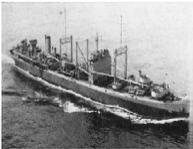


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THE Y2K REUNION

Keep the Memories Alive



2000 Reunion Itinerary



wait to place your reservation till the last minute. You may reserve a room by credit card and it will not be charged until you check out.

Because of security restrictions at O'Hare Airport, transportation is a problem. The hotel does not have airport transportation. It is available through Chauffeured Services, Inc. The details are too complex to explain in the newsletter. If you will be flying into O'Hare and want to be picked up by the limo service, please call me (262-547-3726) and I can explain the details. Their rates are per person and people traveling on the same flight can get a discount. All people must be picked up from one location at the same time. If you know of other crew members flying into O'Hare from your area of the country, it may be desirable to coordinate schedules, share a ride with them and save some money. Rental cars are also available at O'Hare

Thursday AM – Nitro Staff check in meeting room setup
Afternoon – Members check in
Dinner – Members on their own
7:30PM – Nitro Association Business meeting

Friday 7:30-8AM Board bus for trip to Great Lakes
9:00AM Recruit graduation at Great Lakes Boot Camp
Lunch – Great Lakes Chow Hall
1:30PM - Wreath laying ceremony at Great Lakes
5-7PM Cocktail hour – Embassy Suites
7:30PM - Buffet Dinner, Embassy Suites
(see attached sheet)

Saturday AM Visit to Coast Guard Station
Afternoon Possible activity (TBD) downtown Chicago
Dinner – Members on their own
PM – Cocktails and farewell get-together – Hotel

Sunday – Check out.

If you are planning on attending this year's reunion and have not yet done so, please make your lodging arrangements with the Embassy Suites hotel in Deerfield, IL. A block of 35 rooms has been reserved for our members. The cost of the rooms is \$84 per night for a King Suite and \$99 per night for a Double bed Suite. Rooms should be reserved by the individual member attending the reunion. You may make your reservations through either the Embassy Suites "toll free" number 1-800-EMBASSY or directly with the hotel at 847-945-4500. **Tell the reservation clerk that you are reserving rooms for the Nitro Reunion for "x" number of nights.** These room rates will be held for our members until June 1. *Don't*



Say it ain't So !!!



DECK LOG NOTES... Jan. 28, 2000
Last of old bell-bottomed dungarees issued at RTC
By Judy Lazarus, Bulletin Associate Editor

GREAT LAKES, ILL (NWS) The last of the old bell bottom dungarees was recently issued to incoming recruits.

In the past, each recruit was given one pair of dungarees and three sets of new utility uniforms. From this date on, enlisted members will be issued four of the updated version of the working uniform, similar in fit to the wash khakis worn by officers and chiefs at sea.

Recruits have been issued the dungarees in the past in order to use up the stockpile.

Nitro Membership Update

USS Nitro (AE-2/AE-23) Association membership continues to grow. Our membership roll now stand at 121. The following shipmates (Nitro tour dates) have signed on as members during the month indicated:

January 2000 – Bobby Anderson (81-83); John Shuey (65-66); James Hanson (59-60); William Giles (); Charles Cousins (79-82); Stephen Saffee (68-)

February 2000 – Lyle Powers (77-80); William Morrell (59-60); Thomas Baker (59-60); Gary Attean (60)

March 2000 – Kenneth Kmiec (81-84); Charles Stanz (70s)



We have located a source for the Zippo Lighters that were sold on board and are conducting a survey to find out how many former crewmembers might be interested in purchasing them. We would have to purchase the lighters in quantities of 50 of a particular style. The styles available would be 1) high polish chrome, 2) brush chrome or 3) high polish brass. Our selling price (to be determined) for the lighter will be between \$10/15 ea. If you are interested in obtaining one of these lighters, please send your response (stating style and quantity) to Robert Eberlein.

⚓ **The Nitro Sage** - B. Gregory *⚓*

For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.

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Address Correction Requested

Charter Member Trevor Richards, MM2, 1943-45, USS Nitro (AE-2) died from heart surgery complications this past October.

From Nitro Member Bill Kohlruss –Anthony (Tony) Hendon, MM3 (71-74) has also passed away.

A Final Thought

USS NITRO AE-2/AE-23 ASSOCIATION looking for ex-crew members for a 22-23 June 2000 reunion in the Chicago, IL area.

It may seem a little late to be placing this notice in different publications, but as long as we get ex-members to contact us, this is the goal of the above statement. It will be in a Plan-of-the-Day in the South Bend, Indiana, Naval Reserve Center in May 2000. I even sent it to the Reserve Center at Great Lakes, IL. If there is a Reserve Center in your local, inquire to see if the Center will run the reunion notice.

Belong to an organization that publishes a newsletter? How about a local newspaper? Do they have a “free” section where you can post notices as a public announcement? Ask if you can place a notice there.

There may be more former members in your local area who do not know of the Association or that you live there. In the area where I live, there are at least two others from the crew's list along with our Webmaster. The more the word gets out, the larger the reunions will be. Nothing like reliving old times, seeing old friends and making new ones..

The arrangements for Great Lakes are nearing the final stages. This reunion will have a postal post mark to commemorate our visit to the G'Lakes. Hope to see many of you there.

Address Correction Requested

If you are planning on moving and would like to continue to receive the Nitro Blast, please send us your new address so we can get the newsletter to you on the first attempt.



USS Nitro Web Site



The place for frequent updates on the Nitro reunion, association and other related activities:

**[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/
homepages/nalc820/ussnitro.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/nalc820/ussnitro.htm)**