

2011 DUES FORM

AND JULY 14-17, 2011 REUNION REGISTRATION

NOTE: Please do not cut this page; submit this entire form whether you're attending or not.

Name _____ Aboard: 19__-19__ Division: _____

Guest's Name(s) _____ Your Rank/Rate: _____

Are you: Staying at the reunion hotel? __ (Y/N) On active duty? __ (Y/N) Over 80? __ (Y/N)

Home Telephone (____)-____-____ eMail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ (Telephone): (____)-____-____

DUES	Annual	\$10	
Note: Dues year is January 1 through December 31	New Life Membership	\$110	= \$
Shipmate Registration Fee (Required if attending)	Shipmate (registering now)	\$20	= \$
	(after June 1)	\$40	
Additional Guest(s) Registration Fee (Required for each additional guest attending)	Number of Guests _____	Times \$15	= \$
	(after June 1)	\$30	
Thursday: Fun Night At hotel 6:00 pm	July 14 Number of People _____	Times \$20	= \$
Friday: Group Breakfast at Hotel 6:00 am	July 15 Number of People _____	Times \$15	= \$
Friday: Naval Tour Lunch is on your own today Buses depart hotel 7:00 am	July 15 Number of People _____	Times \$20	= \$
Friday Night: Group Supper at hotel 6:00 pm	July 15 Number of People _____	Times \$25	= \$
Saturday: Group Breakfast at hotel 7:00 am	July 16 Number of People _____	Times \$15	= \$
Saturday: Field Museum Tour Lunch is on your own today Buses depart hotel 8:30 am	July 16 Number of Adults _____ # Children 3-11 _____	Times \$27	= \$
		Times \$25	= \$
Saturday Night: Banquet Program 5:00 PM Reception, 6:00 pm Banquet	July 16 Number of People _____	Times \$35	= \$
Sunday: Lake Michigan Breakfast Cruise Buses depart hotel 7:00 am, return at 12:30 pm	July 17 Number of Adults _____ # Children 3-11 _____	Times \$56	= \$
		Times \$36	= \$
(Times subject to change)		TOTAL	= \$

Example: One Shipmate, alone, taking everything, = \$233 (plus dues if applicable)
One Shipmate plus one guest, taking everything = \$461 (plus dues if applicable)

Please make your check payable to USS BOSTON Shipmates Inc. and mail to:

USS BOSTON Shipmates, Inc.
PO Box 816
Amherst, NH 03031-0816

Notes: The final deadline for registering with us is **June 1st**

***Use this form to pay annual dues whether you're attending the reunion or not.**



If you have any questions about registering, contact us at 603-672-8772
 During the month of March, for questions about this reunion, call 508-587-1261

Do you or your guests have any disability or dietary need that requires special attention?

******* See other side for important reunion information*******

WHAT HAPPENS AT A REUNION? We want you to enjoy yourself from the first day of the reunion. We do not separate wives and hubbies. Our activities are chosen to appeal to everyone, and serve to promote conversation and maximize reminiscing. We have activities for the early arrivals on Thursday night; and organized tours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We have group meals where a lot of "catching up" takes place as you break bread with your Shipmates. **What to wear?** Most events, other than the banquet, are fun/casual affairs, and we dress accordingly. Our Saturday night banquet is a full-fledged program with a head table, guest speakers, color guard, a dance floor and band. We dress up for the banquet. Military officers can wear dress uniforms, and our organization officers at the head table are in tuxedos. Attendees generally wear sport coats or suits, ladies wear dresses or pant suits. Our memorial ceremony is held to remember all departed Shipmates. It usually features Shipmates' widows, who take an active part in the ceremony. We have up to ten widows who attend our reunions.

We do not hold a business meeting at the reunion. We're there for FUN. If you want to talk business, there are (almost) monthly committee meetings at which reunion business and USS BOSTON Shipmates project business is discussed. The annual business meeting of the organization (which takes place in September) is for elections, appointments, and annual reports.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW...

FIRST, you register with us for meals and tours. You can participate in as many or as few activities as you wish. Pick out those functions you wish to attend, and add in those fees as shown. We must commit—with hard numbers—to the hotel and tour operators long before the events, then we're obligated to pay for the number we provided. To know that number, we must have your Registration information well in advance of the event. Please fill out the Registration worksheet now.

Note that the Registration Fee is mostly the cost of holding a reunion somewhere other than a phone booth or park bench with a *Hello My Name Is...* thingy stuck on your shirt. Each attendee receives a memento of the reunion. So, add in the Registration Fee for the Shipmate, plus the Guest Registration fee for each person over the age of 5 accompanying the Shipmate. (Don't count the Shipmate as a guest.) Registration fees for walk-ins at the reunion are increased as shown because they trigger a considerable chain of events. The registration fee is nonrefundable. If your dues are unpaid, please pay them now.

"Earlybirds" who register with us (meaning, Registration form and payment in full) by **April 1** get a unique USS BOSTON cup and become eligible for a drawing at the reunion, and can win one of their nights at the hotel free (only if they're staying at the hotel).

Send the form and your check to the address shown on the other side of this form.

Next, you register with the host hotel for your room accommodations. We always negotiate our hotel rates to run three days before the reunion to three days after the reunion. Naturally, you can stay elsewhere, but Shipmates who do this *once* invariably tell us that they missed out on much of the camaraderie and socializing. In most cases you cannot find a comparable hotel at a cheaper rate.

The reunion hotel is the **Doubletree Oak Brook Hotel**. Their phone number is **630-472-6000 or 800-222-8733**. The room rate for this reunion is **\$83 (including tax)** per room per night (if you reserve by **June 15, 2011**). There is NO free hotel-airport shuttle for this reunion. Pets are NOT allowed at this hotel. The entire hotel (like most in the country) is NON-SMOKING. Checkin time is 3:00pm, checkout time is 12:00 noon. Hotel parking is free. Dead parking for RVs is allowed (no power, no occupancy). Directions and more details will be in the next newsletter.

We have a Welcome Aboard team that will have a package in your name at the hotel. This package will contain your name tags, a program and complete itinerary, meal and tour tickets for the activities you selected, gift checks to redeem, and other information. Welcome Aboard will be set up from **1:00pm to 3:00pm** on Thursday in the Hunt Room. The program that you receive at the reunion will give you the times for the various events. *Please make your plans so that you arrive a half hour before any scheduled event.*

The hotel desk people will know where our USS BOSTON folks are. Much of our socializing is in our Memorabilia room, where we have part of our collection of USS BOSTON photos and artifacts on display (and where Shipmates put their own memorabilia on display, on loan). This is where you'll run into your old Shipmates, and where you can access comprehensive lists of the full membership and the reunion attendees. It's also here that you'll be able to buy USS BOSTON identity items such as coffee cups, hats, sweatshirts, tee shirts... things that the Shipmates have requested over the years, all with the USS BOSTON logo. The organization buys these items and generally takes the cost and rounds up to the nearest dollar. There is no profit motive.

About Cancellations... If something comes up and you're forced to cancel your reunion attendance, call us *as soon as possible* at **603-672-8772**. We can send you a refund IF you advise us early enough for us to modify our counts to the hotel, which means **in our hands at least thirty days prior to the reunion**. *If you cancel after that, we are still obligated to pay for the contracted functions*, so there can be no refund. Another reason why it's important to notify us ASAP is that if you call too late, we might not get that message until we return from the reunion. Refunds are sent out prior to the annual meeting.