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Charleston Reunion Chairman
USS Perry Reunion Association
4th REUNION 2004

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TO: All Hands of the USS Perry Reunion Association

RE: An invitation to join your shipmates in Charleston
September 29, - October 3, 2004

Let me first take this opportunity to express my pleasure and privilege to represent our Association by serving as this years Reunion Chairman. I truly hope this will be a very grand and memorable event that everyone will enjoy. Also, please extend this invitation to your family members and friends, the more the merrier. This may be a perfect opportunity to rendezvous with the friends and family you may not see on a regular basis.

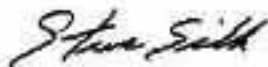
A special welcome is also extended to our brother shipmates of the DMS-17 and their families. We sincerely hope to see you all again for our upcoming reunion in Charleston. We're all looking forward to another exciting 'show & tell'.

While other exciting reunion venues were presented to the Board, Charleston was selected for its rich Naval History and easy accessibility by a majority of shipmates. If you've been to Charleston before, you know what a wonderful and exciting City it is. If this is first visit to Charleston, I believe you'll be pleasantly surprised. If you have never been to Charleston and never attended a Perry reunion what better reason do you need? Remember, we're not getting any younger, so its important to seize the moment when you can and join your shipmates in Charleston for a fun filled time. I believe we have planned an exciting itinerary to accommodate everyone. We have allowed for some exploration on your own, some time for sea stories and time for R&R.

To our shipmates who have not yet made a Perry voyage down 'memory lane', let me assure you, you'll be warmly welcomed by all. After you drop your sea bag on your bunk and join everyone at our hospitality room it won't take but a few minutes to feel the camaraderie of everyone and to become as comfortable as you once were aboard the Perry. Just ask any of our 150 lucky shipmates that have been to our reunions for the 2nd and 3rd time. I truly expect a big turnout. I have never received as many inquires and commitments to attend a reunion as I have for this one. I personally think our outstanding Branson event has everyone more than ready for Charleston 2004.

"Now Hear This", the Cinderella liberty restriction has been lifted for everyone attending the reunion. What else can I say, I'm glad I'm going, glad you're going and glad we'll all have the opportunity to meet again to reminisce and enjoy the company.

Wishing you all a wonderful reunion.



Steve Silk & all your USS Perry Reunion Association Board Members