

# Destroyer USS Orleck DD 886 Association

## 2016 Reunion Schedule\*\*

Any reunion of folks who shared the past is special be it from high school, college or a special work project you shared with others. The most special of all reunions are those of men and women who served their country together and developed a very unique bond. The USS ORLECK reunions are among those very special gatherings. Serving one's nation in close quarters with others aboard a ship for an extended period of time brings a uniqueness that is like none other. To be able after many years to reunite with those people is an experience that can't be underestimated in its meaning. Then at the same time to meet with others who served on that same ship in other years adds to that experience and gives the ability to enlarge that circle of very special friends that are called "shipmates"

Our gathering is first of all about reunion for those who served aboard USS ORLECK DD 886, for family and friends, but it is also about having a fun vacation and Boothbay Harbor fits the bill for that. 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. Just outside your door you will find the water and the harbor that 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.

Don't forget to take those special pictures and build your memories because that is what this is about and you will want to make the most of it. The following is an outline of those special events we will be engaged in over the next several days.

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| June 3, 4, 5 <sup>th</sup> | Some folks will be arriving very early at the hotel on their own.  |
| June 6, 2016               | Transportation from Portland International Jetport provided for travelers by 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.*** |

5:30 PM-7 PM	Manager's cheese, crackers and wine reception at Fisherman's and after that dinner on your own..
Discussion	<p>While the reunion does not start officially until June 8<sup>th</sup>, the hotel manager, Ramsey Lafayette, is providing a manager's cheese, crackers and wine reception this night.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We may be able to open the hospitality room on the 7<sup>th</sup> but we would need someone who would 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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
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.
4PM	Hospitality Room closes.
6 PM	Cash bar for cocktails at BB Harbor Inn.
7 PM	Bar BQ Banquet under tent at Boothbay Harbor Hotel

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. You can also register for a free nights stay drawing.

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 and depart at 8 AM.
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 with “thank you for your service” entertainment provided by Cook’s owners Nick and Jen Charboneau.
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 landmark the Portland Head Light. There we will gather for a group photo.
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 PM	Keynote Speaker is Jim Weber (BHW)
8:45 PM	John MacDonald, Maine story teller
10:00PM	Depart for Boothbay hotels.

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 Wharf.
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

Discussion: June 10<sup>th</sup> morning 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
9AM	Church Service (Chaplain Joe Correia) at Fisherman's Wharf.
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. Be aware of announcements and postings that can change times and details.

\*\* 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. :)

\*\*\*Contact during the reunion is Bob Orleck. His cell is 802-565-0340. Make sure to confirm your departure plane reservations for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June with Bob as early in the reunion as you can and if there are any changes after that let him know immediately.

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.

Finally, please remember you are here to enjoy and the staff is here to make it enjoyable. From that they gain their pleasure. Please be sensitive to the nature of this reunion. It is the first of its kind in the Boothbay Harbor area and their facilities were not designed for large groups. So please keep that in mind and remain patient in spite of small inconveniences that might arise.