

**USS Cony DD/DDE-508 30th Annual Reunion
Providence, Rhode Island May 30 – June 3, 2012**

Hotel: Providence / Warwick Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI 02886, near the Providence Warwick Airport. Reunion rates are \$99.00 plus 13% tax. These rates are good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion, and include a complimentary buffet breakfast, free airport shuttle and the hotel will provide free shuttle to local shopping as well. RV parking is available for \$25.00 per night, but no hook up is provided. Reunion Rate cut-off date is April 30th. After that date the reunion rate will be extended on as available basis. For reservations call toll free: 800-227-6963 or local 401-732-6000, tell the operator that you are with USS Cony Reunion. You can make reservations on-line at the hotel's website www.crownehotelwarwick.com or email at reservations@providenceri.crowneplaza.com.

Driving Directions:

From the North. On I-95 take exit 12A (Route 113/East Avenue), bear right and take the first right onto Greenwich Ave/Rte 5. From the South, exit I-95 on exit 12. Turn slight right off the exit and then another slight right onto Greenwich Ave/Rte 5.

From the West on Massachusetts Turnpike (Rte 90 East) take exit 10A (US 20 / Worcester / Route 146 Providence.) Merge on to Rte 146 South toward Millbury/Providence. Then merge on Rte 295 south toward Warwick. Merge onto Rt 113W East Ave. via exit 12. Make a U turn on Rte 113E and then make a right onto Greenwich Ave/Rte 5. The Crowne Plaza is on the right hand side of Greenwich Ave.

Note: Special suggested routes that avoid driving through New York City will be in a separate article in this newsletter. A recent experience of driving on I-95 through New York made a believer out of me.

Hospitality Room: Our Buffet breakfast will be served in the Hospitality Room at 6:00 am. The room will remain open until about 11:00pm. Liquor, Beer, Wine, Soda and snacks will be available. The Hospitality Room **will be** closed during tour and meals unless someone remains in the room. If the room is emptied, the last one out must lock the door. Please do not take alcoholic drinks out of the room.

Memory Book: Due to the Memory Book fiasco we endured at our Norfolk reunion, we have decided to produce our own Memory Book. You can order your Memory book right on the registration form. Memory Books will sell for \$20 per book (24 pages). About half of what a photographer charges. The printer will send completed books to Ken Cox for mailing. If your pictures are sent to me right after the reunion, the process should not take more than about 4 weeks, give or take a few days. Once the process is learned, the time frame could be shorter and, in the future, books may be produced for a small fee.

Name Tags: If you attended the Branson Reunion, please bring the name tag "neck wallet" given to you for your name tag. We have a good supply of these neck wallets, but the more persons reuse them, the longer our supply will last.

Cony Cruise Photos: A 4 page section of the Memory Book will contain photos and information about last Octobers USS Cony Cruise with Carnival Cruise lines.

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, May 31st: Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA, visit the USS Massachusetts, USS Joe Kennedy, USS Lionfish and a Russian Missile Corvette (Guided Missile Destroyer). Included in the cost of this tour is the bus transportation, park admission, Memorial Ceremony set-up, a sandwich buffet luncheon, and all tips and gratuities. The buffet menu is sliced turkey, roast beef, tuna salad and sweet & sour kielbasa with peppers & onions. pasta, baked beans, potato salad, relish tray, desert and choice of beverage.

Association Meeting: The Association Meeting will be held on Thursday at 5:00 pm after our return from Battleship Park. This time frame will allow for a completely free Saturday morning for those who wish to go shopping, or tour the area on their own. The Hotel as a free shuttle service to some restaurants and shopping malls for this purpose. We'll discuss future reunion sites and other Association Business.

Fri, June 1st: Trip to Foxwoods Casino, Mashantucket, CT. The cost is \$25.00 pp but each person gets a \$15.00 slot play bonus, plus a \$10.00 food coupon. However, if you don't wish to use the food coupon in their restaurant, an outstanding **FREE** buffet is available. The bonus package is subject to change but will have the same value. Depart hotel for Foxwoods Casino at 9:00 am and leave Foxwoods at 3:00 pm for the return trip to the Hotel..

Buffet Dinner/Karaoke: The Buffet has Roast Top Round of Beef, Chicken Marsala and Sole Filet w/Crab Meat, along with a salad, veggies, potatoes and dessert. After the Buffet we will have our third annual “Cony Idol” Karaoke contest with the \$100 “Cony Idol” prize. We now have over 1,700 tunes from the 40’s through the 90’s.

Farewell Banquet: Entrees for the plated dinner are choice of Sliced London Broil or Boneless Chicken Breast with Sage and Apple Stuffing. Drawings will begin right after the meal and then our DJ Dance will run until 11:00 pm. Music provided by Ray Arruda’s “The Music Shop”.

Thursday, May 31st

9:00 am Depart Hotel for Battleship Cove arrive about 10:00 am
10:30 am Memorial Ceremony aboard USS Massachusetts
11:30 am Lunch in Officer’s Ward Room
3:00 pm Depart Battleship Cove, return to Hotel about 4:00
NOTE: Bus(es) load 15 – 30 minutes prior to stated departure times.
5.00 pm Association Meeting

Friday, June 1st

9:00 am Depart Hotel for Foxwoods Casino
3:00 pm Depart Foxwoods Casino for the Hotel.
NOTE: Bus(es) load 15 – 30 minutes prior to stated departure times.
7:00 pm Buffet Dinner and Karaoke (Cocktail hour at 6:30 pm – pay bar)
8:00 pm Cony Idol Karaoke Contest

Saturday, June 2nd

7:00 pm Farewell Banquet (Cocktail hour at 6:30 pm – pay bar)
8:00 pm DJ Dance, music & chat provided by Ray Arruba’s “The Music Shop”.
Prizes will be awarded between dinner and dance.

Note: We will have guests from the Cony family attend the reunion and they will be bringing some family memorabilia with them. Their presence will make this reunion even that much more memorable. See the article submitted by Roger Rieman for more information.

Note: For those who live close to Providence, and do not stay at the Crowne Plaza, you need only send this form and pay for selected activities plus the mandatory \$15 Registration Fee. If you’re not interested in the activities, you can pay the Registration Fee, which allows you to enjoy the beverages and snacks, while visiting your old shipmates, and this also enters you in the door prize drawing.

**SOME ATTENDEES WILL BE ATTENDING THEIR FIRST REUNION. BE SURE
TO WELCOME THEM INTO OUR MIDST. WE ARE ALL
CONY SHIPMATES, REGARDLESS
OF THE YEARS WE SPENT ABOARD HER.**

**A REMINDER --- IF YOU DRINK ALCOHOL, PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY.
WE WANT YOU BACK FOR MANY MORE REUNIONS.**

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May 30th – June 3rd, 2012 Providence, RI
Registration Form

Please print all information plainly. Write the names the way you want them printed on the name tags. (Nick Names can be used). List years aboard Cony as such: "65 – 69" not "4 years" and your rank as such:: BMSN not E-3. e.g.: RM3 65-67

Name:* _____ Rank:* _____ Yrs:* _____

Guests: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(Please Print Plainly)

Choose only the activities that you wish to participate in.

Date / Time/Activity	Nr of persons	X	Price	=	Total Cost
Thursday, May 31 st Battleship Cove		X	60.00	=	
Friday, June 1 st Foxwoods Casino		X	25.00	=	
Friday Buffet Dinner		X	35.00	=	
Saturday, June 2 nd - Farewell Banquet Sliced London Broil		X	38.00	=	
Boneless Breast of Chicken		X	38.00	=	
USS Cony Ball Cap		X	12.00	=	
Reunion Memory Book		X	20.00	=	
Reunion Registration Fee		X	15.00	=	
GRAND TOTAL					

Handicap Needs: _____ (ex: wheel chair / Special Diet)

Make Checks or Money Orders payable to: KEN COX

Mail form and payment to: Ken Cox, 104 Winterdale Dr., Lake Alfred, FL 33850

QUESTIONS: Ken Cox at 863-307-3187 email kcox@tampabay.rr.com