

**2009 USS NICHOLAS REUNION
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
APRIL 19-24 2009**

The next USS *Nicholas* (DD/DDE-449 & FFG-47) reunion has been scheduled for Charleston, South Carolina from April 19 to April 24, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Riverview, 301 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407. The hotel has set aside a block of rooms for the reunion, a standard room will be at \$95.00 per night, a full front view room of the bridge will be offered at \$105.00 per night. Added on will be applicable state and local tax in effect at the time of check in. The hotel is offering USS *Nicholas* Reunion price two days prior to April 19, 2009 reunion start date and two days after the April 24, 2009 ending date. The Holiday Inn has a full service restaurant on the 14th floor for all meals.

You may call a toll free number directly to the hotel (800) 766-4451 or (843) 556-7100 and tell them you want to register for the 2009 USS *Nicholas* reunion. Hotel reservations must be made by March 19, 2009 to hold rooms at the reunion rate. The registration package will be distributed in January 2009. Hotel reservations and fees for registration, tours and banquet fees must be returned to Thomas F. Sallee Sr. by March 19, 2009 to make final payment for the banquet, catering and tours.

Registration for the 2009 reunion will be held in the hospitality room. When you arrive there will be signs in the lobby directing you to the hospitality room. The hospitality room will be open 8:00AM – 10:00 PM during the time of the reunion. Coffee, snacks, cold beer and wine will be available daily.

The Holiday Inn, Riverview, is a prime location overlooking historic downtown Charleston, the bay area and the Ashley River. It provides free parking and a complimentary shuttle round trip from the hotel to the historic district downtown Charleston. When you arrive at the Charleston International Airport there are several vans and taxi service outside the baggage claim area that will take you to the hotel. There will be a charge from the airport to the hotel.

Charleston is one of the oldest and most historic cities in the United States, rich with Civil War history. It is a city of enchantment and charm, of fascinating beauty, history and culture. Today historic downtown Charleston is a reflection of the centuries that have passed since her founding. Street after street presents one picturesque view after another of what life was like in early Charleston.

TOURS

April 20, 2009 – Tour #1 The Civil War in Charleston featuring the Confederate Submarine, the *Hunley*. We will begin our tour of the Charleston historic district which is rich in Civil War History. After touring the city our next stop will be at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center to see the Confederate Submarine, *H. L. Hunley*. At 12:00 noon we will stop at the Old City Market for lunch on your own with some shopping and browsing. Our last stop of the day will be at the Old Citadel.

April 21, 2009 – Tour #2 Fort Moultrie and The Boone Hall Plantation. We will begin the day with a visit to Fort Moultrie, rangers from the National Park Service will take us on a brief tour of the fort which began its life as a simple fort built of palmetto logs and sand from which Revolutionary soldiers repulsed a British fleet on June 28, 1776. The fort remained active until 1947. We will continue on to the Boone Hall Plantation, which was used in the filming of the television mini series, “North and South”, “Queen”, and the background filming in “Gone With The Wind”. There will be a boxed lunch at Boone Hall.

April 22, 2009 – Tour #3 Patriots Point and Fort Sumter. Patriots Point is the world’s largest naval maritime museum. We will visit the aircraft carrier *Yorktown*, the destroyer *Laffey*, *Clamagore*, one of the Navy’s last diesel powered submarine; and the Coast Guard Cutter *Ingham*. Our Memorial service will be held on the *Yorktown* deck at 11:00AM. We will enjoy a traditional lunch in the CPO Mess Hall after the Memorial service. After lunch we will board the General Beauregard for a tour of Fort Sumter where the Civil War began. Rangers from the National Park Service will give us an informative tour.

April 23, 2009 Business meeting will be held in the Hospitality room from 9:30–10:30AM. It will be a free day for the ladies and a free day for the men after the business meeting until the banquet. There are many historical things to see and do in historic downtown Charleston.

Reminder: Don’t forget to use the complimentary shuttle to and from downtown Charleston.

April 23, 2009 – Banquet; 5:30 – 12:00 – pictures will be taken at 5:30/6:00PM dinner will be served at 6:30PM. The banquet room is on the 14th floor with sweeping views of historic downtown Charleston, the bay and the Ashley River. A cash bar will be open during the banquet and evening. We are planning a Hawaiian theme. Hawaiian shirt for the men, sports jackets and suits optional. For the women, casual with a Hawaiian theme suggested.

April 24, 2009 – Check out and goodbyes

Merchandise – USS *Nicholas* hats, t-shirts and other merchandise will be available for purchase at the reunion.

We are looking forward to this reunion and hope to see all of you here.

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