



U.S.S. GEARING (DD-710) ASSOCIATION, Inc.



REUNION NOTICE 2012

APRIL 25 to APRIL 29, 2012

Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore Hotel
5303 West Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33609
813-289-1950

The new Crowne Plaza Hotel Tampa Westshore offers a uniqueness all its own that can perhaps be best described as modern and fresh but elegantly posh. The Crowne Plaza Hotel Tampa Westshore offers its guests complimentary shuttle service to and from Tampa Airport. It also offers free shuttle service to Westshore shopping mall and International Mall for those who want to shop.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel Tampa Westshore is located less than 2 miles from Tampa International Airport (TPA) and in the heart of the thriving Westshore business district.

The hotel is only a short walk from Westshore Plaza Mall, offering the finest in shopping, dining & entertainment. Additionally, it is just minutes from MacDill Airforce Base, downtown Tampa, Raymond James Stadium, George M. Steinbrenner Field and the University of Tampa. While visiting the Crowne Plaza Hotel Tampa Westshore you will find that our location is convenient to many attractions such as the Port of Tampa located at Channelside, International Plaza, St. Pete Times Forum, Busch Gardens, Adventure Island, Tropicana Field, Florida Aquarium and the 1-800-ASK-GARY Amphitheatre.

Three room rates have been negotiated **\$85.00, \$95.00 or \$120.00 per night + tax**, depending on room requested. The rate is good from April 23 to May 3. **Reservations close March 27, 2012.**

When making reservations indicate it is for the USS Gearing Association Reunion.

PLEASE ADVISE THE HOTEL WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Reunion Chairman, Leo Dougherty. He can be reached at 1-813-343-8201. E-Mail-lead1948@gmail.com

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday April 25

Registration – Check in
Pizza and Hospitality in Club Lounge 11th floor

Thursday April 26

Breakfast in West Ball Room 1st floor
Board buses for Tour of Tampa and Old Tampa
Lunch (included in tour) at historical Columbia
Restaurant in Ybor City
Return to hotel, free time
Hospitality room open Club Lounge 11th floor

Friday April 27

Breakfast in West Ball Room 1st floor
Board buses for Yacht Starship
Board Yacht Starship
Memorial Service
Lunch and tour of Tampa Bay
Return to dock, debark and board buses for hotel
Hotel and free time
Hospitality room open Club Lounge 11th floor
Board meeting (tentative) Marco Room

Saturday April 28

Breakfast in West Ball Room 1st floor
Business meeting in East Ball Room 1st floor
Ladies Auction in East Ball Room 1st floor
Free time
Banquet - Main/East Ball Room 1st floor

Sunday April 29

Cast Off and Farewell

1500 - ????
1600

0700 - 0900
0930
1200 - 1330

1500

0730 - 0930
1015
1130
1210
1220
1400
1445

1600

0730 - 0915
0930
1030
1130
1800

0700 - 1030

Complete and return to U.S.S. Gearing (DD-710) Association, Inc.

Scheduled activities at the reunion are listed below with the cost of each activity. Please select the activities you wish to participate in, fill in the number, and carry forward the total. *Also provide names you would like on name badges.* Make your checks payable to the U.S.S. Gearing Association and return to Treasurer, Dan Donohue.

CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 01, 2012

BANQUET BUFFET

COST - \$27.00 per person

Dress: Casual

Registration Fee (for shipmates only) _____ \$10.00

Banquet Buffet _____

@ \$27.00 each _____ Total

Tampa Bus Tour & Lunch _____

@ \$50.00 each _____ Total

Tampa Bay Boat Tour & Lunch _____

@ \$52.00 each _____ Total

TOTAL OF CHECK ENCLOSED _____

Badge Names: _____

Last Name : _____

Address : _____

**Send Checks & Response to Treasurer
Daniel S. Donohue
30 Downer Avenue
Scarsdale, NY 10583-4945**

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TOURS

Thursday April 26 - Historical bus tour of Tampa & lunch.

Columbia Restaurant - Buffet lunch with Teddy Roosevelt Salad, yellow rice and chicken (Arrol Con Pollo) or roast al Cubana pork and yellow rice, black beans and plantains, flan or Godiva chocolate cake, Cuban bread, choice of iced tea, coffee, or soft drinks. (\$50.00 per person-lunch, taxes, gratuity and bus transportation included).

Friday April 27 - Yacht Starship, Boat Tour of Tampa Bay, Memorial Service & lunch.

Yacht Starship - House salad, choice of either chicken roulade or catch of the day, starch, vegetables, freshly baked breads, two choices of desert, iced tea, coffee, cash bar. (\$52.00 per person - cruise, lunch, bus transportation, tax, tip, fuel surcharge, and port charge included)

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations must be made by **March 27, 2012** by calling the Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore Hotel at 1-813-289-1950 and advise them that you are with the USS Gearing Reunion.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE LADIES AUCTION

At the 2005 Annual Business meeting, it was voted on to charge a registration fee of \$10.00 for each shipmate attending the reunion to help defray some of the costs in setting up the reunion.

REUNION CHAIRMAN

Leo Dougherty
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1-813-343-8201

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DIRECTIONS

From I-275 Northbound

Exit 39A / Kennedy Boulevard. Hotel is located less than 1/2 mile on the left side.

From I-4 / I-275 Southbound

I-4 South will merge into I-275 South. Exit 40A / Westshore Boulevard. Take left at light onto Westshore Boulevard. Take right onto West Kennedy Boulevard. Stay in left lane and follow to second light. Turn left which remains West Kennedy Boulevard. Hotel is on right side.

HOTEL CHECK-IN

This group has been loaded in Passkey and the group code is CBT. Guests must call the Passkey Reservation Center at 1-888-233-9527 or simply use the booking link below in your browser.
https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=3409302&fromResdesk=true

CARIBBEAN CRUISE

A Caribbean cruise will follow the reunion. The cruise and the reunion are two separate and individual events. Contrary to rumor, you do **NOT** have to register for the cruise to attend the reunion and you do **NOT** have to register for the reunion to go on the cruise. You can choose to do either or both. While on the cruise, the hotel will allow you to leave your car at the hotel, if you stay one night at the hotel. Five night cruise info can be obtain from Cindy Campbell at 1-386-574-2379 or www.campbelltravelservices.com