

USS FIREDRAKE Reunion 2007  
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## **FIREDRAKE REUNION – October 2-6, 2007**

**NOW HEAR THIS!** It's time to set the special sea and anchor detail and prepare to get underway to the seventh biennial reunion of the USS FIREDRAKE AE-14 at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, **Vancouver, Washington**. See inside for details and registration form

### **FIREDRAKE Patches and Ball Caps are available!**

Firedrake **patches** (see above) 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** (Viet era ship silhouette) remain from last order – send Dick Tracy a check for \$10.50. When these few are gone, we plan another order.

**GOLF SHIRTS** were a big hit at Branson - Navy blue with same logo over left breast as on ball cap. If you you're interested at \$17 (sizes S-XL), \$19 for XXL, please email Dick Tracy to that effect. It would help the decision to have an indication of interest. No commitment required yet.

# USS FIREDRAKE AE-14

Reunion 2007 Newsletter

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## REUNION 2007 – October 2-6 in VANCOUVER, WA

O.K shipmates, it's time to act. We need to know your intentions AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We don't need money – yet, but we DO need to know what turnout to expect. Everything depends on turnout and there are long lead-times involved. Please look at the excellent program designed by the planners (Ken and Billie Voss, Dick and Pat Tracy) on next pages – then decide to attend.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

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) and PARTY!

### PLEASE CONTACT ALL YOUR SHIPMATES

The mailing list has 233 names. We know there are more shipmates out there and we need to locate them. Please contact all shipmates you know and tell them about Reunion 2007. If they are not on the mailing list, send name, address, phone, email addresses to [AE14-2007@juno.com](mailto:AE14-2007@juno.com).

### REUNION 2005 – BRANSON WAS OUTSTANDING!

We told you Branson would be great! It was so well enjoyed that there was very strong sentiment to return to Branson in 2007! We needed to “go west” in 2007, but Branson remains an excellent option for future reunions. Also, we were pleased that a number of “second generation” shipmates attended. All enjoyed socializing with “Dad's old shipmates”. This is a great new tradition. We encourage all shipmates to invite family members to the reunion. The “kids” love the camaraderie and enjoy getting more insight to the service we all shared.

### 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. Also, a group called The Reunion Network (TRN) is extremely helpful in providing training and site information for prospective reunion planners. TRN holds about twelve 2-3 day seminars around the U.S. each year. Please contact Jack Meyer for more information.

### POINTS OF CONTACT

2007 PLANS: Ken Voss, 10101 St. Helens Av, Vancouver, WA 98664. Ph (360) 892-6982  
kvoss38@comcast.net

Dick Tracy, 6 Cambridge Ct., Fleetwood, PA 19522, ph: 610-944-9675 dtracy@ptd.net

NEWSLETTER: Jack Meyer, 11252 Brookbridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45249, ph: (513) 489-7361

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### 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](mailto:AE14-2007@Juno.com)

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

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**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. Reservations 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.

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**AGENDA for Vancouver, WA 2007 Reunion for USS Firedrake AE-14**

**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 – time to be determined.

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

Time to be determined - 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, DANCE DJ (to be determined)

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.

# USS Firedrake AE-14

## 2007 Reunion Reservation Form

**For this reunion we are offering a single price to include all of the following events. Lodging is not included 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, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

(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.***

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

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

NAME (+ Guests): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (      )      E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Deposit in the amount of \$100 per attendee needed by July 30<sup>th</sup>.      Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Make checks payable to USS Firedrake Reunion)**

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### WANTED – WEB MASTER

It's been suggested that there be a USS Firedrake website. One would be useful to make various news items more readily available to shipmates. If you have the skill and would like to help design and startup Firedrake website, please make your interest known to Dick Tracy or Jack Meyer