



# USS BLUE DD 744

## NEWSLETTER

### FALL 2012

Well, it's Fall again. We just completed a very successful Reunion in Rapid City in September. This year we had a very large group. Our Shipmates from the Korean Era came back and joined us. It was nice meeting them and their wives and sharing stories with them. Our trips included Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and the Chuckwagon dinner show. The final dinner had 112 people, which included some children and grandchildren of our crewmates. Several first time attendees came, too. It was good to see them after all these years. About 35 of us stayed until Monday and attended the Buffalo roundup in Custer Park.

The 2103 reunion will be Sept 19-22 in Providence RI. The hotel has been booked, and I am putting the final pieces together for the trips that we will take. More information will be sent out in the Spring.

Eddie Howard has put together a cruise from Boston that is leaving on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Several of our crew has already signed up. This is not part of the Blue reunion. If you are interested in getting more information, please call Eddie at 909-983-9739 or email him at [reddiehoward@aol.com](mailto:reddiehoward@aol.com).

Once again, Glenn Harvey has added to our web site. If you haven't gone there yet, you are missing a good thing. The site is [ussbluedd744.com](http://ussbluedd744.com). We have added our roster to the site. We will not give out your phone numbers to anyone. If someone asks, we will notify you with his information and you can contact him if you choose. Our roster is for our use only. It will not be public. If you have any information that you would like added, get in touch with Glenn. His email address is [roosrules@frontier.com](mailto:roosrules@frontier.com). Glenn is always updating the site. So, keep checking it to see what's new. He also is well versed on the VA and Agent Orange problems.

If anyone has a new email address, please send it to me. Mine is [dd744blue@yahoo.com](mailto:dd744blue@yahoo.com) and my wife Pattie's is [pattiekearns@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiekearns@yahoo.com). Our home phone is 845-565-4061. If you are getting this by US mail, that means I do not have your email address or I have the wrong one.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone who attended the reunion and anyone who donated items for our raffle on the final night of our reunion. This is the way we raise money for the USS Blue. Our largest single donation is always from Rita Padilla. The Beautiful quilts that she makes bring in the majority of our working capital. The Ladies of the Blue also donate items to give out at the Ladies Tea. Thanks to everyone else who helps out. Thank you. We can't do this alone.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis J. Kearns, Blue 69-71