**USS MASSEY DD-778 ASSOCIATION**

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**2020 USS MASSEY REUNION**

***Save the date…………….***

**The 2020 Buffalo, New York reunion will be held on:**

**September 14th thru 17th, 2020, at the MILLENNIUM Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14225**

***Here are the Details……………….***

The room rate is $110.00 plus 13.75% tax per night.

Complimentary shuttle service to and from Buffalo Niagara Intl. Airport

Complimentary onsite parking

Complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms

Room rate includes breakfast

Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. on Monday 9/14/20

Check-out is at 11:00 a.m. on Friday 9/18/20

***Reunion Schedule****…………..*

**Tuesday, 9/15: Buffalo Naval & Military Park and Herschell Carousel Museum Tour**

We’ll begin the day with a visit to the Buffalo **Naval & Military Park**. Home to the USS Sulllivans, the **USS Little Rock and the submarine USS Croaker**.

The Park also features several displays of our United States military history. You will have the opportunity to explore all three vessels at your own pace. We will also have our Memorial Service on the fantail of the USS Little Rock. We will then head off to the Pearl Street Grill & Brewery for a sit-down hot lunch before visiting the………

**Herschell Carousel Factory Museum**

At the Carousel Museum, we will enjoy a one hour guided tour of the public areas of the factory complex, learning of the history and process of carousel and band organ production that took place in the Tonawanda area. Then it’s back to the hotel.

**Wednesday, 9/16: Niagara Falls USA Sightseeing Tour**

We’ll explore the natural beauty of Niagara Falls State Park as we arrive at the New York State Observation Tower where we will descend into the Niagara Gorge to board onto our 30 minute Maid of the Mist boat tour (handicap accessible). Once back on dry land, you can choose to climb a series of steps to the Crow’s nest, next to the base of the American Falls, for more of a multi-sensory experience. Elevators will take you back up to the top of the gorge for views of the Falls from the Observation Deck. We will then travel to Goat Island, which sits between Bridal Veil Falls and Horseshoe Falls, for lunch at the Top of the Falls Restaurant. After lunch,

it’s off to the New York Power Authority Power Vista. The Niagara Power Project is New York State’s largest electricity producer and features state of the art interactive energy exhibits for all ages. Then it’s back to the hotel.

**Thursday, 9/17: Big Fun, Little Village Tour**

The idyllic village of East Aurora, NY looks like it is straight out of a movie scene, so much so that it is a favorite filming location for a few Hollywood producers. Our first stop will be at the…

**Made In America Store**.

What began as one small storefront with less than 100 items of 100% American made products down to the packaging, the store has now grown to multiple locations around the western New York area, has developed a strong internet retail presence, and features thousands of products that are 100% Made in America. A light lunch on the porch will be provided by a local veteran-owned caterer that features 100% farm-to-table ingredients. Then we’ll travel right into the heart of the Village of East Aurora for a visit to the largest five and dime store in the world…

**Vidler’s.**

Vidler’s features over 75,000 items and spans across four buildings and two floors. If you’re not interested in shopping, you can instead take a stroll along Main Street, visiting the various cafes and stores East Aurora has to offer. Then it’s back to the hotel.

The **USS Massey business meeting** will be held after our return to the hotel with the **Banquet** scheduled for this evening.

*Note - If you plan to venture into Canada on your own, before or after the reunion, to visit the falls from the Canadian side, don’t forget your passport.*

***You may register…………………***

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 2020** by calling the hotel at (866) 866-8086 and identifying yourself as part of the Massey Reunion Group. If a handicap accessible room is required, please specify at time reservation is made.

***Message from our Association President…………***

While another decade has gone by, I look forward to the start of another with hope and pride to be a member of the USS Massey Association. I continue to be amazed at the past contributions of so many that made our association what it is today. From Jack Zagaros, who started the association, to Gordon Risk our past President, and all of the officers and volunteers in between, I would like to thank you. Of course, we sure can’t forget all of the USS Massey Crew members, their family and friends who have attended our reunions over the years. Without you we couldn’t have had the great reunions that we have had.

This year our reunion will be in Buffalo, New York. Tom and Susan Hartman, our reunion coordinators, have put together quite an array of daily tours and activities that should make this year’s reunion one to remember. I hope to see you all there.

Darrell Hanson

USS Massey Association President **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Memorial Remembrance**

Kelley Long, RM1, 1968 -1969, passed away in May, 2019

Donald Heenan, LT, 1964 -1965, passed away August 24, 2019

Rudy Boesch, BMCM (SEAL), 1946-1949, passed away November 1, 2019

Alfred Cote, PN3, 1948 -1952, passed away January 3, 2020

Edward Holderness, SN, 1952-1954 passed away January 23, 2020

***May they rest in peace***

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A**PPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL USS MASSEY ASSOCIATION**

**Crew Membership ($10.00)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership ($10.00)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(First, Middle Initial, Last)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(First, Middle Initial)

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

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

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

Years on board: 19\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Rate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2020 DUES (if not included in Reunion Registration) $10.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **USS Massey Association** and

Mail payment & application to: **Sue Radziwon**

**538 70th Street**

**Darien, IL 60561-4052**

**USS MASSEY REUNION REGISTRATION – BUFFALO, NEW YORK – SEPTEMBER 14th thru 17th, 2020**

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years served on MASSEY: 19\_\_\_\_\_to 19\_\_\_\_\_ Plank owner: Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_

First time attendee: Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank on MASSEY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Will you need handicap accessibility on the tour bus? Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2020 Dues paid? Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (enclose $10.00) $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: $20.00 /pp $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday Tour:**

**Buffalo Naval Park & Herschell Carousel Museum**  $82.00/pp $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lunch included….choices: (Please check your selection)

Pot Roast w/Smashed Potatoes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beer Battered Fish Fry w/Pub Fries \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Char-Grilled Chicken Breast on Mixed Greens \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday Tour: Niagara Falls USA Sightseeing Tour** $99.00/pp $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lunch included:

Assorted Wraps & Salads

**Thursday Tour: Made In America Store and Vidler’s 5&10** $59.00/pp $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lunch included….choices: (Please check your selection)

Roast Beef on Kimmelweck Roll \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Wrap (with or without chicken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

or served as salad) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Evening Banquet:**

Dinner choices:

Chicken Breast stuffed w/herbal dressing $33.00/pp $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Herb Crusted Salmon $38.00/pp $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus $43.00/pp $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please make your check payable to **USS MASSEY ASSOCIATION** and

Mail to: **Thomas Hartman**

**16407 West Labyrinth Lane (email: hartmanshome@cox.net)**

**Surprise, AZ 85374 (phone: 623-466-0626)**

**REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 2020**