

**Destroyer Leader Association 26rd Annual Reunion
Crown Plaza Dulles Airport
Herndon, VA
Sept 28—Oct 5 2024**

CALL TO REUNION

The Destroyer Leader Association invites all shipmates who served on any of these ships at any time to attend our reunion to be held **Sept 28- Oct 5, 2024** **NOTE** that all former shipmates are invited to reunion activities.

Crown Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel

The host hotel for the 2024 Reunion is the **Crown Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel**. Room reservations **must be made by you directly** with the hotel by calling the hotel's Reservations **1-877 390-5944** for your **Destroyer Leader Association** rate of **\$129.00/ night + taxes** These DLA room rates will also apply **Three (3) days** before and/or after the reunion. You will be responsible for your room, tax and incidental charges. Note also that any room cancellations **must be received** by the hotel's Reservations Department **72 hours** prior to the day of arrival for a full refund. **You Must tell reservation it is for the Destroyer Leader Association reunion room Block Not Just DLA !**

A room block of 25 rooms is being held until 5:00 PM, EDT, Aug.10. 2024 . You must make your hotel reservation by Aug 10. to receive the discounted DLA rate. The DLA is NOT handling any room reservations. If you need assistance, you may call the hotel directly @ Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM EDT. **The hotel room rate Includes 2 hot Buffet breakfast / room.**

AIRPORT SHUTTLE is available from / to DULLES Airport , Hotel Parking is free.

FAMILY REUNION

Why not invite your family and/or friends to meet you in Herndon, VA.. and have a mini-family reunion combined with the DLA reunion?

REGISTRATION

“Welcome Aboard!” The welcome and registration table will be located in the Hospitality Room. You will pick up your reunion envelope, containing general reunion info, meal tickets, tour tickets, brochures, and your name tag / city tag.

NOTE: Walk-ins may register here, but meal, event and tour tickets will not be available to anyone after JU, including walk-ins. This is due to contractual agreement with the hotel and the tour company.

Registration by mail will not be accepted after AUG.10., 2024. Anyone registering after Aug 10th is eligible to attend the reunion hospitality Room, the Board of Directors' and business meetings (with a current due card) only, as tickets for other events **will not be available.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Anyone attending the Reunion but NOT staying at the HYATT Regency Riverfront are required to pay an additional Hotel User Fee/Assessment of **\$75.00** to cover meeting and banquet room rental, setup and cleaning, bartender fees, etc. The fee does not apply to those staying in a room at the host hotel nor the member's guest(s).

The Hospitality Room will be located on the 1st floor of the Hotel. This is your "home away from home" during the reunion. As noted, it will remain open so long as there are volunteers to stand watch during the tours. Call or email the reunion planner (Mike Bugara, 401-635-8860 or mjbugara@hotmail.com) to volunteer. The room will be closed during Friday's banquet, Tours unless a Volunteer will man the room.

NOTE: Food and beverage items provided in the Hospitality Room may not be taken from the room due to hotel contractual agreements. Private alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted in the Hospitality Room at any time. Adult beverages may be purchased from the hotel's bar near the Lounge & Restaurant & room service .

Name tags Members attending the reunion use permanent blue plastic laminated name tags. The name tag includes the attendee (or guest) name, rate, years aboard, ship name and hull number.

If you are a first-time attendee or have misplaced your name tag, a new permanent name tag. Please fill out the information on the Registration Form for yourself and guest and include the name tag price in your payment. **All name tags are \$20.00 each.**

****Note – the Hospitality Room will be open daily, if there are volunteers to staff it.**

Please be sure to check the POD/announcements board in the Hospitality Room daily for changes to the schedule shown below:

Monday, Sept 30, 2024

9:00 am Hospitality Room set-up
11:00 am – 2:00 pm Early registration
2:00 pm DLA / Hotel pre-con meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

9:30 am – 10:00 pm **Hospitality Room open
3:00 – 4:15 pm Board of Directors' meeting
6:00 pm DLA **Welcome reception**

Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

8:00am – 10:00 pm **Hospitality Room open
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Tour # 1
US Army Museum @ Ft Belvoir & Bull Run
Winery & Witness to History tour

Dinner on your own

Thursday, October 3, 2024

THRURDAY cont.
8:00 am – 10:00 pm **Hospitality Room open
8:30 am – 4:00 Tour # 2

Mount Vernon Historical tour & wreath laying
@ Washington's grave & air & Space museum
in PM

6:00 pm Dinner on your own

7:30 pm **Annual DLA Auction,**

Friday, October 4 2023

8:00 am – 5:00 pm **Hospitality Room open

9:30 – 11:00 am Men's Meeting

11:00 am – 3:00 pm On your own

The Auction Please bring or ship to the hotel a Gift to be auctioned off at the annual Auction. The Auction will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024

If you plan to ship any items to the hotel prior to your arrival, it must not arrive more than three (3) days before the reunion. It must be addressed as follows:

Guest name or Destroyer Leader Reunion
C/O – Crown Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel
222 Centerville Road
Herndon, VA. 20170

PUT Attention :DLA reunion on the package

Tours are dependent upon minimums being met. Tour prices are based upon a minimum of 50 paid passengers per tour (maximum is 52 passengers per bus) as noted in the tour *description*. Each tour package price includes a deluxe Motor Coach, admissions as noted, meals as listed and taxes. **Coach boarding times will be 15 minutes prior to the listed departure times listed in the Plan of the Day.** Coaches will board outside the hotel Side door. Drivers' gratuities are included but also are left to each participant's discretion. **The first two rows of seats are reserved for our Handicapped and the bus monitor. If needed, a bus with one wheelchair spot will be reserved. Please advise on your registration form if you will need this option.** On-site reservations are not possible

NOTE: US ARMY Museum & Mount Vernon Have a no weapons Policy .

NOTE that all tours require some walking.

Please board promptly so that an on-time departures may stay on time . If you miss the bus you are on your own to get back

NON-TOUR ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, 3:00 – 4:00 p

A brief meeting of the Officers and Directors will be held. Any DL Association member is welcome, and invited, to attend as an observer. If you do plan to attend, please indicate this on the Registration form.

Members' business meeting: Friday, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Ladies' meeting

While the annual membership business meeting of the DLA is in session, the ladies are invited to enjoy each other company, Only DLA dues-paying members in good standing will be admitted to the meeting. Please have your current membership card with you to be admitted.

Banquet : Friday, 6:00 pm

4:00 PM – 9:00 Cash Bar available)

6:00 pm Seating for Banquet & Program

6:30 – 8:15 pm Dinner served

8:30 – 10:30 pm Dinner + Presidents
remarks, first timers, Raffle

Saturday, September 2, 2023

9:30 am Chapel Service and Goodbyes

Enjoy your last night in a more formal setting. Coat and tie are recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear their ribbons, medals or mini-medals on their suit jacket. If you can still wear your uniform, please do so.

NOTE. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE INVOCATION BEFORE BEGINNING TO DINE.
The dinner menu choice is on the registration form.

A program, installation of Officers and a fifty / twenty-five / twenty-five raffle will follow dinner.

NOTE: There will be a cash bar available.

We'll hold a brief service in the Hospitality Room – Goodbyes after the Service.

ALL REUNION REGISTRATIONS WITH FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY

AUGUST 10 2024

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE OR MAIL AFTER AUG. 10 ..