

## 2019 REUNION – BOSTON, WARWICK, NEWPORT

Greetings Shipmates, Ladies; I'm going to try an experiment. In the 14 years that I've been a DLA member, I've not seen any advance notice about activities, attractions, etc. during up-coming reunions (excepting Ship's Coordinators' notes in our Newsletters.) Since we're down to only two Newsletters each year, I thought I'd try creating a one- or two-page "teaser" to whet your interest in our next get-together ... it's never too early to check your calendars and plan a visit. So – in advance of the Call to Reunion (coming out in April,) and based on the results of Planner Mike Bugara's hard work, here are the highlights:

DATES – SEPTEMBER 9\* – 15, 2019

*\*The starting date (9/9) involves "move-in, setup" etc. Generally, the Planner, President, and a few others arrive on this date. All-hands activities begin on 9/11.*

Our base of operations will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI.

### 9/12 ... BOSTON

USS CONSTITUTION



FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE



We will travel to Boston, going to the pier side at the USS Constitution. We'll hold our annual Memorial Service there, with the help of a Navy Color Guard. We'll then have time to board and explore "Old Ironsides." We'll next visit Faneuil Hall and Quincy Marketplace.

Faneuil Hall was built in 1742 and has served as a marketplace/meeting hall ever since. It is located near the waterfront and Government Center in Boston. The ground floor contains shops and eating establishments. The second floor is a meeting room; the fourth floor contains the museum and Armory of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Mass. (free admission) Faneuil Hall marketplace also includes three buildings; North Market, South Market and Quincy Market. Lots of shopping/eating opportunities!

We'll then embark on a driving, narrated tour of Boston before returning to the Crowne Plaza.

### 9/13 ... NAVAL WAR COLLEGE & MUSEUM, THE BREAKERS, 10-MILE DRIVE



On Friday we'll begin our travels at the Newport Naval War College and Museum. The Naval War College is the staff college and "Home of Thought" for the United States Navy at Naval Station Newport in Newport, Rhode Island. The NWC educates and develops leaders, supports defining the future Navy and associated roles and missions, supports combat readiness, and strengthens global maritime partnerships. The Museum is one of 10 official museums operated by the United States Navy. It is located in the building which first housed the Naval War College, a structure built in the early 19th century to house Newport's poor.

WE'LL HAVE LUNCH AT THE OFFICERS' CLUB, AND THEN... ON TO THE BREAKERS.



The Breakers is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages." Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt (1794-1877) established the family fortune in steamships and later in the New York Central Railroad. The Commodore's grandson, Cornelius Vanderbilt II, became Chairman and President of the New York Central Railroad system in 1885, and purchased a wooden house called The Breakers in Newport during that same year. In 1893, he commissioned architect Richard Morris Hunt to design a villa to replace the earlier wood-framed house which was destroyed by fire the previous year. Hunt directed an international team of craftsmen and artisans to create a 70 room Italian Renaissance- style palazzo inspired by the 16th century palaces of Genoa and Turin. The Vanderbilts had seven children. Their youngest daughter, Gladys, inherited the house on her mother's death in 1934. An ardent supporter of The Preservation Society of Newport County, she opened The Breakers in 1948 to raise funds for the Society. In 1972, the Society purchased the house from her heirs. Today, the house is designated a National Historic Landmark. We'll have time for individual tours before we continue on the...



## TEN MILE DRIVE

**Today, Newport's Ten Mile Drive combines the history of a wealthy summer community with a fabulous Newport recreational treasure of public parks and miles of public access shoreline to rank as one of the most popular "drives" in the country.**

...after which, we'll return to the hotel.

In addition to the tours there'll be plenty to fill our days; the usual reception, BoD and membership meetings, banquet (w/the Missing Shipmate remembrance,) free time "on your own," the annual fund-raising Auction, (You'll find some changes in how that's conducted) and other activities, all subject to time and changing schedules. If you have any ideas for activities you'd like to embark on, email me with new suggestions at:

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PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR! NOW! TODAY! DON'T WAIT!

*See you there, Curtis*