

USS FIREDRAKE Reunion 2009
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**Shipmates – Here’s info on our next reunion!
Set sail for Jacksonville!**

FIREDRAKE REUNION – November 6-8, 2009

See inside for preliminary information

Your Shipmates are looking forward to seeing you there

Visit us on the web at www.USSFIREDRAKE.org

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.

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Reunion 2009 Newsletter

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FIRE Drake REUNION 2009 November 6 – 8 in Jacksonville, Florida

It is only a year away, so mark your calendar now! As decided at our Vancouver reunion, for our 2009 Reunion we are returning to Jacksonville in honor of the 65th Anniversary of Firedrake's commissioning. The FIREDRAKE was commissioned in Jacksonville, Florida on 27 December 1944 having been converted from a newly built merchant ship; the SS Winged Racer.

We are getting our plans in motion! Our reunion will be held in the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront hotel, a great place to meet. We'll issue the next newsletter in January containing the Reunion Reservation Form with event details and information for choosing and making your reservations at our special group rates.

Jacksonville, located in northeast Florida, is a great Navy town, home of numerous Navy ships and commands at Naval Station Mayport and also home of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, a multi-mission base hosting more than 100 tenant commands. NAS Jax is the third largest naval installation in the United States and the Naval Hospital Jacksonville is also located there. The Jacksonville area also has many interesting places to visit and things to see and do as well as being the home of the Jacksonville Jaguars, an NFL Football Team.

Dick Tracy and Skip Fallon are busy finalizing the details for your reunion so look for the details in our January 2009 newsletter and on our web site www.ussfiredrake.org

WE'RE LOOKING FOR "LOST" SHIPMATES

The mailing list has 237 names of shipmates who served on Firedrake from 1944 through 1971. We know there are more shipmates out there we need to locate. Please contact all shipmates you know and tell them about Reunion 2009. Ask them to attend and if they are not on the mailing list, send their name, address, phone, and email addresses to our new email address AE14.2009@gmail.com If you're looking for a shipmate, we do not distribute the complete address list, but are happy to answer inquiries for contact information on shipmates. Please use our new email address if you have 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 to our new address.**

POINTS OF CONTACT

Reunion 2009: Dick Tracy, 6 Cambridge Court, Fleetwood, PA 19522 phone 610-944-9675 or e-mail dtracy@ptd.net or Skip Fallon, 3643 Eunice Road, Jacksonville, FL 32250 phone 904-223-9462

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Note: Dick & Pat Tracy are often on the road in their RV so call his cell phone 610-207-2016

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).**