

To: Those who served on U.S.S. Seattle (AOE-3)

From: David L. Holton

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RE: Invitation to Join USS Seattle (AOE-3) Veterans Association

ATTENTION ON DECK

The USS Seattle (AOE-3) Veterans Association is inviting all sailors and officers who served on USS Seattle to join our association. We meet annually for a great time of fellowship and story sharing in different cities, usually ones with Naval or military places to visit. Each year we have a past Captain or XO of USS Seattle as our keynote dinner speaker. Below is a brief recap of just a few of our past 6 reunions:

Bremerton: 6 hour bus tour of the base, even though it was closed to civilians due to 9/11; Toured AOE-10 USNS Bridge. Toured Turner Joy and were taken to restricted areas.

Norfolk: Harbor tour; Tour on USS Enterprise; Tour and private lunch on USS Wisconsin; Tour of USS Cole as she was in port that day; Presented a plaque to USS Wisconsin Preservation Society that is now mounted on the bulkhead commemorating the Seattle's Captain's gig. Yes, Seattle's gig is on display aboard the Wisconsin. The Wisconsin's gig was destroyed, but the Seattle's gig was the same class and it was found, restored and is located on the aft starboard deck.

San Diego: Luxury yacht tour of the harbor; Toured USS Midway; Private tour at Seabee training facility to see Viet Nam Memorial to River Boats and those who served on them; Padre's baseball game.

Pensacola: Tour of USS Alabama with private lunch; National Flight Academy with tour of a submarine.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN TODAY!

Plans are well underway for our next reunion, August 3-7, 2016 in Washington, DC. **We are planning for several special events that most people cannot see or do.**

- White House and Capital Tours.
- Naval Academy Tour. One of our members is a past instructor at the Naval Academy and he is arranging a VIP tour for our Association
- Our Association has been approved to place the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is a highly sought after privilege and we are honored to have been selected.

What a unique personal privilege and honor it will be for you to be there and involved with this activity!

- **In order to attend the White House Tour we must register anyone (members and guests) who will be attending 6 months before the event. Once we submit names, no additions can be made to the list. The deadline to be on the list is January 31, 2016. So join now for just \$30.00 per year! Information on how to register for the White House Tour will be posted on the website and communicated via email to all members.**
- Membership includes the opportunity to attend the reunions; shopping on line at our well stocked Ship's Store with over 100 items like key chains, license plates, pens, coins, shirts and jackets, all with the Seattle name and logo; quarterly newsletters and an interactive website to communicate with your fellow shipmates and much, much more. **Dues are just \$30.00 per year. Join online at www.ussseattleaoe-3.org.** You can email or call David Holton, Vice President, at david@davidholtonconsulting.com or 704-698-5948 with questions.

On behalf of the Association, I hope you will consider joining us and bring *your stories* of Seattle during your time of service. **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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