



DESRON 30 News

Reunion Association Newsletter



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Director's Letters

By Dick Myers

Welcome to a new decade!!!

Our meeting in 2020 is earlier than usual. This timing was chosen to take advantage of the cooler weather and avoid the fall hurricane season. I hope that you can take advantage of the new schedule.

Details for the reunion on June 11-14, 2020, are attached in this newsletter. Prices are good, and the hotel includes a free hot breakfast and parking. Room reservations **must be made** before 5/26/2020 directly with the Quality Inn at 251-343-4949.

We have another good set of tours like we had in Savannah. I had many positive comments on the events in Savannah. I think that the tour of the NAS Pensacola museum will be special to those who have not seen it. I can guarantee you that it is really special.

Our other director, Dennis Holt, has asked to retire due to his need for the time used. I would like to ask anyone who is interested in taking this position to call me at (404-508-3308) before the meeting to discuss the details, including the time you would need to make available to DESRON 30.

Dick

As we gather in Mobile, I'm confident at least one crew member will step forward to assume my position. Continued support and encouragement are necessary to keep the organization active.

While I have expressed the desire to step away as a Director, I will still support the organization as best I can. I will continue to represent the Gatling in any way possible, which includes maintaining the Gatling roster.

It's been a pleasure being one of the directors. I will continue as a member regardless.

Dennis

Financial Report January 2020

By Dick Myers

As I said in the last issue, funds from the new membership fee are coming in, but our reduced membership numbers are still cutting into our balance.

We need your dues. Before the expenses of this newsletter and early reunion expenses, we have \$2,064 in the bank. At the meeting I will discuss the need for a raise in dues.

In Memoriam

By Dennis Holt & Dick Myers

Our sympathy goes out to the families of all deceased members of the DESRON 30 Reunion Association, including the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	RANK
U.S.S. Cotten			
Kellogg	Lawrence (Larry)	E.	F1c
Ogden	Robert	L.	EM3
Ehlenberger	John		S1c
Ladet	Gilbert		
Rader	Scott		
Taylor	Harry	A.	S1c
Luevanos	Peter		BMSN
U.S.S. Daly			
Fast	Charles		F1c
Freels	Manuel	H.	
Mansfield	Joseph		LTJG
Nystuen	Wayne	D.	FT2
U.S.S. Dortch			
Flangas	William		S1c

LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	RANK
Mrozinski	Thomas		MM2
Voecks	Roland		SN
Ratcliffe	Robert		EN2
U.S.S. Gatling			
Burns	Thomas	L.	CS3
Curran	Philip	E.	RM1
Ghostley	Gary		LTJG
Spradlin, Jr.	George		GMM2
Guantanamo Bay Accident			
Barton	Marion	L.	SN
Gesualdi	Anthony		MMFN
La Point	Gerald	W.	DK3
Towery	Johnny	B.	SA
Wright	George	E.	SA
Wright	Thomas	R.	BMG3

Mobile, Alabama Info

By Nancy Bielot

This year's reunion is scheduled for June 11th-14th. Here is some further information regarding the tours being offered.

Tour #1 includes a tour of Historic Mobile. It includes a tour of the [Richards-DAR Museum Home](#). The Richards-DAR House Museum was built in 1860 for Captain Charles G. Richards and his wife, Caroline Elizabeth Steele. It remained within their family until 1946, when the home was sold to the Ideal Cement Company. After operating as a business for many years, the Ideal Cement Company donated it to the City of Mobile. The home was restored and has been lovingly maintained by the four local Mobile DAR chapters since 1973.

Tour #2 will be a tour of the [National Naval Aviation Museum](#) in Pensacola, FL. The National Naval Aviation Museum is the world's largest Naval Aviation museum and one of the most-visited museums in the state of Florida. Share the excitement of Naval Aviation's rich history and see more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation. These historic and one-of-a-kind aircraft are displayed both inside the Museum's nearly 350,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds.

Please note: You **MUST** bring either a driver's license or a valid passport to gain entrance to the museum.

Tour #3 is a tour of the [USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park](#). Battleship Memorial Park was founded as a memorial park that honors all veterans of all wars. As you enter the park you will see memorials honoring those men and women who fought in all of our modern wars. You can visit the Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, complete with a standing POW bracelet, and the Fallen Guardian Memorial honoring those whose lives were lost in service to the U. S. Coast Guard. A 'must see' is the poignant Service Dog War Memorial. This monument honors the dogs who served our country. Explore the Fallen Hero 9/11 Memorial that pays tribute to all the Alabamians who have given their lives in service since 9/11. Along with the memorials, some of the finest military equipment of the United States is installed throughout the grounds. Included are a M26 Pershing tank, a M48A1 Patton tank, and a Vietnam PBR Gun Boat. This collection will give you an up-close look at the United States military might.

There is a lot planned for this reunion in Mobile and Pensacola, and we hope you can join us. For further information about Mobile or Pensacola, check out the following websites:

- Visit Mobile Alabama
<https://www.mobile.org/things-to-do/>
- Visit Mobile Welcome Center
<https://www.mobile.org/about/welcome-center/>
- 2020 Official Destination Guide (Online)
https://bluetoad.com/publication/?i=644269#%22issue_id%22:644269,%22publication_id%22:%2260518%22,%22page%22:0
- Visit Pensacola
<https://www.visitpensacola.com/things-to-do/>

Website Reminder

By Nancy Bielot

Don't forget to check out our website: www.desron30.org. The username is the name of your ship (i.e., Cotten, Daly, Dortch, Gatling), and the password is 8tincans to access the members list.

DESRON 30 REUNION

USS COTTEN (DD-669) / USS DALY (DD-519) / USS DORTCH (DD-670) & USS GATLING (DD-671)

Quality Inn & Suites - 150 West I-65 Service Road, Mobile, AL 36608

June 11th - June 13th Mobile, AL

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY – June 10th

Hospitality room opens at noon for registration and early birds. The rate will be (Queen=\$79.00; King=\$85.00; and Double=\$89.00) plus tax. Price includes a free hot breakfast and parking. Group rate good two days before and after reunion dates. Room reservations **must be made before 5/26/2020** directly with the Quality Inn at 251-343-4949. You must tell hotel that you are with “DESRON 30”. If you are coming by air and would like a shuttle from the airport, call the hotel at least two weeks in advance and give them your pick-up time.

THURSDAY - June 11th

Tour #1 - Tour of Historic Mobile

- 9:00 am Board motor coach for a tour of Historic Mobile.
- 9:30 am Tour the Richards-DAR Museum Home, one of our antebellum Museum Homes. Refreshments will be served.
- 10:30 am Continue city tour.
- 2:00 pm Return to Quality Inn. Afternoon on your own.

FRIDAY – June 12th

Tour #2 - Naval Aviation Museum - Pensacola Naval Air Station

- 8:30 am Depart for Pensacola and the Naval Aviation Museum. **You must have a driver's license or passport to enter the base. Since the shooting they may decide to check everyone going to the museum.**
- 1:30 pm Lunch on your own at Cubies, a restaurant located in the museum.
- 2:00 pm Continue self-guided tour of museum.
- 3:00 pm Return to Mobile and the comfort of your hotel.

SATURDAY – June 13th

Tour #3 - USS Alabama Memorial Park

- 1:30pm Board your motor coach and depart for the USS Alabama Memorial Park.
- 1:45 pm Self-Guided tour of USS Alabama (Battleship) and USS Drum (Submarine).
- 3:00 pm Continue tour of park including Aircraft Pavilion, which displays airplanes from every war.
- 5:00 pm Board your motor coach and return to the Quality Inn.
- 5:30 pm Arrive Quality Inn to change clothes.
- 6:00 pm Depart hotel for banquet at Herron Lakes Country Club. Please dress for the evening. No shorts.
- 6:30 pm Banquet starts. Guests may purchase cocktails at the table at their expense.
- 10:30 pm Return to hotel.

SUNDAY - June 14th

Check out is 11 am - This concludes the reunion. Safe travels and GOD Bless!

The Banquet Dinner will have choice of:

Pot Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and butter, dessert & beverage.

OR:

Lasagna, salad, bread and butter, dessert & beverage.

PLEASE PRINT Your:

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Tel # (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail address _____ Cell # (_____) _____ - _____

Please PRINT name(s) as you wish on your name tag(s):

Shipmate First _____ Last _____

Spouse First _____ Last _____

Guest #1 First _____ Last _____

Guest #2 First _____ Last _____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions below. Also provide an emergency contact telephone number.

Registration fee \$46 per person includes Hospitality Room, Saturday Banquet, bus, name tags, etc.

Registration fee - Includes banquet and all misc.

Number of person(s) _____ x \$46.00 = _____

Pot Roast - Totals must equal no. paid

Number of person(s) _____

Lasagna - Totals must equal no. paid

Number of person(s) _____

Thursday - Tour # 1 Includes all admissions & lunch

Number of person(s) _____ x \$45.00 = _____

Friday - Tour #2 Includes all admissions

Number of person(s) _____ x \$45.00 = _____

Saturday - Tour #3 Includes all admissions

Number of person(s) _____ x \$42.00 = _____

TOTAL _____

Please fill in this Registration / Tours form and return your check or money order **payable to: DesRon 30**

Mail form and check or money order to:

Richard Myers

220 North Decatur Lane

Decatur, GA 30033-5947

Register and submit this form and payment to be received **before Friday May 8th, 2020**

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at (404) 508-3308 / or via e-mail at ramunlim@yahoo.com (Please use e-mail subject line -- 2020 DESRON 30 Reunion)

2020 DUES REQUEST AND MEMBER INFORMATION

Make checks payable to:
DESRON 30 ASSOCIATION INC.

Please mail the completed Dues Request and payment to:

Richard Myers - 220 North Decatur Lane - Decatur, GA 30033

**IF YOU ARE A WIDOW OR YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR 2020 DUES,
PLEASE DISREGARD THIS REQUEST.**

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH ANY CHANGES TO THE ROSTER.



PLEASE CHECK HERE FOR ANY
CHANGES TO THE ROSTER AND
SHOW CHANGES BELOW

\$20.00

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell / Alternate Phone _____ E-mail _____

SHIP SERVED ON AND DATES (Check one)

USS Caperton (DD-650) ___ USS Cotten (DD-669) ___ USS Daly (DD-519) ___

USS Dortch (DD-670) ___ USS Gatling (DD-671) ___

Dates Served Aboard Ship _____

Rank/Rate Aboard Ship (Optional) _____

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Or - sign on to website at <http://www.desron30.org> and request

If you no longer wish to receive the DESRON 30 postal mailings, please check here.

FEEL FREE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS BELOW OR ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET

Remarks -
