

USS Haddo (SSN 604) Reunion Supplement

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FROM THE EDITOR

NEWSLETTER I initially set sail with the intent to issue a "Reunion Supplement" by mid January and maintain course and speed with the regular newsletter. Well, it took me longer to get all the information together than I had anticipated. So, then I decided to make up for being late on the supplement by being early on the newsletter. Let me tell you. That locked the stern planes at full dive and I was lucky to recover. I was up to 19 pages and wasn't finished, not to mention the fact that I hadn't even included the new roster. Part of my stern plane jam recovery was to jettison the all-in-one idea and go back to issuing a Reunion Supplement (with my apologies for being late, of course). The other part of my recovery effort was to change the semi-annual issue dates. I know that none of you set the Mail Buoy Watch, waiting for the newsletter, so you probably wouldn't even realize that I had made a change. But, since I have already done most of the work, and the Mail Sack is getting full, I want to get the issue in the mail. Besides, if I get it out early it would follow that I would get the second one out early and that would give me an opportunity to make last minute Reunion reminders for those who need a little push. I wouldn't want anybody to go on the "Dink" list.

REUNION UPDATE

REUNION POLL Thanks for all the responses to the reunion poll. I was very pleased that the number of responses from the November newsletter far exceeded the responses from the April newsletter. Thanks for taking the time and for all your comments. I was afraid I was going to have to make all the decisions on my own.

Where After tabulating the scores from all the responses, your choice for our 2000 reunion site is Charleston, SC. Using the values that you assigned from 1 through 5 on the post card poll, for each site, divided by the maximum values possible, here is how your choices scored.

Any Time, Any Place

48 %

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| Charleston , SC in Nov /w CWSM | 70 % |
| Atlantic City in Oct. /w Sub Vet's Reunion | 43 % |
| Norfolk, VA in Oct | 50 % |
| Camden, NJ in Fall | 42 % |

When There are three options for the date of our reunion. The weekend before or the weekend after the CWSM dedication, or during the week overlapping the dedication. It's my guess that most of you are still attached to a J O B (my heartfelt sympathies go out to you). Consequently you may not have the flexibility to take off during the week and therefore I set this option aside. I have chosen the weekend before the dedication. That is Veteran's Day weekend and I think there will be lots of activities in Charleston associated with that holiday. Charleston is noted for celebrating and honoring veterans, both present and past. It may also mean that some of you will have Monday off and subsequently won't need to take any time off wo... wo... wor... work to attend the reunion.

The major drawback to the weekend following the dedication is that it encroaches on the Thanksgiving holiday. I thought this may cramp the schedules of those planning on traveling over that holiday. One drawback to either weekend, however, is that to attend the actual dedication you will have to extend your stay in Charleston. I'll talk more on that under CWSM.

REUNION DETAILS I contacted the Charleston Chamber of Commerce to enlist their help in contacting hotels. A very accommodating man by the name of Hamp Johnson sent the details of our reunion to various hotels and service companies in the Charleston area and out of that I received lots of proposals and brochures. From all the mail I got I was able to pick and choose what I thought was best for our needs. My goals were to keep the cost down and be located near the things we might want to do. I had an interesting proposal from the Wild Dunes, Charleston's Island Resort. Their rates ran around \$600 per night. But, as Patti Coates the Sales Manager told me, this was for three bedroom condos that could be shared. I have to admit that I

eliminated that proposal based on personal reasons; just setting this reunion up is enough work without trying to match bunk partners (I guess roommates would be a better choice of words). Anyway, here are the results of my selection process.

Lodging We will be staying at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Their normal rate for that weekend is \$99 - \$109, but we will be getting a special rate of \$82 per night plus tax. We currently have 50 rooms blocked off for our reunion. If it looks like we will need more we may be able to increase that, but only if we act early. You need to make your own reservations by calling 1 (800) 290-4004. Call between 0830 and 1730 EST and ask for Suzy (not my Susie, she's already spoken for). Give Suzy the tracking code "SSN" or say that you are with the Haddo Reunion. The cutoff date for reservations is 10 Oct, but if all 50 rooms are taken by the time you call, rooms will be provided on a Space Available basis at normal rates. I would like to encourage you to register with the hotel early. There will be a lot of activities going on during this time frame and if we need more than 50 rooms, we will only get them if we act early. Susie (my Susie) and I have already made our reservations, so there are only 49 rooms left. If you need to cancel your reservation later, you must do so, in writing, at least 30 days before the reunion to avoid any penalty.

The hotel is a short walk from Patriots Point. Patriots Point is where the Cold War Submarine Memorial is being built and home to the Aircraft Carrier Yorktown (CV-10), the Submarine Clamagore (SS-343), the Destroyer Laffey (DD-724), and the Coast Guard Cutter Ingham. Patriots Point Links, a challenging 18-hole public golf course, is also in that area and boat tours to Fort Sumter National Monument, where the Civil War began, leave from Patriots Point daily.

Dining The only dining arrangements that I have set up are for the Saturday night banquet. The hotel has a full service restaurant for any of your other dining needs. If I have enough requests, however, I could set up buffet breakfast just for our group.

The Saturday night banquet will be a buffet and the menu will consist of three entrees, four vegetables/starches, two salads, and two desserts. The dinner comes with rolls & butter and iced tea.

- Entrees:** Sliced Top Sirloin w/ Mushroom sauce
Herbal Chicken
Broiled Flounder
- Veggies:** Green Beans Almondine
Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
- Salads:** Tossed Garden Salad
Crabmeat Pasta Salad
- Desserts:** Carrot Cake
Cherry Cobbler

Cost I have already talked about the cost of the rooms, but there will be some other costs. The cost of the banquet is \$27 per person. This covers Saturday night; the banquet,

bartenders, taxes, and gratuities. I need a check, made payable to Ray Butters, by 1 August 2000. You can wait until just before that time to send it to me, or you can send it any time postdated for that date. I will then write one check to the Holiday Inn. We will have a cash bar Saturday night, but the prices for the drinks seem pretty reasonable; call drinks \$4, domestic beer \$2.50, and house wine \$3.

Since I won't know the exact costs of memorabilia items until I order them, I will collect the money for them when you pick them up at the reunion. The costs will not exceed, and will likely be less than, the estimates below.

Tours, transportation, and shopping will be an expense that will be directly proportional to your participation in said same.

Golf is another story. It must be directly proportional to the square of your involvement. Several people asked about a golf tournament, so I talked to the General Manager at Patriots Point Links about setting one up. He said once I get the numbers back to him he will make all the arrangements and have exact costs. Just to get some estimates I suggested that we would have 20 people playing. He said it would cost less than \$60 per person and that included the golf cart. He also said they could work with us on the price and he had some ideas of other things he could throw in, whatever that means. Do you guys really pay that much to hit that little ball around? I could ride my dirt bike at the desert all weekend for that. Of course, when I fall down and go boom, it usually runs the cost up sharply.

CWSM The dedication for the Cold War Submarine Memorial is on Wednesday the 15th. Susie and I are planning on staying over for that, but I know that will not be in most everyone else's plans. So I talked to RADM Flatley, who is in charge of Patriots Point, to see if we can set something up special for our group and he said he would take care of us. I'm not sure what that means, but when I find out what the particulars are I will let everybody know. Not leaving anything to chance, however, I have also contacted Rusty Picket, the Executive Director of the memorial from the Submarine League who is in charge of the dedication. At this writing, the planning stage is not far enough advanced that he could give me any details (one of their problems is that they are below their required fund raising goals). Again, he promised that they would take care of the Haddo.

Activities Charleston, SC is known as a "living museum". If that doesn't scare you away, consider discovering Charleston's past through its heritage of gracious living, charm and historic events. National landmarks, magnificent plantations and gardens, cobblestone streets, and a historic district with thousands of fine eighteenth and nineteenth century mansions, all make for a fascinating adventure into the past. Wow! That sounded good enough for a brochure. Wait a minute; that's where I got it from. Anyway, there are a lot of things to do and see in Charleston, ranging from tours and cruises, to carriage rides and shopping.

I have not made arrangements for any of these activities since I think we will be mostly engaged in trying to out do one another's sea stories. If you do not plan to participate in the golf tournament, and need a break from the sea stories, Saturday morning to late afternoon would be a great time to experience Charleston. There is certainly enough to see and do however, to justify adding a day or to either side of the reunion for visiting Charleston's points of interest

Agenda Here is a rough draft of how I think we will schedule things during our reunion. If anybody has any other ideas, I am open to suggestion (and help).

Friday

- 1500 Hotel Check-In
- 1400 – 2400 Reunion Registration in Hospitality Suite
Sign Sailing List and see who's aboard
Pick up Name Tags and Memorabilia
- 1400 – 0200 Social Gathering in Hospitality Suite
Soft drinks, beer and snacks available

Saturday

- Morning Events Available:
- 0600 – 1000 A free Continental Brunch is available in the Hotel Lobby
 - 0700 – 1300 Golf Tourney @ Patriots Point
Tee Times to be posted
 - 0800 – 1600 Local Tours
Information and departure time for tours will be posted in the Hospitality Suite
 - 1000 – 1400 Registration in Hospitality Suite
 - 1400 – 1600 Cold War Submarine Memorial Tour
*This is the only scheduled tour

Evening Events

- 1700 – 0200 No Host Cash Bar
- 1815 – 1830 Announcements
A moment of Silence for our lost shipmates.
- 1830 – 1900 Guest Speaker. I have not gotten confirmation back from our Guest Speaker yet, so at this point it's just a surprise.
- 1900 – 2030 Dinner
- 2030 – 0200 Social Gatherings
The dining room is ours until 0200
If requested, the Hospitality Suite could be available through the night.

Sunday

- Morning Events Available:
- 0600 – 1000 A free Continental Brunch is available in the Hotel Lobby
 - 1000 – 1030 Business Meeting
Discussions for the possibility of another reunion and accept volunteers for tasks
 - 1030 – 1200 Group Photos
Photographer(s) will take group photos as requested.

Checkout by 1200

Registration If you are planning on attending the reunion, please complete the attached Registration Form and mail it back to me. Like I said earlier, you can send a check now or wait till the first of August. I will not cash checks until August (unless for your record keeping you would prefer to have it cashed right away; I already have a separate account that I keep newsletter funds in). If you are not planning on attending the reunion, but would like items of Haddo Memorabilia, use the Registration Form. I will bill you when I ship them. If you are not planning on going to the reunion and don't want any Haddo stuff, you don't need to do anything. To avoid personal embarrassment, though, you might avoid seeing anyone you know until you stop kicking yourself in the rear. We will think of you and toast to your health, happiness and prosperity.

Memorabilia The most popular request was for ball caps, with mugs following close behind. Coffee cups and patches came in next with only a dozen or so requests for plaques. To get prices into that "reasonable" range we will need to buy in quantity. As you would expect, the higher the quantity the lower the price and the quantities vary with each item. The result of my research on all of these items is provided below. As I researched each item, I specified the Haddo logo (like the one at the top of the newsletter).

You can order those items you want on the enclosed registration form. If I get enough orders, I will purchase the items and have them set aside for you at the reunion. If you will not be going to the reunion, but want to order something, Check the box that you will not be attending the reunion but indicate the quantity of the items you want. Remember that shipping (I have not researched the costs) will have to be added if you are not getting them at the reunion. I would imagine that on some of the items the number of requests may not be as high as the quantity required to get the price break. For those items that are close I may buy the required amount anyway, costs considered, to have extras on hand for new people who may want to purchase them in the future.

Hats We can get ball caps with our logo embroidered on the front for about \$7. They are 6-panel, adjustable type and can be twill or wool. The colors that look good with our logo are blue, black, red, gray and khaki. I can also get hats with a suede bill, but only in black or blue. I had enough requests on the postcards you sent back that I will be ordering hats for sure. I just need you to give me the particulars on the registration form.

Mugs We can get good looking 25 oz. glass mugs with our logo silk-screened on one side and dolphins on the other for about \$10 apiece. Susie and I have similar mugs that I got at the Sub Base lots of years ago (and for lots more money) that we use for our Malts. We really like them; the mugs. We like the malts too, but I'm talking about the mugs.

Coffee Cups We can get ceramic coffee cups with our logo silk-screened on one side for around \$6. I didn't get lots of requests for cups so this one may not make it.

Patches We can get 5” patches for about \$10 each, or 3” patches for about \$5. Again, I didn’t get lots of requests for patches so this one may not make it either.

Plaques We can get an impressive looking plaque for about \$42. It would be our logo laser engraved on an 8” X 10” black oak plaque, with the raised areas of the logo in a brushed finished brass. I checked on a regular brass plaque like you see throughout the Navy, but they would run over \$75 apiece. Both of these plaques would have a separate brass plate that you could engrave on.

Other Some of these companies make so many things it would make your head swim. I eliminated all the trinket type stuff and the high-end things. Here are some interesting things that got past that rejection process. *Golf Balls* with the Haddo logo painted on one side. I asked if that would make the ball wobble in flight but was assured it would not. They run about \$6 for a set of 3 (they call that called a sleeve). *Napkin Rings* with the Haddo’s name and the date of the reunion engraved on them. They’re about \$5 apiece. *Belt Buckles* just like the ones we used to wear with the regulation belts. They’re about 2½” long and look like pewter. They have raised dolphins and the ship’s name on a banner below the dolphins. They cost about \$10 apiece.

ROSTER UPDATE

Apologies: I guess I confused a lot of you with the way I presented the roster update in the last newsletter. So, in the next issue I will include a complete roster. It may be in a small point size, however, so that I can get it on two sides of

one sheet. If you’re like me, you already own a magnifying glass to read the labels on your medications.

MISCELLANEOUS

CWSM Fund Raiser:

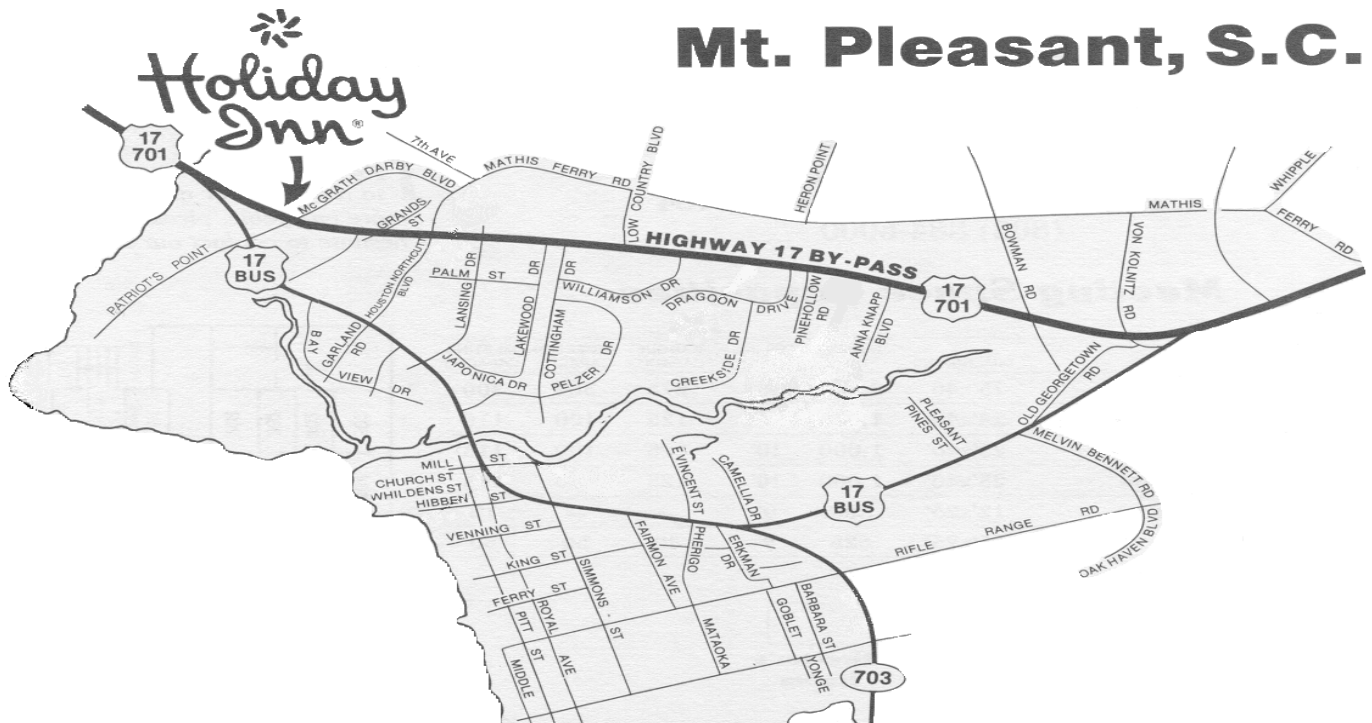
If you would like to help support the Submarine League’s effort to establish the only memorial to the submarine effort in the Cold War, you can send your contribution to, or request additional information from:

Cold War Submarine Memorial Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 31913, Charleston, SC 29417

Visit their web site for more details. <http://www.cwsmf.org/>.

All contributions will be accepted, but the lowest recognized level of contributions is at \$100. If you would be interested in combining our contributions for recognition as “USS Haddo Shipmates” check the registration form. It could add up fast. At \$10 each it would only take 10 people to get us to the Member level. 100 of us would be the Patron level. Think about it.

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| Founder | Contribution greater than \$100,000. |
| Leader | Contribution greater than \$50,000. |
| Guarantor | Contribution greater than \$25,000. |
| Benefactor | Contribution greater than \$10,000. |
| Sustainer | Contribution greater than \$5,000. |
| Patron | Contribution greater than \$1,000. |
| Friend | Contribution greater than \$500 |
| Member | Contribution greater than \$100. |



Registration Form

Reunion:

Name _____ Phone Number (____) ____ - _____

Names of each Guest (for name tags) _____

- I will not be attending the reunion, but I would like to order memorabilia as indicated below.
- I will be attending the reunion -- The total number in my party is
- I have made my reservations
- I plan to arrive on _____ I plan to depart on _____
- My banquet check is enclosed I will mail my banquet check prior to 1 August

Activities

- I plan to attend the CWSM Dedication on 15 November
- I would like to play in the Golf Tournament -- The total number in my party is
- I would like a group buffet breakfast scheduled Saturday Sunday

Memorabilia

- I am not interested in purchasing memorabilia items
- I want to purchase the following items and will pick them up at the reunion
(Indicate the number of each of the following that you want to purchase)
(See the "Memorabilia" text for details and options)
- Ball Caps -- Color _____ Material _____ Suede Bill _____
- 25 Oz. Mugs Coffee Cups Golf Balls (sleeves) Belt Buckles
- Napkin Rings Other _____
- 3" patch 5" patch
- I have marked my preference, but will take either size patch in order to reach the minimum order amount.
- I have marked my preference. If there are not enough for a minimum order of my selection, cancel my order.
- Laser engraved oak plaque with brass finish Brass relief plaque on walnut back
- I have marked my preference, but will take either plaque in order to reach the minimum order amount.

I have marked my preference. If there are not enough for a minimum order of my selection, cancel my order.



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