



USS KIDD FALL FIELD DAY 2017

October 26~29, 2017

OPTION #1: Oct. 26-29, 2017 <i>Thursday through Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$60.00 per Person • Includes meals from lunch on Thursday through breakfast on Sunday 	OPTION #2: Oct. 27-29, 2017 <i>Friday through Sunday</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50.00 per Person • Includes meals from lunch on Friday through breakfast on Sunday
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Please find enclosed my check in the amount of:
 \$ _____ (Chk. # _____)

Option # 1 (Oct. 26-29, Thurs. – Sun.)

Option # 2 (Oct. 27-29, Fri. – Sun.)



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Prior Military Service: Yes No

Dates of Service: ___/___/___ to ___/___/___ Rate/Rank: _____

Branch of Service: USA USMC USN USAF USCG USMM N/A

Ships/Units Served: _____

Special Dietary Needs: Yes No

Please Describe: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relation to Volunteer: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

- Make Check PAYABLE to: USS KIDD Veterans Museum
 - Mail Check and Registration Form to: USS KIDD Fall Field Day, 305 South River Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-6220.
 - If possible & if driving, bring your own tools to help alleviate shortages of equipment. They will be stored in a secured area.
 - All Children must be at least nine (9) years of age and have 1-1 supervision by parent or legal guardian.
 - Cut-Off Dates for Pre-Registration: Oct. 19, 2017.
- All excess funds after food expenses are placed in the USS KIDD Designated Fund, specified for the maintenance & upkeep of USS KIDD.*

What Is A Field Day?

A field day is a working weekend aboard a destroyer that is now a museum ship. For many, it is like a chance to go back in time. All types of volunteer labor are welcomed but electricians, welders, plumbers, carpenters, etc., are especially needed. You can also clean, paint, or do any of the other numerous tasks that always need to be done. Participants bunk aboard ship for the duration of the field day and meals are provided by the museum. This invaluable program not only helps these ships in terms of maintenance and upkeep, but also provides an opportunity for the general public and veterans alike to lend a hand in preserving history and to join together for a weekend to socialize with one another.

Why Are The Field Days Important?

The USS KIDD has only a bare handful of staff members dedicated solely to maintenance. The museum is a non-profit organization that receives no state or federal funding. Volunteers are vital to the upkeep of the ship. Over the course of the three days on a Field Day weekend, our volunteers accomplish anywhere from \$30,000 to \$80,000 worth of skilled and unskilled labor; something the museum could never afford on its own if the work had to be contracted.

Do I Have To Have Served In The Navy To Participate?

No. We have had field day attendees representing every branch of the Armed Forces: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Members of the U.S. Merchant Marine have also come aboard to lend a hand. But military experience is not needed. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

A newly discovered aspect of the field days, in fact, is the opportunity for children of veterans to experience firsthand the rigors of shipboard life that their fathers had to endure. Even the younger generations have become involved, with grandchildren now accompanying our veterans aboard ship for the weekend. For safety purposes, however, the minimum age for youth on the field days is age nine (9) and they must accompany and work with a parent or legal guardian on a one-to-one basis for appropriate supervision.

Are The Field Days Just For Guys?

Absolutely not!!! We have several women who are field day regulars who help in the restoration each year. The field days are for everyone!

What Do I Need To Bring?

- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Toiletries (soap, towels, toothpaste, etc.)
- Work clothes (or dungarees) and gloves
- Tools (will be kept in safe, locked area)

I Live Too Far Away To Drive ... Can I Fly In?

Certainly! The Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport is located just 15 minutes north of the KIDD and has several car rental agencies on-site. Or, if you are not planning to travel on your own while you are in town, call ahead and one of our staff would be happy to pick you up at the airport.

I Don't Drive Too Well Anymore, But Would Like To Attend ...

Give us a call and let us know about this. It may be that someone relatively close to you is planning to attend. If so, we can put the two of you in contact with each other. You may be able to either car pool or convoy for the trip to Baton Rouge and share the gasoline costs and driving duties.