



THE HELM

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Reunion 2017 this fall

By President Stan Barnes

I am sorry that there was no spring issue of the Helm this year but when I am in Florida things are very busy with house upkeep, spring training and fishing. I arrived back here in New Hampshire this week and thought I had better get to it before I go back to work this Monday.

I do hope that all of you had a good winter and survived all the ice and snow. Now that the nice weather has arrived it's time to gear up and get ready for another summer. I hope that all of you enjoy and stay safe so you can be with us in October for your 2017 USCGC Duane reunion.

Reunion Information:

Date: October 16 – 19, 2017

Location: Shalimar Resort Wildwood Crest, New Jersey

Reservations: 609-522-0609 (Ask for Maria) (Reservations must be made by September 15, 2017)

Cost: \$125.00 Double Occupancy

Complimentary Breakfast at a local restaurant

Hospitality room will be open.

Tuesday September 17: Whale /Dolphin sightseeing tour. Time TBD. Cape May shopping.

Wednesday September 18: 0930, BUSINESS MEETING

Tour USCG Base Cape May Training Center. Time to be determined. If you plan to go to the training center I need the following information from you before September 15. Photo of your drivers license or other legal ID of all who will attend.

1700: Group Picture, please be on time.

1830 Banquet: (Buffet) Menu TBD

DON'T FORGET THE AUCTION

I am sorry that the days are not as we normally do, Wednesday – Saturday but due to a very busy hotel we had to make a compromise.

There will be more information forth coming as we get closer to September. If you have any questions at this point, please give me a call, 603-630-8697 or e mail me at sbarnes49@yahoo.com.

I ask everyone who will be attending to consider a location for our 2018 reunion. My ideas are, Williamsburg, Virginia Beach, Jacksonville, Niagara Falls, Cocoa Beach or New Orleans.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing all of you at this year's reunion.

The banquet will be held at Alfies Restaurant in Wildwood at 1830 on Thursday October 19th. They will have a separate room for us. Right now I am planning to have everyone order from the menu rather than having three entrees which everyone might not agree to.

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Tentative Plan of the Day:

Monday September 16:
Check in after 1400.

A note to the editor

I just received your “Duane” bulletin and want to thank you for perpetuating news of us sailors who I served on it for 3 years as a ‘firecontrol 1st class from 1954-1957 during the Korean war.

The only incidents I can recall is when we “ran-aground” going into Bermuda’s Bay, when our Captain denied the advice of the proper approach into the harbor.....It warped our rudder, and we had to be towed back to Boston by a barge.....(and we got a new Captain!!)

And the second event was when we were practice shooting at a air-target, and the pilot radioed down to our Captain: “Hey!!!....tell those gunners down there on your ship that “I’m Pulling this target, not Pushing it”!!!! Apparently our ‘tracers’ were closer to the plane than to the target.....

Our son “scuba-dives” and plans to go to Florida sometime and take pictures of our scuttled ship.

When we were on patrol in the warmer Atlantic, I use to sleep in the firecontrol shack right in front of the stack; and several times when we got into fog at night when I was sleeping, they

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Crossed the Bar

Fran Lavacchia was a WWII veteran on the *Duane*. He can be seen escorting a German sub sailor down the starboard side of the *Duane* after the *Duane* and *Spencer* sank U-75.

Thomas J. Cunningham (79)

1959 Graduate USCGA

would use the ship’s horn to alert other ships, and the horn was near me, I’d fall out of the cardboard bed awaking...

Overall, it was a great experience, but I’ve chosen to stay on land!

Al Baxter, West Chester, Ohio

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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

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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:

Tom Grabowski, 705 Meadowbrook Road, Trafford, PA 15085

Please cut along lines before mailing

Lost Members

It has come to our attention, as if we already did not know, that we have many crew members on our data base that we never hear from. We are sending out this notice to everyone via The Helm and our website stating that if we do not have contact with you prior to this year's reunion October 16, your name will be placed into a non precipitant list for lack of interest and/or non payment of dues (2016 & 2017). This is also an attempt to update our data base.

Have a wonderful summer, and we hope to see you at the reunion at the Shalimar Resort in Wildwood, NJ. October 16 - 19, 2017. Reservations: 609-522-0609

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Thank You,

Your USCGC Duane Association