

## 2017 USS Conway Reunion Announcement

### Colonial Williamsburg/Jamestown VA.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> USS Conway Veterans Association annual reunion will get underway starting Wed. Sept. 13, 2017 with hotel check-in and check-out is on Sun. Sept. 17, 2017. Our host hotel is the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina located at 700 Settlers Landing Road Hampton, Va. 23669. The hotel's décor is 100% nautical throughout and is very impressive. This 173 room IHG Rewards Club hotel has views that are spectacular as it is in the heart of the historic Hampton Harbor among the various boats and yachts. When making reservations please ask for a room with a view of the harbor and a refrigerator. The Crowne Plaza hotel has 2 on-site restaurants and an outdoor pool on the roof top with fantastic views of the Hampton Harbor Marina.

**NOTE>>>>For those shipmates who attended the 2016 reunion in New Bern, please disregard and discard the 2017 reunion information I provided to you in your goody bags. There was an error that I did not realize until after the 2016 New Bern reunion had ended. The tours listed in my handout that was provided to you in New Bern incorrectly states the tours are Wednesday, Sept. 13 and Thursday, Sept. 14. THIS IS WRONG!!! The tours are now correct in this newsletter. The tours are Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017 and Friday, Sept. 15, 2017. All other information on the announcement is correct.**

As always the hotel reservations are made by the individual shipmate by calling 757-727-9700. I was able to obtain a room rate of \$99 and that includes a huge daily buffet breakfast for two. The room rate is good three (3) days prior and three (3) days after the reunion dates for those who want extra time to tour this very historic area on your own. The hotel is located next to the Virginia Air & Space Museum, the famous Hampton Carousel that was built in 1920, and also next door is Miss Hampton II a tour boat that offers a 2 ½ to 3 hour harbor tour of Hampton Harbor and the Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk. All of these sites are within a few hundred feet to our hotel so no need to worry about walking any long distance. This will also give you additional choices for your free day which will be Saturday, Sept. 16. For those of you flying into the Norfolk area, unfortunately there is no airport shuttle provided by the hotel. The Norfolk International Airport is located 14 miles from the Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina.

We have Phillips Destination Management out of Norfolk handling our tours and registrations as we did at the 2014 reunion in Virginia Beach. All monies including the registration fee will be sent to Phillips for all your reunion meal & tour selections. Please read the information provided carefully concerning all your deadlines to avoid problems. Please note: Once you have

sent in your reservations and selections to Phillips DMC and need to cancel **prior to August 21, 2017**, the request **must** be in writing.

When you contact the Crowne Plaza Hotel for your room reservations, you must mention you are with the USS Conway Veterans Association to get this reduced room rate of \$99. There is on-site free garage parking and on-site Enterprise car rental desk at the hotel complex. Unfortunately there is no parking space for any RV parking at this facility. There are a few local RV sites that you can contact if needed. The Colonies RV Travel Park... (757-722-2200), Gosnold's Hope Park... (757-850-5116), and Sandy Bottom Nature Park... (757-825-4657).

A few of our shipmates have planned a golf outing in the past several years and I imagine that this will be the case this year also. The golf outing generally occurs on our reunion free day which will be Saturday, Sept. 16. There are three courses in the local area which are The Woodlands...(757-727-1195), The Hamptons...(757-766-9148), and the Peninsula...(757-723-9220) Golf Courses. My suggestion will be to contact Bob & Ronnie Duffey (570-698-0983) to make your golfing plans.

If I can be of any assistance or can answer any questions you may have concerning the 2017 Williamsburg/Jamestown reunion please feel free to contact me by my cell phone (724-766-8016) or email me at [mowedge@zoominternet.net](mailto:mowedge@zoominternet.net). I look forward to seeing the "Conway Family" once again this year. Please Shipmates.....if you know of any shipmates who have not attended one of our past reunions please attempt to make contact with them and encourage them to attend.

Bob Moody, USS Conway Veterans Association