

Shipmates,

Our 2017 Reunion is less than six months away (September 18-20, 2017 at Bath, ME). Time flies and it will be here before we know it. AB Lewis found a great location and we are trying hard to finalize everything. Please take the time to look up the Bath area and see all the things it has to offer. As you know our ship was built in Bath so this is where it all began. We know that most people coming to Maine want the three L's. That is lobster, lighthouses, and LL Bean. We are going to be in the perfect location for all three. And since we will be telling a lot of them we can add "lies" as a fourth L.

Choosing the right tour for you is progressing slow because some places close for the Winter. We are leaning toward a combined harbor and lighthouse tour but just as soon as everything is finalized you will get a POD. Before we recommend a tour we usually take it ourselves to see if it is good. And we will be looking for other activities we think you would enjoy. Those of us involved in planning want you to have a great time and we want to make 2017 the best Reunion yet.

Our format will be like previous years. The first evening is our Meet and Greet. That is the part where we see if the other guys look as old and worn out as we do. The next day is tour day, and free time. The third day is Memorial Service in the morning, more free time in the afternoon and our Banquet in the evening. And the best part is all the rest of the event when we get to sit around with our old friends and reminisce about those good times on board the Leahy. Everything was new to us and many things we did was a new experience. Maybe our first time at sea, or our first foreign port, or any number of things we saw for the first time. We have so much in common it would be a shame to miss this opportunity to relive it with our Shipmates. And if your wife or girlfriend is coming assure her that our wives are planning activities also. We think they have more fun than we do.

So go ahead and make your reservation. We are looking forward to seeing all of you that can make it. And if you don't come we'll talk about what we saw you do in San Juan. Or, was that Genoa or Barcelona.

The Core Group: Bob Jefferies, Billy Abbott, Bruce Cullen, Leslie Anderson, Dave Ramsey, and A.B. Lewis.

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If you have any questions call any of us.