



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



REUNION NOTICE 2019

MAY 05 (Sun) to MAY 09 (Thurs), 2019
Adam's Mark / Buffalo Grand Hotel
120 Church Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
716-845-5100

The Adam's Mark Hotel (Buffalo Grand Hotel) in Buffalo NY provides more of the comfort, amenities and entertainment choices you desire. In July of 2018 the Adam's Mark was sold to Stinson Hospitality and will be renamed Buffalo Grand Hotel. It is around 12 miles from The Buffalo Niagara International Airport and about a 20 minute drive from the airport to the hotel depending on the time of day/traffic via the Kensington Expy. W (Rt 33) or the 90 to I-90 (Exit 7). The Hotel is minutes from Buffalo's Canalside, Naval Park, KeyBank Center which is home to the Buffalo Sabres, Pierce Arrow Museum and many restaurants.

This remarkable Buffalo hotel has 486 deluxe guest rooms, including a variety of luxurious suites. It offers an extensive list of amenities and services that ensure every guest will experience absolute comfort and pleasure. The hotel offers a full service restaurant and bar, indoor swimming pool, business center and fitness center.

Coca-Cola Field is located near the Adam's Mark Buffalo. It is the home of The Buffalo Bisons, a professional Minor League Baseball team.

Key Bank Center – The Buffalo Bandits, are a professional box lacrosse team that play here. It is also the home of the Buffalo Sabers, a professional ice hockey team. It is also a venue for concerts in the city.

Niagara Falls, regarded as one of seven natural wonders of the world is only 18 miles from the hotel.

If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Reunion Chairman, Jim Peiffer. He can be reached at 1-#716-627-4678 or E-Mail - jimpeiffersr@gmail.com

RESERVATION INFO

For reservations, call Adam's Mark/Buffalo Grand Hotel at 716-845-5100 and reserve under U.S.S. Gearing Reunion.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: SAVE \$10 a night.

Reservation made prior to 3/5/2019 = \$102.00 + tax.

Reservation made on 3/5/2019 thru 4/5/2019 = \$112.00 + tax.

These group rates will be honored for all attendees three (3) days prior to group arrival and three (3) days after group departure based on availability. **Breakfast is NOT included.**

Parking is available at the Hotel - both outdoor and ramp parking. There is complimentary parking for USS Gearing guests. Please mention at time of check-in in order to receive complimentary pass. Unfortunately, there are no shuttles at any of the hotels in Buffalo but we do now have Uber.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Sunday May 05, 2019

- 1500- Check-In
- 1600- Hospitality Room Open

Monday May 06, 2019

- 0900- The Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum
- 1130- Buffet lunch at Chef's Restaurant
- 1300- Canal Side/Naval & Military Park Ceremony
- 1700- Return to Hotel (may be earlier depending on weather)
- 1930- Ladies Auction

Tuesday May 07, 2019

- 0900- Board busses for Niagara Power Vista Tour
- 1130- Buffet Lunch @ Waterstreet Landing in Lewiston NY
- 1300- Sightsee Niagara State Park, New York
- 1700- Return to Hotel
- 1930- Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday May 08, 2019

- 0830- Annual Business Meeting
- 1000- Buffalo Double Decker Bus Tour
- 1130- Return to Hotel
- 1900- Banquet and DJ

Thursday May 09, 2019

- 0900- Farewell and Castoff

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 05, 2019

BANQUET DINNER

London Broil, Sole Meuniere, Rolls & Butter, Salad, Green Beans Almandine, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Coffee, Tea and Dessert.

COST - \$60.00 per person

Dress: Casual

Registration Fee (for shipmates only)

\$10.00

Pierce Arrow Museum

_____ @ \$25.00 each

_____ Total

Buffet Lunch at Chef's Restaurant

_____ @ \$25.00 each

_____ Total

Naval Park/Canalside

_____ @ \$ 8.00 each

_____ Total

Buffet Lunch at Waterstreet Landing

_____ @ \$30.00 each

_____ Total

Buffalo Double Decker Tour

_____ @ \$20.00 each

_____ Total

Banquet Dinner

_____ @ \$60.00 each

_____ Total

TOTAL OF CHECK ENCLOSED _____

Badge Names: _____

Last Name : _____

Address : _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Send Checks & Response to Treasurer

Daniel S. Donohue

30 Downer Avenue

Scarsdale, NY 10583-4945

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Monday May 6, 2019

Pierce Arrow Museum

The museum was established in 1997 and has collected memorabilia, antique vehicles and historic artifacts to visually display the rich transportation history of Western New York. The museum tour high lights the history of the collection and the museum, explain how the pieces were acquired and feature a glimpse of the Buffalo Filling Station by Frank Lloyd Wright.

\$25.00 per person

Buffet Lunch at Chef's Restaurant

\$25.00 per person

Naval Park/Canalside

See our revitalized canal side which includes our Naval & Military Park. We will have our ceremony on the USS The Sullivans which is named for 5 brothers who lost their lives in the Battle of the Solomon Islands. It is an excellent example of the largest and most important class of U.S. destroyers in World War II. There will be seating set up on deck for the ceremony. After the ceremony you may tour The Sullivan along with the USS Croaker Submarine and the USS Little Rock. There is also a Naval & Military Museum along with many Memorials along Canal Side.

\$8.00 per person

Tuesday May 7, 2019

Niagara Power Vista

Includes spectacular views high above Niagara River Gorge Surround Sound, Multi-sensory 4D Ride for a Virtual Roller Coaster on the Electric Grid Hands-on, State-of-the-Art Technology Fun for All. Get up Close to NY's Largest Electricity Producer

Admission - Free

Buffet Lunch At Waterstreet Landing in Lewiston, NY

\$30.00 per person

Niagara Falls Park, New York: Free

Tour America's Oldest State Park, established in 1885. See Goat Island, Three Sisters Island, American Falls Viewing Area and Cave of the Winds. IF the weather is good and the Maid of Mist is running you can get close up to the falls. The price of the tickets are \$19.50 which you can obtain the day of with either cash or charge (they do not accept checks). There is also a \$1.50 charge to take the elevator down to the boat.

If you are not able to walk the park there is a trolley that will pick up and drop off which is around \$3.00 for the day.

Wednesday May 8, 2019

Buffalo Double Decker Tour

Take a tour of Buffalo on an English Double Decker Bus. This is a 90 minute fun and informative tour of the marina, canal side, outer harbor, grain silos, industrial heritage and downtown architecture.

\$20.00 per person

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations must be made by *April 05, 2019.*

REUNION CHAIRMAN

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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.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE LADIES AUCTION ON TUESDAY NIGHT