

# Nitro Blast

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## History Comes Alive in Charleston!!!

*Keep the Memories Alive*



### Naval History – Highlight of Reunion



History will be the main attraction of this year's reunion in Charleston, S.C, and in particular Naval history. Our Friday trip to Patriot's Point Naval and Maritime Museum for the Association wreath laying ceremony will also include stops at WW2, and Vietnam eras of the Navy's historical timeline. For those who have not visited the Museum, it is an opportunity to view hardware, from a number of branches of the Navy, spanning several decades of service.

The USS Yorktown (CV-10) will serve as the site of our wreath laying. We have also made arrangements to have lunch aboard Yorktown in the CPO mess (see activity sheet).



After lunch, those of our group who wish, may travel back in time to the beginning of the Civil War with a visit to Ft. Sumter.



Saturday's tour choices will include a guided tour of

historical Charleston with a stop at the famed Battery and Market area for shopping and lunch ( lunch is not part of the tour cost).

The other tour choice is a combination of the historical Charleston city tour and a visit to Boone Hall and Charles Pinckney Plantations.

Both of these tours will be made in the comfort of air conditioned vans. Ms. Jane Kiser, co-owner of Charleston Tours, will address our group at the beginning of our Thursday evening business meeting to give you more information on these two wonderful tours. Please refer to activity sheet for tour pricing information.

### Reservation Reminder

A reminder – The Holiday Inn, Mt. Pleasant, SC. is serving as our 2001 Reunion Headquarters. We have reserved a block of 30 rooms for our members. The cost is \$99/per night for either double bed or king guest rooms (breakfast for two included). **Members attending the reunion must make their own reservations.** Place your reservations by calling either 800-290-4004 or 843-884-

6000 ask for Susie York at ext. 122. Reference reservation code "UNA" and tell them you are reserving rooms for the USS Nitro Reunion for "x" number of nights. Reservation deadline, for the Nitro group room rate is 15 May

### Nitro Membership Update

Anyone desiring to become a member of the USS NITRO Association may do so by sending a **check made payable for \$23.95 to:**

USS NITRO Association  
% Mr. Robert Peiffer  
PO Box 1254  
Mishawaka, Indiana 46546-1254

USS Nitro (AE-2/AE-23) Association membership continues to grow. Our membership roll now stands at 156. The following shipmates (Nitro tour dates) have signed on as members during the month indicated:

**January 2001 continued** – Thomas Papsodero (65-66); Robert Ackerman (68-72); Donald Hoxie (63-65); Julian Barnes (70-72); Scott Maxey (86-89)

**February 2001** – Ed Gowan (72-73); Haden Wiley, Jr. (68-72); Richard Palleschi (67-70); Wayne Nicarry (79-81); Lyle Howard (81-83); John Maguire (64-66); Carl Zielinski (72-76); Michael Buckman (67-71)

**March 2001** – Deanna Smitha (90)

 *The Nitro Sage* - B. Gregory 

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

*Two wrongs are only the beginning.*

 **The Crow's Nest** 

**Edgar Morris "Bucky" Walters**, 76, Marietta, OH., died at 7:58 a.m. Friday, (Dec. 8, 2000) at his home. He

graduated from Marietta High School with the class of 1942 and served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Nitro.

From *Newport This Week*, **Richard Henry Sowers**, 59, passed away Dec. 12, 2000. Served in the US Navy aboard the USS Nitro.

**Jesse Swaim**, Commissaryman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class., AE-2, (42-45) would like to hear from his former shipmates. His address is 726 W. 31<sup>st</sup>. Street, Long Beach, CA 90806



### A Final Thought



Charleston, Here we come. Events planned and finalized. Have you made your reservations yet? June will be here before we know it. Hope to see many new and now familiar faces and to hear what has taken place in their lives since our last reunion.

Reunions are a time of sharing. Have any old photographs, uniforms, drawings or any other artifacts you wish to share with the group? Anything you wish to bring to the reunion would be greatly appreciated.

I regularly search the on-line auctions for Nitro artifacts. Should you be doing the same, please check the newsletters and the "Members Directory" to see if you may be bidding against another member. When I see that this is the case I do not continue to bid. Have noticed that after the bidding closes, there usually is another of the same type of article up for bid again.

*Fair winds and following seas,*  
Bob Eberlein, President, Nitro Assn.



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