

USS ATKA Association

WELCOME TO PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

12th ANNUAL REUNION

Reunion Dates: April 25, 26, 27, 2013

Hotel: Crowne Plaza
801 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 732-6000

reservations@providenceri.crowneplaza.com

Room rates are per night \$111.87 including all taxes. The hotel is near T.F. Green (PVD) airport and does have airport shuttle service. You will need to make room reservations directly with the hotel and will not be charged until check-out. Please state if any special accommodations are required when making your reservations. All rooms are mini-suites and include microwave, refrigerator, coffee service, free wireless internet connection, and a complimentary breakfast buffet. Major airlines flying into Providence are United, US Air, Delta & Southwest.

The hotel has an open-air atrium with plenty of space to socialize. There is a heated in-door pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, and fitness center. We will also have our usual hospitality suite with beverages, snacks, the ship's store & memorabilia. Shuttle service is provided by the hotel for shopping at nearby malls.

Meal cost will be \$40.00 per person per day, including taxes & gratuities. Thursday night will feature a "Texas Barbeque" buffet which includes soup, barbeque chicken, baby back ribs and salads. Friday is a "New England Theme" buffet with New England clam chowder, little-neck clams with butter, baked scrod, grilled chicken & salads. Saturday's dinner is the "Watch Hill" buffet with top round of beef and mushroom, chicken marsala, baked sole filet, and three cheese pasta. All buffets include potato, vegetables, coffee, tea & dessert. **Meal payments must be sent directly to Mike Kovacs prior to April 1, 2013. The cost for kids under 12 is \$12.00 per day.**

On Friday, we will do a windshield tour of the Newport Naval Base with a visit to the Naval War College, including the museum with exhibits on naval warfare & history. We will lunch at the Officer's Club. After lunch, there will be a drive tour of Newport. The tour price is \$45 per person, including lunch. The meal and tour costs are based on a minimum of 40 people per day.

There will be some new items and a special presentation along with our usual memorabilia.

If you wish to order ATKA apparel, contact Joe Angerome at (718) 842-9069. No need to wait until April to make a purchase. If there are questions or special needs call Mike at (251) 962-2050 or (609) 506-7981.

2013 DUES ARE DUE! If you have not already done so, send your \$10.00 to:

**Mike Kovacs, Treasurer
USS ATKA Association
9274 County Road 99
Lillian, AL 36549**

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN PROVIDENCE!

When sending your dues , if you have an E-Mail address please provide it to help keep mailing costs down.

A Message from the Reunion Committee

Thanks to all Crewmembers, Mates, & Associate Members who helped make the 2012 USS ATKA reunion in Mobile a great success. And a special thanks to everyone who donated items for the auction.

The Mobile reunion was great because we attracted some new shipmates to the festivities, and one as far away as Grenada. The tour of the Naval Air Station in Pensacola was an extensive display of Naval aviation – from the Wright Brothers through the Vietnam War. Our visit to the USS Alabama Memorial Park included a dedication of a memorial wreath to our departed shipmates. It was a special time for many to reflect and remember fellow crew members. The hotel was great for relaxing and socializing with shipmates. Thanks again folks for adding more marvelous memories to our reunion experiences.

Shipmates Updates

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the families of our Shipmates who have crossed the bar or who have health issues, including those we do not know about. If you know of anyone having health issues or that has passed away please let Mike or Carl know. Mike (609) 506 7981 mikeakovacs@hotmail.com, Carl (616) 308 4846 browncarlione@aol.com.

About Providence & Newport

Providence, the capital of Rhode Island, was a shipping and shipbuilding town in its early days. Historic Benefit Street is lined with fine examples of beautifully restored Colonial homes and nearby is the oldest First Baptist Church in America. A tour of this Renaissance city might include the magnificent RI State House, Brown University, the RI School of Design and the John Brown House.

Newport boasts the largest number of original Colonial buildings of any city in the country. It is also famous for mansions built in the 1800's by the wealthy and used only as summer homes. For instance, the famous "Breakers" Mansion was built for the Vanderbilt's. Newport's magnificent harbor draws boats from around the world, confirming its reputation as a sailing capital. Downtown features the Brick marketplace and Bannister's Wharf.

USS ATKA Timeline

- 1942 – Laid down: July 20th
- 1943 – Launched March 8th
- 1944 – Commissioned "USCGC Southwind
- 1945 – After seeing service on the Greenland Patrol, Southwind was transferred to the Soviet Union on March 23rd, after assisting the Eastwind in capturing the German trawler Externsteine.
- 1946 – Our Soviet allies renamed her Admiral Makarov ("The father of the modern icebreaker").
- 1947-1949 – Russian service as Admiral Makarov, then returned to the US Navy.
- 1950 – The Navy renamed her ATKA.
- 1951-1965 – US Navy service.
- 1966 – All Navy icebreakers were transferred to the Coast Guard. On October 31st, ATKA was transferred and rechristened as USCGC Southwind. Leaving Boston, she was moved to her new homeport of Baltimore (Curtis Bay), MD. After a shakedown cruise to Bermuda, she embarked on her first operational cruise north to Thule, Greenland.
- 1967-1969 – Service as USCGC Southwind – Operation Deep Freeze, Antarctica.
- 1970-1975 – Service as USCGC Southwind.
- 1976 – Decommissioned and sold.

Why Do We Pay Dues?

Membership dues for the USS ATKA Association remain at \$10 per year. We are proud to be members, but with the rising costs of everything around us, it's hard not to wonder whether dues are really necessary.

So what are my dues used for?

1. Your dues card.
2. The Newsletter – our main source of communication among members;
3. Flowers & cards to any known shipmates and their families who have suffered illness or loss.
4. Printing, postage & supplies;
5. Maintenance of our website [www. Ussatkaagb3.org](http://www.Ussatkaagb3.org);
6. To keep down the cost of reunion expenses.

See you in Providence, April 25-27, 2013

Call us with questions

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