

USS FIREDRAKE Reunion 2007
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NEXT FIREDRAKE REUNION – October 2-6, 2007

Mark your calendars now for the seventh biennial reunion of the USS FIREDRAKE AE-14 at **Vancouver, Washington**. The past three reunions have been in the Midwest (Cincinnati -2001, Toledo – 2003, Branson -2005). It's past time to return to the West coast. Start making plans to join your shipmates for the camaraderie and fun in Vancouver.

FIREDRAKE Patches are still available!

Some Firedrake patches (see above) are still available. If you missed out last time, send a check for \$6.00 per patch to Dick Tracy (address over). You'll get them in 7-10 days after check arrives. While no decision about other Firedrake items has yet been made, we expect to offer ball caps again (Viet era ship silhouette).

Also we are considering **GOLF SHIRTS** - Navy blue with same logo over left breast as on ball cap. If you think you'd be interested in one or more 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.

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REUNION 2007 – October 2-6 in VANCOUVER, WA

Mark your calendar! Firedrake Reunion 2007 is October 2- 6 in Vancouver, WA. Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, 100 Columbia St., Vancouver, WA 98660 has been booked. Reunion locations (and continuing to have them at all!) depends on someone volunteering to host the next reunion. After three great reunions in mid country (Cincinnati -2001, Toledo – 2003, Branson -2005), Ken (OPS '69-'71) and Billie Voss volunteered to chair the 2007 reunion in Vancouver

The Vancouver-Portland area has much to see and do, and the Pacific Northwest is beautiful country. Ken and Billie, along with Dick (Supply '69-71) and Pat Tracy, are hard at work refining the program. Details will follow in future Newsletters.

CAN YOU HELP?

Reunion 2007 – If you have ideas, suggestions, and questions or would like to help with the reunion, please contact Ken Voss or Dick Tracy (see below).

Reunion 2009 – After 2007, 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. Past Reunion Chairmen are available to “consult”. 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.

WANT TO CONTACT A SHIPMATE?

Our mailing list has information on 235 shipmates who served on Firedrake from 1944 through 1971. We are always on the lookout for additional names. We do not distribute the complete address list, but are happy to answer inquiries for contact information on shipmates. Contact Jack Meyer at the email address below.

TAPS

A solemn part of each biennial reunion is the Two Bell ceremony wherein the names shipmates known to have passed since the last reunion are read to the accompaniment of a tolling ship's bell. We are sometimes asked to notify shipmates of information regarding memorial services for passing shipmates. We have no capability to accomplish “real time” notifications. However, on request, we will provide contact information on shipmates of the same year groups if the family wishes to accomplish that

POINTS OF CONTACT

2007 PLANS: Ken Voss, 10101 St. Helens Av, Vancouver, WA 98664. ph (206) 896-6982 kvoss38@msn.com

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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).

REVISED EMAIL ADDRESS IS: AE14-2007@Juno.com

To minimize "spam" exposure, we are changing the email address- to reflect the year of the next reunion. Please use it for address changes, reunion inquiries, news items, etc. Please do NOT distribute or use it for any other purpose.