

USS NICHOLAS REUNION

LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK

11–15 October 2010

You are cordially invited to the 2010 *Nicholas* reunion at the height of the fall color season, Monday, 11 October through Friday, 15 October. The event will be held on scenic 32-mile-long Lake George, “Queen of American Lakes,” in New York’s Adirondack Mountains. It will be hosted by the Fort William Henry Resort and Conference Center (48 Canada Street, Lake George, New York 12845; telephone 800-234-0267 or 518-668-3081; web www.fortwilliamhenry.com), which is located at the site of events depicted in the James Fenimore Cooper’s classic tale *The Last of the Mohicans*.

ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND OPTIONAL PRELIMINARY EVENTS

Lake George is 65 miles north of Albany, New York, an hour’s drive on Interstate 87. Drive time from both New York and Boston is approximately 3-1/2 hours. Non-stop flights to Albany are available from points as distant as Chicago and Atlanta. For those not planning to drive or to rent their own car in Albany, the hotel offers ground transportation from the Albany International Airport or from the Albany-Rensselaer Amtrak station @ \$25 per person each way by prior arrangement (see reservation form).

Registration will take place in the hotel’s hospitality room, which will open at 1700 on Monday, 11 October. For those arriving earlier, an optional Sunday dinner and Monday auto tour to the sites of the Battle of Valcour Island, Battle of Lake Champlain (and possibly also Lake Placid, NY, site of the 1932 and 1980 Olympics) will be considered if there is interest.

PLANNED EVENTS

The *Plan of the Day* on the back side of this page lists the schedule of arranged events. Highlights will include an introduction to the history of the Lake George region with guide Red Hawk of the Abenaki Nation; a cruise on board the 101-year-old excursion boat MV *Mohican*; tours (1) of historic Fort Ticonderoga via Whitehall, New York, birthplace of the American Navy, (2) of the Saratoga battlefield, site of the turning point of the American Revolution, led by Nick Westbrook, Executive Director Emeritus of Fort Ticonderoga, and (3) on Friday before departure, of the beautifully-restored World War II destroyer escort USS *Slater* in Albany. A business meeting is planned for Tuesday morning; a memorial service is planned for Wednesday afternoon at Fort Ticonderoga.

A banquet will be held Thursday evening. Commander Corey Keniston, USN, current commanding officer of USS *Arleigh Burke* (DDG 51), lead ship of today’s *Arleigh Burke* class of guided missile destroyer, has been invited as guest speaker.

On Friday, for those who do not have their own vehicles, transportation will be available from the hotel either to the *Slater* or to the airport. Transportation from the *Slater* to the airport will also be available by prior arrangement.

LODGING

Lodging may be reserved directly with the hotel, which will hold rooms at reunion rates (see enclosed reservation form) through Friday, 10 September 2010. These rates will also be available for parties arriving up to three days before the reunion and staying up to three days afterward.

UPDATES

This reunion notice and updates will be posted on the *Nicholas* web site (www.ussnicholas.org). In the meantime, I’d be glad to answer your questions—by e-mail at nicholas@domeisland.com is preferred.

Lake George is beautiful in the fall and the Fort William Henry is a modern and beautiful site for a reunion. I look forward to welcoming you here,

Dave McComb
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USS NICHOLAS REUNION
LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK
PLAN OF THE DAY (EFFECTIVE 1 MARCH 2010)

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER

Arrival.

0930 Optional for early arrivals: muster for drive in your own car to sites of the Battle of Valcour Island and the Battle of Lake Champlain near Plattsburgh, NY—by prior arrangement only.

1700–2100 Hospitality room, registration.

Evening: open.

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

0730–0930 Breakfast: Fort William Henry Hotel.

0900–NOON Hospitality room, registration.

1000 Welcome. Introduction to the history of Lake George.

Business meeting to follow.

Suggested walking tour: Fort William Henry Museum (adjacent to the hotel).

Lunch: open.

1345 Muster in hotel lobby for cruise on Lake George.

1430–1700 MV *Mohican* island cruise (www.lakegeorgesteamboat.com).*

Dinner: open.

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER

0730–0930 Breakfast: Fort William Henry Hotel.

0930 Board buses for tour of Fort Ticonderoga via Whitehall, NY (birthplace of the American Navy).*

Lunch and guided tour: Fort Ticonderoga (www.fort-ticonderoga.org).*

Memorial service: at Fort Ticonderoga before departure.*

Dinner: open.

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER

0730–0930 Breakfast: Fort William Henry Hotel.

0930 Board buses for a visit to the New York State Military Museum and tour of Saratoga Battlefield (www.nps.gov/archive/sara/sara.htm).*

Lunch: Parting Glass Pub, Saratoga Springs.*

1830 Banquet: Fort William Henry Hotel.* Invited guest speaker: CDO Corey Keniston, Commanding Officer, USS *Arleigh Burke* (DDG 51).

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER

0730–0930 Breakfast: Fort William Henry Hotel.

Checkout for those who are leaving.

1000 Muster for drive to Albany, New York (65 miles south).

1200–1400 (Approx.) Guided tour of USS *Slater*.*

Departure.

*Ticket required. Will be provided at registration.

USS NICHOLAS 2010 REUNION RESERVATION FORM

LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK

Monday, 11 October through Friday, 15 October 2010

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:		Phone:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail address:			
Arrival date:	Departure date:	Rooming with:	

All reservations must be secured with a one night deposit. Checks and credit cards accepted.

Credit card type:	Credit card number:	Exp date:
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ALL ROOMS ARE PRICED PER DAY. PACKAGE INCLUDES BREAKFAST DAILY

Standard room	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 person @ \$106.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 people \$120.00 (\$60 Per Person)
Premium room	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 person @ \$120.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 people \$150.00 (\$75 Per Person)
Grand room	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 person @ \$180.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 people \$190.00 (\$95 Per Person)

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH NIGHTS YOU WILL BE STAYING WITH US

PRE

- Friday, 8 October
- Saturday, 9 October
- Sunday, 10 October

DURING

- Monday, 11 October
- Tuesday, 12 October
- Wednesday, 13 October
- Thursday, 14 October

POST

- Friday, 15 October
- Saturday, 16 October
- Sunday, 17 October

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Please indicate below if you require shuttle service from Albany Airport or Rensselaer Train Station. There is a \$25.00 charge per person, per trip.

Arrival Date & Time:	Flight/Train Number:
Departure Date & Time:	Flight/Train Number:
Airline/Train:	

ARRIVAL AND HOSPITALITY ROOM

All reservations at these rates must be made by **September 10, 2010**. Any rooms reserved after that date, will be based on availability and may not be offered at the discounted group rate. Rates are also valid for 3 days pre and post event.

Please mail or fax your hotel reservation to:

Fort William Henry Resort Hotel and Conference Center (Attention: Reservations)

48 Canada Street Lake George, NY 12845

Phone: (800) 234-0267 or (518) 964-6633 Fax: **(518) 964-6645**

EMAIL: rdaab@fortwilliamhenry.com

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are unable to honor your guaranteed reservation, please cancel 72 hours prior to arrival by 4:00 p.m. If you fail to cancel, your deposit will be forfeited. Reservations received after the cutoff date will be based on date and rate availability.

USS NICHOLAS 2010 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE MAIL TO: NICHOLAS REUNION, PO BOX 1695, BOLTON LANDING, NY 12814-1695
DUE DATE 10 SEPTEMBER 2010: Reservations made after 10 September will be accommodated if possible.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR PARTY

NAME	ARRIVAL DATE	E-MAIL
STREET ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NO.
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		CELL PHONE NO. DURING THE REUNION

NAME TAG INFORMATION FOR AS MANY AS 4 PEOPLE

NAME	NAME
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ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL YOU HAVE ARRANGED

- DRIVE OWN CAR
 RENT A CAR
 HOTEL PICKUP
 NEED ASSISTANCE

EVENT PLANNER AND PAYMENT CALCULATOR (PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM)

NO. OF PEOPLE				FEE	TOTAL	EVENT
1	2	3	4			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$52.00		Registration (basic fee for all attendees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	See text		MONDAY: Self-driven trip to Battles of Lake Champlain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$16.50		TUESDAY AFTERNOON: M/V <i>Mohican</i> island cruise.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$30.00		WEDNESDAY: Bus tour to Whitehall and Fort Ticonderoga. Includes lunch and memorial service.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$25.50		THURSDAY: Bus tour to New York State Military Museum and Saratoga Battlefield. Includes lunch.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$30.00		THURSDAY EVENING: Banquet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	@ \$6.00		FRIDAY: Tour of USS <i>Slater</i> , Albany.
TOTAL						

TRANSPORTATION FROM HOTEL TO ALBANY, FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER YOU HAVE ARRANGED

- OWN OR RENTAL CAR
 HOTEL DELIVERY TO SLATER
 HOTEL DELIVERY DIRECT TO AIRPORT
 NEED ASSISTANCE