

# U.S.S. JOUETT (DLG/CG-29) ASSOCIATION



## NEWSLETTER

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### U.S.S. Jouett DLG29

Commissioned December 3, 1966

Reclassified CG29 June 30, 1975

Decommissioned January 28, 1994

ETERNAL VIGILANCE

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- Vice President—Ray Fair
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### Hello Shipmates!

It's that time of the year when we have to start thinking about Jouett's next reunion. This year the reunion will be held October 14 through October 17 in Charleston SC. More information can be found at the back of this newsletter.

As a further note, the USS Jouett Association does not provide alcoholic beverages at its gatherings. The fee slated for the reception is for the cheese & cracker plate and other hors d'oeuvres. If a member would like to participate in wine tasting, beer drinking or ice cube drowning that is up to the individual and is not sanctioned by the association. Other than that, come and enjoy fellowship, lies, story telling and truth twisting by your new and former shipmates. But most of all, come and have a good time.

### REMEMBER

*USS Jouett Association dues were due in December. It is not too late to send in your dues payment of \$20.00 to*

*John Hutchinson*

## From the Quarterdeck:

Hello Shipmates,

Here's wishing you all a HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS AND COVID FREE year.

Gail and I have had both shots, with her getting the Moderna and me getting the Pfizer. We hope you are all having success in scheduling and receiving you shots for those electing to do so.

It looks like the reunion will be taking place as scheduled this year. It will be good to see everyone who attends. At the time of the reunion we WILL be following whatever South Carolina mandates are in effect for COVID. Hopefully by that time, there won't be many.

There had been some discussion among Board Members, about having another reunion next year in Ohio. This would put us back on our original 2 year schedule. This will be discussed with the full body at our association meeting during the reunion in October.

There is also a board discussion about the Association paying for attendees meals at the reunion. More to follow in this newsletter from Terry George (pg10).

All members are reminded about dues that were due for last year, if not paid or forgotten because of the pandemic. You will be able to pay with your reunion registration.

Please take time to consider running for office at the reunion. Some of your present officers have been in place for years. I, personally, will not run for President again. We will be opening the floor for nominations at the beginning of the meeting.

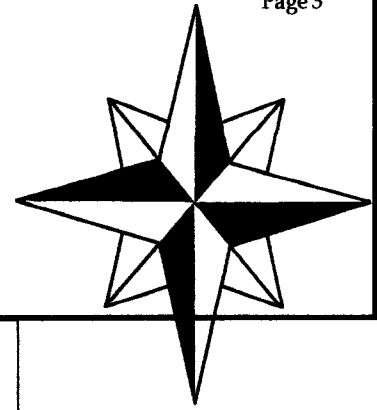
Gail and I are wishing you and yours a safe and healthy summer, and we are looking forward to the reunion and seeing you there.

*Jim Jordan*

President USS Jouett Association

Please fill out this form and mail to:

Herman Touchet  
6160 Rue Novembre  
Scott LA



CUSTOMER INFORMATION:

SHIPPING & HANDLING S & H Cost

	merchandise sub-total	S&H price
NAME: _____	Up to \$30.00 _____	\$ 5.95
ADDRESS: _____	\$30.01 - \$55.00 _____	\$ 7.95
CITY: _____	\$55.01 - \$75.00 _____	\$ 9.95
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____	\$75.01 - \$100.00 _____	\$ 11.95
PHONE #: _____	\$100.01 - \$140.00 _____	\$ 14.95
	\$140.01 plus _____	\$ 17.95

Commanding Officers  
U. S. S. Jouett (DLG/CG 29)

- is available at the following addresses:
1. 1971-1972  
2. 1972-1974  
3. 1974-1978  
4. 1978-1980  
5. 1980-1982  
6. 1982-1984  
7. 1984-1986  
8. 1986-1988  
9. 1988-1991  
10. 1991-1993  
11. 1993-1994
- Captain Edward S. Briggs  
2 Jun 1971—25 Jul 1972
- Captain Ralph E. Wilson, Jr.  
25 Jul 1972—12 Feb 1974
- Captain William E. Poling  
23 Jan 1976—31 Jan 1978
- Captain Donald Martin  
31 Jan 1978—17 May 1980
- Captain Gerald A. Fulk  
17 May 1980—22 May 1982
- Captain R. Scott McCartney  
22 May 1982—10 Mar 1984
- Captain James P. Cormack  
10 Mar 1984—26 Apr 1986
- Captain Michael E. Mays  
26 Apr 1986—19 Aug 1988
- Captain Jerrold J. Negin  
19 Aug 1988—11 Jan 1991
- Captain Floyston A. Weeks  
11 Jan 1991—24 Apr 1993
- Commander Thomas J. Gregory  
24 Apr 1993—28 Jan 1994

- Jouett Ball Caps: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- USS Jouett Polo Shirts:
- Small \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Medium \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Large \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 23.75 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - XXX-Large \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



NEW ITEMS

- Koozies \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- USS Jouett Coffee Mug \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- USS Jouett Coin: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 14.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



Prints of the original painting that was in the Officer's Ward Room when the Jouett was Commissioned. Prints are 17" x 22" total. Price does not include frame.

USS Jouett Shoulder



- Patches \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 1.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- USS Jouett Prints: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Jouett Website:  
ussjouett.com

## CHALLENGE COIN HISTORY

During WW 1, American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons in Europe. Some were wealthy scions attending colleges such as Yale & Harvard who quit mid-term to join the war. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. One young pilot placed the medallion in a small leather pouch that he wore around his neck.

Shortly after acquiring the medallions, the pilot's aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire. He was forced to land behind enemy lines and was immediately captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. In the meantime, he was taken to a small French town near the front. Taking advantage of a bombardment that night he escaped. However, he was without personal identification.

He succeeded in avoiding German patrols by donning civilian attire and reached the front lines. With great difficulty, he crossed into no-man's land. Eventually, he stumbled onto a French outpost. Unfortunately, saboteurs had plagued the French in the sector. They sometimes masqueraded as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and made ready to execute him. He had no identification to prove his allegiance, but he did have his leather pouch containing the medallion. He showed the medallion to his would-be executioners and one of his French captors recognized the squadron insignia on the medallion. They delayed his execution long enough for him to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him they gave him a bottle of wine.

Back at his squadron, it became a tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through challenge in the following manner- a challenger would ask to see the medallion. If the challenged could not produce the coin, they were required to buy a drink of choice for the member who challenged them. If the challenged member produced a medallion, then the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. This tradition continued on throughout the war and for many years after the war while surviving members of the squadron were still alive.

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## Challenge Coin Rules

1. Rules of the coin game must be given or explained to all new coin holders.
2. The coin MUST be carried at all times. You can be challenged for it anywhere, at any-time. You must produce the coin without taking more than four (4) steps to produce it.
3. When challenging, the challenger must state whether it is for a single drink or a round of drinks.
4. Failure to produce a coin, for what ever reason, results in a bought round or single drinks ,whatever the challenger stated. Once the coinless challenge has bought the drinks or round, they cannot be challenged again.
5. If all that are challenged produce their coins, the challenger loses and must buy the drinks for all respondents.
6. Under no circumstances can a coin be handed to another in response to a challenge. If a person gives their coin to another, that person can now keep the coin-it's theirs!!! However if a person puts their coin down for another to examine, it is not considered giving and the examiner is honored bound to place the coin back where they got it. The examiner can't challenge while they hold another's coin. The examiner must return the coin!
7. If a coin is lost, replacement is up to the individual. A new coin should be acquired at the earliest opportunity-losing a coin and not replacing it doesn't relieve a member of his or her responsibilities.
8. There are no exception to the rules. They applied to clothed or un-clothed. One step and an arms reach are allowed.
9. A coin is a coin. Coins worn in a holder around the neck are valid.
10. The coin should be controlled at all times. It is an honor to be given a coin, let's keep it that way. A given or awarded coin is of more personal value than a purchased coin.
11. No holes may be drilled in a coin.
12. The above rules apply to anyone who is worthy to be given/awarded a coin, has a purchased coin or is known to be a previous coin holder.

Submitted by

Ken Rutter WO ret.



**See page 10 & 11 for details about the  
Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport Convention center**

I went to my near by Pharmacy, straight to the back, where the Pharmacist's high counter is located. I took out my little brown bottle, along with a teaspoon and set them on the counter. The Pharmacist came over smiled and asked if he could help me. I said "yes! Could you please taste this for me"? Seeing a senior citizen, the Pharmacist went along with my request. He took the spoon, put a tiny bit of the liquid on it, put it on his tongue and swilled it around. Then with a stomach churning look on his face, he spat it out on the floor and began coughing. When he was finally finished, I looked him in the eye and asked: "Now does that taste sweet to you?" the Pharmacist, shaking his head back and forth with a venomous look in his eyes yelled: HELL NO!!! I said, " Oh thank GOD! That's a real relief! My doctor told me to have a Pharmacist test my urine for sugar!" I'm not allowed back to that Pharmacy, but I really don't care, because they aren't very friendly there anymore.

**HELP KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UP TO DATE**

Since one of the most important assets of the Jouett Association is our list of shipmates, it is very important that the roster be correct and up to date. Please check the website to ensure your entry is up to date, or when you receive your copy please check that ALL of your information is up to date. All corrections should be sent to our Secretary Rick Smith (rwsmith@metrocast.net) or 98 Hall Rd., Barrington NH 03825.

U.S.S. Jouett  
(DLG/CG 29) Association

**MEMBER INFORMATION FORM**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Years Aboard Jouett \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

FYI

**WWW.CAFEPRESS.COM** IS NOT THE OFFICIAL USS JOUETT SHIPSTORE! Our USS JOUETT DLG29 ship store can be viewed through the official USS JOUETT web page. We, as an association, do not receive anything from the sale of merchandise through the CAFEPRESS website. In other words, they are an unauthorized USS JOUETT DLG29 merchandise sales outlet.

We need stories, information, good navy jokes, photos (from the past or present) for the newsletter.

Please forward any of these to Rick Smith (rwsmith@metrocast.net) or send via snail mail to 98 Hall Rd., Barrington, NH 03825

Any Jouett sailors get together with other Jouett sailors on a regular basis? Send me the info and I'll publish it.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION ON TRAVEL AND BENEFITS FOR MILITARY MEMBERS, VETERANS AND RETIREES

In our research on vacations and benefits, we have found numerous organizations, newsletters and WebPages that you may be interested in.

1. **Armed Forces Vacation Club**—See [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com) A great place to find discounted (and I do mean discounted) vacation stays for active and retired members along with foreign exchange service members, civilian employees of DOD, American Red Cross personnel, DOD Dependant school teachers or adult dependant and Disabled American Veterans (100%). They have week long stays in some of the most interesting places domestically and internationally. You can rent them for your friends or family OR have one of the above rent them for you. And if you can put them together with Space Available travel you can have a vacation that goes from normal to exotic for a great price. Even if you cannot or do not desire to use Space A, the vacation stay is still a bargain and in so many interesting and exotic locations.
2. **Military Living Publication**—See [www.militaryliving.com](http://www.militaryliving.com) or at your local exchange Books, maps, newsletters and etc. dedicated to military travel.
  - R & R Travel News**—A newsletter put out every other month about travel domestically and internationally, mostly by Space A. It has stories of the travels of military people written by them with all the good and bad about locations, Space A, customs and etc.
  - Temporary Military Lodging Around the World**
  - Space-A Air Travel Guide**
  - Military RV, Camping & Outdoor Recreation**
  - Military Travel Guide U.S.A**
3. **Military.com**—See [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) Military news on all branches and of all kinds.
4. **Navy Insider**—See [www.navyinsider.com/navy\\_veteran.html](http://www.navyinsider.com/navy_veteran.html) From pay to the GI Bill, from VA home loans to health bene-

## SCUTTLEBUTT

You'll be goin about your business,  
Mindin your P's and your Q's,  
When along'll come Spike, actin' casual like,  
But bustin' to tell you the news.

So you stop whatever you're doin  
And just about wiggle your ears,  
'Cause you're in the humor to hear a good rumor  
And Spike's hear to tell what he hears.

So spike gives out with his story,  
Which is hardly over and told,  
When along comes a mate who just had it straight,  
And already Spike's version is cold.

Well the first thing you know, comes another,  
With a sort of half scorn for the rest,  
Because letter for letter his story is better,  
And his sources so far are the best.

But the real fun begins in the chow-line  
When the guy who is dishin' the hash,  
Points out some new angles, some twists and some tangles,  
And weighs his opinions in cash.

It's amazin' how fast the word travels  
When everyone's ear's to the ground,  
Paul Revere rode a snail when compared to the gale  
That can scatter a rumor around.

A mate hangs his blues for an airing,  
And before he has rolled them away,  
They are naming the ship and the date of the trip,  
That will land us in San Frisco bay.


But you've got to admit it's exciting,  
And it keeps you out of a rut-  
The old to and fro, and the yes and the no  
Of a good run of old Scuttlebutt

Submitted by "Roger Ramjet"



Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005 prohibits Real Estate management organizations (HOA's) from restricting homeowners from displaying the Flag of the United States on their own property.



As you all know this past year has been a challenge. With all of the shutdowns we had to cancel the 2020 reunion. Fortunately, we were able to make the same arrangements with the  hotel and tour groups.

Getting everything back in order has been another challenge. Life as we knew it seems to have changed and many of us have taken a hit in or financial status.

The Jouett Association realizes this has impacted our abilities to travel and be able to participate as we have in the past.

Attached to the newsletter is a registration form for the 2021 reunion in Charleston, SC.

The dates for the reunion are October 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup> with the banquet on Sunday evening the 17<sup>th</sup>.

As you will notice on the Registration form that the meals have no charge. This is to help with your plans to travel. The Association will cover the cost of the meals.

Tours will be on Friday and Saturday.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on my cell phone (814-229-7898)

Richard & Sherry Parker.... Marsha and I are looking forward to seeing all of you again.

Terry George.

## REUNION 2021

The USS JOUETT DLG/CG 29 2021 reunion will be held in Charleston SC, from Thursday October 14 to Sunday October 17, 2021 at :

Crown Plaza Charleston Airport Convention Center  
4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard  
North Charleston, SC 29418  
1-843-744-4422  
cmorey@charlestoncp.com

Enter "USS Jouett" in group code for group rate (\$132.00) or call them direct. This rate will be honored for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the reunion dates.

Be prepared to provide credit card info to guarantee your reservation at the hotel.

There is a complimentary hot breakfast for overnight guests that register through their website.

The reunion registration and tour info can be downloaded from the USS JOUETT web site by clicking onto "Reunion" on the home page. Or by filling out the registration page found with this newsletter and sending to John Hutchinson, PO Box 309, Scottsmoor FL 32775.

The reunion banquet will be Sunday night in order to accommodate the busyness of the hotel. The hotel does not normally include the continental breakfast in their room rates. Because we elected to have our banquet there, they will include a continental breakfast for the attendees that are staying at their facility each day that we are there.

Please note that on the registration page, the reunion banquet does not show prices for the meals. The board of directors have voted to provide the meal at no charge to attendees.

*On the last day of school, the children brought gifts for the teacher. The florists son brought the teacher a bouquet. The candy-store owner's daughter handed the teacher a box of candy. Then the liquor store owner's son brought a big heavy box. The teacher lifted it up and noticed a wet spot. She touched the spot with here finger and put it to her lips. Champagne she asked, no said the boy, wine she asked no said the boy. Then what is it? The youth replied "a puppy".*

The 2021 USS Jouett Reunion will be held in Charleston, SC. From October 14 to October 17, 2021  
Registration will be on Thursday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> with the Banquet on Sunday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Hotel Accommodations are at

Crown Plaza Charleston Airport Convention Center  
4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard,  
North Charleston, SC 29418

The hotel has given the Jouett Association a reduced rate of \$132.00 (plus taxes) per night. This rate will be honored for 3 days prior to and 3 day after the reunion dates. Reservations will be made by the individual attendees by calling 1-843-744-4422 and using the Group Code of **USS Jouett**. Reservations can also be made by going on line at "cmorey@charlestoncp.com ". The room rates also include a continental breakfast for the attendees for each day of stay.

The banquet is scheduled for Sunday evening this year in order to accommodate the busyness of the hotel. The hotel does not normally include continental breakfast in their room rates. However, because we elected to host the banquet on Sunday, the hotel will include a continental breakfast for the attendees that are staying at the facility each day that we are there.

**Registration will begin in the Hospitality Room at approx. 1100 hours on Thursday October 14, 2021**  
There will be a "Wine & Cheese" reception in the evening of Registration. Since it is against the by-laws of the Association to purchase alcohol, a monetary donation to offset the cost will be accepted or you can bring your own to share with the group.

**Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>** we will depart the hotel at approx. 0930.

We will first proceed to Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant. There we will gather for a boat ride to Fort Sumter. History is relived here as this is where the Civil War began on April 12, 1861. During a 40 minute ride out to the harbor, one will see spectacular views of Charleston's famous battery with its antebellum mansions, the Ravenel Bridge, maybe a pod of dolphins and more. While at the fort one can listen to a park ranger narrating the Battle of Fort Sumter or you can take a self-guided tour on your own. The approx. time to tour the fort will be 60 minutes. There is a small gift shop but no food allowed but drinks can be purchased on site.

From there we will go back to Patriots Point where we will board the USS Yorktown for lunch. (lunch will be on your own). There is a Sticky Fingers in the hanger bay. After lunch one may take a self-guided tour. Points of interest include the Medal of Honor Museum, dozens of historic aircraft on both the hanger bay and the flight deck. There is a flight simulator and Apollo 8 spacecraft.

Lots of ladders to climb. Recommend that the ladies wear slacks or jeans and comfortable shoes. On the surrounding grounds is an exhibit called the Vietnam Experience. Quite interesting and somewhat eerily displayed.

Also tied up to the pier is the destroyer USS Laffey (DD 724). She is of WW2 vintage and nicknamed "The Ship That Wouldn't Die". She was hit several times in kamikaze attacks. There is also a post WW2 diesel sub tied up there. The USS Clamagore (SS 343) is a maybe/maybe not. Her fate is currently being determined. Sometime between 1500 (3pm) and 1600 (4PM) we will gather for the trip back to the hotel.

**During our visit to the USS Yorktown we will be casting a wreath into the water in honor of and in memory of our shipmates that have passed.**

**Saturday October 16th** The bus will pick us up at 0900. We will travel east down I-26 to Charleston proper. Today will all be self-guided. From the old slave market (a must see) to carriage tours to pedicabs to Charleston's world friendly restaurant and bars. There will be no shortage of sights, sounds and smells. One may take a Pedicab (Usually \$12 per couple) to the battery or a carriage ride (usually \$28 per person. Be advised the Pedicab tour only last 10 minutes. The carriage ride lasts for approx. 1 hour. The carriage operators are well versed in Charleston's history and folklore. If you should decide to do a walking tour of the city comfortable shoes are a must. The weather in mid-October in Charleston is probably the best that the city can offer. We will re-board the bus at approx. 1600 hours to return to the hotel. All meals will be on your own. There are many restaurants and bars in downtown for the noon meal and the hotel is located next to a very large Tangers Outlet Mall with many choices for dining nearby.

**Sunday October 17th** will be a free day with the business meeting being held in the Hospitality Room at approx. 1300 hours.

The Ladies Tea will be held outdoors in the hotel restaurant at approx. 1300 hours.

The banquet will be held at 1800 hours (6 PM)

**Monday October 19th.** Check out time is 11:00 AM

Rich & Terry

*Don't ya just  
love the registration  
color sheet?*



**USS JOUETT DLG/CG 29  
2021 REUNION  
CHARLESTON, SC**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Aboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership (Please circle one)

**TOTAL**

**Current \$ 0, 1 Yr. \$20, 5 yr. \$90, 10 Yr. \$180**

Reunion Fee: (for hospitality room, Cheese/Crackers/Hor devours etc)  
 \$10 per individual, \$20 per couple

Additional Donations (If so desired)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2020 Reunion Pins @ \$5

**Thursday October 14, 2021**  
 Registration after 11 AM

(Hospitality Room)

**Friday October 15, 2021**  
**Bus to Patriots Point**

**Attendees X \$30**

**Visit Fort Sumter and Patriots Point**

**Fort Sumter (Ferry & Entrance) SR, & Mil**

**Attendees X \$21**

**USS Yorktown (Entrance) SR & Mil.**

**Attendees X \$18**

**Fort Sumter (Non Military & Non Senior)**

**Attendees X \$23**

**USS Yorktown (Non Military & Non Senior)**

**Attendees X \$24**

**Saturday October 16, 2021**  
**Bus to Downtown Charleston**

**Attendees X \$22**

**Sunday October 17, 2021**  
 Business Meeting (Time TBD)  
 Ladies Tea (Time TBD)  
 Free time until Banquet

**Reunion Banquet (6 PM) Sunday Oct. 18**

**All Prices are per person**

Please select a main dish. All meals include Salad, Rolls, Vegetable, Potatoes, Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee & Water

\_\_\_\_\_ Pecan Crusted Chicken with Southern Bourbon Sauce NC \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Herb Marinated & Roasted Petite Tender Beef Filet NC \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Crab Topped East Coast Flounder w/Lemon Butter Sauce NC \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian, Thai Eggplant w/Sweet Basil ( Not very Spicy) NC \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL**

\*\*\* Bus to Patriots Point will drop us of at Patriots Point. There we will take the ferry to Fort Sumter. We will return to Patriots Point and then go aboard the USS Yorktown. There are sandwich shops aboard Yorktown. Lunch is on you. Bus will leave Patriot Point. at about 1600 hours.

**Make Checks Payable to "Jouett Association" & mail to John Hutchinson, P.O. Box 309, Scottsmore, FL 32775**