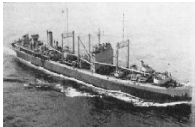


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USS NITRO (AE-23) Visit Confirmed

Keep the Memories Alive



Nitro,

Arriving !!



We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been made for our Association members to visit the USS Nitro (AE-23) dockside at the Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. This visit will be scheduled for either, Tuesday, June 22 or Wednesday, June 23, 1999.

We will also be able to go aboard the ship; however, the group doing so will be limited to 50. Depending upon the number of reunion attendees, it may become necessary to hold a drawing of names to determine who will go on board.

These arrangements have been made through the good offices of Mr. Warren Christensen, PAO for NAVSEA, Philadelphia, PA.

Nitro Association - thriving!

USS Nitro (AE-2/AE-23) Association membership continues to grow. Our membership roll now stand at 57. The following shipmates (Nitro tour dates) have signed on as Charter members during the month indicated:

September 1998: Clifton Johnson (62-64); Brian Knight (77-81); Gerald

Engstrom (); Frank Gauthier (72-73); Charlie Davis (); Richard Leipfert (68-69); Ulric Grigsby Jr. (); Thomas Tighe (); Gerald Breton (); Thomas Lowe (74-77); J Andrews Livingston (72-73)

October 1998: John Holland (67-69); John Maurer (62-64); Philip Wise (66-69); L Oscar Santiago (82-86); David Burgess (71); Larry Young (59); Donald Skillman (76-77);

November 1998: Jerrol Satterfield (); Jay Nystrom (60-63);

Remember, *Charter Membership status will be conferred on persons joining the association, for the year 1998, through 31 December 1998.*

Membership packets (\$12.00) include a '98 Reunion booklet, membership card & certificate and quarterly newsletters. Any one desiring to become a member of the USS NITRO (AE-2/AE-23) Association may do so by sending a **check made payable to:**

USS NITRO Association
% Mr. Robert Eberlein
12215 Ashland
Granger, Indiana 46530-9654

Regular Assn. Memberships:

January, 1999. Alfred Machiaverna (42-43); Joseph Gentlemen (77-81);

1999 Association Dues \$20.00 **



Hotel

Arrangements



Hotel arrangements have been completed. The Nitro Association has booked a block of (30) rooms at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Cherry Hill, N. J., for the nights of 21 June thru 23 June. The rate for these rooms is \$85/night and may be reserved for Nitro Reunion attendees by calling the hotel at 800-257-8262 and telling them that you are with the Nitro Reunion and would like to reserve a room for (x) number of nights.

We have chosen this hotel for our reunion because it is near to the Naval Shipyard, will provide us with a room for our meetings and has a number of amenities that our members can take advantage of.

These rooms may be reserved anytime up to one month prior to our reunion. For your convenience, we are enclosing a reservation reminder card that you may use when reserving your room at the Four Points Hotel. You may reserve your room by credit card and it will not be charged until time of check out.



Ball Cap Update



The picture below is a representation of what the Nitro ball cap patch will look like.



We are going to be ordering these caps in mid February and need to receive your order and payment by the end of January.

Again, the caps will be available for the Philadelphia reunion or can be shipped to those persons not attending the reunion as the 1999 Association Dues **premium for \$23.00 (\$20.00 for the dues and \$3.00 for S/H). Additional ball caps may be ordered for \$14.00/ea.

◆◆ Request for Cruise Stories



We are still in need of additional cruise book stories for our 1999 Reunion booklet. These entrees should be between 100 and 500 words in length.

✠ *The Nitro Sage* - B.
Gregory ✠

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Address Correction Requested

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Success always occurs in private, and failure in full view..

✠ The Crows Nest ✠

We have received a request for information on Nitro AE-2 or 23 Cruise Books. OSCM(SW) Rick Dillard, USN, in San Diego, CA., is compiling a reference work on naval unit cruise books and would like our help.

Information he wants: Cruise dates, Title (spine & front), Editor, location of Publisher & Printer, Copyright date, # of pages, description of Cover (hard, soft, color, printing, design) and highlights of cruise (exercises, VIP visits, line crossings, etc.).

You may forward the information to me and I will send it to Rick. Also, if you have cruise book information on other ships, he would be interested in that as well.

From the editor's desk . . .

HAPPY  HOLIDAYS

A word of thanks to all who have taken an interest in becoming members of the Nitro Association. We are looking forward to welcoming many more members in 1999.

Keeping the memories alive, the renewal of old friendships and the beginning of new ones is what our organization is all about.

So, on behalf of the Association staff (the two Bob(s) and myself, thank you for the support and words of encouragement. May you all have a joyous holiday season.

A Final Thought

The house lights are dim, the German sea man's Christmas music is coming through my head phones, and I have a few moments with my thoughts. My active Navy and Reserve enlistments are over. My brother made it back from Nam.

For most of us, our military time has ended by several years. Hopefully the Holidays will be spent with family and friends. There was a time in our young lives, this was not the case. Instead we were on Quarter Deck watch, look out, fire watch, Shore Patrol, or some other watch that the Navy has.

For centuries, watches have kept the vigil as others have slept. Sad thing, this lonely activity will be repeated by all countries until the end of time.

This Holiday season, when surrounded by family and friends, take

a moment to think of our comrades on active duty who still stand the watches.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Fair winds and following seas,

Bob Eberlein, Founder, Nitro Assn.



USS Nitro Web Site



This is the place to watch for frequent updates on the Nitro reunion, association and other related activities

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/nalc820/ussnitro.htm>