtotal for Tours and Meals = \$ _____

Registration Fee: \$15.00 x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

NAME: _____ GUEST NAME(S): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS? (wheelchair, scooter, walker, etc.) _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? (vegetarian, gluten free, allergies, etc.) _____

Payment Method: Check or Credit Card (please circle) Checks should be made payable to Phillips DMC

MasterCard _____ or Visa _____ Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ 3 Digit CVC Code: _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

DUES PAYMENT:

Make checks payable to the Conway Veterans Association and mail by May 1, 2017 • Annual dues: \$15.00

Mail to: Richard E. Miller, Treasurer • 252-631-1474 • Email: rickmiller950@hotmail.com
Conway Veterans Association
1217 Petite Terre Court
New Bern, NC 28560

Cut on dotted line and send the below form and your check for \$15 to Richard Miller

USS CONWAY VETERANS ASSOCIATION • 2017 DUES FORM

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RATE/RANK: _____ YEARS SERVED ON THE CONWAY: 19 ____ TO 19 ____

SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER _____ PHONE (____) _____



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your Reunion Registration