



**USS HOUSTON CA-30 BLUE BONNET**  
**"The Galloping Ghost of the Java Coast"**

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**Another shipmate has joined the crew standing watch in Sunda Strait**

**JAMES HUFFMAN**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 NATURAL CAUSES**

**USS HOUSTON CA-30 SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION**  
**AND NEXT GENERATIONS REUNION**

**March 5-7, 2009**

**Doubletree- Allan Center**

**400 Dallas St, Houston, TX 77002**

**Call for room reservations Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm Central Time:**  
**713 759-0202 or 800 222-8733**

Please advise the hotel you are with the USS Houston group for the \$89 per night rate  
ALERT – Make your reservation ASAP! You can always cancel if you must!  
Have your credit card ready to provide billing information

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**SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION AT NEXT REUNION** – The well has run dry in the archives & we will need people to bring something for the Scholarship Auction.  
Be creative – think WW II & patriotic!!

**PLEASE REMEMBER** – The Veteran's History Project, American Folklife Project, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave SE, Washington DC 20540-4615. Toll free 888 371-5848, Email [vohp@loc.gov](mailto:vohp@loc.gov), Web site: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

**LAST ISSUES FINANCIAL REPORT** – Val goofed by reporting our balance as \$2012.19. That was a typo. It was \$2013.69. Tax ID# 74-2814051 for your tax deductions.

**VISITING ARCHIVES** – If you want to view the archives at U of H, like all museums, you MUST submit a request well in advance (preferably 2 weeks or more). The folks at U of H will kindly help you thru the process of a written request for whatever specific items you wish to view. Their web site provides a catalogue of donated items to choose from. In your request, you will need to list the items you are interested in viewing so they can go down into the area where our items are preserved according to high standards & have them available to you when you arrive at our appointment time.

**MAILBAG** – The post office returned widow Agnes Harrell's mail with DECEASED noted – we have not heard from any family members to share details. Widow, Marion Beardsley's mail was also returned with UNABLE TO FORWARD. MATT MARINOS writes he has finally retired after managing the marina for 22 years. His new address is 12215 NE 128<sup>th</sup> St #127, Kirkland, WA 98034 (425 820-6758). James Jr. called me in October to advise that JAMES HUFFMAN had died of natural causes. JAMES's goal was to be the last man. I'm sure his shipmates greeted him with great affection. A letter from NG, Nancy Morrow inquires if hurricane Ike caused us much trouble (not 3 drops where we live). She & her husband have been busy with house maintenance & landscaping. She participated in the Race for the Cure on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at the young age of 72. Her husband Jim had his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday that same week.

**CAPTAIN ROOKS FOUNTAIN** – It took Trudy & John Schwarz, Sharron Long & Val Poss a while to find it simply because it was posted by the tennis courts for ages & how has been moved by the track field. John is touching base to inquire about having it polished up a bit. There are several hundred monuments of one sort or other at the Naval Academy. Come to find out – when donated, arrangements for their upkeep wasn't arranged. Not to worry, the fountain will once again sparkle soon. The Academy has advised they will no longer be placing any more monuments so our Captain Rooks Fountain is cherished!

**ITEMS FOR SALE** - We have USS Houston T shirts sizes medium to 2X, great looking Next Generation coffee cups, Monument pins, Bell pins, bumper stickers DVD's of interviews of the survivors, DVD of "The Last Stand of USS Houston (CA-30) Death Becomes The Ghost" & CD of crew pictures. Please go to <http://usshouston.org/news.htm> (bottom left) for the prices & order form or contact Val Poss for a price list.

**FROM DOWN UNDER** – Ron Ferguson, Hon. Secty., The Eight Australian Division Assn. sent a program of their Victory in the Pacific Commemoration Service held Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> along with some news articles from the "Barbed Wire & Bamboo" magazine. One contained LLOYD WILLEY'S poem "Sinking of the Flagship "Houston" & the 2 segment story of HMAS Perth Medical officer Lt. Commander Samuel Edward Lees Stening. I will be glad to share a copy with anyone that requests it. I found it informative about the medical needs & restrictions in the camps. Perth survivor DAVID MANNING was in the Aussie news about his trip back to the HMAS Perth's wreckage site – his first time since the sinking. Currently there are only 20 Perth survivors still living.

**HOUSTON MEMBERS GO TO DC** – Silvia & HOWARD BROOKS, Trudy & John Schwarz, Sharron Long & Val Poss went to DC to have their voices heard to try to have an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act approved that would have the US government acknowledge & compensate our Ex POW's of the Japanese \$20K tax free per survivor & widow. It was a learning experience! First of all, only the survivors of the Bataan Death March & Corregidore were mentioned in the amendment – nothing about the Death Railway or Wake Island POW's. We got THAT fixed! Also, the organizers of this push slighted our HOWARD a few times. I quietly spoke her about that also (Mamma bear desperately trying to be polite). Although we were assured by several Senators they would support it, when it came to a vote, they voted against it. This is the 39<sup>th</sup> time in 25 years our leaders in government have shot it down. Allied countries have compensated their citizens with exception to the USA. They haven't heard the last of us yet!

**US NAVY MEMORIAL** – There is not a single mention of the Houston, Asiatic Fleet or their battles at the US Navy Memorial with exception to a conference/lunch room in the back halls of the offices (used as a lunch room & not accessible to the public) . A team of interest parties will follow up on their offer to have THE FLEET THE GODS FORGOT etched in the exterior pavilion area near the statue of the Lone Sailor statue. I say “team” & not committee because some are non Houston members. This came about only after Sharron Long & I spoke with the CEO, Rick Buchanan. He stated he’d “look the other way” if his employee (who was also there) would have this done. Since then we’ve learned he has no authority to do anything & was giving us lip service. The head of the Asiatic Fleet Organization seemed agreeable to work with us but, like Buchanan, they don’t respond to our emails. The USNM has offered us a “deal” to buy a plaque monetary quotes ranging from \$2,500 (to me) & \$50,000 to a team member.....Here is a report so far: NOV 25 – 2008 – Vic Campbell – Sparta, NJ - I talked by phone today with Adm Buchanan of the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC regarding recognition of the Asiatic Fleet in WWII. The discussion was straightforward – and focused on an approach to a memorial presence befitting the contribution and sacrifice of our sailors and marines in the Asiatic Fleet. You already know this part ... “it won’t be easy”. Here is a summary of the discussion and action list for myself.

1. The foundation has little or no control of the exterior plaza memorial – it having been passed to Park Service control years ago. Thus an effort must be mounted to bring the NPS into planning for any proposed change to the plaza area. This can be started with discussions with NPS about their protocol and about options that might be open to exploration. This “exterior memorial” should be considered “phase II” of a memorial effort.

2. The foundation has control of the interior of its building and there is a commemorative wall that carries large or small plaques to recognize various units and actions. The foundation depends on donations to fund these plaques with part of the donation funding the foundation and part funding the plaque. It is obvious this donation is **NOT** to be funded by the Asiatic Fleet veterans. **Phase I** would involve third party Non-Profits (Navy- Marine Heritage) that can be approached by such people as myself to enlighten and then encourage supporting donations. The goal here would be to raise \$15,000 to support a large plaque for the commemorative wall. It will require formal fund raising and support materials.

3. **Phase II** will require considerable interaction with the NPS, the Navy Memorial Board, and appropriate Non-Profits to arrive at a plan and financial support – even for something as simple as an engraved stone that says “ **In Memory of The Asiatic Fleet – The Fleet the God’s Forgot**”. On stepping into this bureaucratic can of worms – the idea could perish quickly into compost if it is not managed aggressively. Also – imagine this in the current economic climate. So – as noted before, “it won’t be easy”.

**My Action List** --- I will work with Adm Buchanan to set a time to meet in Washington within the next two months (possibly after the crowds clear from the inauguration ceremonies). I want to include in that meeting just a few individuals to help draw up an action plan **to attack phase I and phase II simultaneously**. Perhaps one or two friends who are retired Navy Captains in the DC area will join us in an advisory capacity (one is a former NOUS National Commander). I would also like to tap John Schwarz and Michael Falkenstein.

I will also supply any video material I have to the Navy Memorial – which they may place in their website to help educate the public. It will also make it easy to share among others we know by email of specific links.

This can happen. The passion we all have to preserve the memory of this sacrificial fleet is a driving force. God Bless the veterans of the Asiatic Fleet.

**REPORT BY DON KEHN, USS HOUSTON ORGANIZATION HISTORIAN** -Here is the latest information from Zenith Press (as of Nov. 10) re my little book on **USS Edsall (DD-219), A Blue Sea of Blood**. It appears everything is moving along more or less as scheduled.

**"Blue Sea"** is at the printer. Barring any problems, it should hit our warehouse end of November/early December, then turn around to stores shortly thereafter—depending on vagaries of shipping, it should be showing up in retail outlets throughout December. Copies ordered in advance through our website will go out immediately after delivery to the warehouse."

Please do keep the book in mind & tell your friends, relatives, and co-workers. There is much in the book for the general reader of history as well as the specialist, but first & foremost it is a tribute to nearly two hundred fine young sailors & officers lost early in WWII, as well as to unheralded men & women in America and the Dutch East Indies, including long-suffering family members & NOK, who have never been given either accurate information *or* the proper recognition their relatives' service & devotion to duty deserve.

The U.S. government & the Navy may have preferred to low-key the story of **Edsall** for the past 66 years, but Jim Nix (whose *jedsall* website has kept the ship's story alive for the past decade, and who also wrote a fine Foreword to the book) & I have not.

"Lest We Forget" should not be allowed to become "Best We Forget."

**UPDATE ON OUR SURVIVAL AS AN ORGANIZATION** – This was becoming an issue before Otto joined his shipmates. We had a large membership but a handful of donors. On top of that, I was struggling to get people to keep me updated their email addresses to save postage, printing, etc. Returned mail was increasing as was email addresses being rejected. It takes time to constantly update those records --- MY time. The kitty got to the point that I wondered if we would get another issue out. We aren't out of the woods yet and I STRONGLY urge you to help feed the kitty. We have expenses – lots of them: not only the newsletter, the web site, phone, long distance, postage/shipping, storage room, supplies (paper, ink, staples), paperclips, replacing my 15 year old stapler, printer pooped out, computer crashed again and again. Think of this organization as a small business & the employees don't get paid. After advising people not once, not twice but SEVERAL times, I had to begin to delete their names when there was no reply. Most were Lost Battalion. I now send TWO out per quarter to the LB & one is a courtesy letter to their editor. Then, I had to contact each and every NG (some more than once...that is something that will no longer happen because it's eating into MY personal time). We got our records updated & have culled out those that never responded. **Read this sentence twice** --- we've gone from a 600 membership to 200. (I've rounded the numbers). I now have a volunteer to filter my emails as they were overwhelming (& eating into MY personal time). She now refers emails only pertaining to "business". Bless her! That has been a HUGE help. I send in annual reports to the IRS to keep us honest. I now have many helpers but must keep up with them – US Navy Memorial, scholarship, legal, reunion (there's not enough room in the newsletter to list THOSE duties to prepare), special requests (I'm now working on getting a SPECIFIC list of pictures copied for someone writing a book --- yes, I'm going to get a "donation" before I make those copies & send them), keeping tally of sales inventory, Rooks fountain's condition at the US Naval Academy, banking, donation receipts & records, bill paying, etc. I hate to admit it but it takes me twice as long to do ½ as much and I've become weary. In the past, I've sent out en mass emails asking for help. When there was no reply, I'd do it. Due to health issues, I just can't do that anymore. We have the same handful of NG's (from all across the USA) that help out. Without them, we wouldn't be the strong *Houston* family of NG's that we are today. HOWEVER, fair warning, I am simplifying & that may mean the non-participants will be dropped from the email and snail mail list even more. Please don't contact me with suggestions how to make the organization work/improve. What I need is people contacting me with their ideas and reports on what they have done about it. I love what I'm doing but it's taking its toll even on the other volunteers. It's been suggested I hire someone part time to do the scanning, filing, etc. Well, that's a lovely thought but **without donations** our first concern is paying the bills. Scanning the archives has fallen to the bottom of my TO DO LIST as my workload has increased. I'm re-organizing so I can get back to my promise to Otto to scan all the archives.

As I explained to a NG recently, *I* am not the organization --- the **NG's** are the organization. We need to keep our focus to perpetuate the memory of the *Houston* & crew PLUS honor our living survivors. Thank you for understanding.

**CHANGES IN EDITORIAL STAFF**– Please note our much needed & appreciated changes in the Bluebonnet “staff”. Pam Foster is now our “publisher” & will get those paper newsletters mailed out . Lin Drees , John Schwarz & I remain co-editors. Due to the heavy increase of duties, Pam has graciously offered to take over the snail mail printing, stuffing envelopes, addressing, postage on them, etc. Thank you Pam for taking on this project!!

**VETERAN'S DAY IN HAWAII** - On Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>, we gathered at the USS Houston/Lost Battalion Monument at the cusp of the Punchbowl National Cemetery to pay our respects to the 12 Houston crew members buried there that perished in the POW camps. That afternoon, we were hosted by the USS Houston SSN-713 CO on a tour of Ford Island historical sites & the USS Arizona aboard the Admiral of the Pacific Fleet's launch. On Veteran's Day (11<sup>th</sup>) we all met for breakfast at the Hale Koa where the survivors, spouses & widows were presented with lei's with red, white & blue ribbons & I said a few words about our appreciation for our veterans. The Veteran's Day Sunset Service topped off two days of recognitions for our survivors, spouses, widows & family. Attending were survivors & spouses JOHN & June BARTZ, HOWARD & Silvia BROOKS, DAVID & Donna FLYNN, HARRY & Audrey KELLEY, JACK & Marie Feliz. Surviving spouses attending were Trudy Schwarz, Theresa Riley & Lee Robinson. Families of EUGENE CRISPI, JOHN RANGER, JOHN STEFANEK, TONY RUSSELL, EARL “JOE” SNYDER, VERNON KOELLING, AL MCGARVEY & VALDON ROBERTS represented their loved ones with a grand total of 71! Special guests included Jim & Sharon Hornfischer & Jan & Mike O'Connor, grandchildren of *Perth* survivor Jack Wilke.

**UPDATE ON REUNION** – I'm so sorry to sound like an old harpie but facts are facts. With the economy, we can't offer as much free food & beverages in the hospitality room. When we run out ---- that's it. We can pass the hat to get more or suffer thru it. If your flight arrives late evening, I suggest you grab something at the airport or a fast food place before arriving. There's always a list provided of eating establishments that deliver if you prefer to get to the hotel first. The hospitality room will not be open on Wednesday. We are losing a helper (Sharron Long is moving out of the country). Most folks think the hospitality room is set up by the hotel staff or we've had the ability to twitch our noses to magically get it done.....not true! Nor does the hotel come thru the room to pick up after folks --- replenish ice & snacks & drinks ---- warm more food --- - empty trash – wash utensils – make coffee --- refill empty coolers, etc. If you're not fond of the hotel food, there are restaurants nearby – even a McDonald's a few blocks down for a cheap breakfast. We won't be providing muffins, juice, etc. The same registration fee hasn't increased much & it wasn't for edibles but hotel fees. The hotels fees have gone up by \$200 a day & meals have increased (less tax PLUS 21% service fee). Sharron has stored ½ of the hospitality room items, wreaths, etc. at her home for several years. Since she's moving Max & I have come up with a way to take them back to the organization's storage room. We've borrowed our son in law's Surburban in the past but are packed like sardines so will borrow a friend's utility van. Who will volunteer to arrive by 3PM Wednesday for us to unload items for the hospitality room (printer, albums, paper goods, ice chests, etc.)? Who will volunteer to go down to the hospitality room in the early morning to replenish ice, start the coffee, etc? Who will volunteer to stay after the hospitality room closes each night to wash items, pick up what folks have left behind & put it in the trash, vacuum, straighten up, drain the coolers of water, etc.? Who will stay behind that last night to do all of the other mentioned AND help pack up? Who will show up early Sunday morning to help Max & Val load their vehicle? After our 4 hour drive home, we have to unload all of that into the storage area (we both have surgical backs). As soon as we get home & unpacked, the March newsletter is due out..... get my drift? If there are no volunteers, we will “simplify” what is offered in the hospitality room. If there is a shortage of beverages, snacks – if we don't pass the hat, we will “simplify” what is offered in the hospitality room. If someone doesn't volunteer to run to the store to get more --- we will “simplify”..... Thank you for understanding. Please plan to attend – we've signed a contract promising you'd be there!!

## **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER –**

Scholarship balance - \$51,784.78

Organization balance - \$4,580.93

(bills are not paid current – just received more today but will be paid by Friday December 5th)

Donors this quarter: Billie Reese, Sharron Long, Larry & Susan Krug, Allen Crispi, Laurie Stevens, ROBERT FULTON, John and Susan Kruetzerr, Dorothy Rogers, John Schwarz, Trudy Schwarz, JOHN & June BARTZ & BASIL BUNYARD.

- Note – if I omitted your name, please send me a gentle reminder
- Note – less than a dozen donations & 200 recipients of this Bluebonnet
- Gentle reminder-- some folks won't be receiving a Bluebonnet next quarter.

### **NOW HEAR THIS!**

**Scholarship Program** - Applications are accepted beginning June 1 with the deadline for submission extending to November 1. Applications and specific information about applying may be obtained anytime by visiting our website or writing a request to: John Keith Schwarz, 2500 Clarendon Blvd Apt 121, Arlington, VA 22201

*\*\* Please remember that donations are appreciated - You can remember the USS Houston Scholarship Fund in your will, estate planning, or beneficiary designations. All donations are tax deductible.* Donations should be made out to: USS Houston CA-30. Mail Donations to: Mrs. Pam Foster, 370 Lilac Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648

### **Report from John Schwarz, Scholarship Chairman Other Scholarship Program Updates;**

\*Obviously, this year's scholarship program application window has expired. Your Committee is currently assessing this year's pool of applicants to determine through our scoring process, who will be this year's winner. That announcement will be made during the 03/'09 reunion in Houston. Please look forward to an announcement of yet another outstanding descendant of our survivors and/or other person with keen interest in the USS Houston CA-30, as the scholarship winner for 2008.

\*We are still pursuing the option of securing a permanent scholarship as a remembrance of our ship and her men and their legacy, that which would join all of the other elements of permanency we have that contributes to the mission of perpetuating the memory of the USS Houston CA-30.

\*We are as always, in the fund raising mode. We continue to plead to the outside world through fund raising, and as always we appeal to you our larger family. We are approximately \$800.00 shy of securing the permanent scholarship, and once that benchmark is reached will be simply requiring a yearly funding of our internal, descendant/person with a keen interest in the USS Houston CA-30 scholarship award. Your consideration and whatever you can offer, please. And, if you have any outside source leads and would prefer that a Committee member make the formal plea, please let us know.

### **Final thoughts from your Scholarship Committee Chairman;**

\*Hawaii was fabulous; great job Val and Jim Hornfischer.

\*I hope this finds you all well.

\*Look forward to seeing you all in Houston in 03/'09

We wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

## LINE FROM LIN

PLEASE START MAKING YOUR PLANS FOR MARCH, 2009 - Elsewhere Val will give you details as to what is happening when, plus see the attached registration form - fill in, write out your check, mail in, arrive in Houston. You will find a very gracious hospitality room, filled with new friends, books, brochures, personal albums (bring your own album, relating to the USS *HOUSTON*), and snacks. Added will be a very educational trip to The University of Houston to view the USS *HOUSTON* display of Special Collections, plus a reception in the Library. The Memorial Service will be awe-inspiring.

The reunion will be Friday and Saturday, but early birds are encouraged to start arriving on Wednesday or Thursday. All are encouraged to stay until Sunday. The hospitality suite will be set-up, and it be open until Saturday night. Please consider volunteering to help with set-up, nightly clean-up, or final take-down of the hospitality suite, and be sure to visit each day.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS - When making your hotel reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the USS *HOUSTON* group - and be sure to mention anything special that you wish, e.g., handicapped room or close to an elevator. Please do not make your reservations with a discount, Internet site as we need all reservations to be made with the hotel in order to meet our contracted quotas. Please make your room reservations early to make certain that you do have a room as the hotel always has other events.

REUNION REGISTRATION - As always, we will have buses to provide transportation to the UH Library for the reception and to view the USS *HOUSTON* collection on display. One bus will have a lift - please write on your registration form if you would like to be on the bus w/ the lift - or have special needs in regards to transportation on the bus, e.g., wheelchair access.

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT - The Houston Metro bus has added a special bus/shuttle from the George H.W. Bush Intercontinental Airport to the downtown bus terminal, 815 Pierce. Metro will call the hotel to ask them to send the hotel shuttle to pick you up when you arrive at the downtown terminal. The shuttle/bus leaves from Terminal C at the airport every 30 minutes between 6:10a.m. and 8:40p.m. Here is a phone number for any questions, 713.635.4000. Rates, \$30, round trip; \$15, one way - seniors and students, \$15 and \$7.50. The airport SuperShuttle is \$44, round trip, and \$23, one way. Yellow cab, \$44.50. Of course, all rates are subject to change.

INDIVIDUAL WREATHS OR SPECIAL BOUQUETS FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE - In years past some families have brought a wreath or flowers to leave at the Monument after the Service. If you would like to bring any special bouquets to leave at the Memorial Monument after the Memorial Service, you are welcome to bring a wreath, bouquets, or even single flowers.

PLEASE COME IN 2009 - Please mark March 6-7 on your 2009 calendar, and plan to come. Make plans to be an early bird and arrive on March 4 or 5. This past year (as every year) we had MANY new faces - please join us in 2009.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2009 - We wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and a very healthy New Year. Ron and Lin Drees - [lindrees.ca30@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindrees.ca30@sbcglobal.net) - 14219 Wickersham, Houston, TX 77077, phone and fax, 281.493.5171.

## **AGENDA FOR 2009 REUNION**

### **WEDNESDAY – 3pm**

Set up hospitality room (Nautil- ground floor) – help is desperately needed  
NOT OPEN – JUST SETTING UP

**THURSDAY – 9am – 10pm** registration & hospitality room (Nautil- ground floor)

### **FRIDAY**

Hospitality & registration 9am – 10pm

\*\* Hospitality room is closed during reception & dinner

Scholarship meeting 9am – 11 am in Val's suite (room number not known until she checks into the hotel)

Lunch on your own – List of local eateries available in the hospitality room

University of Houston Reception

12:30                      Gather in Lobby to check-in prior to boarding bus

12:45                      Sharp – bus departs

1:00 – 2:30              U of H reception

2:45                      Sharp – bus departs for hotel

Membership meeting      4:00 – 5:00              Lamar room

Dinner 6:30 – 8pm (Includes auction) Dezavala room

### **SATURDAY**

Hospitality 9am – 10pm

\*\* Hospitality room close during meals

Breakfast                      9:30 – 10:30am      Dezavala Room

Memorial set up – chairs, etc 12 noon (see Lin Drees to volunteer)

Memorial service 2PM

Board of Directors meeting 4:30 – 5:30PM      Val's suite

Dinner 6:30-8:30              Dezavala room  
(includes dive presentation by Jerry Ranger)

Note: if the weather is bad, we will have the Memorial Service at the hotel.

Live entertainment by Dana Charles tickling the ivories in the CA-30 Lounge (aka hospitality room)

Feel free to bring snacks for the hospitality room – please avoid chocolates.

(One year EVERYONE brought chocolates & we were on a sugar high for 3 days!)

Please know schedules are subject to change due to behind the scene last minute needs that will have to be addressed immediately. Be prepared to be flexible....

If you have an urgent request, (ie: flat tire, dead battery, etc) please go to the hotel concierge desk for help.

Helping hands to keep the hospitality room clean, set out food, ice drinks, and to pack up & shut down are needed!

**REGISTRATION FORM**

USS HOUSTON Memorial Service/Reunion

March 4 - 7, 2009

Room reservations **MUST** be made by **YOU**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**DEADLINE – MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NO LATER THAN 2-14-09**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of crew member you are honoring and relationship (or state you are a friend) PLUS branch of service: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FEEL FREE TO USE BACK IF NECESSARY - DID YOU PRINT CLEARLY?**

Anticipated date & time of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Dinner 6:30PM (2 options)**

Mahogany steak & potato with salad \$30.00 x # eating \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR

Mountain trout & rice with salad \$30.00 x # eating \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Breakfast 9:30AM**

\$18.50 x # eating \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Dinner 6:30PM**

\$28.50 x # eating \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken (boneless) with pasta

**Registration**

\$30 per person x # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Late registrations/per person and per meal \*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: LATE REGISTRATION – AFTER FEBRUARY 14**

**\*\$5.00 per person for registration and \$5.00 per meal**

**Hotel will not be able to guarantee the same entrée as prompt registrations**

Reception at University of Houston (Friday) \_\_\_\_\_ #

Bus seat needed to U of H \_\_\_\_\_ # Handicapped access \_\_\_\_\_ #

Please include a check for the total cost (your check is your receipt)

Make Payable to: USS Houston – Next Generation

Send to: Pam Foster – 370 Lilac Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648

PLEASE INDICATE ALLERGIES to food (nuts, blue cheese, shellfish, eggs, etc.) or animal dander  
Remember, helping hands from the NG's are needed – this reunion is for the elders, not us!

