

USS ORLECK DD 886 FIELD DAYS
March 12-14, 2015
Berth: 604 North Enterprise Blvd., Lake Charles LA 70601
(I-10 Exit 31A, Lake Charles)

The USS ORLECK DD 886, one of the most decorated ships to have served after WWII, will hold its first Field Day event in Lake Charles LA on March 12 – 15, 2015. We need your help and participation! Step up and be one of the heroes to save this wonderful part of American History!

ORLECK needs supporters from across the country to come to work on her. Are you a Destroyer sailor whose ship is gone but not forgotten? The ORLECK will provide you the opportunity to revisit your time aboard your ship. Did you serve on a different kind of warship or in another branch of the military? . Are you the family member of a sailor or other military member? Are you someone who is just interested in history or just wants to help? If you served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, any of the more recent conflicts, during peacetime, or if you never served, you can help preserve her legacy! If you can't participate in March we will be doing additional Field Days in the future. Field Days are open to anyone, young or old, male or female, who wants to come aboard and serve!

The USS ORLECK DD 886, a Gearing Class Destroyer and workhouse of the US Navy for 37 years, also served 16 years in Turkey, our NATO ally, as the TCG Yucepepe D-345. She was commissioned at the end of WWII, served gallantly in Korea where she earned four battle stars and distinguished herself as the initiator of the "Train Busters", then went on to earn 14 battle stars in Vietnam as "Top Gun" and "Grey Ghost of the Vietnam Coast". She was the US Naval Reserve training ship in Tacoma WA before serving as a Turkish warship engaged in Middle East actions.

ORLECK has been back in the United States for almost 15 years and opened to the public for tours and events at her current location in April 2011. She awaits your arrival to work on her and bring her back to represent her days of glory. We must share the legacy of the ORLECK and her sailors with our children and grandchildren so they will understand what you did on their behalf and in defense of the Nation and our way of life! It is also a once in a lifetime opportunity to give her a proper restoration and "Welcome Home" recognition as the Vietnam War Veteran she is. In fact, the Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 135 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislature recognized the ORLECK's distinguished history in its entirety and named the USS ORLECK Naval Museum as the Official Vietnam Memorial Museum Ship of the State of Louisiana. Please join ORLECK's supporters and volunteers in welcoming her home and preserving her for posterity.

Those wanting to attend but are unable to due to age, health, or other circumstances can help in many ways, not the least of which is to know, care, and pray for the efforts of our volunteers. Others can support ORLECK financially and/or with their presence at the Field Days.

Here is THE PLAN:

- **Mark your calendar!** March 12-15, 2015: Field Days aboard USS ORLECK DD 886. Send a copy of this to folks in your email address book who might be interested. When you see information appear on Facebook regarding the Field Days, please share it on your personal page. Send Bob Orleck at email below any ideas or contacts that you think would be appropriate.**
- **Sign up** for USS ORLECK Field Day News emails at <http://www.ussorleck.com//field-days-e-mail-list-signup/> which *does not commit you* to anything. The emails will provide information about the field days should you decide to come or if you just want to follow the happenings.
- **Complete and mail** the registration form below if you plan to attend. (Those registering will be automatically added to the email notifications.) The Museum provided the following information on accommodations: "Currently we are able to house a maximum of **75 people aboard the ship** and accommodate at least 25 more on shore if additional space is needed, for a total of 100 berthing spaces. Heads and showers are available aboard the ship as well as at the on shore accommodations. All meals will be provided aboard the ship for the volunteers."
- **Make travel arrangements.** Ok, how do you get to Lake Charles?
 - **By car.** Lake Charles is located in Southwest Louisiana along IH-10, approximately 30 miles East of Texas border. This is about 2 hours, 15 minutes east of Houston; one hour, 15 minutes west of Lafayette LA; two hours west of Baton Rouge LA; under 3 hours west of New Orleans; and about 4 hours south of Shreveport LA.
 - **By air.** Air travel to Lake Charles-LCH is by United Airlines via Houston-IAH or American Airlines via Dallas-DFW. One can also sometimes make good connections especially from the East through Lafayette-LFT. Many people find it more economical to rent a car in Houston and drive the 2 hours, 15 minutes to Lake Charles. If you fly to Lafayette and rent a car the drive to Lake Charles is about 1 hour, 15 minutes. (Please note that Houston's other airport, Houston Hobby-HOU, is another option but American and United do not fly from Houston-Hobby to Lake Charles so you would need to drive to Lake Charles.

USS ORLECK DD 886 2015 Field Day Registration Form

(Mail form and check to Destroyer USS ORLECK DD 886 ASSN.,
P.O. Box 213, Randolph, VT 05060)**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip _____

Phone _____ Other phone _____

Email Address _____ Repeat Email Address _____

Ship _____ Years _____ Rate/Rank _____

*\$30 per person includes lodging and three meals on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday breakfast. Please make check payable "USS ORLECK NAVAL Museum" and in memo file on check write "DD 886 Field Day". Then mail the check with the registration form to Destroyer USS ORLECK DD 886 ASSN., P.O. Box 213, Randolph, VT 05060

**Contact Information: For registration issues call Bob Orleck at 802-728-9806 or email bob@ussorleck.com. For questions of details of the work being done, the lodging and food issues contact Ron Williams at 337-214-7447 or email ron.williams@orleck.org.
