

USS WALLER DD/DDE 466 REUNION

NAS Pensacola Florida

21-25 October 2015

Waller Shipmates::

Our next reunion will be 21 to 25 October 2015 in the historic Navy city of Pensacola Florida. An agreement has been reached with the Hampton Inn/ Hilton complex at their Gulf front on Pensacola Beach.

Rates are \$102 per night for a room on the Pensacola Bay side of the hotel; \$112 on the Gulf side. The rooms are in the 3 story Hampton Inn where breakfast is served. Lunch and dinner is available in the restaurant at the Hilton next door. There are also a number of restaurants across the street.

RESERVATIONS. You may call on or after 1 December 2014 to make your room reservation. Call 1-800-320-8108, ask for group reservations and give the group code **USS**. You can also reserve on-line at hamptoninn.com. Enter the Pensacola Beach location, your arrival/departure dates. Then click on Add special Rate, and then on group code enter USS. This will give you the choice of the \$102 or \$112 rate. Note that when you reserve you will be asked for a credit card. It won't be charged unless you are a no show; thus you can cancel anytime.

We think we'll have a great reunion. While still in the planning stages, here are some of our ideas:

- visit to the famous Naval Air Museum the Naval Air station
- tour of NAS Pensacola, the first naval air station in the U.S., maybe the world.
- tour of the World War II battleship *USS Alabama* (BB60) along with the WWII decorated submarine *USS Drum* (SS228) and the aircraft pavillion, all located at Battleship Park, Mobile, Al.
- a visit to the well known Bellingrath Gardens and home of an early Coca Cola executive.
- Pensacola's early 18th century Fort Pickens which protected Pensacola before Florida became a state, and during the Civil War (a Southern fort of course).
- A tour of historic downtown Pensacola, permanently settled in 1698, but with a temporary colony dating to 1559.

We think this will be a fantastic experience for all.

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P. S. One more thing: Postage makes up a major portion of your committee's budget. Please help us save on postage by e-mailing, if possible to janalminz@hotmail.com if one of the following applies:

- a. "You can communicate with me by e-mail", or
- b. "Please drop me from your mailing list for all future communications", or
- c. "I won't be able to make this reunion, but I'd like to continue to get future communications."

Please include your name since e-mail names are often very different.