# USS Myles C. Fox DD/DDR-829

## http://MylesCFoxDD829.net webmaster@mylescfoxdd829.net



### New Orleans, Louisiana 2004 "The Big Easy"

The reunion committee, which was represented by Bill Quinn '45-46, Perry Ballinger '59-'61, and Paul Wieloszynski '69-'72, made the choice for this venue because it was in the South, its centrality, lots to do, and, best of all, was a Fox port of call. Here are the details, and updates can be found on the web site:

Date: October 21-23, 2004

Hotel: Holiday Inn Metairie 3400 I-10 Service Road

Metairie, LA 70001, 800-465-4329, Mention Fox making reservations: \$72.64/night w/tax.

#### **Activities:**

<u>Friday</u>: 2 PM - 9 PM Guided City Tour aboard bus followed by a Jazz Dinner Cruise aboard SS Natchez Sternwheeler on Mississippi River. Total cost of Tour and Dinner Cruise is **\$84.00 each, including dinner, taxes and all transportation to/from hotel.** 

Saturday: D-Day Museum 1 - 4PM Cost: \$20 per person. Includes transportation to/from hotel.

### **Saturday Banquet at Hotel**

Cost: \$35.00 per person, includes tax/gratuity. **Three Entrees**: BAYOU CHICKEN or RIBEYE STEAK (12oz) or GRILLED RED FISH, all with Twice-baked potatoes, salad, gumbo, rolls/butter, dessert, coffee/iced tea; CASH BAR. **Choice of five side dishes**: CRAWFISH MASHED POTATOES or GARLIC ROASTED MASHED POTATOES or TWICE

**Registration:** Registration form is on the other side of this page, at bottom. Circle dinner/tour selections: send payment, AND Friday/Saturday tour selections to: Perry Ballinger, 2468 Bellevue SW, Massillon, OH 44647, phone 330-832-8612, or e-mail: w8au@sssnet.com

# Ship's Store

All of our items are available via mail, and also will be at the reunion. We have:

- DD and DDR Fox ballcaps @ \$25.00 each
- Fox jacket patches at \$8.00,
- CD versions of 59-60, '70 and '72 Fox Cruisebooks for \$15.00
- Zippo lighters: \$25.00. Beauts!
- CD's of '52-'54 photos \$15.00 each.
- Video VHS or CD of 2003 Reunion

All proceeds support the Fox Ass'n.

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# **ASSOCIATION UPDATES**

Last newsletter included a request for financial support for the Fox Association. The response was overwhelming, and I suppose we should not have been surprised. A total of 186 men responded totaling \$8,900.00!! Our total assets, including the ship's store inventory and bank statement are now over \$12,000.00 as of this writing!! Sixteen of the 187 men who responded sent in Life Memberships of \$200.00! Yes, that IS a lot of money for what seems like a small DD/DDR association, but this membership fund permits us to do plenty of things that other groups have difficulty doing:

- Mailing Materials/postage
- Web hosting/registration/software
- Ship's store inventory

- Newsletter Printing
- Misc. Reunion expenses, printing
- Incorporation expenses

We will, for simplicity's sake, be renewing memberships at the annual reunion and as a part of the Winter newsletter that follows. Fox Association Membership is NOT mandatory for shipmates to participate in anything, including having a page on the web site for photographs or memorabilia. Levels of participation are: Life \$200.00, Gold \$40.00, Sustaining \$25.00, Supporting \$15.00. Articles of Incorporation are available on the web site or supplied on request.

It is our stated goal to support the Destroyer Museum at Battleship Cove, once we have enough excess funds and a member vote on how much to offer; we will have an executive committee meeting breakfast meeting 10/23 and expect to have a very short general meeting at the banquet. More details just prior to the reunion. We are creating a reunion committee for 2005 for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fox commissioning in Bath, Maine, so let us know if you want to contribute your time and talent. We anticipate having Fox family present for the event!

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## Postal/e-mail shipmate list

Fox shipmate list is now up to 911 and the number of names of shipmate is 2,565. We have come a long way since Bill Quinn started this reunion activity back in 1993; I'm not sure he ever thought his work would reach out and touch so many men. We have purchased shipmate lists from each of the first 19 years of the ship's service to start making a complete list, and have a few volunteers for the process of gleaning them, but need a few more. Let us know if you can help.

### **Volunteers & Committees**

We need a few men to help with some of the work at the hotel & banquet, tours, etc. Please contact Perry Ballinger 330-832-8612 or Paul Wieloszynski 813-872-8739.

### **Websites**

Our Fox website at <a href="http://MylesCFoxDD829.net">http://MylesCFoxDD829.net</a> continues to be the <a href="largest single-ship site">largest single-ship site in the World</a>! Hard to imagine, but there over 3,000 pictures and files on the site, and it will only be 40 months old in May 2004. We continue to receive photos and other memorabilia to include in the site, and that's what makes it so great, so please let us know if you have something to share. We have lots of folks from around the World looking at it, too, as we are averaging about 3,000 "page views" every day. If you don't have a computer and haven't seen the site, go to the local public library and ask the librarian for help with on their personal computers and go to that "address" noted above.

Our "other" Fox e-mail site that resides at YAHOO Groups is also the largest of its kind with 518 members; the closest astern is the Independence CVA 62, but we left them in our wake last year. If you have e-mail, make sure to contact us at: <a href="wieloszynski@MylesCFoxDD829.net">Wieloszynski@MylesCFoxDD829.net</a> or go to: <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MylesCFox-DD829/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MylesCFox-DD829/</a> We share lots of stories and information there, and lots of the old shipmate feelings seem to readily surface. Since its inception 40 months ago, we have sent a total of 5,888 messages. Man, that's a lot of sea stories...

# REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to: USS Myles C Fox DD-829 Assn., Inc.

Event	Date	How Many	Each	Total
City Tour/Dinner Cruise	Fri. 10/22/04		\$84.00	
D-Day Museum Tour	Sat. 10/23//04		\$20.00	
Crew Banquet	Sat. 10/23//04		\$35.00	
			TOTAL:	
Name (as they will appear on name tag)		1		
		2		
		3		
		4		