

## Destroyer Leader Association 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

Jacksonville FL. AUGUST 28- Sept 2, 2023

# 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 August 28- Sept 2, 2023 **NOTE** that all former shipmates are invited to reunion activities.

## HYATT REGENCY Riverfront Hotel

The host hotel for the 2023 Reunion is the **Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel**. Room reservations **must be made by you directly** with the hotel by calling the hotel's Reservations **1-800-233-1234** OR EMAIL <https://www.hyatt.com/en-us/group-booking/JAXRJ/G-DEST> for your DLA 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.

**A room block of 30 rooms is being held until 5:00 PM, EDT, JULY 21, 2023 . You must make your hotel reservation by JULY 21, 2023 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 does not include Breakfast.**

**NO AIRPORT SHUTTLE is available** You will need a rental car, Taxi , Uber or Lyft for transportation. **Hotel parking garage @ \$29.00/ night (DLA is working on a grant to help this be lower)**

### FAMILY REUNION

Why not invite your family and/or friends to meet you in Jacksonville FL. 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 July 21, including walk-ins. This is due to contractual agreement with the hotel and the tour company.

**Registration by mail will not be accepted after JULY 21, 2023.** Anyone registering after July 21 is eligible to attend the reunion hospitality Room, the Board of Directors' and business meetings (with a current dues 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 \$50.00 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 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference center 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](mailto:mjbugara@hotmail.com)) to volunteer. The room will be closed during Friday's banquet, and during 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

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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 can be made. 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 \$15.00 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, August 28, 2023

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

#### Tuesday, August, 29, 2023

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, August, 30, 2023

8:00am – 10:00 pm \*\*Hospitality Room open  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Tour # 1  
Memorial Service & Mayport Naval Base tour with lunch on Base. Provide Base info w/ registration.  
Dinner on your own

#### Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:00 am – 10:00 pm \*\*Hospitality Room open  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Tour # 2  
St Augustine city tour Lunch on own.  
6:00 pm Dinner on your own  
7:30 pm **Annual DLA Auction\*\*\*,**

#### Friday, September 1, 2023

8:00 am – 5:00 pm \*\*Hospitality Room open  
9:30 – 11:00 am Men's Meeting  
Ladies' Bunco  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm On your own  
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 Banquet program,  
President's remarks, Installation  
of 2023 Officers, Raffle

#### Saturday, September 2, 2023

9:30 am Chapel Service and Goodbyes

**\*\*\*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, Sept 1. 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 - Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel  
225 East Coastline Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

**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 54 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 NOT** 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: Attendees for the Mayport Base tour MUST include First, Last, Name Middle initial, Date of Birth and last 4 digits of SS number to submit to the Naval base 30 days PRIOR tour date per base requirements to Planner NO exceptions ... Please put this on a separate paper with registration..**

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's' 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**

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.**

On Saturday, at 0930, we'll hold a brief service in the Hospitality Room – Goodbyes after the S

**All Reunion registrations with full payment must be received by**

**JULY 21, 2023**

**Registrations will NOT BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE OR MAIL AFTER JULY 21 ..**