

USS FLETCHER DD/DDE 445-DD 992 2010 ~ 40th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Split Rock Resort & Golf Club
One Lake Drive, Lake Harmony, PA 18624

August 2010

Excitement abounds in the Pocono's! August is here and in sixty days, the honorable sailors of the USS FLETCHER DD/DDE 445-DD 992 and their guests will meet for their 40th Anniversary Reunion. An even more remarkable fact is these Fletcher friendships, made so many years ago, continue to be renewed and enjoyed. And, in some cases, friendships lasting close to 60 years! These great times have taken members all over the United States and even though many are unable to physically attend the festivities, they are always remembered and there in spirit! Spouses, children, siblings, grandchildren and friends have all had the unique opportunity to meet and talk with YOU, the extraordinary sailors of the USS Fletcher, who have served our country.

Over half of the rooms at Split Rock Resort & Golf Club have been reserved. Due to the timing of the newsletter, the deadline for the **discounted** room rate has been extended until **August 20th**. Please call the resort at (1-800-255-7625) as soon as possible to receive the special rate. The registration form and additional information is posted on the Fletcher website (www.ussfletcher.org.) Please send forms to R.C. Kingsbury. If you have further questions or needs, please call or email me directly. jmkobus@hotmail.com or (908) 496-8858.

Monday, Fletcher Family Reunion Day** will be a unique opportunity for all of us to really get to know each other which is why I am requesting all reunion attendees to participate as "Required". It will be a time for all of us to partake in certain resort activities as a group for some Fletcher Family-friendly competition. Bowling, miniature golf, and movies are only some of the fun times to be had. There will be something for everyone, just make sure to bring your sense of humor and a few good jokes! (Only clean ones, as ladies will be present!) Details will be provided at the Opening Kick Off on Monday and "Fletcher Bucks" will be distributed. The fee for the day will cover resort charges for the activities, help defray the cost for hospitality and refreshments, and minor incidentals to make a great Reunion.

The response from several shipmates regarding the "Fletcher Gives Back" has been very positive. I have several mini-projects planned during our time together. We will work together as a group and I will see that the items will be delivered to area veteran homes as well as Fletcher shipmates who will not be able to attend. Monday evening will be free time, not limited to visiting the hospitality suite, attending Football night, singing karaoke at the bar, or visiting the area and a trip to the casinos, if you choose. Please note that as of July 13th, table games have come to the Pocono's!

Tuesday's Tour of the Pocono's will include the Luncheon Show at Penn's Peak, a ride through the Historic Town of Jim Thorpe/Mauch Chunk, a tour of the famed Mauch Chunk Jail, and a stop at the Jim Thorpe Memorial. Lunch is a pre-fixed menu which

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includes Garden Salad, Penn's Peak Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Country Fried Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, and assorted Chef's Desserts.

Wednesday begins with a **Members' Meeting**. The rest of the day there is time to enjoy the resort, including the indoor water park (additional fee applies), go sightseeing, shopping or just relax until the banquet. The evening begins at 5:00 pm with a Cash Bar cocktail hour and Dinner Buffet at 6:00 P.M. Dancing will end this 40th Reunion Celebration.

Thursday As of now, there is minimal interest in going to NY City. If you do want to attend a special trip on Thursday, I do need a minimum of twenty people. Please let me know ASAP, if you are interested.

Additional information, including pertinent websites will be posted on the Fletcher website. Fees and directions posted on the transportation sites from the airlines, bus lines, etc. are all very helpful. The Resort is less than two hours from NY City and Philadelphia. Wilkes Barre/Scranton and Lehigh Valley Airports are less than one hour away. If you have any special needs, concerns, etc. please don't hesitate to call or email me. If you are planning to come in a few days before, I will be happy to offer you some additional suggestions for area attractions.

For all of you whom I have spoken to or received emails from, I am thankful for your help and support regarding this reunion. If any of you have family/friends in the area, please feel free to invite them to the Banquet on Wednesday evening. The charge will be the same for members as well as guests. Just add their names to the registration form.

Thanks to the members who have sent me pictures from previous reunions. I am still in need for some pictures and newsletters from earlier years. Please mail to J. Kobus , 6 Worthington Road, Columbia, NJ 07832.

Lastly, for Fletcher members and their families who will not be able to attend, please feel free to send me your thoughts and sentiments on 40 years of reunions, your friendships, and what it meant to you or your dads or husbands. At the evening banquet we would like to honor and remember you and your loved one at this 40th celebration!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and looking forward to seeing you in October.

Joanne

Joanne Cebulewski-Kobus

***Look for more information regarding Fletcher Family Day to be emailed/mailed to reunion attendees early in September. Some shipmates might require either practice for the sports events or your own ingenuity for the scavenger hunt! Anyone have a ship's bell to bring?*

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AGENDA

Sunday, October 3 rd	Early Arrival/Registration	3:00 pm-8:00 pm
	Evening Welcome & Social	7:00 pm-11:00 pm
Monday, October 4 th	Fletcher Family Reunion Day <i>Required-Fee \$60 per person.</i>	1:00 pm-6:00pm
	The Formal Kick-Off of the 40 th Fletcher Family Reunion will take place at 1 pm. An event and activities schedule will be distributed for Monday afternoon. Activities will be coordinated for Fletcher Reunion Attendees. In addition, there will be a "Fletcher Gives Back" activity to support local Vets. All Fletcher Reunion Attendees are required to participate.	
Tuesday, October 5 th	Monday Night Football <i>Optional</i> Sports Bar (Cash Bar)	7:00 pm
	Fall Foliage & Historic Tour of the Poconos <i>Optional-\$70 per person</i>	10:30 am-7:00pm
Wednesday, October 6 th	Group trip meeting at 10:30 a.m. in hotel lobby to board bus. Trip includes luncheon and show at Penns Peak, a visit the Brig (OOPS, I mean the Historic County Jail), walking tour of Mauch Chunk/Jim Thorpe -The Little Switzerland, and a brief stop at the Jim Thorpe Memorial, the Greatest Athlete of the 20 th Century.	
	Members Meeting	10:00 am
Thursday, October 7 th	Farewell Banquet <i>Optional-\$50.00 per person/Cash Bar</i>	
	Cocktail Hour	5:00 pm
	Dinner & Dancing	6:00 pm
Thursday, October 7 th	Departure Day	

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone-Home: _____ Cell: _____

GUESTS: (Ex. Sue Smith/Wife; Joe Henry/Grandson)

Name: _____ Relation: _____

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

DATE	ACTIVITY	REQUIRED/ OPTIONAL	FEE	Number of Participants	TOTAL
Sun., October 3 rd	Early Arrival & Registration				
	Evening Social		FREE	X	=
Mon., October 4 th	Fletcher Family Reunion Day	Required	\$60.00	X	=
Tues., October 5 th	Fletcher Family Tour of the Poconos	Optional	\$70.00	X	=
Wed., October 6 th	Evening Banquet (Cash Bar)	Optional	\$50.00	X	=
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED:					\$

- **Registration Form is due NO Later than August 20th, 2010. Extended Deadline!!**
- Kindly send form with payment to: R.C. Kingsbury, 3 Garrison Road
Newburyport, MA 01950-3603
- For more information about the reunion please visit: ussfletcher.org
- Yes, I am interested in a trip to NYC, Thursday, October 7, 2010. Please email me.**