



USS PUEBLO AGER-2

Shipmates & Friends,

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It is time to get out the initial information on the Reunion, 2012 in Annapolis. I will both email and snail mail this. If you do not get this as an email, it means that I do not have your email or I have an incorrect email address. Please email me something so I have your correct address.

Historically, many of you probably know that one of the other US ships that was seized was the USS Chesapeake taken by the British in 1807. James Barron was the skipper. He was courtmartialed in 1808 and found innocent of most charges. Although reinstated in the Navy, he never went to sea again. Stephen Decatur, an American hero from the war of 1812 and who had helped defeat the Barbary Pirates of Tripoli, was one of the board members who tried James Barron.

Barron always felt that Decatur had ruined him and his career. In 1818, Barron challenged Decatur to a duel. Barron was nearsighted so the duel was held at eight paces. Both men were hit, Barron in the thigh, but Decatur was mortally wounded. Those pistols are now in the Annapolis Museum.

Also, after 200 years the British have returned the Chesapeake to the USA. Or, rather, a piece of it, as the ship is gone. On June 10, 2000, military leaders from Portsmouth, England presented a framed piece of the Chesapeake to the Portsmouth Historical Society symbolically ending the seizure. Lets hope that we get more than that back from the North Koreans.

Our Reunion will be held in Annapolis, Md. Dates are Tues. Sept. 11 to Fri. Sept. 14, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Md. 21401. You can call 410-224-3150 for reservations. Our rate is \$109 per day and let them know if you come early or intend to stay late.

The schedule is still being detailed, but we will have the welcome party, a tour of Washington, a trip to the NSA museum, a crab feast, tour of Annapolis Naval Academy, and a banquet on Friday night. Details to follow!

Regards,

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