

Destroyer USS Orleck DD 886 Association

2016 Reunion Schedule**

A reunion at Boothbay Harbor, Maine is about atmosphere and fun. For those who arrive early and those who can find time between our many activities, the town of Boothbay Harbor is a great place to explore and it is all right around our hotels which are right on the water. The harbor handles pleasure boats and working lobster boats. You can just enjoy the atmosphere wandering aimlessly around the village and harbor or you can find many things to do right around where you will be living. There are many great restaurants and many things that will appeal to those who enjoy shopping. The many galleries and studios will meet the desires of those into the arts. You can go souvenir shopping and find that special gift to take to the person watching your dog or cutting your grass when you are on your Maine vacation.

Our gathering is first of all about reunion for those who served aboard USS ORLECK DD 886 but it is also about having a fun vacation and Boothbay Harbor fits the bill for that.

June 3, 4, 5 th	Some folks will be arriving very early at the hotel on their own.
June 6, 2016	Transportation from Portland International Jetport provided for travelers. VIP Van and Best Western Van per flight schedules provided by attendees.***
June 7, 2016	Reunion begins tomorrow morning. Today many attendees will arrive in cars and transportation will be provided from Portland International Jetport. VIP Mercedes Sprinter and Best Western Van per flight schedules provided by attendees.***
Noon	Hospitality Room at Fisherman's Wharf opens.
5:30 PM-7 PM	Manager's cheese, crackers and wine reception at Fisherman's.
Evening	Dinner and evening on your own
8PM	Hospitality Room in Fisherman's Wharf Hotel opens.
Discussion	While the reunion does not start officially until June 8 th , the hospitality room will be open at noon at Fisherman's Wharf Hotel. Not only that the manager, Ramsey Lafayette, is providing a manager's cheese, crackers and wine reception this night.

Enjoy a free hot breakfast each morning you are at the hotel including the early arrivers. Unless otherwise noted you need to eat breakfast at the hotel you are staying at.

Those traveling by plane have received detailed information about keeping those picking them up at Portland's Jetport informed about any variations in their reported itinerary. Keep in mind when traveling that the airport is over an hour from the hotel so good communications is a must.

When the hospitality room is open someone will be needed to take responsibility for the room if memorabilia is left there on display. The hospitality room can stay open as long as someone is present to monitor it. When no one is available we will close it until the next scheduled opening. See Bob about that.

At various times during the reunion we will be treated to acoustic guitar, song writer and singer, Dave Hummel. Best of all Dave is a USS ORLECK sailor and this is his first reunion.

June 8, 2016

Reunion begins

AM/PM

Transportation for attendees provided from Portland International Jetport by Best Western Van per flight schedules provided by attendees.***

7AM – 10AM

Breakfast in the restaurants at both hotels

7 AM

Hospitality Room will be open throughout the day

11 AM-4 PM

Registration for reunion will be finalized in hospitality room. Name badges will be given out. Attendees can display their memorabilia and hat and shirts will be sold as well.

12PM-2 PM

Pizza will be served for free in hospitality room.

6 PM

Open bar for cocktails

7 PM

Banquet under tent at Boothbay Harbor Hotel. There will be entertainment and a fire pit. All takes place right at the harbor.

8PM

Program to be announced.

Discussion:

The hospitality room will serve as the place to finalize our registration process. Most have registered and paid their registration fee in advance. For those who have not, this is the opportunity to do that. At this time you can also pay dues or make a contribution to the organization that could if you wish include the fund to help pay for shipmates to come to reunions that cannot afford to do so.

As has become a tradition we will serve free pizza during part of the registration process. In addition the hospitality room will be stocked with free snacks, bottled water and soft drinks for your use. We will give you the specially designed name tag that will include your name and for USS ORLECK sailors, the years you served aboard her. The registration table will include information on Boothbay Harbor and we will try to help you understand the area so you can make the most out of your vacation.

At 4 PM we will close the hospitality room so that folks can get ready for the Bar B Q we will be enjoying at the Boothbay Harbor Inn. It is a nice short walk from the Fisherman's Wharf Hotel to the Boothbay Harbor Inn but for those who do not wish to walk, the hotel will be providing a van to and from the event. Weather permitting (no rain) we will be eating under the stars (and a tent) and plan to have entertainment. For those who wish to sit around a large fire pit will be operated. It should be a nice relaxing evening with friends and great atmosphere.

June 9, 2016

6:30AM – 7:45 AM	Breakfast in the restaurants at both hotels
7:45	Board buses for Maine Maritime Museum.
8AM	Buses leave from each hotel to Maine Maritime Museum
9AM	Tour Maine Maritime Museum
10 AM	Memorial Service (Chaplain Joe Correia officiating)
11:00AM	Depart MMM for Bailey's Island lobster bake
11:45AM	Arrive at Cooks Lobster & Ale House
12 PM	Lobster Bake at Cooks

2:00 PM	Board Casco Bay Lines for ocean travel to Portland tour.
4:00 PM	Board buses with tour guide and 90 minute Portland tour with a stop at the famous and most photographed Portland Head Light
5:30 PM	Travel to Freeport
6:30 PM	Cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres at Harraseeket Inn
7 PM	Dinner, Speaker and Entertainment at Harraseeket Inn.
8:15 PM	Keynote Speaker Jim Weber (BHW)
8:45 PM	John MacDonald, Maine story teller
10:00PM	Depart for Boothbay hotels.
11:00PM	Hospitality Room opens if anyone wishes.

June 10, 2016

6:45 AM– 8:30 AM	Breakfast at Fisherman's Wharf for all attendees. No breakfast will be served at the Boothbay Harbor Inn.
7:30 AM	Business meeting to elect officers, choose next reunion, etc.
9 AM	Group 1 to board bus and van for Botanical Gardens. Boarding will take place at Fisherman's
9:15 AM	Bus departs for Botanical Gardens.
9:15 AM	Group #2 to board a scenic and narrated harbor cruise at Fisherman's Wharf
10:45 AM	Group 1 will board bus and van for Fisherman's Wharf Hotel
11 AM	Harbor cruise group returns to Fisherman's Wharf
11:15 AM-12:30 PM	Deli Luncheon at Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant for both groups.
12:30 PM	Group 2 to board bus and van for tour of the Botanical Gardens
1 PM	Group #1 boards boat to enjoy a scenic harbor cruise

3:15 PM	Group #2 to board the bus and van to travel back to the hotels
2:30PM	Group #1 returns from their boat trip
3:15 PM-5:30PM	Free Time*****
4 PM	Hospitality room area and restaurant area will close to allow hotel staff to prepare room for our closing banquet.
6 PM	Cocktails (cash bar) at Fisherman's Wharf Hotel Dining Room
6:45 PM	Buffet dinner is served at Fisherman's Wharf
7:00PM	Remarks by Bob Orleck
7:30PM-11:30PM	Entertainment by The Moon Dawgs
11:30 PM	Hospitality Room open.

Discussion: This is the day that breakfast will be at the Fisherman's Wharf Hotel and all attendees, no matter where staying, will eat at the Fisherman's Wharf. The purpose for this is to enable us to hold our business meeting. I want to make a request when we do this breakfast. The Fisherman's Wharf is a 54 room hotel and their breakfast bar was not built to handle a group as large as ours. So there might be delays as they try to keep the station supplied with food. Please be patient and kind to the staff as they try to serve you. That being said I would like to suggest that those whose last name begins with A through M try to come to breakfast before N through Z people. Let's try to have the first group come to breakfast at 6:45 AM and the second group at 7:00. That might help to keep the line from backing up.

June 11, 2016	Reunion ends
7AM	Breakfast at each hotel
AM & PM	Transportation to Portland International Jetport provided by a bus per the schedule given us by our attendees. Departure time to be announced at the reunion.

June 12, 2016

7AM

Breakfast at each hotel

Transportation to Portland International Jetport provided by Hotel Van for those staying over.

WARNING: This document is subject to change. Do not bring it to the reunion and rely on the time, etc. of events for there could be changes. A final up-to-date version will be provided to you when you check into your hotel in Boothbay Harbor Maine.

** All items listed on this Plan-of-the-day are included in your registration fee. Your breakfasts lunches, and banquets are included as well as transportation during the reunion, entertainment, Memorial Service, entrance fees to area events, metal name badge, hospitality room and refreshments and more. All included. The reason for this note is so I won't have to write free next to each of the things above. :)

*** When you arrive at the airport you will proceed to the luggage claim area. You will be greeted by a representative of Lafayette Hotels (Tom Palmer or another) holding a sign or chalkboard with "USS ORLECK" or your name on it. He will see to it that you get to the vehicle that will transport you to your host hotel. It is critical that we know the airlines, flight and arrival date and time and are kept updated of any changes. For any changes happening before the day of your departure you must contact and talk to Bob Orleck about it. You should have his cell phone number with you (802-565-0340).

On the day you commence travel if there is any delay in your flight you will need to contact a different person. Tom Palmer is that person and you will need to give him an update. If you have to leave a message, do so but if you get a chance follow-up to talk to Tom in person to make sure he got the information. I cannot overstate how important that you do good communications with us since the hotels are over an hour from the airport. Failure to reach us with a change in your schedule could result in a very long wait at the airport for you.

Bad weather options: We expect great weather but there is always the possibility of rain. There may be situations that occur that could cause the cancellation or rescheduling of an event but be aware we have planned alternatives for that. Dress for the reunion is all casual. We will be on the ocean so you might wish to bring a jacket.

****In order to prepare for our Friday night banquet the hotel staff must have the area of our hospitality room and the restaurant to themselves to prepare for us. So when we arrive back from the Botanical Gardens and the Boat Trip in the afternoon, your free time will need to be spent either napping or around the many local places near hotels.