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Here we are with the SUMMER NEWSLETTER, how time does fly by, it feels like we just published the WINTER NEWSLETTER. There are a few items to inform you of, that are important to us all.

As some of you may not be aware, Doug Rice has passed on May 30th. He has been doing our newsletter for several years with all the headaches that come with the responsibility; an excellent job. Doug's Family has graciously committed to publish the summer newsletter, a "HUGE" thank you!

Our Chaplain is struggling with his wife's health and his own. Prayers for the Rice family and the Diaz family please.

As before, this Reunion is one of the most important reunions that I have been involved in. We will be voting on joining the "GEARING GANG". If we do join them there are a lot of items to be ironed out.

This year is Election year for all Officers of the Everett F. Larson Association and we will also be deciding on next year's Reunion Location.

As always, a small correction on the Reunion form, checkout is Sept. 16th not Oct. 15th. Please get your Room Registration in ASAP, cutoff is August 12th, 2018. This is imperative as rooms are limited, if a problem does arise please call me at 352-232-7655, this is my cell phone. I will do my best to try and help you to get a room, but no promises. Please send in your registration forms also in order to get our dinner and tour information out to the vendors.

An item for the raffle table would be appreciated as this helps with covering our cost.

Please send in your dues for this year to our Treasure, David Pickett or bring them to the Reunion.

A SPECIAL thank you to Lorriaine Cope who passed on in Dec. of 2017, I was told her husband Peter was responsible for starting the ship's reunions.

All for now, looking forward to seeing old and new members at Charleston, and I'm hoping to see family members of the crew. Wishing you smooth sailing and good health, hope to see you in September.

Your President,
Ellis Warmkessel

Note from Art Jacobson - The Reunion:

Shipmates,

I want to take this opportunity to echo the thoughts of our president, Ellis Warmkessel from our last newsletter. We do need a large turnout from the Larson in Charleston.

We need to make a good impression on the members of the Gearing Gang. We need to show them we follow the values of our organization and take pride in the principles we are based on. A tradition of Identity, Extended Family and Comradeship.

By having a large contingent of Larson members to make this first impression we can show our willingness to become equal partners of this combined group.

We will always be Larson sailors first. We are going to insure the continued future of not only our ship, but the two other ships that are jointly meeting now.

I see this upcoming reunion as a positive step and as a great learning opportunity for all the ships involved. Not only are we going to get to know new shipmates from the same class of destroyers as our own we will be able to share ideas and plans with each other.

This all begins with the first impression we make. We only get one chance to make a first impression so let's make it a good one. Positive first impressions are very long lasting.

I look forward to seeing you all in Charleston in September. - Art Jacobson

Important Note about our Reunions:

Shipmates,

This is the latest update on our possible joining with the two ships in the Gearing Gang.

We are scheduled to meet in Charleston, SC on September 12, 2018 to September 16, 2018. We are attending as guests of the Gearing Gang ships and will be sharing many of their reunion events.

There will be a common Hospitality Suite for all the ships. The Larson has agreed to run this suite.

There will be a special "Mixer" event at 7:00 pm on Wednesday night to assist us to start meeting these existing members of the Gearing Gang and for them to start meeting us. I will be running the mixer and I

urge you all to make an effort to be involved. To fully participate you will need a pen or pencil per person. If you don't remember to bring one there are most likely pens in the hotel rooms.

The tours for each day are being run by the USS Shelton of the Gearing Gang. We will be travelling by bus and boat to see the attractions on the reunion schedule. This is an excellent time to also mingle with these sailors and their mates. Please try to meet and talk to as many as possible. You will be surprised by the things we all have in common, besides serving on a destroyer. At the end of the Thursday tour the hospitality suite will be opening, and this again is another opportunity to mingle.

On Friday evening the Gearing Gang will hold their banquet. I urge you to consider going to this banquet besides the Larson banquet to see how they are doing things. I know some of their plans and they sometimes have a guest speaker at their event. The cost of the Gearing Gang banquet is set to be \$50 per person. If you plan on attending this banquet include your payment with your registration form.

The Larson banquet is on Saturday evening and I have requested the Gearing Gang include this information in their newsletter with the same suggestion on attending both banquets.

Please try to register in a timely manner so the hotel can be ready for all attending these banquets.

- Art Jacobson

Note From Our Historian:

The Larson has had its share of colorful characters. I'm sure we all remember a few. Some fondly, some not so much.

Our first CO, Mike Myers, was one of them. Sporting a Silver Star and having already commanded a ship or two, he was TOUGH. The 1st XO didn't even make it through the shakedown cruise, another was fired for failing to remove his shoes before coming into the ship's office ashore in Hiroshima. By the time the ship was scheduled to come home, we had an ENSIGN as XO. (LTJG Ed Reute outranked him and was an Academy grad, but he was a supply officer and not eligible.)

The squadron doctor rode on the Larson and got seasick, even though he didn't realize we hadn't gotten under way yet.

Another XO was a mustang who would go drinking with the guys and "Lay them out for inspection" when he got mad at them. Then there was the SF who stole the ship's wheel from the can moored outboard of us, which they didn't find out until time to get under way. They had to swap the wheel from after steering and use a wrench in after steering !

I'm sure we all have stories, and I look forward to hearing them at the reunion. We'll be mingling with guys from two other ships, so we'll be able to recycle some of our lies this time !

- Gene Maresca

Note From the Treasurer - David Pickett

- In December 2017 my wife Kerry (who does most of the treasury work) did a routine check on the Larson bank account at Chase. There had been a withdrawal of several hundred dollars to a company called Acorn Investing.

- We notified Chase bank right away and got the withdrawal reversed. Over the next week or 10 days there were several more withdrawals which we were able to get reversed. The total it was attempted to be withdrawn was approximately \$2000. During that period of time we thought we had the account locked up so that no more withdrawals could be made. That did not happen.

- As a result the Chase account was closed because Chase (due to a policy change) no longer allowed "association" accts. We were going to have to run it all through a personal account in our names (Not acceptable)

- We did some research and chose Navy Federal Credit Union association account with Navy Federal credit Union. The advantage of being with them as they are national and they don't charge for us to have an account. We were also told we could mobile deposit checks for dues etc. as we do not have a Navy Federal office in the state of OH.

- The transfer to Navy Federal credit Union has not been easy. We have met the credit union no less than 5 times in person. Although we have mobile access to account information, we cannot deposit checks. We are just mailing the checks to their headquarters in Virginia. Disappointing but doable

- Currently the bank account has \$9161.95. This time last year the account was \$7776.26. - David Pickett

Note From the Secretary

The Larson Association took a huge hit in May with the passing of Doug Rice who has done such a fine job with this newsletter in recent years. We are very fortunate that Doug's daughter, Sarah D'Amico and other family members are getting this summer edition out for us.

Last year the Secretary's responsibilities were expanded to include keeping an up to date roster of shipmates. I am working on this in conjunction with Treasurer David Pickett and hope to have an up to date roster by our September reunion in Charleston. Please contact me with any update information.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Charleston.

Note From Tom Nordquist Larson Website:

We have made some additions to our Larson Website:

In addition to current topics, we are updating:

- Added the Military.com Website to our Portal Page
- Adding new information to The Larson Update
- Added a New Section under REUNIONS- "Current 2018 Reunion Information"
- With Condensed registration information
- As Member registrations are received for the 2018 Reunion, their names will be entered, so members can consider attending the reunion & renew friendships with old shipmates.

Please view the Larson Website frequently & keep updated on Shipmates and Activities.

Tom Nordquist - Email: tnordqu670@aol.com

In Memoriam - Bernard Diaz, Chaplain Departed Shipmates (since last newsletter):

EM3 Charles Zitka

LTJG Donald France

RMSN John Walsh

CWO Bob Stroy

QM2 Bill Counts

STSN James Russek

RM1 R R Long

MoMM3 Harold Gillman

SM2 William Mitchell

ET1 Cliff Pettit

RDSN Tony Baccelliere

DK Dick Gile

ETR2 Doug Rice

DC Alexander Parson

Page 3 GM3 Lawrence Scordo (Plank Owner)

Hello Friends,

My name is Sarah, I am one of Doug Rice's children, who has helped him with the Larson Newsletter for almost 10 years. As you may know, Doug passed away on May 30th, and he is greatly missed. A week before his passing, he asked me to help him get the Larson Summer Newsletter going, since he likes to get it out by July, well before the reunion. So we are doing the newsletter, in his memory, as we know he would want it done, and the Larson Newsletter is very important, and important to him!

Doug loved the Larson crew, and looked forward to the reunions that he and Sandy attended. He was very proud of his NAVY days, and we have heard many stories, and enjoyed each and everyone one of them.

He has left behind a loving family and many grandkids, his wife, which some of you may know, Sandy Rice, his son Justin Rice, and his wife Sue, and children Alyssa and Will, daughter Rachel Welch and her husband Patrick, children Liam, Lucas, Joseph, Jaxon and Taylor, and daughter Sarah D'Amico (me), husband Anthony, and children Colin, Cali, Ella, Oliver and Charleigh. Yes he had 12 grandchildren, he always said he wanted a 12 pack!

If you would like to send a note to Sandy and his family, email me at scmittell.iphone@gmail.com or mail to:

Sandy Rice & Family
83 Stonehedge Lane South
Guilford CT 06437

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, a charity near and dear to Doug. support.woundedwarriorproject.org

Thank you - The Rice Family



Doug and his 3 Children
Justin Rice, Doug Rice, Sarah D'Amico, Rachel Welch



Doug and his wife Sandy
The love of his life!

How many guys recall the trip back from Cuba in 1954 and running into the Hurricane? As you recall we were with the Tarawa aircraft carrier and they lost planes off there flight deck. We road the storm out for a few days then went into Boston for repairs.

- Art Colson

Newsletter Story by Bill Forbes RD2

When I served aboard Larson (1958-61), it was USS Everett F. Larson (DDR 830). We usually steamed with other tin cans like USS Black (DD 666) or USS Benner (DDR 807) or Lyman K. Swenson (DD 720). Once in a while, during a war game, we would serve in our role as the radar picket ship the R in DDR designated. That meant we would be stationed a hundred miles or so between our carrier task force and the simulated enemy. Our enemy in this particular air defense war game was other U.S. Navy planes bent on attacking our carrier. Our job was to detect their presence and radio the information to the carrier. Of course the carrier planes would then fly out, do their tally ho thing and shoot down the bad guys.

After being at general quarters for several hours and the good guys having managed to protect the carrier against all enemies, there was a lull in the action. That didn't mean the exercise was over and it meant we were still at general quarters. By now, Sailors who were smokers (and back then that was most of us) were really hungry for a cigarette. As you no doubt remember, the smoking lamp is out during GQ. Finally, the Admiral in Flag Plot on the carrier had his voice radio operator call us, the picket ship, to determine the situation. His radio operator said "Walter (our clever call sign) what do you hold" (meaning what do you hold on your radar). Our phone talker, a smoker himself and as tired of being at GQ as the rest of us, didn't wait for the ops officer to tell him how to respond. He just said, "This is Walter, we don't hold sh*t." Of course every ship in the exercise and probably several others heard the response. The only thing to do now was to wait and see what the Admiral would do to our Commanding Officer who would come down on the Ops Officer in CIC who would surely come down on our voice radio operator.

It turns out the Admiral on the carrier was just as tired of being at GQ as the rest of us. He must have been a smoker. The word that came back to us was that he thought the radio response was funny. In fact, it made him feel so good, he ended the exercise for the day.

Our voice radio operator was one of those guys who could always get away with "stuff". If I would have been on the radio that day and issued that assessment, I would probably still be in the brig.

Beginning of the Larson Reunions by Art Colson

The Larson Reunions were started by Peter and Lorraine Cope in 1987 in Cicero, N.Y. From there as you can see by the list they have been held in many Locations in the U S. I joined when the reunion was in Portland, Maine (Bath) in 1995 and new nothing of the reunions up until after the 1994 one. I met one of my shipmates who told me about the reunion and who to get in touch with. Also Peter had a large Model of the Larson that he brought to Portland and showed it in the swimming pool at the hotel. It was motorized I believe.

I became President in San Antonio, Texas. My wife Lorraine and I enjoyed the reunions and with a lot of help from Norm and Susan Welch, Joy Kelly, and many others we saw the reunion grow upwards to over 130 people coming to the reunions. We started the Newsletter as a means of getting in touch with former shipmates and bringing them news from the reunions also. Peter passed away several years ago and we just received word of Lorraines passing also. Peter had a vision and thankfully several other shipmates carried it on. After serving for 7 years as President it was time to pass the torch and have new blood to guide the assoc. It was a wonderful time for Lorraine and I to meet a lot of new friends and shipmates I never new where they were until joining the Assoc. I hope that others have done the same. The Larson was a wonderful ship with a lot of great guys to be aboard it. As the mailman when aboard I still recall all the perfume letters that came to several shipmates . My Post Office always had a wonderful smell from them!

- Art Colson 1951-1955 on the Larson (acollnnett@aol.com)

The First USS Laffey Sinks at Guadalcanal: November 13, 1942



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On 13 November 1942, the first USS Laffey (DD-459) was sunk by the Japanese during a night battle during the early stages of the naval battle of Guadalcanal, less than a year after being commissioned.

Fold3 Image - USS Laffey (DD-459)The USS Laffey—a Benson Class destroyer—was commissioned on 31 March 1942 and commanded by Lt. Comdr. William E. Hank. The Laffey was sent to the South Pacific to join in the naval operations around the strategically significant island of Guadalcanal, which Allied land forces were fighting to take from the Japanese.

In mid-September, the Laffey took part in rescue operations when the USS Wasp—an aircraft carrier involved in escorting troop transports to Guadalcanal—was sunk by a Japanese submarine. A month later, on 11–12 October, the Laffey and the rest of her cruiser group fought in the Battle of Cape Esperance, in which American ships successfully turned back a Japanese bombardment group that was headed to Guadalcanal.

A month after that, mid-November, saw the naval battle of Guadalcanal, in which Allied (mainly American) naval forces tried to prevent the Japanese from landing reinforcements on the island. To do this, American ships were deployed to stop the Japanese bombardment force that was coming to attack the island's American-held airfield in preparation for the landings.

The Laffey was part of the task force sent to stop the Japanese, and in the early morning of 13 November, the Americans spotted the Japanese ships. However, because it was dark, and because of communications problems, the Americans were unaware that they were practically surrounded by the Japanese. A chaotic, close-quarters battle ensued, and just before 2 a.m. the Laffey was struck in the fantail by a torpedo. Combined with other damage she sustained, the Laffey was put out of action. The order to abandon ship was given, but soon her magazines exploded and she swiftly sank, with a loss of 59 officers and men (including Lt. Comdr. Hank) and 116 wounded.

Despite inflicting heavy damage on the Americans during the fight, including sinking the Laffey and other ships, the Japanese bombardment group decided to withdraw. Over the next few days, American naval forces would meet the Japanese in additional fights and would ultimately prevent the Japanese from delivering most of their planned troops and supplies to Guadalcanal.

For the bravery of her crew, the Laffey was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, and the USS Hank was named after the Laffey's commander. A second—more famous—destroyer named the USS Laffey (DD-724) would be commissioned just over a year later, in February 1944.

Navy faults US warships in summer Pacific collisions that killed 17 sailors, officials say...

Article from <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/11/01/navy-faults-us-warships-in-summer-pacific-collisions-that-killed-17-sailors-officials-say.html>



A new report by the U.S. Navy into collisions involving two of its warships found both American ships at fault, Navy officials told Fox News. Both collisions were "avoidable" according to the report released Wednesday morning, the official said. "Both of these accidents were preventable and the respective investigations found multiple failures by watch standers that contributed to the incidents," Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson

said. "We must do better."

The guided-missile destroyer USS Fitzgerald collided with a large container ship on June 17 off the coast of Japan killing seven sailors. Already the captain, the second-in-command and the top senior enlisted sailor have been relieved of their duties. According to the International Rules of the Road for vessels on the high seas, USS Fitzgerald was in a crossing situation with the cargo ship, Crystal off to Fitzgerald's starboard or right side. Fitzgerald was required to maneuver, but did not until it was too late.

"In the 30 minutes leading up to the collision, neither Fitzgerald nor Crystal took such action to reduce the risk of collision until approximately one minute prior to the collision," the report said. Fitzgerald's Officer of the Deck "intended to take no action" in the minutes leading up to the collision until realizing it was "too late," the report said.

"The Officer of the Deck, the person responsible for safe navigation of the ship, exhibited poor seamanship by failing to maneuver as required, failing to sound the danger signal and failing to attempt to contact CRYSTAL on Bridge to Bridge radio. In addition, the Officer of the Deck did not call the Commanding Officer as appropriate and prescribed by Navy procedures to allow him to exercise more senior oversight and judgment of the situation," the report said.

In late August, another guided-missile destroyer, USS John S. McCain, collided with a merchant vessel, this time an oil tanker near Singapore. Ten American sailors drowned when their berthing spaces flooded. Before the deadly collision, the bridge team aboard McCain became distracted by a false alarm signaling the warship had lost steering, according to an official briefed on the report. "It made a bad situation worse," the official said, adding the destroyer was in a busy shipping lane at the time of the collision.

"We are a Navy that learns from mistakes and the Navy is firmly committed to doing everything possible to prevent an accident like this from happening again," Richardson said. "We must never allow an accident like this to take the lives of such magnificent young sailors and inflict such painful grief on their families and the nation." Both McCain's commanding officer and the executive officer, the second in command, were relieved of command earlier this month. The USS John S. McCain is named after Sen. John McCain's father and grandfather, both admirals in the Navy.

In September, the top two officers of the Navy's Japan-based 7th Fleet -- where both warships were based -- were fired. The Navy is currently without two warships capable of shooting down North Korean ballistic missiles, with the loss of McCain and Fitzgerald.

A second and more "comprehensive" investigation into a string of mishaps this year -- including a Navy warship running aground in Tokyo Bay in late January and spilling over 1,000 gallons of hydraulic fluid into Japanese waters -- is expected Thursday. The Navy's top officer, Adm. John M. Richardson, is set to hold a press conference at the Pentagon on Thursday as well.

****CURRENT EVENTS - PLEASE READ****

WE NEED MORE STORIES!!!

We have received some very interesting and personal emails and letters from those who served on the Larson, that you will find under the "Mail Call" heading.

There have to be hundreds of these stories. We would ask you to think back to those years on the Larson and email it or write it down and send it to Gene Maresca at genemaresca@aol.com. Give us as much detail as possible, with dates, names and we will share it with the Larson crew in our next newsletter!

NEW Larson Logo Apparel

I have set up an account with LL Bean to supply us with apparel. There is no minimum order, but there is a shipping cost and in most states if you do not have an LL Bean outlet store no tax. They are a great company, I have been a customer with them for many years.

Set up with their art department are 2 logos, one with black lettering for light colored apparel and gold lettering for dark colored apparel. If you go to their web site at www.llbeanbusiness.com you will see what is available for all polo shirts, long sleeve shirts, jackets, baseball caps and so on. All their clothing is available in Small to XLL and for men and women, and the logo can be added. There is a service charge of \$16.00 to add the Embroidered Logo. The clothing is very reasonable and good quality.

I ordered two polo shirts—one black and one white—and a baseball cap and they came out great. Below are the logos, if you would like to see them in color, please email me. When you call (see below) ask for **Direct to Business** and tell them you want the **USS E F Larson—account number—543365** and they will help you out with sizes, color, etc.

L.L.Bean
Direct to Business
Freeport, Maine 04033
Phone: 1-800-832-1889



NOTICES

We have been asked the question "Can you provide me with information on living shipmates?" We have a listing on over 1000 shipmates that we have located. We list them as Regular, Deceased or No Current Address (no forwarding address). So unless we are notified of a shipmate passing, we assume they are still living. To answer the question, please contact Gene Maresca at genemaresca@aol.com for a particular shipmate name, so a listing is available through Gene. Thank you.

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Did you know that you can purchase everything from uniform insignia and apparel to statues and mugs all year round?

No trip to the U.S. Navy Memorial is complete without a visit to the Ship's Store. Shop for your special hero, or treat yourself. The store is a fun place to browse and find souvenirs of our rich naval history.

Next time you're in Washington, D.C., stop in! Or visit us at: navymemorial.org.



THIS IS NOT A DRILL

Its still important to get dues paid and to get new members. We need to do both!
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With every edition, your Association mails out 309 Newsletters and Emails 149 Newsletters to members. Please let Sarah D'Amico (Doug Rice's daughter) at semitchell.iphone@gmail.com know if we can just provide you with the email version. With the rising costs of stamps, envelopes and printing, we would appreciate your help in cutting our costs. Thank you for your help.

Attention on Deck!

The members present at the San Francisco reunion voted to increase our dues. Effective March 1, 2015, annual dues are \$20 and Lifetime Membership is \$150.

As you know, once you pay a Lifetime Membership, you no longer pay annual dues. If you were already a Lifetime member, you **do not** owe anything more.

Welcome to Charleston South Carolina! The 2018 USS Everett F. Larson Association Reunion

- Reunion Dates – September 12 – 16, 2018
- Hotel –Doubletree by Hilton, 7401 Northwoods Blvd, Charleston SC, 29406, #843-518-6200.
- **Group Code:** Give code GGR. Rate \$129/night plus tax. Cut off is August 12, 2018
- Free Shuttle to and from airport and within 6 miles of hotel. Breakfast Included Daily.
- All Tours will be run by Gearing Gang to get to know how they do reunions. Larson Association will do the Hospitality Suite.
- Robert has invited golfers to play a morning round before Registration on Weds. Call him at 618-475-3248 or email rbpetrowich@gmail.com

Date	Event	# of People	Total Amount
Wednesday Sept 12th	REGISTRATION , 1pm in Hospitality Room. Gathering at 7:30pm also. \$15.00 per person for Registration Fee		\$
Thursday Sept 13th	Tour Magnolia Plantation at 8:45am. Lunch 12–12:30. Tour Charleston & shopping, Return to hotel 4:30pm. 7:15pm Sunset Memorial Service Choose # of lunch: ___Chicken Salad ___Turkey & Cheese ___Ham & Cheese \$101.00 per person		\$
Friday Sept 14th	9am Tour of Patriots Point. Lunch 11:45 Roasted Chicken. 12:45pm Tour Fort Sumter & Charleston Harbor. Return at 4pm \$89.00 per person		\$
	6:30pm Gearing Gang Banquet – Hospitality Room ___Grilled Salmon ___Herb Roasted Prime Rib \$50.00 per person		\$
OR	6:30pm O'Charleys Restaurant Dinner option. Dinners \$10 and up Shuttle service available to restaurant Individual checks – Number of People Reservation___		
Saturday Sept 15th	Morning: 9–10 Executive Meeting 10–12 General Meeting, 12:30 Raffle Evening: 6:30 Cash bar. 7pm Larson Buffet Banquet & Dancing \$65.00 per person		\$
Sunday Sept 16th	Breakfast & Checkout Farewell Hope Everyone had a great time and see you next year!		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$

Name: _____ First Name for Name Tag: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ First Name for Name Tag: _____

Address: _____

City/ ST / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

What years did you serve on Larson? _____

Please complete and make a check payable to: Ellis Warmkessel
Ellis Warmkessel, 14391 Spring Hill Drive, Suite 449, Spring Hill, FL 34609
Earlier the better! Please Return By: ??
Phone: 352-232-7655 Email: erwarmkessel@aol.com

If you have a Larson lanyard for your name tag, please bring it with you. Don't forget an item for the raffle!

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CHARLESTON REUNIONS ALONG WITH THE GEARING GANG

This year we need a large turnout of the Larson Members. We are taking a FINAL VOTE on joining with the Gearing Gang! Please attend this Reunion for the sake of the Larson Crew, please standup and be counted.

We have three things to be proud of:

- IDENTITY
- EXTENDED FAMILY
- COMRADESHIP

Let's not lose these!!

The Reunion Dates are Wednesday, **September 12, 2018** with checkout on Sunday, **September 16, 2018**. The Hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton in Charleston, SC. Phone number is 1-843-518-6200. You Give our Code GGR to get the guaranteed rate. The Rate is good for 3 days before and after the reunion dates. The rate is \$129.00 Per night plus tax. **CUT OFF IS AUGUST 12, 2018**
PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ASAP!

Address of Hotel:

Doubletree by Hilton
7401 Northwoods Blvd
Charleston, SC 29406

There is a FREE Shuttle to and from the Airport and within 6 miles of the Hotel, Breakfast is included daily.

All Tours this year will be run by the Gearing Gang in order to get to know how they do their Reunions. Larson Association will be doing the Hospitality Suite.

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