

USS Robert E. Lee Association Reunion - Charleston, SC

Dates	Wednesday, May 18 to Sunday, May 22, 2005				
Hotel Info	Clarion Hotel Charleston Airport 7401 Northwoods Blvd. Charleston, SC 29406 (843) 572-2200 (843) 863-8316 fax website: www.ClarionCharleston.com				
Room Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$74 (+ 12% tax) per nigh, includes hot breakfast buffet • Discount rate is good 3 days before & 3 days after reunion 				
Reservations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • call (843) 572-2200 ... mention USS Robert E. Lee reunion 				
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarion has free airport shuttles 				
Reunion Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$75 per person - This fee includes 2 main meals (Friday's Hawaiian Luau & Saturday's banquet) and Sunday's departure breakfast. It also covers other costs the association has to pay (taxes, tips, hospitality suite & business meeting expenses, band & other entertainment, insurance, badges, printing handouts and so on). 				
Agenda	See Details of each Event on the back of this page				
	Wednesday - 5/18	Thursday - 5/19	Friday - 5/20	Saturday - 5/21	Sunday - 5/22
	9 - 10 am	9 - 10 am	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 12 noon	8 am - 10 am
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early registration • Hospitality Suite (between Tours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early registration • Hospitality Suite (between Tours) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration • Hospitality Suite (open all day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wives' program: Culinary Arts Demonstration or <i>* Tour Shopping</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farewell Breakfast • Closing Ceremony
	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 3 pm	10 am - 4 pm	10 am - 4:30 pm	10 am --???
	<i>* Tour</i> Historic Charleston & Boone Hall Plantation	<i>* Tour</i> American Military Museum & Fort Sumter	<i>* Tours</i> Patriot's Point & the Citadel	10 am - 11 am • Business Meeting	• Departure -- or --
	3 - 5 pm	3 - 5 pm	-- or --	12:30 - 4:30 pm <i>* Tour</i> CSS Hunley & Cold War Memorial	• <i>* Tours</i> 10 am - 6 pm Savannah Highlights 10 am - 4 pm Historic Charleston & Middleton Place -- or --
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early registration • Hospitality Suite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early registration • Hospitality Suite 	Shopping & Grand Homes		• On Your Own Stay at US Navy's SHORT STAY recreation facility
	5:30 - 9:00 pm	6:15 - 10:15 pm	6 pm - until??	5:30 pm - ??	
	Dinner <i>* Tour</i> at The Crab House (buses to/from) <i>* not covered by reunion fee</i>	Dinner <i>* Tour</i> Cruise aboard 100' luxury yacht Spirit of Carolina (buses to/from) <i>* not covered by reunion fee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poolside Party • Opening Ceremony • Eternal Patrol Ceremony • Hawaiian Luau • Crew Recognition Ceremony / Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photos & Cocktail party • Banquet • Awards Ceremony • Speaker: COMSUBGRU 10 Command Master Chief Tim Pew CMDCM (SS/DV) • Dancing • Entertainment 	
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Past Reunions	7th	New Orleans, LA	September 26-27, 2003	100 shipmates came	
	6th	Cocoa Beach, FL	October 26-27, 2001	80 shipmates came	
	5th	Seattle, WA	September 24-25, 1999	91 shipmates came	
	4th	Las Vegas, NV:	September 26-27, 1997	78 shipmates came	
	3rd	Virginia Beach, VA	October 27-28, 1995	71 shipmates came	
	2nd	Orlando, FL	October 22-23, 1993	40 shipmates came	
	1st	New London, CT	September 20-21, 1991	38 shipmates came	

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Wednesday & Thursday May 18-19	Early Registration & Hospitality Suite	The hospitality suite will generally be open after breakfast and before the tours depart, then after the afternoon tours return until about dinner time. Drop by to meet your friends, pick up your reunion badges & packets and just relax. In the afternoons, a cash bar at happy hour prices will be open.
Wednesday May 18	Historic Charleston & Boone Hall Tour 10 am - 4 pm	<p>Tour - Historic Charleston: Charleston's beautiful old historic district. View the lovely homes along the Battery, 18th century Rainbow Row, magnificent public buildings and churches, and many other points of interest. Have lunch on your own in the Old City Market.</p> <p>Tour - Boone Hall Plantation: Journey across the Cooper River to the town of Mt. Pleasant. Here visit historic Boone Hall Plantation which was used in the filming of the television mini series, "North And South" and "Queen" and for background filming in "Gone With the Wind". Tour the lovely Georgian plantation house, the slave quarters built from brick made on the plantation in the 1800's and watch the flower ladies making their sweetgrass baskets.</p>
	Dinner at The Crab House Restaurant 5:30 - 8:30 pm	Journey to Ripley Point for a delicious seafood dinner at the Crab House Restaurant. This restaurant has beautiful view of the Ashley as well as the surrounding marinas. We will be taken by bus and enjoy a complete dinner with choices of several entrees at the table.
Thursday May 19	American Military Museum & Fort Sumter Tour 10 am - 3 pm	<p>Tour - American Military Museum: Visit the museum, where you will see thousands of artifacts which tell the story of the American Armed Forces from the Revolution through the war in Afghanistan. The collection, which honors all branches of the armed forces, is presented in reverse chronological sequence, illustrating the development of personal uniforms.</p> <p>Tour - Fort Sumter: After your visit to the museum board the Spirit of Charleston for your cruise to Fort Sumter. As you cruise through Charleston's beautiful harbor, you will view the beautiful homes along the Battery and watch the sea gulls and the dolphins play in the harbor. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began, rangers from the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before you begin your tour of this famous bastion and its marvelous museum. Box lunch on the boat.</p>
	Spirit of Carolina Dinner Cruise 6:15 - 10:15 pm	Tour - Spirit of Carolina: Cruise Charleston's beautiful harbor by moonlight aboard the 100' luxury yacht, Spirit of Carolina. Enjoy the unique sights of our harbor at night as well as a delicious dinner in a romantic atmosphere. The view of the city is fantastic from the water and the sunsets are glorious. Dance to the music of a live band. Dinner entree choices can be made at the table. Alcoholic beverages and optional dessert menus are on your own.
Friday May 20	Registration & Hospitality Suite All Day	The hospitality suite will open after breakfast until about dinner time. Drop by to meet your friends, pick up your reunion badges & packets and just relax. In the afternoons, a cash bar at happy hour prices will be open.
	Patriot's Point & The Citadel Tour 10 am - 3 pm	<p>Tour - Patriot's Point: Tour Patriots Point, the world's largest naval and maritime museum. Visit the Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the destroyer LAFHEY, a participant in the World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine, CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy's last diesel powered submarines; and the Coast Guard Cutter, INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989. While at Patriots Point enjoy a traditional lunch in the CPO mess on the Yorktown.</p> <p>Tour - The Citadel: Tour the campus of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina.</p>

	<p>Shopping & Grand Homes Tour 10 am - 4 pm</p>	<p>Tour - Grand Houses of Charleston: Tour two of the finest houses in the city of Charleston. The Heyward-Washington House built in 1772 houses one of the two most outstanding collections of Charleston made furniture in the city. In this lovely Georgian House President George Washington resided during his week visit to Charleston in 1791. This house also boasts one of the few original kitchen houses in the city. The kitchen house is furnished as it would have been in the late 1700's. Our second stop will be at the Nathaniel Russell House which houses an equally fine collection of Charleston made furniture. Its spiraling cantilevered staircase is truly a work of art as is the house itself. Not only will you visit these houses but along the way your guides will point out numerous architecturally significant homes and exquisite gardens.</p> <p>Tour - Shopping: Includes round trip transportation to the historic district, guides, admissions and free time for shopping, browsing and lunch on your own. Perfect for antique lovers.</p>
<p>Friday May 20</p>	<p>Pool Side Party 6 - 7 pm</p>	<p>Pool Side Party: Before the Hawaiian Luau starts, we'll gather pool side to renew old friendships and relax. The hospitality suite, just around the corner, will remain open so you can still check out the Pictorial Reunion Attendee display of THEN / NOW photos & profiles of shipmates at the reunion to quickly recognize who everybody is. The Ship Store will remain open to give you a chance to pick up your USS Robert E. Lee hats, shirts, etc.. Cash Bar at happy hour prices will be open for the party and the Hawaiian Luau. After dinner, remain pool side to swap "sea stories" with old friends.</p>
	<p>Opening Ceremony Hawaiian Luau 7 - 10 pm</p>	<p>Traditional Hawaiian Luau, featuring a whole roasted suckling pig, barbecued beef, chicken, catfish filets and all of the "fixings".</p> <p>Opening & Eternal Patrol Ceremonies ... before dinner a Color Guard will help us start the ceremonies.</p> <p>Crew Recognition Awards after dinner followed by dancing and possible other entertainment.</p>
<p>Saturday May 21</p>	<p>Wives Program Culinary Arts Demonstrations</p> <p>or</p> <p>shopping tour</p> <p>9 am - Noon</p>	<p>Culinary Arts Demonstrations: Our shipmate, Jim Boggs, MMCM(SS), Blue 65-69, is head of maintenance at Johnson & Wales University. This school is Internationally recognized and the first school in the country to offer a bachelor of science degree in the Culinary Arts in 1993. The College of Culinary Arts has quickly grown to become the world's largest foodservice educator. Jim has arranged for a chef, who was a chef instructor at the college and is now heading up the culinary education program at Stratford High school, to put on various demonstrations, such as: fruit & vegetable carving, garnishing exhibition, carving & using chocolates and the care & use of cutlery, baking & pastry kits. The chef will also hold a question and answer period during the entire event.</p> <p>Tour - Shopping Spree: Browse with your escort through some unique Charleston shops. We will explore designer dress shops and shoe stores, gift shops, Charleston specialties (food and other), antiques and art shops.</p>
	<p>Business Meeting 10 - 11 am</p>	<p>Old or New Business: President's Report of the Association's activities since the last reunion and the Treasurer's Report. New resolutions presented by members.</p> <p>Officer Elections: select the next group of Association officers, President, Vice President and Secretary / Treasurer.</p> <p>Pick Next Reunion City: presentation by members who wish to recommend a city to hold the next reunion in, followed by members voting for one of the cities.</p>
	<p>Cold War Memorial 2:30 - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Tour - Cold War Submarine Memorial: Dedicated to the brave men who served on submarines during the Cold War & their families who endured long absences. It's a replica of a Benjamin Franklin Class FBM submarine, typical of those that were stationed in Charleston throughout the cold war. The planes and rudder are from the USS Lewis and Clark.</p>

	CSS Hunley Tour 12:30 - 2:30 pm	Tour - Confederate Submarine CSS H. L. Hunley: On February 17, 1864 the Confederate Submarine, H. L. Hunley successfully sank the Union warship, the Housatonic in Charleston Harbor by ramming it. After this successful foray she also sank with all of her crew to the bottom of the Atlantic where she remained until August 8, 2000. After months of planning and work by archeologists from the state and National Park Service, divers and marine engineers, she was successfully raised and placed in a special tank.
	Photos & Cocktail Party 5:30 - 7 pm	Group & Individual Photos: a tradition at all reunions is to gather to have our individual photos taken or couples while everyone is "dressed to the nines". We'll also "attempt" to have our large group photo taken, as well as smaller group photos (divisions, crews or just good friends) for the Memory Book. Cash Bar: at happy hour prices will be open while photos are taken
	Banquet Ceremonies Key Note Speech 7 - 9:30 pm	Banquet: menu to be announced - several main courses will be offered Ceremonies: Leadership & Friendship Award and Bravo-Zulu Awards Key Note Speech: Master Chief Timothy J. Pew CMDCM (SS/DV), the Command Master Chief of COMSUBGRU TEN at Kings Bay, GA.
	Dance Party & Entertainment 9:30 pm - til ??	Dancing to music spun by a DJ that other submarine reunions have used. Cash Bar at happy hour prices will be open for the banquet and remain open afterwards for the rest of the evening while you dance the night away or just relax while swapping "sea stories" with old friends.
Sunday May 22	Farewell Breakfast 8 - 10 am	Banquet Style Breakfast: full, hot breakfast buffet will be served in the Banquet Room instead of the restaurant. It gives everyone a chance to get together one last time before departing for home or other tours. Closing Ceremony: wrap up the reunion with last minute remarks, followed by a brief "retire the colors" closing ceremony and benediction.
	Depart or Tours 10 am - 6 pm	Tour - Historic Charleston & Middleton Place: Travel down live oak canopied roads to Middleton Place, a Registered National Historic Landmark and the plantation home of the Middleton family since 1741. Stroll through the magnificent Formal Gardens (the oldest in America) laid out by Henry Middleton in 1741 and explore the stabelyards, a living outdoor museum where the behind-the scenes story of life on an 18th century plantation is told with animals, artifacts, and craft exhibits. Tour the remaining wing of the Middleton House furnished with heirlooms from the Middleton family and enjoy a delicious luncheon in the Middleton Place Pavilion. Complete this excursion with a tour of Charleston's beautiful old historic district. View the lovely homes along the Battery, 18th century Rainbow Row, magnificent public buildings and churches, and other points of interest. Tour - Savannah Highlights Tour: Journey by motor coach to Georgia's most historic city, Savannah. Within Savannah's National Historic Landmark District beautiful streets and squares reveal 260 years of history, eloquently displayed in exquisite ironwork, ancient cobblestones, splendid mansions, and picturesque cottages. Upon arrival in Savannah spend some time shopping and browsing along River Street and have lunch on your own at one of this lovely old city's fine restaurants before taking a fascinating tour of this unique city. Highlights of the tour include Factors Walk, the Cotton Exchange, Trustees Walk, and Colonial Park. Included are tidbits from the "Garden of Good and Evil", Savannah's most popular book.

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