

# September 23-27, 2009

## Norfolk, VA

The plans are finally beginning to come together. We are hoping to have a large group of family members, friends and shipmates of the **USS Bunch** present at this year's reunion in the great state of Virginia where many of our shipmates and associates reside.

The reunion will be hosted at the Norfolk Airport Hilton. The cost per night will be \$101.57 with all taxes. Breakfast is not included in the cost but we will be given a discount card for (I believe) \$2 off a meal and it will be good on any meal at the restaurant at the hotel. It is a near Norfolk International Airport and has complimentary shuttle to and from the airport for those that will be flying in.

As usual there will be a \$10 gift exchange for the men and don't forget the women also get to have a \$10 gift exchange. Remember that there are to be no gifts of candy or money.

Information about the hotel and tours are included in this packet. We will not be using bus transportation for any of the tours that we are doing. There will be several that are flying into Norfolk so it is extremely important that you inform Paula whether you will be flying or driving and if you will be renting a car if you are flying into Norfolk. Curtis and Paula want to make sure that there will be enough space in all the vehicles for all that come.

Please call or email Paula Hickey Sothman at the following phone number or

Email address:

1-816-550-4957

psothman@st-tel.net

*Curtis and Paula want to thank you and hope that we will make the 2009 reunion enjoyable and memorable.*

**IF STAYING WITH RELATIVES:**

***Staying with relatives is quite alright. We welcome you to attend any and all activities that you wish to participate in.***

**Hilton Norfolk Airport**

1500 N. Military Highway

Norfolk, VA 23502

800-422-7474

*The hotel has an indoor pool and hot tub.*

*Parking is complimentary for all who drive in or rent a car.*

*There is a business center available.*

*The following is the description from their website of the king-bed rooms: The king-bed guest rooms are beautifully decorated with maple woods. Each guest room offers a 27-inch TV, Hilton Alarm Clock Radio with MP3 connection, chair and ottoman, work desk, two-line phones with voicemail, coffee maker, iron, ironing board, and an ion hair dryer. Pamper yourself in our handsomely appointed bathroom with marble top vanity, curved shower rod and oversized dressing mirror. Each guest room features items from the Hilton Serenity Collection. The Serenity Bed includes an exclusive Suite Dreams mattress and box springs, Super Topper mattress pad, down-filled comforters, Touch of Down pillows, 250 thread-count sheets and duvet cover, along with custom decorative bed throws and bolster pillows. The Serenity Bath features Crabtree & Evelyn La Source bath amenities.*

*Mom and I stayed at this hotel when we visited Norfolk and it is really nice!!*

*The website where you can check out the hotel and make reservations if you would like is [www.norfolkairport.hilton.com](http://www.norfolkairport.hilton.com)*

**COST OF ROOMS:**

Two Doubles	\$101.57
One King	\$101.57

**RESERVATION METHOD:**

Call the hotel at 800-422-7474 and tell them you are with the USS Bunch or online at <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ORFAHBF-BUNCH-20090920/index.jhtml>

**Registration Form**

**USS BUNCH DE 694/APD79 20<sup>th</sup> YEAR REUNION**

Hilton Norfolk Airport  
1500 N. Military Highway  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
800-422-7474

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEES

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Do not forget to pack your name badges, if an attendee does not have a name badge from a previous reunion, please put a star by their name

\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) will be flying to the reunion.

Phone number and/or email address where I (we) may be reached for further flight information

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\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) will be driving to the reunion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Activity and Banquet Registration

**Before the reunion a trip is being planned to Washington, DC** – contact Paula if interested

### 9/24 Victory Rover Harbor Tour, Nauticus Museum, and USS Wisconsin

This is a 2 hour cruise through the bustling Hampton Roads Harbor which is one of the largest in the world. We will enjoy a fascinating and entertaining commentary of the world's largest naval base. Along the way we will see all sorts of ships from around the world.

After a lunch, we will visit Nauticus, the National Maritime Center. This center explores the economic, naval, and natural powers of the sea. There are shows, theaters, and interactive exhibits. Also housed here is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, one of ten officially operated by the US Navy.

The battleship Wisconsin is berthed next to the Nauticus and we will be able to tour the ship. The ship saw action in WWII, the Korean War, and most recently the Persian Gulf War.

\$30 x number attending = \$\_\_\_\_\_

### 9/25 Colonial Williamsburg

We will depart for a day long excursion of restored Colonial Williamsburg and experience life as it was in our nation's yesterdays. Explore the homes and buildings where men like Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Patrick Henry inspired the fight for independence. Scores of original buildings, hundreds of homes, shops, and public buildings are reconstructed over 301 acres - most on their original foundations. Rare animal breeds, trades, and gardens add layers of authenticity to the recreated town.

\$35 x number attending = \$\_\_\_\_\_

### 9/26 MacArthur Memorial, Rowena's

We will be visiting the final resting place of General Douglas MacArthur and his wife. The memorial complex is located in Norfolk's restored 1850 city hall. The complex contains a museum, theater, and special exhibits. Discover the compelling story of this five-star general and the millions of men and women who served our nation during several wars through the extensive collection of military and personal artifacts.

Our lunch will be at a unique and interesting restaurant called Rowena's that is famous for its poundcakes and gourmet foods.

\$18 x number attending = \$\_\_\_\_\_

### 9/26 Banquet

Unfortunately the banquet plans are still in the planning stage. We will do our best to keep the cost of the banquet to \$20 or less per person. As soon as we know how much the banquet cost will be, we will inform those that register and they may pay for that when they arrive in Norfolk.

**Number of attendees** \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 x number attending = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL = \$\_\_\_\_\_**

***We would greatly appreciate returning the 3 forms and fees to Paula as soon as possible or no later than August 20, 2009. Make checks payable to USS Bunch.***

Paula Sothman  
260 S. School #B  
Colby, KS 67701

# Medical Release Form

*This form will be used only in case of an emergency and will be shredded as soon as the reunion is over.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

This form is completed and signed of my own free will.

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Special conditions an emergency room physician should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

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Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medications \_\_\_\_\_

In Case Of An Emergency Contact (non-traveling person) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_