

USS JOHN W WEEKS DD-701 ASSOCIATION

2025 WEEKS SUMMER/REUNION NEWSLETTER



President's Letter

Greetings to the John W Weeks family. I pray that this letter finds you all well and enjoying the warm weather after our winter season. The John W Weeks family is a very special family that began when the ship was commissioned in July 1944. An important part of the Weeks family are the

wives and children of those who served on the ship. Although many sailors on the ship made many honorable sacrifices during war or preserving peace, it was the wives that managed the families and the children that were crying on the pier as they waved goodbye to daddy that gave strength for the crew to carry out their mission. We are also an international family with our members coming from the Philippines, Thailand, Mexico, Canada, Germany and other countries. Our members not only live in the United States but in Australia and other parts of the world. I am honored to be part of this magnificent world family. We invite anyone who has been on the ship or a family member of someone who has been on the Weeks to join our association and be a member. As a member you can vote and hold office in the association.

This year we are planning our John W Weeks family reunion in Washington, DC from October 8 to October 12. We invite all those who served on the ship, wives and their families to join us for this fun event. Remember it is a family reunion, and we really appreciate not only wives, but also sons, daughters and other family members. Information concerning the reunion is contained in this newsletter.

Fred Dalton



Now Hear This!

**A REMINDER TO ALL
SHIPMATES RECEIVING
THIS NEWSLETTER...THE
DEADLINE FOR 2025
ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT
WAS MARCH 31**

**Change of address, email or
membership status? Please
notify Dave Parent at
d.parent@sbcglobal.net**

(708) 703-1087

LOCATION:

The Westin Inn

Washington Dulles Airport, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon, VA, 20171

Shuttle service is free to and from the Dulles airport

DATES:

Wednesday, 10/08/2025 - Sunday, 10/12/2025

ROOM RATES: Standard 2 Queen Beds \$142.00 + Tax Standard King bed \$142.00 + Tax

This special Weeks rate is available for your stay from October 6 to October 16.

RESERVATIONS:

Reservations for the Event will be made by individual attendees directly with **Marriott Reservations at (866) 932-7062** or via online reservation link below:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1752089185011&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Reservations must be made before September 12

A copy of the reunion agenda and schedule of events will be available at the Weeks registration desk

NAME OF EVENT:

USS John W. Weeks Reunion

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USS JOHN W WEEKS REUNION – OCTOBER 8-12, 2025

**JOHN W. WEEKS (DD-701) 2025 REUNION • WASHINGTON DC
REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT**

**Payment must be received by mail on or before *SEPTEMBER 12*. Hotel reservations must be made on or before Sept 12th to receive the Weeks group rate. MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: *USS John W Weeks Association*. Mail Check and this Completed Registration Form to:
John Lion 129 Crescent Road Landenberg, PA 19350**

CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 12 2025

	Price Per Person	# of People	Total
TOURS			
Thursday, 10/9 National Air & Space Museum Located near the hotel (Car Pool)	No Charge		
Friday, 10/10 War Memorial and Monument Bus Tour	\$60		\$
Saturday, 10/11 Free Day to Tour on Your Own			
MEALS			
Wednesday, 10/8 Welcome Dinner	\$15		\$
Saturday, 10/11: Banquet Buffet Dinner (Choice of Chicken, Beef and Fish) Price includes required hotel service charge and state tax.	\$60		\$
<u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEES</u>			
This Fee includes registration and <i>access to hospitality room</i>	\$50		\$
2025 Dues (If Not Yet Paid)	\$25		\$
Total Amount Payable to USS JOHN W WEEKS ASSOCIATION			

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST _____ LAST _____

YEARS ON BOARD _____ RATE / RANK _____

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST(S) NAME(S) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____@_____

This Year's Reunion in Washington, DC

This year's reunion in Washington, DC promises to be one of our best yet, with so much to see and do in the area. Just to mention a few highlights:

- **Arlington National Cemetery**, which includes the grave of John W Weeks
- The moving **Vietnam, World War II, and Korean War Memorials**
- The iconic **Capitol Building**
- The **Downtown Navy Memorial**, honoring sea service members
- A variety of museums, including the renowned **Smithsonian Institution and the nearby National Air and Space museum**
- And many more inspiring sites

For those looking to explore beyond the city, there are numerous Civil War landmarks within an hour's drive—including the scenic town of **Harpers Ferry**, steeped in history and beauty.

You might want to extend your stay at our special rate just to take in some of the extra sites

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JOIN US AT OUR NATIONS CAPITAL FOR OUR 2025 REUNION!



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