

**USS ORLECK DD 886**  
**FIELD DAYS March 12-15, 2015**  
**Attendee Information**  
**Message #2**

We are just 12 days from the beginning of the Field Days  
aboard USS ORLECK

There have been questions asked by attendees and there are things that the organizers want you to know. Here are some of them;

1. Can I get a ride from the Lake Charles Airport to the ship when I arrive?
  - o Answer is "Yes".
  - o How? Make Ron Williams aware of your arrival date, time, airline and flight number. He will see that you are picked up.
  - o Ron Williams contact info: Phone 337-214-7447 or email him [atron.williams@ussorleck.org](mailto:atron.williams@ussorleck.org) to arrange schedule.
  - o Reminder: On day of your travel contact Ron again by phone and give him any updates on your arrival.
2. If I have any further questions how do I find out?
  - o Call Bob at 802-728-9806 or email him at [bob@ussorleck.com](mailto:bob@ussorleck.com) or email [news@ussorleck.com](mailto:news@ussorleck.com) and he will obtain the answer to your question and post it in the next email you receive. We want to make sure you are comfortable with what is happening and that will occur if you have full information. No question is too simple to ask.
3. When will work start and end each day during Field Days? I am advised by Ron that the schedule for work will be the following:
  - o 0600 - Reville
  - 0630 - 0730 Breakfast
  - 0730- 0800 Muster, Colors, Work Assignments
  - 1130 - 1230 Noon Meal
  - 1230 - 1500 Work
  - 1500 - 1515 Break
  - 1515 - 1700 Work
  - 1730 - 1830 Evening Meal
4. Should I bring tools and what is the current thinking on the work that will be done?

- If any individual has special expert skills as a plumber or electrician, it is quite possible that they will be put to work inside the ship to do needed work on those projects that have been identified that are compatible with their level of experience.
  - Rich Angelini's thoughts. "Proposed work aboard USS Orleck DD 886 will feature efforts to cosmetically restore this historic Vietnam Veteran back to her late 60's and early 1970's USN appearance. Tasks centered on surface preparation and painting will insure resurrection of her appearance to reflect the ship's proud service to the US Navy. Other work may entail mounting of USN equipment, removal of Turkish Navy fixtures, as well as improving the structural integrity of the vessel."
  - The weather will play a part in deciding what will be done, but the plan is to work primarily on the outside of the ship.
  - To repeat though, most of the work that will be done will be centered on painting but those with special abilities and jobs defined will be able to work on those projects. In such cases your tools would be important to have.
5. Is there a map on-line to get to the ship?
- Yes: [map and directions on the Museum website.](#)
  - You can also go to [Mapquest](#) and put directions in from the Lake Charles airport to the ship. Addresses are as follows:
    - The ship is at 604 N. Enterprise Blvd., Lake Charles, LA 70601.
    - The airport address is 500 Airport Boulevard #105, Lake Charles, LA 70607
6. What do I bring to a field day event?
- Staying overnight on a Gearing Class Destroyer although fun, will still require your basic overnight items such as clothes, tennis shoes, toiletry products, towels, bedding/sleeping bag & pillows. Additional items may include the following: flashlights and any other special tools you like to use for specific work. You may also include clothes to wear for an evening of fun or a dinner off the ship during your brief stay.
7. Are there any other contacts I will need?
- Rich Angelini will be voluntarily supervising the various jobs being done in cooperation with the Museum staff on the USS ORLECK. Rich can be reached by email at [rich\\_angelini@comcast.net](mailto:rich_angelini@comcast.net)
  - Dawn Carrier-Administrative Assistant at Museum can be reached at the ship during working hours at 337-214-7447
8. Who will be attending the Field Days.
- Finally I have been asked to provide the names of those who are going to be there. I will be asking the leaders of the Field Days on this but I doubt if there would be a problem except to get it in the proper format to post here. I will work on that and try to get it on soon.
9. Accommodations other than the ship:
- Ron Williams has advised me that there is off-site accommodations at a church dormitory like setting at no charge. A section for men and a section for women. I am

not totally certain of how you would access this except to call or email Ron at the contact information above.

- The Museum had provided information for a Quality Suites and Inn for \$119 and some may have registered there. I have been able to arrange for another Quality Suites in Lake Charles to take us for \$79 a night. If you are interested in this please contact me at the above contact for Bob Orleck.
  - Those using the accommodations on the ship will do so at no charge.
10. A question has been asked when the next Field Day is going to be held since he cannot be at this one.
- Make it a point to ask this question when we are all together at the Field Days.
  - I would imagine that weather would be a factor in such scheduling. Please send your desired times to me and we will consider them.
  - Any other suggestions on Field Days and how to make them a success, please again email me at the above contact.

Regards

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