

Plan now to attend our 2021 MAINE EVENT!

- Please note that at the time of this newsletter, many current Covid-related restrictions have been relaxed, and we are very hopeful that by September they will be even more so. But, be advised that we do intend to be in full compliance with all pandemic protocols as mandated or suggested by the State of Maine and other governing authorities during our reunion. We do expect that all attendees will have been fully vaccinated and finally ready to comfortably enjoy the company of our fellow shipmates!
- Make your hotel reservations on line by going to www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/EF51Z8 and “change dates” to reflect your planned arrival and departure dates where indicated. Or reserve by phone by calling 207-774-5611...mention “Macdonough Military Reunion.” Handicap rooms available, just ask. **Please reserve asap.** Help us plan the week effectively.
- Registration in Hospitality Room from 1-6 pm Sunday 9/12/21, Welcome Pizza Party at 6 pm.
- Comfortable Tour Buses will be utilized each day for all out of town events. Buses for Bath (Mon) and for Portsmouth (Wed) board at 8 am, and for the NE Baked Bean Supper (Tues) at 4 pm. For non-bean-lovers, other savory homemade-in-Maine dishes will be available.
- Dinner Monday is on your own. Order off the menu, get separate checks. Restaurant specializes in Lobster and other Maine seafood, but there are many other menu choices. Go for a huge down-east clambake feast, or have a small bowl of chowdah.
- Tuesday will be a “free” day to visit the local Portland waterfront, travel by local transportation to Freeport (home of LL Bean) or perhaps to the nearby famous Desert of Maine, as highly recommended by Bob and Tillie Kahle...or, to just relax and hang out by the pool.
- The banquet Wednesday will start at 6:30 with a group picture taken beforehand. Dress code is the same as always: traditional civvies, but hey! If you are bold enough, suit up in your old uniform of the day! Whites, blues, khakis; enlisted and officers...show ‘em you still got it! Don’t be shy!



- The all-hands business meeting will be held on Tuesday 9/13 after the bean supper, at which time election of officers will take place and plans for the 2022 reunion and beyond will be presented.
- **Something special** (and optional) this year: On Thursday 9/16/21, whoever wants to stay over can take the Downeaster train to and from Boston, visit the USS Constitution (for free) and take a Duck Boat tour of the city. Prepayment (see registration page) is only needed for the Duck Boat tour. See www.bostonducktours.com for background info. Note that a party of at least 20 is needed for us to book and get the group rate.
- You must, however, make your own round trip train reservations (approx \$30 RT for seniors, \$60 for others). For train reservations go to www.amtrakdowneaster.com and enter POR to BON round trip, departing on the earliest train (5:18 am) from Portland and returning on the 5:15 (or 10 pm) train from Boston. Additional itinerary info will be supplied to you well before the reunion, but contact Merrill (see below) if you need more details beforehand.
- **Please reserve asap** so that your committee can insure smooth final arrangements with the hotel, tour bus, and all the places we will be visiting. **Your registration forms and checks should be received by August 1st.**
- If you have any questions, comments, or concerns. email merrill.lewis@comcast.net or call him at 603-668-4002.