

## USS UNDERHILL (DE 682) 63<sup>rd</sup> REUNION (2008)

1. **HOTEL:** Reservation **cut-off date** is **22 Jun 2008** before 5 PM Eastern

Make your reservation when you receive this notice before the room block gets filled.

Call 410-266-3131 or 1-888-627-8980 or 1-800-325-3535 to make reservations.

Sheraton Barcelo Anapolis Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Anapolis, MD 21401

Rooms are reserved for the nights of 22 – 24 July 2008. Check in time is 3 PM and checkout is 12 Noon.

Room Rate: \$142.00 per night for single or double occupancy. For this room rate, you must indicate you are with the USS UNDERHILL group when making your reservation. Be sure to get a confirmation number when you make your room reservation. Hotel bill is paid by you directly to the hotel.

**Hospitality Room** is Room 420. As per hotel security, please do not request a computer printout of everyone's name and room number. We can make a list of our room numbers in the hospitality room.

2. **BUSINESS MEETING:** 23 Jul 08, 7 PM – 9 PM in the Board Room (main floor of the hotel).

3. **MEMORIAL CHAPEL SERVICE HONORING USS UNDERHILL (DE 682) SAILORS KIA 24 Jul 45:** U.S. Naval Academy main chapel on Thursday, 24 Jul 08 starting at 2:45 PM to honor the USS Underhill sailors KIA 24 Jul 45. A U.S. Navy Chaplain will offer the Invocation and Benediction. The US Naval Academy Band bugler will play "Taps" as the 112 sailors killed in action that day are remembered. The organist will play the Prelude, Hymn, and Postlude.

4. **DINNER:** 24 Jul 08, 4:30 PM at the Sheraton Barcelo Anapolis Hotel (not the Officer's Club)

Selections include coffee or iced tea (price includes service charge and Maryland state tax):

Adults: Roast Prime Rib - \$42.26 or Chicken Marsala - \$34.57

Children (10 yrs & under): Chicken Fingers / Fries \$19.17

**Please** make dinner checks payable to me and **mail before 21 Jun 08** (I must in writing guarantee attendees and pay for the meals half in advance):

Paula Ponas

811 Brady Avenue #16

Steubenville, OH 43952

If you have any questions or problems please contact me directly as soon as possible at (740)284-1097. Please don't wait until after the cut-off dates. If I'm unavailable, please leave a message and I will return your call. Or, email me at: PaulaPonas@aol.com.

To assist me in mailing the reunion notices, it is important that you notify me directly of any change of address because every year I have notices returned to me for incorrect addresses. If you like you may include changes of phone number or email. Thank you for your cooperation.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 63<sup>rd</sup> reunion! May God bless you and those you love,

Paula Ponas, niece of Edward Walter Ponas, KIA 24 Jul 45 aboard the USS Underhill (DE 682).

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Cut along the dotted line and enclose with check.....please specify the total number of adult and child meals

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**Name(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Prime Rib meals at \$42.26 each for a total cost of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Chicken Marsala meals at \$34.57 each for a total cost of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of children's meals at \$19.17 each for a total cost of \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

## ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE

Eternal Father strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who biddst the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

Eternal Father, grant we pray,  
To all Marines both night and day,  
The courage, honor, strength, and skill  
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;  
Be Thou the shield forevermore  
From every peril to the Corps. Amen.

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night, with a light  
From above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam,  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.

## Sixty-Third Anniversary Memorial Service



# USS UNDERHILL (DE-682)



United States Naval Academy

Annapolis, Maryland

24 July 2008

## USS UNDERHILL (DE-682) Memorial Service



PRELUDE (Start approximately 1445)

INVOCATION USN Chaplain

ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE  
(Navy & Marine verses on back of program)

MEMORIAL OF LOST CREWMEN (roll call)

TAPS Navy Bugler

BENEDICTION USN Chaplain

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Shipmates who sacrificed their lives aboard the  
**USS Underhill (DE-682) on**  
**24 July 1945 at 1515**

Stanley J. Abcunas	Albert T. Friel	Richard A. Morrison
John R. Anderson	Baxter G. Garrett	John S. Murray
Kenneth I. Austin	Howard George	Lawrence C. R. Nadelhoffer
Michael Bandurich	Frank F. Grandinetti	Robert M. Newcomb
Alvin E. Beard	Cecil Greene	Fred W. Nicklaus
Ralph E. Bledsoe	Roscol E. Hand	Norman N. Niederstadt
John Raymond Boyd	Ollile J. Harper	Signard E. Odden
Jack L. Brazeal	Harold H. Hartwell, Jr.	Joseph E. Ott
Ray G. Buchanan	John P. Hayward	Kenneth C. Page
Robert E. Burkett	Donald A. Heist	William M. Patrick
Harold C. Cain	Cecil R. Heming	Herbert W. Patton
Michael D. Capperilli	Edward H. Higgins	Alfred A. Pihlaksar
Albert H. Carlson	Richard E. Hogus, Jr.	Roger A. Plante
F.P. Carrington	Leonard F. Howard	Edward Walter Ponas
Lawrence L. Cashin	John M. Howell	Francis X. Quinn
John T. Caskey	Benjamin G. Hubbard, Jr.	Edward J. Radka
Joseph Nolte Christie	Lester H. Hughes	Howard L. Roberts
George H. Compliment	John W. Jackson	Leroy Rozier
Jay H. Conlin	James W. Jiggetts	Talmage Sanders
Dixon P. Connally	Richard Johnson	George P. Scanlan
Fred A. Cooper, Jr.	Walter J. Joseph	Albert J. Schiavone
Henry Cosker	Vincent S. Joss	Harold M. Scott
William C. Coyne	Richard D. Keller	Joseph Shastak
William N. D'Amore	Richard Kneipp, Jr.	Robert L. Shaw
Donald L. Davis	Wilis P. Knight	Edwin Smith
Donald C. Deaton	Maurice J. Labbe	James E. Smith
Alphonse S. Dinardo	Robert Lacey	Adam J. Sobiech
Carl W Dittmar	Henry A. Lord	Michael Sudick, Jr.
James G. Doherty	Edison C. McMurray	Stanley J. Szymanski
Farrell J. Dolan	Donald M. Marks	George F. Toomey
Bert Donaldson	Dudley E. Marquis	Adam Urish
John T. Dye	Henry J. Masalski	Ernest E. Vance
Charles H. Fabringer	David Paul McBride	John L. Vitullo
William J. Ferrell	Gordon G. McCarty	Edmund L. Wegman
Thomas F. Ferguson	William G. McIlvrine	John E. Wagner
Arthur L. Fisher	Therman Miller	Vincent J. Willis
Nicholas Fondacaro	Stanley E. Moon	John Zak
Lewis J. Frantz		