



USS Connole Reunion

*April 16 – 21, 2024
Charleston, South Carolina*



The hotel and reservation phone number:

Crowne Plaza Charleston
4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: (843) 744-4422

Welcome to the 2024 reunion of the USS Connole! Please join us for an exciting time in Charleston, South Carolina! We know you will have a wonderful time sharing the experience with old and new friends. The Crowne Plaza Charleston is where you can relax and enjoy your stay in this beautiful city. The rooms are comfortably made with seven layers of bedding and a 42-inch television for your enjoyment as you relax. The hotel offers an outdoor pool, fitness room, free Wi-Fi, dry cleaning services, wake up calls, and an onsite ATM. The Crowne Plaza Charleston has one restaurant for you to dine in during your stay, Sweetgrass Restaurant & Porch. Sweetgrass Restaurant & Porch offers Lunch and Dinner Tapas style, smaller shareable dishes. The Tapas menu is also available in the Sweetgrass Bar & Lounge, which has a 52-inch television for you to enjoy as you share a drink with friends.



Be sure to call the hotel directly for your reservations. Tell them you are with the USS Connole Reunion group to get the **discounted rate of \$148 plus tax** (breakfast is included). **Parking is free.** Please inform the hotel if you need a handicapped accessible room. Hotel Reservations must be made prior to **March 16, 2024**, to guarantee space and rate. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis and the discounted rate will not be guaranteed. We look forward to seeing you!

Airport Transportation: The hotel also offers a free shuttle service to and from the Charleston Airport. You can reach the hotel shuttle service at (843)744-4422 then option 2 for arrangements for shuttle service to and from the airport.

IMPORTANT NOTE

We ask for your own safety that someone accompanies you on your trip or that you ensure your family is aware of your traveling plans. Please provide us with the name and phone number of someone not attending to be contacted in case of emergency. Thank you.

Cancellation Refund Policy: If there are any extenuating circumstances, such as COVID-19 outbreaks or travel bans, complete refunds will be made to anyone registered for the reunion. If a tour must be cancelled but the reunion goes on the tour will be refunded.

All tours must achieve a minimum (30) number in order to complete the tour. Gratuities for the driver and guide are not included. We need all attendees to understand that the cutoff date of **March 16, 2024**, is primarily for the hotel and to assure the minimum number for tours. **IT IS NOT A CUT OFF DATE THAT MEANS YOU CAN NO LONGER SIGN UP FOR THE REUNION.** Please be aware that if you decide on-site that you want to take a tour, it will be based on space available on the coach.

You can register for the reunion now. Just print and complete the registration form on page 6 and mail it with your check in accordance with the instructions on the form.

FYI: If you would like to order USS Connole shirts, please contact Dave Neimeyer at dave@neimeyer.org for a price list/order form. Shirts must be ordered directly via Dave Neimeyer, NOT via "A Complete Reunion". NOTE: Shirts will ONLY be available for people attending the reunion and will be distributed at the reunion.



Agenda

All tours include transportation, guide (when applicable) and entrance fees. Meals are included only if indicated. Tours will board approximately 15 minutes prior to the departure times listed here. Check signs available at the registration desk in case of changes.

<p>Tuesday, April 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Check-in 3:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dinner and Evening on your own</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 17 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>  	<p style="text-align: center;">Tour #1 – Patriots Point / Fort Sumter \$102 (Includes Admissions, Transportation & Box Lunch)</p> <p>Explore the world’s largest Naval and Maritime Museum at your own pace. The destroyer USS Laffey, the submarine USS Clamagore, and the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown are all open for tours. The Medal of Honor Museum and the Vietnam River Patrol Base exhibits are not to be missed. We will eat our box lunches while aboard the Fort Sumter sight-seeing boat to tour the Charleston Harbor and then on to Fort Sumter (accessible only by water). See this major piece of American history including a museum of priceless exhibits.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Box lunch choices will be: Classic Carol (plain chicken salad) Fancy Nancy (Chicken salad w/ grapes, apples & pecans) BBQ Chicken Salad (BBQ sauce) Choose: White or wheat bread Fresh Fruit & Chips</p>
<p>Thursday, April 18 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tour #2 – Magnolia Plantation \$101 (includes transportation, general admission, admission to historic house, nature tram & historic garden)</p> <p>The Magnolia Plantation was founded in 1676 by the Drayton family and it has survived centuries of history. This amazing piece of America has survived from before the American Revolution to the Civil War to today. This tour includes the House and Tram Ride. Return to downtown Charleston for a stop at the Market Square for some shopping and lunch on your own before returning to the hotel for the evening. There are a lot of restaurant choices in the Market Square area.</p>
<p>Thursday, April 18 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Pizza Party</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pizza Party in the Hospitality Room (Included in registration fee)</p> <p>Pizzas ordered from Mellow Mushroom, a neighborhood Pizza Bakery, to be enjoyed at the hotel.</p> <p>Selections will include pepperoni, cheese, Hawaiian, supreme, sausage, pepperoni/mushroom</p>

<p>Friday, April 19 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.</p>  <p><i>Dinner and evening on your own.</i></p>	<p>Tour #2 – Charleston Tea Plantation \$81 (includes transportation, box lunch, trolley ride & tasting) Tour the only working Tea Plantation in the United States! Start with a narrated overview tour through the factory; where you will learn about how tea is harvested, processed, and packaged. Then board a trolley where you will see first-hand America's only production tea garden. Finally, enjoy a tea tasting of various types and flavors. A box lunch will be included.</p> <p>Box Lunch choices: Turkey & Swiss - Honey Wheat Bread Ham & Havarti - Sourdough Bread Chicken Caesar Wrap Chef Salad</p> <p>(Turkey, ham, egg, jack/cheddar cheese on crisp salad greens/. All served with condiments, chips, dill pickle, mint, cookie, iced tea or water</p>
<p>Saturday, April 20 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Group Meeting</p> <p>Rest of the day to explore Charleston on your own</p>
<p>Saturday, April 20 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Pictures</p>
<p>Note: The onsite coordinator from ACR is a professional photographer and will have an area set up for group shots – large group, small groups, couples – whatever you want. She does not charge your group or ACR anything to be onsite and manage the entire reunion. Nor does she require a minimum amount. She makes her money for this event by the pictures sold. You order whatever you want, they are printed during the week and can be picked up and taken with you as you leave. The large group shot is \$20 for an 8 X 10, others are less. (She does many of the pictures for the Air Force Academy, schools and special events in the Colorado Springs & Denver area)</p>	
<p>6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Banquet</p> <p>Grilled Baseball Sirloin - \$55 (with Green Peppercorn Demi-Glace) Roasted Herb Marinated Chicken Breast - \$47 Baked Atlantic Salmon - \$49 (w/bourbon glaze & fried leek garnish) All served with: Crown House Salad; oven-roasted herb potatoes; sauteed seasonal vegetables; Cheesecake; rolls; iced tea and coffee.</p>
<p>Sunday, April 21</p>	<p>Check-out</p>

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This name will be used on your Name Badge, please print clearly:

First Name:	Last Name:
Spouse:	Guest(s)
Address:	City:
State / Zip	E-Mail:
Phone:	Cell Phone:
Years Served: 19__ - 19__	Rank/Rate

Number of Persons X Cost per person = Total Cost

4/17 Tour #1 Patriots Point / Fort Sumter _____ @ \$102.00 = _____

Tour #1 Box Lunch Choice: (Bread: White ___ Wheat___)

___ Classic Carol ___ Fancy Nancy ___ BBQ Chicken Salad

4/18 Tour #2 Magnolia Plantation _____ @ \$101.00 = _____

4/19 Tour #3 Charleston Tea Plantation _____ @ \$81.00 = _____

Tour #3 Box Lunch Choice:

___ Turkey/Swiss ___ Ham/Havarti ___ Chicken Caesar Wrap ___ Chef Salad

4/20 Banquet: Grilled Baseball Sirloin _____ @ \$55.00 = _____

Roasted Herb Chicken Breast _____ @ \$47.00 = _____

Baked Atlantic Salmon _____ @ \$49.00 = _____

Registration: (Each attendee must pay this fee) _____ @ \$40.00 = _____

(includes registration, Hospitality Room, Pizza Party) TOTAL = _____

Emergency Contacts (Someone NOT attending):

Name:	Phone:	Relationship:
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Please identify any special accommodations you may need:

Physical support: _____ Special Meals: _____

Other: _____

Note: as a savings to you, we do not accept credit cards.

SEND THIS FORM & A CHECK (PAYABLE TO "A COMPLETE REUNION") FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO:

USS Connole c/o A Complete Reunion 2220 Glenwood Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80909	Contact Sherry at (719) 380-1412 email us at sherry@acomplereunion.com or monica.complereunion@gmail.com and visit our website at www.complereunion.com
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Refund Policy:

Cancellations before March 16, 2024, will receive a full refund minus \$18.00 processing fee. There will be no refund after that date. All tours must have a minimum number of people per tour. If you register for a tour and do not attend, you will NOT receive any refund. You will receive a confirmation letter detailing your selections within 7-10 days of us receiving it.