



USS BLUE DD 744 NEWSLETTER

Dear Shipmates and Guests,

Again it's time to let you know what is going on with our group. As you all know, we have our web site up and running. We have added several new things to it and will continue to update it as we go along. Our web address is "ussbluedd744.com". If you have anything that you would like to add to the site, just send it to Glenn Harvey at sailtheblue744@gmail.com or call him at (608) 838-4703.

Our 2014 reunion is coming up on Sept 18-21 in Reno, NV. We have booked rooms in the Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel. It is a quiet place without a casino, but for \$5 dollars, their shuttle will take you round trip to the casinos. The price this year is \$103 dollars per night (for 2 people). This will include a free breakfast, free airport shuttle and free parking. We will also get a 15% discount in the Hotel restaurant. Our rate will be honored 4 days before and 4 days after the reunion dates. There is a lot to see in Reno so you should try to spend some extra time there. For Hotel reservations please call either the hotel at (775) 348-6370 or use (800) 648-3525. The cutoff date for our reservations and the discounted rate is August 19th. Make sure you tell them you are with the USS Blue. After you pick up your luggage at baggage claim, call the hotel number and they will send the shuttle for you. It runs 24/7 on demand. If there are any problems, ask for Kathy Yarchin or call me at (845) 565-4061 (home) or (914) 213-1842 (cell).

Our tours this year will include Carson City, Lake Tahoe and Truckee. A lunch will be served in a local restaurant on the Friday trip. There is a lot of history in that area and our tour guide will explain it as we go. Our Saturday trip will be to Virginia City. It's an old mining town from 1859. We will be taking a train ride while there and then having lunch. Time will be allowed for some shopping. Our trips are usually informative and fun. You have to work hard at not having fun with this group!

This year, Phil King has arranged a trip to a museum that has several DASH helicopters (like the ones that we flew off the Blue). The only time we can do this, is on Thursday afternoon. We will be leaving the Hotel at 1PM. There is no cost for this trip. There will be a charge for transportation. Depending on how many can go with us, we will either rent a car (or if someone has a car and is willing to drive) or a van or possibly a bus. It shouldn't cost much if we split it up.

Glenn Harvey has arranged for someone from the VA to speak to us during the men's meeting on Friday, about our benefits. There is a lot that we are entitled to. We all did our part and we should know what our benefits are.

In closing, I hope you can make it to Reno this year. We all served aboard the same ship. We have a special bond. Come and meet old friends and make new ones. Our ladies group is very friendly and your wife or girlfriend will be welcomed. You can bring family or friends with you too.

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