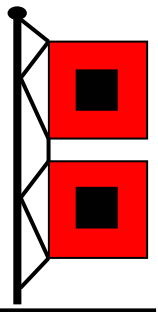


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From the President's Desk

It is that time again when we all start making plans to attend the Annual Hurricane Hunter's Reunion.

Again, it will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1201 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida. Phone number for reservations 904-398-8800. Early check in will be Wednesday Sept. 27, 2017 and run thru October 01, 2017. When you place your reservation please let them know that you are with the Navy Hurricane Hunters to receive the discounted rate. Looking forward to renewing old friendships and greeting the new members.

There are several side trips that are in the planning stage at this time, but are not yet finalized. All planned activities will be in your welcome packet. You can sign up then, or just plan your leisure time as you see fit. This is going to be a sit back and relax type of reunion with no pressure to do anything except swap stories, renew friendships and meet and greet new members. I believe at this time that there will be three members that have never attended a reunion and several that have been missing for quite some time.

During the 2016 reunion I had several members come forward expressing some concern the Organization was "locked in as to where the reunions are held." I was under the impression that the membership had voted to make the DoubleTree our permanent site. BUT, just so that the membership doesn't think that I'm inflexible on this issue, I will open this one more (and final) time. There are going to be some caveats. If it is decided to change the venue, then whomsoever makes the suggestion to change will name the City in which it will be held, name the venue, and do all the contact pre-work that goes into setting it up. I will help such individual as much as I can, but it will be phone or e-mail advice. There is a heck of a lot of work setting up a reunion, so buyer beware.

I am looking forward to attending this year's reunion and meeting and greeting all. Take care and traveling mercies to all.

Please have your registration form returned no later than September 09, 2017.

Fair winds and Following Seas

Ennis R. Eaton
President
US Navy Hurricane Hunters.

Jacksonville's DoubleTree Riverfront Hotel Site Of This Year's Reunion

Our headquarters hotel, the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront, is the site for our upcoming U.S. Navy Hurricane Hunter Reunion. This modern hotel is set in the commercial and Business district of the city center, on the south bank of the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville. It is surrounded by historic districts including San Marco, Riverside, and Avondale, all of which offer boutique shops, sidewalk cafes, and cultural attractions

The hotel boasts 12,000 square feet of event space, including an elegant ballroom and a stunning terrace overlooking the St. Johns River. This luxurious downtown Jacksonville hotel is ideal for our reunion as it can easily accommodate groups of up to 500 guests. As we have seen in the past, the hotel offers state of the art audio/visual technology, inspired catering, and a dedicated staff to ensure a smooth and effortless reunion.

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Hotel and pool facing the St. Johns River

The DoubleTree Riverfront offers spacious guest rooms and suites featuring complimentary Wi-Fi, a flat-screen HDTV, and a walk-out balcony offering excellent views of the St. Johns River or the City. Also available are Junior Suites for more space, superior views, and additional amenities, including a sleeper sofa, a microwave, and a mini-fridge.



Spectacular views of Jacksonville skyline and the St. Johns River from Ruth's Chris Steak House

Hunters seeking a truly memorable evening's dining experience can find it in the DoubleTree Riverfront at the iconic Ruth's Chris Steak House. There you can savor the finest corn-fed, custom-aged Midwestern beef, and pair your meal with a bottle of wine from Ruth's Chris' award-winning wine list. Or if you prefer, you can enjoy casual Jacksonville dining and fast, friendly service at St. Johns Provisional Co., the hotel's other restaurant. You can also grab a hot drink in the Starbucks Coffee Bar,

and unwind with a signature cocktail in the hotel's Lobby Lounge. Finally, you can energize body-and-soul using the contemporary equipment in the 24-hour fitness center, swim in the large outdoor pool, or just relax on a lounge under a palm tree near the pool.

TAPS

LCDR Edward E. Weller died on 16 Apr 2016. At that time, he had been suffering from Parkinson's Disease for nearly nine years. He was buried with high honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 7 Apr 2017. The delay in burial was caused by other family obligations. He is survived by his wife of 62 years (Beverle), and two daughters, Dr. Toni Weller Powell, and Terri Weller Godwin. He served with VW-4 for three-and-one-half years from mid 1958 to mid 1960 in Jacksonville and from mid 1960 until the end of 1961 Roosevelt Roads. He served in VW-4 as a PRC, and received his commission as he left the squadron, when he reported to Pensacola, for pre-flight. His only grandchild, Rachel Godwin, has a degree in meteorology, and loves it that her "G'Pa" was a "World Famous Hurricane Hunter."

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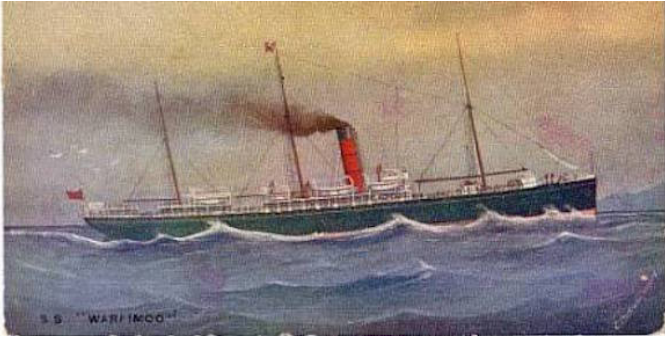
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The Fascinating Short Sea Story Of SS Warrimoo



SS Warrimoo

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 00° 31' N and LON 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".

Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ships position.

He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor.

At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in: two different days, two different months, two different years, two different seasons, but in two different centuries - all at the same time.



Mark Twain aboard SS Warrimoo

Editor's Note: Four years before the above incident, noted American author Mark Twain was traveling to Australia aboard the S.S. Warrimoo. In dire financial difficulties, he was embarking on an around the world speaking tour during which he also wrote 'Following the Equator,' his account of the journey. In it, he notes the moment the ship crossed the equator:

While we were crossing the 180th meridian it was Sunday in the stern of the ship where my family were, and Tuesday in the bow where I was. They were there eating the half of a fresh apple on the 8th, and I was at the same time eating the other half of it on the 10th—and I could notice how stale it was, already. The family were the same age that they were when I had left them five minutes before, but I was a day older now than I was then. The day they were living in stretched behind them half way round the globe, across the Pacific Ocean and America and Europe; the day I was living in stretched in front of me around the other half to meet it.

U.S. NAVY HURRICANE HUNTERS
Jacksonville, Florida
September 28th - October 1st

Registration Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Spouse/Guest (s) Name _____

Squadron (s) served in and years _____

	Price	Number	Total
Registration Fee per attendee	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
Wine & Cheese Party (Sep 28)	\$15.00	_____	\$_____
Banquet Dinner Selection (Sep 30):			
Prime Rib w/ <i>au jus</i>	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
Roasted Chicken	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
Potato & Herb Crusted Grouper	\$25.00	_____	\$_____
Check Total for all Reunion costs			\$_____

Dues \$25.00/year (Please enclose a separate dues check) \$_____

Make all checks payable to: Hurricane Hunters, Inc.

Mail this form and checks by September 01, 2017 to:

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