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## USS PERRY REUNION ASSOCIATION

"Long after they are gone their crews remember"

July 20, 2008

Welcome Aboard  
7th USS PERRY REUNION  
Newport, RI

To all shipmates, spouses, friends and guests, it is my pleasure to *Pipe* you aboard the USS Perry for our 7th reunion in the exciting city of Newport, RI. For many of us, Newport carries many special memories since it was the homeport of the DD-844 in the 50's. At that time she ran with Comdesron Eight and carried the infamous insignia of the 8<sup>th</sup> BALL. No, we were never behind the 8<sup>th</sup> Ball but rather always running ahead of the squadron, Joseph Kennedy, Johnston & Charles Ware and doing about 40 knots. If you think I'm kidding just look at wake we kicked up. As I recall, the wake was no less than 5 ft above the fantail. I'm sure you all have your own sea stories or fairy tales so plan to join us in Newport to share your special time aboard the Perry. Do you know the difference between a sea story and fairy tale? If you don't remember, please go to our web site [www.ussperry.com](http://www.ussperry.com) and click the sea story button for the answer.



To our shipmates taking this Perry voyage down memory lane for the first time, please accept a warm welcome from all of us. In short order you will feel the camaraderie of everyone and be as comfortable as you once were aboard the Perry. For the lucky mates able to join us one more time, I can only say, "I'm glad we're all able to meet again to reminisce and enjoy the company."

Let us all extend a special thank you to our Board Members Martin Deeney, Sid Brown, Bob Hales & Arnie Myotte for their effort in planning and making this reunion another great time to be added to your memory book.

Wishing you all a smooth voyage and wonderful reunion.

Steve Silk  
USS Perry Reunion Association

P.S. If your email address has recently changed, please email your new address to [steve@ussperry.com](mailto:steve@ussperry.com). We have enclosed the MRF letter on the basis the information and service provided by MRF may be very helpful to some of our shipmates.