

USS FIREDRAKE Reunion 2007

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**Shipmates – Don't miss this reunion!
Set sail for Vancouver!**

**Now is the time to sign up and make your reservations!
FIREDRAKE REUNION – October 2-6, 2007**

See inside for details and registration form

Your Shipmates are looking forward to seeing you there

Want a FIREDRAKE Golf Shirt? Send your check NOW!

GOLF SHIRTS were a big hit at Branson - Navy blue with logo over left breast (see above) same as on ball cap. Cost: \$17 for sizes S-XL, \$19 for XXL. To order, mail a note with size(s) and quantity and your check for total amount to Dick Tracy (address over). Also, they're great gifts for grandkids - and anybody!

FIREDRAKE Patches and Ball Caps are available!

Firedrake **patches** are available. Send a check for \$6.00 per patch to Dick Tracy (address over). You'll receive in 7-10 days after check arrives. Also, a few **caps** (logo above) remain from last order – send Dick Tracy a check for \$10.50. When these few are gone, we plan another order.

USS FIREDRAKE AE-14

Reunion 2007 Newsletter

Issue #3- June 2007

FIRE Drake REUNION 2007 October 2-6 in Vancouver, Washington

It's been over 10 years since we had a West Coast Reunion. Now is the time for all of you West Coast Firedrake veterans who have missed the last few or never attended a Firedrake Reunion to join in the fellowship with your shipmates in Vancouver.

It's time to act today! We need to know your intentions AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We don't have to have your money – yet, but **we DO need to know if you will be there!** Check out the program on next pages – then get your reservations in the mail.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW - for those of you who haven't already registered:

1. **RETURN the Registration Form (pg. 3) NOW.**
2. **Call for Hotel reservations NOW (info on pg. 2).**
3. **Send \$100/person Program deposit check to Dick Tracy by July 30.**
4. **Show up on October 2, pay program balance (\$160/person), PARTY with your shipmates!**

LOOKING FOR “LOST” SHIPMATES

The mailing list has 228 names. We know there are more shipmates out there we need to locate. Please contact all shipmates you know and tell them about Reunion 2007. Ask them and if they are not on the mailing list, send their name, address, phone, and email addresses to AE14-2007@juno.com.

REUNION 2009 – WHERE? WHEN? WHO?

After Vancouver, the next reunion will be in 2009 **IF** someone volunteers to lead it. While we have no formal organization, we do keep information about past reunions and we do maintain some continuity. Past Reunion Chairmen are available as committee members. We will discuss location for 2009 at the business meeting so bring your ideas and suggestions to Vancouver.

FIRE Drake NOW HAS A WEB SITE!

Thanks to the volunteer effort of Firedrake veteran Allen Setterquist ('67-'68) we now have our own web site available on the Internet. While we will still be adding more photos and other information to it please visit it at www.ussfiredrake.com and add it to your list of favorites. Newsletters will also be posted on our site.

POINTS OF CONTACT (phone Numbers updated)

2007 Reunion: Ken Voss, 10101 St. Helens Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98664. Phone (360) 892-6982 e-mail kvoss38@comcast.net or Dick Tracy, 6 Cambridge Ct., Fleetwood, PA 19522, Phone 610-944-9675

Newsletter: Jack Meyer, 11252 Brookbridge Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45249, Phone (513) 489-7361

Finance: Dick Tracy, 6 Cambridge Ct., Fleetwood, PA 19522, Phone 610-944-9675 e-mail dtracy@ptd.net

Note: Dick Tracy is enroute for Vancouver in his RV starting Aug. 20 – snail mail to him will be **slow** after that!

DUES AND FEES

There are no dues. However, many shipmates send \$10 checks to help on newsletter costs. If you have not sent \$10 during this 2-year “reunion cycle” and can help, **please send check to Dick Tracy, (as above).**

EMAIL ADDRESS IS: AE14-2007@Juno.com

Please use for address changes, reunion inquiries, news items, inquiries about shipmates, etc. Please do not use it for any other purpose. **PLEASE do NOT send jokes, petitions, or anything not involving AE14.**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS: RED LION Hotel at the Quay, Vancouver, Washington
Special Reunion Cost \$89/night + tax, or, \$99/night + tax for Riverview rooms**

Please make your hotel reservations DIRECT with hotel ASAP at:

RED LION Hotel at the Quay phone: (360) 694-8341 or, 1-800-redlion (1-800-733-5466)
100 Columbia Street fax: (360) 750-4903
Vancouver, WA 98660 web site: www.Redlion.com

Be SURE to specify FIREDRAKE REUNION.

Deposit or credit card required.

A block of rooms is reserved for shipmates and guests. Hotel reservations made after September 2nd will be accepted based upon availability. **Make your reservation NOW!**

The hotel offers free Shuttle service available from/to Portland Int'l Airport to Red Lion Hotel.
Red Lion provides us a discount on restaurant menus for breakfasts and any non-included meals.

AGENDA for USS Firedrake AE-14 Reunion 2007 – Vancouver, Washington

Tuesday, Oct 2. 3 p. m. - Reunion Registration desk open for check-in.

3 p.m. - Sea stories in Hospitality suite (as soon as any 2 shipmates arrive!).

Welcome Reception – Location to be announced

Evening – Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, Oct 3 Registration desk open for late arrivals

9:00 AM - Hospitality Room opens

11:00 AM - Board bus for visit to Fort Vancouver/Pearson Air Museum and

Lunch at Grant House

3:00 PM – Return to Red Lion - Hospitality Room

6:30 - Group dinner at Red Lion

Evening activities at your leisure.

Thursday, Oct 4

9:00 AM - Board bus for the Evergreen Aviation Museum & Country Tour
includes visit to Sleighbells Holiday Barn, Box lunch at the museum
and wine tasting visit to renowned Anne Amie Vineyards

4:00 PM - Return to Red Lion – Hospitality Room opens

Dinner on your own

Evening activities at your leisure

Friday, Oct 5

9:00 AM - Board bus for Columbia Gorge/Multnomah Falls/Bonneville Dam

Includes visit to 620 foot Multnomah Falls interpretive center,

Visit to town of Hood River for delightful lunch overlooking Columbia River followed
by visit to Bonneville Dam and Fish Hatchery.

4:00 PM - Return to Red Lion

Enjoy down time in your room or the Hospitality Room before our reunion banquet.

6:30 PM - Cash bar opens

7:00 PM - Brief Business Meeting (**select Reunion 2009 site**)

7:30 PM - Banquet Dinner in the Red Lion - Color Guard , Speaker RADM Mark Shelley

Your pre-selection of *Lobster Stuffed Hazelnut Halibut* baked golden and served with Frangelico butter sauce or
Char Grilled Top Sirloin Steak Lightly marinated and seasoned, topped with mushrooms and crispy onions

Saturday, Oct 6

AM - Checkout and depart. Hospitality Suite remains open 'til 11 AM.

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2007 Reunion Reservation Form

For this reunion we are offering a single price to include all of the following events. Lodging is additional and you need to make your hotel accommodations. If you are not able to attend for the whole reunion period call or e-mail Dick Tracy for pricing information to accommodate your special needs:

EVENT

- Tues. Oct 2: Hotel check in and evening Welcome Reception at the Vancouver Red Lion Hotel
Wed. Oct 3: Visit Fort Vancouver/Pearson Air Museum, Lunch at Grant House, and Group dinner at Red Lion
Thurs. Oct 4: Evergreen Aviation Museum/ Spruce Goose tour includes visit to Sleighbells Holiday Barn, Box lunch at the museum and a visit to renowned Anne Amie Vineyards for wine tasting.
Fri. Oct 5: Columbia Gorge, Multnomah Falls, Bonneville Dam tour, Includes visit to 620 foot Multnomah Falls interpretive center, Visit to town of Hood River for delightful lunch overlooking the Columbia River followed by visit to Bonneville Dam and Fish Hatchery. Following a few hours break after our return the Firedrake Banquet will be held at the Red Lion. A special event to close the Reunion and leave all with warm memories and a firm resolve to convene again in 2009. Good program and traditional Two-Bell Ceremony remembering departed shipmates. Please plan to "dress up" a bit for the banquet.

TOTAL including all events above, the Banquet, one dinner and three lunches.....\$260 per person

Note: a minimum of 50 reservations required to maintain the above price. Tour maximums may limit the number of participants at some events so register early to be sure to get in on all events.

A deposit of \$100 per person is needed by July 30th. You may pay the balance by check or cash on arrival, but PLEASE make reservations NOW by cutting off, filling in and mailing the coupon below to help planning. We must have final numbers for the activities by Labor Day, September 3rd.

(The "honor payment" system will apply for snacks and refreshments to be available in the hospitality room.)

Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel As Soon As Possible. See next page for details.

Please Mail to: Dick Tracy, 6 Cambridge Court, Fleetwood, PA 19522
phone (610) 944-9675 e-mail dtracy@ptd.net

YES!!! I (we) plan to attend USS Firedrake Reunion 2007 in Vancouver, Washington!

NAME (+ Guests): _____

Nametag names if different _____ Hotel Reservations made: Yes No (circle one)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

Dates on AE-14 (which years): _____ Highest Rank/Rate while on AE-14 _____

Wednesday group dinner indicate choice by quantity:

Grilled Chicken Breast and Artichoke Penne Pasta _____ or Maple Glazed Pork Loin on Sage Dressing _____

Banquet dinner choice: Lobster Stuffed Hazelnut Halibut _____ or Char Grilled Top Sirloin Steak _____

Deposit in the amount of \$100 per attendee needed by July 30th. Amount enclosed \$ _____ (Make checks payable to USS Firedrake Reunion) _____