Destroyer USS ORLECK DD886 ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION FORM

Bar Harbor Mini Reunion Attendee Information

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What better place or time could there be than a reunion in New England in the fall? None! The dates are September 22nd, 23rd and 24th of this year 2015. We are only six months out so you need to register as soon as you can. When you read further you will see that registering sooner because of the incentives for doing so.

Not only will the reunion be in <u>New England</u> but <u>Maine</u> and not only Maine but <u>Bar Harbor</u>. Not only Bar Harbor but <u>Acadia National Park</u> with its unmatched in beauty. Nowhere on the Atlantic coast is there anything more beautiful and on top of that its <u>Fall Foliage time</u> and it will be stunning. <u>Thuya Gardens</u>, <u>Bass Lighthouse</u>, <u>Asticou Gardens</u>, <u>a carriage ride in Acadia</u>, a <u>Bar Harbor Lobster Bakes</u>, a <u>nature boat trip</u> and dinner at <u>Kebo Country Clu</u>b one of the oldest in the nation. At present our plans will include each of those and I am sure more. I will keep you regularly informed as things develop. By June we should know it all.

Our beautiful hotel, the <u>Bluenose Inn</u> is where we will lay our heads after each fun filled day. We will have a small intimate hospitality room that should quite adequately meet our needs for gathering and there we will have snacks and soft drinks. Or we can gather at the Great Room with nightly entertainment. In fact we will enjoy our opening night eating good food in the <u>Great Room with pianist Bill Trowell</u>. Full American breakfasts are yours each day as part of your registration fee and so much more.

Many of the rooms have private balconies overlooking Frenchman Bay. There are some webcams focused on <u>Frenchman Bay</u> and <u>Bar Harbor</u>. The first to complete reservation with on-line reservations and mail their check for the events will be assigned those rooms. After those rooms are taken, similar rooms with a private balcony will be next but due to their level they will not have a view of the bay. Across the way in the Stenna Nordica building are rooms with a common veranda but they do have a water view.

Just thinking about the weather. The web cam views are great but this is not the season to be there. It is cold and very snow covered. But September 22-24 it will be lovely and nice. Come back to the web cams and view the scene before you get in your car or on a plane on your way to see it yourself. That web cam picture will light up with the great colors of fall in New England.

The registration will not be complete and no rooms can be assigned until the registration fee for the events have been paid and the on-line form has been completed. For those without access to computers, I will register these folks by phone. All they need to do is reach me at home at 802-728-9806. The date and time I receive payment for those who are registered on-line will determine the order in which rooms will be assigned. Again, the top 2 floors of Mizzentop will go to the first registrants until those rooms are gone then to the bottom two floors until they are gone then to the Stenna Nordica rooms until they are gone.

Take careful note of this. We only have 50 rooms available and it is unlikely due to the busy season we will be there for that we can get more. I will of course try but it is unlikely so if you are serious about this wonderful vacation in Maine during Fall Foliage, get your check in the mail and get your registration on-line now.

Updated information-3/14/2015: The response has been excellent for 34 of the 50 blocked rooms. One situation has prompted me to post this additional information. The reunion is to take place on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September but I do have some rooms blocked for the 19th, 20th and 21st as well as the 25th and 26th. While these are limited, I do have them and when you register on-line the question on estimated date of arrival and estimated date of departure should be interpreted as meaning when you want to check into the hotel and check out of the hotel. Some might be planning on going to other parts of Maine on other days but that was not the meaning of the questions. If you request a room for a particular night and I cannot provide it, I will be back to you very shortly after you post your request on-line. So I would suggest that you either wait for me to contact you or call me before you schedule airlines if you are relying on the dates you entered for staying at the hotel. Hope that clarifies this. I feel fairly confident that the room dates you request can be fulfilled at the \$119 per night.

If you have registered and sent your money in (by the way your registration is not considered complete until your event fee is received) and you have a friend you are expecting to also register but who has not, I would suggest you encourage them to go on-line right away. There are only 20 rooms left. I was able to get our block extended on the main nights by an additional 4 rooms to 54 rooms. I expect these will be gone in the next couple of weeks so if they are serious on attending they need to act now.

For those who have registered on-line but have decided to wait until later to send their event fee, you do run the risk of others registering and paying thereby getting the room you could have had if you had sent your fee in. Remember that registering on-line does not guarantee you a room. It is only after you register on-line and I receive your payment for the event do you get any of the 54 rooms that we have blocked.

The cost for your room will be \$119.00 plus tax. I went on-line to see what such rooms could be booked for and be best I could find was \$244. The upper 2 floors of Mizzentop building actually book out for over \$400 a night. We have all the rooms for \$119. This is a fabulous deal.

The cost for the events planned including bus transportation, opening night in the Great Room, lobster bake, dinner at the Kebo Club, box lunch for picnic in Acadia National Park, carriage ride, nature boat tour, full American breakfast each morning, tour of Acadia National Park with guides, and more will amount to \$295 a person. Early registration will be until June 1, 2015 and those registering and paying up to the end of that date will receive a reduced rate of \$275 a person.

So the race is on to get the best rooms. This is what you need to do. Go to our website and register and then send your check to Destroyer USS ORLECK DD 886 Association, P.O. Box 213, Randolph, VT 05060. REGISTRATION FORM After Bob Orleck receives your check and your online reservation form filled out he will contact the hotel and reserve your room. He will then notify you and you will probably have to call the hotel and guarantee your room with a credit card. The usual cancellation policy will apply but you will want to make sure you understand what that is when you call.

Further incentives for early registration will include eligibility for free room nights for those who register and pay by April 15, 2015.

There may be other incentives as well.

Any questions call Bob or email at the information provided below.

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