



# THE HELM

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## Reunion 2017 Canceled

By President Stan Barnes

First off, I have some really sad news to pass on to those of you who may not have heard. Our association treasurer Tom Grabowski has crossed the bar after a long battle with cancer. Tom was one of the plank owners of the USCGC Duane Association. May he rest in peace knowing that we will always remember him and think of him often as we continue on course toward the future. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Vicki and family.

As you should know by now, your 2017 reunion in Wildwood, NJ was canceled for a lack of members signing onboard. We needed to have booked 20 rooms by the cut off date of October 1 but we only had 11 booked. I do hope that our (your) 2018 reunion September 7, 8, 9 at The Best Western Merry Manor in South Portland and will be attended with many more of the crew. We will be in convoy with The Maine Cutterman's Association as we were last year 2016. You can book into the reunion now if you wish, the cut off date is August 15, 2018. Please, let us have a good showing as we had in 2016. The contact phone number is 207-774-6157, tell them that you will be attending the USCGC Duane reunion in September 2018.

[www.usmilitaryart.com/uscg\\_cutters.htm](http://www.usmilitaryart.com/uscg_cutters.htm)



it is really the only income the association has these days. The ship's store has not been very active this past year.

If you have any photos or stories of past reunions or anything else pertaining to the Duane, please send them to Jay Schmidt ([jay.schmidt@com-cast.net](mailto:jay.schmidt@com-cast.net)), Helm publisher, and Rick Bodgan ([rick@rbogdan.com](http://rick@rbogdan.com)) web site publisher.

Don't forget the auction next year in Portland. Again I am sorry that I had to cancel this year's reunion but it was for the best interest of your association.

Have a wonderful winter and we will publish more details of the 2018 reunion in the spring.

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It is that time again that we ask all of you to please send in your yearly dues of \$35.00. Send to Vicki Grabowski 705 Meadowbrook Road, Trafford Pa. 15085. Please bring your dues up to date as

Reunion 2018 in Portland, Maine

Room Rate:\$109.95  
Tax Rate: 9%  
Complimentary Rooms: Room 303 as  
your hospitality  
suite

Cut Off Date: August 15, 2018

Meals: Breakfast included in room rate

Dear Stan,

It was great hearing from you again. I am so pleased to hear that your group will be returning in 2018. Per your request I am pleased to confirm the following arrangements for the 2018 USCGC Duane Reunion.

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Lafayette Hotel Information

Best Western Merry Manor Inn  
700 Main Street  
South Portland, ME 04106  
207-774-6151  
207-871-0537 Fax  
Hotel Contact: Donald Haggett  
Web Address: [www.merryma-](http://www.merryma-norinn.com)

[norinn.com](http://www.merryma-norinn.com)

Overnight Accommodations

Room Block:

Sept. 5, 2018 – 5 Rooms

Sept. 6, 2018 – 20 Rooms

Sept. 7, 2018 – 20 Rooms

Sept. 8, 2018 – 20 Rooms

September 9, 2018 – 5 rooms

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## Crossed the Bar

Tom Grabowski, Duane Assn Secretary and Treasurer Aug. 16, 2017

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**NEW USCGC DUANE SHIP'S STORE  
PRICE LISTING**

TEE SHIRTS: \$24.00 XL XXL	BLUE OR WHITE	S M L
POLO (GOLF) SHIRTS: \$20.00 XL XXL	BLUE TIGER ONLY	S M L
SWEATSHIRTS: \$30.00 XL XXL	BLUE ONLY	S M L
WINDBREAKERS: \$45.00 XL XXL	BLUE ONLY	S M L
HATS: \$20.00	BLUE TIGER ONLY	
TIGER PATCH: \$10.00		
SHIPPING: \$10.00		
TOTAL: \$_____		

NAME:  
ADDRESS: REQUIRED  
PHONE: REQUIRED  
E MAIL ADDRESS: REQUIRED  
RATE & RANK WHEN ONBOARD:  
YEARS ONBOARD:

ALL ORDERS LARGER THAN XXL WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE  
AND WILL HAVE TO BE ORDERED.

SEND YOUR ORDER TO: USCGC DUANE SHIP'S STORE IN CARE OF

STAN BARNES  
381 STAGE ROAD  
SANBORNTON, NH 93269

# Not a member? Join the USCGC Duane Association

2017 Membership and Renewal Application USCGC Duane Association  
Membership runs from January to December. Dues are \$35 year.

Name

Spouse name

Your nickname (first name)

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email (required for download notification)

Years served on Duane: 19\_\_ to 19\_\_

Rank/rate while on board

Highest Rank/rate

USCG year retired

**2015 Membership**

Renewal

New Member

I wish to receive the newsletter:  Via mail (black & white)  Download (full color) from our site

Please send a check for \$35 made out to "USCGC Duane Association" to:

Vicki Grabowski, 705 Meadowbrook Road, Trafford, PA 15085

Please cut along lines before mailing

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## Hospitality Room & Banquet Arrangements:

- Room 303 will be used as your hospitality room. The room is reserved for your use from noon on Thursday September 6, 2018 until noon on Sunday September 9, 2018
- You would be able to bring in your own snacks and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) into the hospitality room.
- There is no charge for the use of this room.

In addition to the above arrangements we will also provide the following extras for your group.

- Free Transportation to and from the Portland International Jetport.
- All of your guests can enjoy complimentary in-room coffee and tea.
- Your group will be welcomed on our outside marquee.
- Our Restaurant is open for dinner from 5Pm until 9PM daily and our bar is open from 4PM to Midnight daily.
- We offer plenty of free parking in our spacious lot.
- We will provide complimentary cookies for your group on the primary arrival day.
- All of your guests will enjoy the use of our indoor/outdoor pool, Jacuzzi and recreation room.
- We will honor the above group rate for any people who come in before reunion or who wish to stay after the reunion.

Hopefully this covers everything for now.