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REUNION



Tampa, Florida Reunion
Sept. 26 - Sept. 30, 2012

**USS Everglades
USS Currituck
Torpedoman's Assn.
USS Pine Island**

All Hands . . .

We were so excited about the Pine Island (AV-12) joining us this year in Tampa Bay that we forgot to note the reunion dates in last quarters newsletter. This years Reunion will be from Sept. 26th through Sept. 30th. The \$89 room rate is guaranteed 3 days before & after the event, so come early and stay late.



The newsletter is our primary tool for keeping all the crew members informed, but it is not the only tool. We have two web pages that provide reunion details along with posting of old photos from the crew members. www.USSEverglades.org The Web Page is updated quarterly.

In addition we try and send out E-Mail updates and general ship information quarterly. If you want to be added to our mailing list send us an E-mail at AD24History@att.net Please note in "Subject" your ship's Hull Number or Name.

I understand not everyone has access to E-Mail or the Web, but I assure you your kids do, so ask them to print you out a copy of the latest newsletter or photos. Our photo only web site can be accessed by contacting me at AD24History@att.net for the My Family web site access.

I am also asking you to share your newsletter with fellow shipmates that may not get the newsletter by regular mail, and ask them if they would like to join us in Tampa Bay this year.

For example Florida has the most crew members of all the States with 791 crew members but only 58 are Association members, so keep an ear out for the possibilities of new members, and share your newsletter.

As stated before my focus will be on increasing membership, This includes having other ships join us, as the Pine Island has this year. The Salisbury Sound is considering the Idea, depending on the reunion site in 2013. This will need to be agreed to by all.

Thanks to all hands,

Gary Adams



**See Page 2 for info on Registering
for the Reunion in Tampa**



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SHIP'S STORE INFO

Please note that we usually have the items available for purchase from the Ship's Store listed on the last page of the Newsletter. This practice has been discontinued.

Since the last sale the availability of merchandise has been drastically reduced. Please contact Don Dillon prior to ordering to ensure the item(s) you desire are still in stock.



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The Plan of the Week 2012

Check in Sept. 26th - Check out Sept 30th

Hello Ship Mates, the 2012 Reunion will be at the Wyndam Tampa Westshore. Check in Sept. 26th - Check out Sept 30th. The room prices are \$89 per night. For reservations, call 813-289-8200. E-mail us if you need Help. Call Wayne Adams at 813-634-6010 or Charlie Bostick at 610-434-2768. May-Sept Call Gary Adams at 415-467-6284 any time.

WEDNESDAY 26th

12:00 Noon: Early Arrivals can check in at the Princess Palm Ballroom. This is also the Combined Association Hospitality room. The Hospitality room will remain open to 2200hrs.

Bring your Chinese Auction Stuff; it will be set up in the same Room (Long Tables) along the Walls. **No Tours for Wednesday 26th**, but there is a free Hotel Shuttle to the Westshore Mall or a short walking distance.

THURSDAY 27th

Hotel will provide Coupons at check in for a Full Hot Breakfast at your leisure in the Bluewater Grill.

Insure you receive your coupons at check in.

TOUR DEPARTS AT 0900hrs. 1630hrs. This is an All Day Tour of Tampa Bay area and surrounding country side. Highlights: See the Tampa bay Pirate ship, Davis Island Homes, Admission Included) Remember this is approximately 6 to 7 hour event



FRIDAY 28th



Breakfast in the Bluewater Cafe at your leisure. See you there.

Lunch Cruise Bus departs 11:00 and returns around 3:00pm. Cruise is out of Tampa aboard the Yacht Starship. Lunch will be a Seated Lunch so you can sit and enjoy the sights along the scenic Gulf. For those not attending there is the Westshore Mall.

SATURDAY 29th

0800hrs. Breakfast and General Meeting in Bluewater Grill. (Pick up your breakfast and take it to the meeting room or eat early and take your Coffee).

Chinese Auction and the Hospitality room will open after the General Meeting and close for the Auction Drawing at 1600hrs. The Hospitality room will reopen after the Banquet for drawing review and Winnings.

1730hrs a No Host Bar will Open in the Princess Palm Ballroom prior to the Dinner.

1800 Guest Speaker to be named later

1830 Dinner Banquet will be in the Royal Palm ballroom with Music after dinner.



The Chinese Auction

We have a tradition of holding a Silent/Chinese Auction. Remember to bring an unwrapped gift that will be "auctioned off" to help subsidize the cost of the Hospitality Room. The article can be anything from a special handmade item to that really ugly clock that Aunt Clara sent you last Christmas. The "Auction" will be held at a time and day to be announced and items will be on display as they arrive. Remember to turn the gift in early for display.



Welcome to Ybor City

Known as Tampa's Latin Quarter for over a century, Ybor City is an exotic blend of aromas, flavors, sights and sounds. From the scent of roasting Cuban coffee early in the morning to the rhythms of Latin music late into the night, Ybor is a feast for the senses.

Choose from a variety of cuisine - Spanish, Cuban, Italian, Greek and French - just by strolling down La Setima, the main street of the Historic District. Share authentic tapas and a pitcher of Spanish sangria in a café atmosphere reminiscent of a Mediterranean village.

Browse eclectic shops and art galleries or visit one of the museums. See a "hand-rolled cigar" being made or just relax and "people watch" with a cup of Ybor's famous cafe con-leche.

Listen to the music of the night - jazz, blues, salsa, reggae and even hip-hop emanate from a selection of pubs, patio bars and nightclubs. Ybor is alive with a variety of entertainment that makes it one of Florida's top-ranked nightspots.

Founded by Vicente Martinez-Ybor as a cigar-manufacturing center, Ybor City today is one of only two National Historic Landmark Districts in Florida. Red brick buildings, wrought iron balconies and narrow brick streets give it an old-world charm that is a refreshing change of pace from the beach and the mall.

Yacht StarShip, America's First 3-diamond rated Dining Yacht by AAA, ranks in the top 28% of all restaurants. Dinner cruises offer: private seating, tableside service, spectacular views and dancing under the stars.



Yacht Starship Lunch Cruise



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