

INAUGURAL REPORT - HMAS HOBART ASSOCIATION ADAMS CLASS VETERANS ASSOCIATION (ACVA) REPRESENTATIVE

Introduction

My name is Wally McNamee and I have the dubious honour to be your association representative for the Adams Class Veterans Association (ACVA) based in the USA. I am an HMAS HOBART Plank Owner and served three postings to the Green Ghost covering all ranks from ABETS to WOETS totalling 8.5 years. I retired from the RAN as a LCDR (ETS) after 38.5 years service and currently work in semi retirement mounting medals from our home in Bullcreek.

ACVA Background and Goals

The Adams Class Veterans Association, Inc. (ACVA, Inc.) (www.adamsclassddgvets.org) was formed in Jan. 2004, after the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum announced they were abandoning efforts to attain the USS Charles F. Adams DDG-2 as a museum ship for Bay City, Michigan.

Their goal is to save the USS Charles F. Adams DDG-2, the first Guided Missile Destroyer and the US Navy's first Guided Missile Ship, as a museum ship. They have representatives and members from all 23 "US Adams Class DDG" ships and from the Australian and German Adams Class DDG's.

The ACVA is a 501c3 non-profit organisation, formed with the mission and goal of saving an ADAMS class DDG ship. The ACVA is focusing its efforts on preserving the USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2), as she is the only ship of the class remaining. Several of the founding ACVA members are either "Plankowners" (original crew members) or served on one of the 23 US DDG's between 1960 and the early 1990s.

Following consideration of a many potential sites, Jacksonville Florida was chosen as the site to berth the Charles F Adams and to establish the museum.

Saving a US Destroyer as a museum ship is a costly endeavour. The estimated cost could be \$10-12 million. The members of the ACVA will attempt to raise \$1 million of the amount in addition to donating many hours of experienced labour following the NAVSEA approval of their ship application. Their President, Robert Branco, was CO on the Adams during the mid 1980s resides in Maine and is supported by a Board of Directors located in Arizona, Virginia, Florida, New Jersey, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. The ACVA, INC. represents and supports ALL ADAMS Class ships. Their current membership is over 700 and includes crew members from all 23 American DDG's, 3 Australian and 3 German DDG's, and other interested people interested but have never served on a DDG or in the military. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join in their efforts to preserve the history of the Guided Missile Destroyer service. You need not be a DDG sailor, ex-Navy, or ex-military to join the organisation. They welcome all who are interested in helping to preserve Naval History for future generations. They currently have no annual dues, but will accept donation checks, which are tax deductible. Those becoming members and donating US \$25 or more are assigned a unique "ACVA Plankowner" number. See www.adamsclassddgvets.org to find the application.

Current Situation May 2009

The ACVA continues to pursue their goal to attain the USS Charles F. Adams and have it become a museum ship in Jacksonville, Florida. They met the NAVSEA deadline for the initial NAVSEA Ship Application on March 31, 2008. It was several books and about 700+ pages. After months, NAVSEA responded with 17 questions on many subjects. The ACVA asked for meetings with NAVSEA in Philadelphia, to better understand what was wanted and found NAVSEA was changing some application items and format and while they considered the submitted application a very credible document, they asked if ACVA could resubmit using the newer format. ACVA resubmitted a second revised application before the deadline of Jan. 31, 2009. This document was several volumes totalling 1000+ pages.

In the revised ship application ACVA revised the timeline needed for fundraising. In recognition of the economic downturn it was viewed as probably very difficult to raise pledges, cash and/or in kind services for \$10-12 MIL by 2010 and it was revised to 2012. This means getting the ship from NAVSEA will also occur on a later date.

NAVSEA responded in mid April 2009 with a letter asking for more detail of the Fundraising Plans, and Proof of the location to place the ship. A response is required by July 2009 to the following:

1. Fundraising – *More details concerning how fundraising will be undertaken so they can be certain the ACVA will be able to run and manage the ship once they give it to us. They want to see much more money in the bank, show pledges in writing and see what companies agree to commit work or in kind services to our project.*

Bert Watson, the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) President and ACVA Director in Jacksonville, and Bob Branco, ACVA President with several other ACVA Board members, are working to specifically identify fundraising plans. However, there are people and companies willing to commit to supply services, but is not willing to do so until they know NAVSEA has approved our ship application. This is a catch 22 situation which will be addressed. The JHNSA group in Jacksonville is the local contingent of the ACVA

2. Location for the ship - *The location identified is next to the Acosta Bridge in Jacksonville, Florida. NAVSEA wants to see signed paperwork from the City of Jacksonville formally allocating the space. Bert Watson is working with the Jacksonville Council to have the location specified in writing. Unfortunately due to changes in the Jacksonville Mayors office a key ACVA supporter left. In addition a new person became chair of the (JEDC) Jacksonville Environmental Development Commission. ACVA will meet again with the Mayor's office and JEDC to assure that they know what we are trying to do. We understand several studies are underway by the JEDC, about possible development of the area ACVA proposed for the ship location. ACVA is checking to see what effect this may have on their plans. They hope the space and location issue will be resolved to their satisfaction and they have something in writing to submit to NAVSEA before the July deadline.*

Items of General Interest

Atlantic Marine Shipbuilding Co. (Mayport/Jacksonville) is supporting the ACVA plans and wants to do work for them. They recently purchased piers and a dry dock at the Philadelphia Shipyard, which is where Charles F Adams is currently berthed. ACVA hopes this will work in their favour when they are ready to move the ship to dry dock for repairs to the hull prior to a tow to Florida. If it is necessary to only have to move the ship a very short distance from the Navy Yard to the dry dock then costs can be greatly reduced.

ACVA was in Phil. PA. in 2008 and participated in a strip ship week on several ships. They were able to acquire many items needed to refurbish the Adams and NAVSEA gave permission to store these items onboard Adams. ACVA will be receiving several radar antennas as material donations from NAVSEA when they are removed from the USS AUSTIN when it is scrapped in Texas this year. Arrangements have been made for the antennas to be trucked to Florida by an ACVA member to be displayed at a Largo, Florida military museum until the ACVA is ready to reinstall them on the Adams mast and antenna pedestals.

The ACVA participated May 11-15, 2009 in another strip ship event from two Yorktown class cruisers and DD-968 in Phil. Pa. ACVA has an inventory of items that were removed from the ADAMS and anything we can find will help reduce restoration costs. A small crew of 6 ACVA members worked 3 days and were able to find and remove many pieces of Radio and Bridge equipment for Adams use. ACVA considered asking to go aboard the Forrestal in Boston for strip ship, during May 2009, however, NAVSEA said much of the equipment was removed by the Saratoga museum group and a lot of equipment was removed prior to the decision to scrap the ship. Not much Adams type equipment was still aboard.

ACVA has the Environmental Service Co. (ESI) in Jacksonville under contract to obtain the necessary Local, State and Federal Environmental permits needed to place the ship at the designated location in Jacksonville. This process will take many months.

**HMAS HOBART ASSOCIATION
ADAMS CLASS VETERANS ASSOCIATION (ACVA) REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT No 2 DATED 1 JULY 2009**

It is three months since my Inaugural Report. Unless something earth shattering happens I will try to keep my reports to this quarterly timeframe.

I am pleased to say that there has been quite a bit of activity for the ACVA since my last report and I am able to provide an enclosure which shows progress made in the acquisition of DDG equipment for installation on Adams and for the shore side display. There are also some very exciting fundraising activities being planned.

Membership of the ACVA

In June 2009 the membership of the ACVA topped the 700 mark of which there are 114 Australian DDG personnel who have indicated their interest in attending the Jacksonville reunion, well in excess of US and German DDGs, but I know we can do better. Numbers by ship are:

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| BRISBANE | - | 42 | |
| HOBART | - | 39 | (one new name since my last report <u>come on</u> HOBART and BRISBANE) |
| PERTH | - | 33 | (six new names since my last report <u>come on</u> HOBART and BRISBANE) |

The Australian DDGs already have the highest registrations of interest per ship than all others. Let's show our American cousins that we can do even better. It costs nothing to join the ACVA and the reunion promises to be a reunion of a lifetime. As can be seen by the efforts of the ACVA in the Annex to this report the ACVA is a dedicated organisation who is working towards a worthy and achievable goal of creating an everlasting museum to all DDGs. The more of us Aussies who support these efforts the better, if you have already registered how about talking to other DDG sailors and asking them to support the ACVA and the Jacksonville reunion by registering at www.adamsclassddgvets.org.

Charles F Adams (DDG2) Restoration Project Progress

NAVSEA Approval

Work continues with the preparation of the 17 July 2009 response to NAVSEA. The key issues which need to be addressed in this letter are:

- Documents showing funds already collected and proof of money in the form of loans, signed paperwork and commitments for donations
- Documentation in the form of leases and/or written approvals from the City of Jacksonville demonstrating the availability of a permanent berth in Jacksonville.

NAVSEA have indicated that it could take another 12/18 months from receipt and acceptance of the ACVA letter before the ACVA can have the ship.

It is believed that NAVSEA is being cautious due to past problems with the USS Midway which caused considerable delays in ship delivery.

There is a need to provide NAVSEA with solid answers however conditions in Jacksonville are currently changing and ACVA need to make this clear to NAVSEA.

There are a lot of things being worked at this time and in the near future many things might change and maybe more solid answers will be available due to the developing circumstances. We should advise NAVSEA that we will not be able to gain more information from the Waterway Commission or JEDC until September or later when they begin meetings again.

Funding commitments can be a combination of commitments “in writing” and/or money in the bank. The total amounts must be sufficient to cover costs to run the ship in Jacksonville for the first year or so as well as city approval for a minimum of a 10 year lease of berthing space. ACVA are liaising with Jacksonville regarding commitment to the Acosta Bridge site.

It is important that the ACVA get NAVSEA approval of their plans as early as possible as many of the groups who have been approached to undertake work for the ACVA require assurance that NAVSEA approval has been given before they commit to work..

Environmental Surveys

ACVA work by Environmental Service Inc (ESI) towards gaining necessary environmental permits was halted recently when the Corps of Engineers requested incomplete surveys. ESI have agreed to continue with their work and to progress the surveys when and IF they are required.

Liaison with Jacksonville Community

An ACVA rep met with CPAC a local citizens group with responsibility for local planning. A further meeting is planned for July.

The ACVA continues to liaise with Jacksonville area businesses and the local community to maximise support for the project and to find a way to have the ship released from NAVSEA as early as possible to allow commencement of restoration.

The ACVA continue to work with Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (JEDC) and to apprise the new Chairman of the ACVA goals.

The Waterways Commission formed a committee to look into the JEDC position regarding ACVA. This was the last meeting of the year of this commission and the chairman of both the Commission and Committee will change so a meeting set for July 2nd was cancelled. The next Commission meeting is August and at that time JHNSA will ask to be put on the September

agenda. Bert will work to gain more traction for us before September and noted this should be nothing more than a delay.

Jacksonville Community Assistance

At a recent JHNSA Board meeting a local Marketing Executive from the Kurtis group, offered in-kind support of \$50,000. He said he would commit a \$50,000 in kind donation over time. He works with many non profits and companies around Jacksonville. Kurtis offered to put his donation in writing and the \$50,000 will be primarily used for labor costs and the \$1500 is for printing/paper etc. Jim Aldrich met Kurtis who is well known in the area. He is the kind of business man we have needed for a long time on the JHNSA Board. He is committed to the project and willing to help us get others. He is working with Bert and Wayne to develop a JHNSA logo for the museum. Bert and Wayne are working with local JHNSA volunteers to set up the JHNSA display space in Jacksonville Landing including photos and display equipment including radar repeaters and other items

ACVA met with Bert and Anne Urban President of the Destination Planning Company (DPC). Anne can provide a turn key operation to put on almost any event for about \$5000 per event and feels the area around the Jacksonville Shipyard piers could be a prime entertainment area for future events. She is sending a letter to list what she can do for us. Bert said this would be a very positive business arrangement and Anne has a lot of experience and is very politically savvy. She knows many people, for fundraising and behind the scenes stuff. She can be a big help to ACVA in the short term to get some events planned and underway. She is prepared to do so and she would be a great asset and friend for ACVA/JHNSA to have.

Fundraising

This highlights some fundraising activities . A more detailed list is included in the Annex to this report.

ACVA have sufficient funds to cover known expenses. Donation cheques continue coming in for bank deposit and occasional Credit Card donations. We have one approved liability for ESI Engineering for \$ 7000.00 for future Environmental work.

It is anticipated that fundraising needs to begin at a Rate of \$300K per quarter.

The ACVA is liaising with the Jacksonville Historical Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) on ways to jointly handle future fundraising. IRS rules need to be abided by and future donations will come mostly for support of JHNSA ship projects and pier works to make the ship a museum. A joint commitment document is being drafted which will be placed on the web site for supporters to use when donating.

ACVA met with an Admiral in Washington who was interested in a fundraising event in Washington DC, in late June 2009.

Acquisition of Equipment for “Adams”

This is a Precise of equipment acquisition activities. A more detailed list is included in the Annex to this report.

Many smaller companies have been bought out, or merged with others, and are now part of larger companies. BAE systems is helping and ACVA will make arrangements to get any equipment located.

The ACVA continues to aggressively approach NAVSEA to allow visits to de commissioned ships to scavenge equipment for “Adams”.

- May 11/13 Ship visits to USS’ Thomas gates, Yorktown and Radford at Philadelphia Shipyard resulted in the acquisition of Bridge, Radio Room and CIC equipment.
- Craig will be bringing display cases and equipment from USS Lawrence DDG-4 for display in Jacksonville
- DRS Technologies continue supporting ACVA with guidance and contacts at Raytheon.
- Craig Bernat has been working to get support from BAE a major weapons developer to obtain some of the restoration equipment needed.
- Craig is to get access to Dahlgren Naval Ship Station, the old Gunnery Testing site in Virginia.
- The Gunners Mate School in Great Lakes is closing/and being moved, and there is possibility ACVA will be able to obtain restoration equipment from that site

Annex A to
HMAS Hobart
ACVA Rep Report No 2 July 2009

CHARLES F ADAMS MUSEUM EQUIPMENT AND
FUNDRAISING PROGRESS AT JULY 2009

EQUIPMENT RESTORATION

After decommissioning Adams was stripped of equipment and extensively DEMILED. These two actions took place in primarily the weapons and electronics spaces of the ship. Over several months, ACVA has been identifying the damaged and missing equipment and attempting to locate defense contractors that manufactured equipment on Adams. Many of the smaller companies were bought out by larger firms. ACVA has been able to identify the contractors that now handle almost all the weapons systems on Adams and will begin to research other electronic systems on the ship. Below is the list of contractors, their equipment, and assistance they will provide with regards to the equipment. One very important fact worth mentioning is that no contractor has refused our request for assistance. Craig has been in contact with these companies via phone and e-mail

GUNNERS MATE SCHOOL – GREAT LAKES

They are closing the school and some of the working equipment is staying in a local museum. The buildings are under contract to be demolished and if the equipment is included we may need to work with the contractor. He talked to another company and the equipment we want is so old they put him in contact with their retiree group who knows much about this type of equipment. That group is going to help locate some equipment and get it to us and may get us a donation. The retirees are anxious to see their lifes work preserved.

BAE SYSTEMS - Our point of contact with BAE Dennis Hoffbeck is locating equipment BAE now controls. He has located replacement gun barrels for the 5" mounts in Louisville, KY. A great deal of equipment on the list below is still available somewhere because it is still used by some foreign navies. Dennis will do what he can to locate equipment and arrange transfer to the ACVA. He indicated if we were able to obtain the equipment at the Gunners mate School at the Great Lakes Naval Base BAE would probably assist us in the removal of the equipment. Here is a list of BAE controlled equipment:

- MK 11 Missile Launcher (Twin Arm) - Still on Adams. Need parts to repair launcher and smashed equipment in Launcher Control.
- MK 13 Missile Launcher (One-Arm-Bandit) - Need one for display as half the ships had one. Will use to hold one Harpoon for display.
- Any Missile handling equipment.
- Mk 42 5"/54 Gun Mounts - We have two still on Adams. Need parts to repair mounts and equipment such as the EP 1 & EP 2 panels in the carrier room that have been

demilled. Would also like to find the loader drum equipment from the magazines for one mount to display off the ship. Need 2 gun barrels to replace the ones that have been cut off.

- Dummy rounds and powder casings for the 5"/54. A quantity to be determined later.
- Need two sets of matching MK 32 torpedo tubes (come in three tubes per launcher).
- ASROC system (RUR-5), using the MK-112 "Matchbox" launcher. Need ASROC launcher parts, ASROC handling equipment, and ASROC launcher control equipment and consoles.

GUNNERS MATE SCHOOL - The point of contact is LT Jeremy Theis and Chief Jermaine Clark. LT Theis is assisting us in obtaining an inventory of all the equipment remaining in BLDG 521. The navy is going to display some equipment in the new Great Lakes Museum. The remaining equipment is what the ACVA seeks to acquire from BLDG 521. This would be part of the gun, missile, ASROC, and torpedo systems. LT Theis is also trying to find out if the disposal of the equipment lies with the navy or the contractor who is dismantling the building. The goal is to get all groups involved to save the equipment for the new base museum and the Adams.

UNISYS (former Sperry-Rand, Sperry-UNIVAC) - The company was split in to two parts. UNISYS now handles only the commercial equipment while Lockheed Martin handles the defense end. ACVA was unable to locate anyone presently working with the company who knew of the Adams equipment but contacted their Legacy Committee and Retirement Club who indicated that they knows of at least 2 AN/UYK-20 computers and other equipment somewhere. They indicated that their group wants to preserve the legacy of their companies and can think of no better way to do so than getting involved with the Adams Project. When their next meeting is scheduled, the Adams will be on the agenda. At the very least they stated they want to assist in locating the equipment. It is expected that they will do more for the project. Here is the list of UNISYS/Lockheed Martin equipment:

- Computer, set control Mk167 Mod3, Part of GCS Mk160 Mod 3, ASSY53711-5610880-2, Serial No: 6. Sperry Div, Gyroscope Sperry Corp. Great NeckNY.'
- Gun Fire Control Computer MK 160 Mod 2
- MK 76 Solid State Amplifier
- Console, Launching System, Module, Mark 90, Mod 1, PN 7308300-00, Serial No: 36, NAVSEA Syscom, Sperry Univac, St. Paul, Minnesota
- MX-3195(V)/USQ-20(V) Introducer, digital data, Serial No: A307. FSN254600-10, Navy Dept Ship Systems Cmd, Univac Div of Sperry Rand, St. Paul, Minn.'
- Stable Element Mk 16 Mod 11, Part No. 53711-5482429-5, Serial No. 275, manufactured for Naval Ordnance Station Louisville by contractor Sperry Div, Sperry Corp, Gyroscope, Great Neck, NY.
- AN/UYK-20 (V) Data Processing Set, Serial Number B2990. Naval Sea Systems Command ' Contractor ' Sperry Univac, St Paul Minnesota.'
- CY-7525/UYK Cab Elect Equip, Serial No 168,' while the other reads: `RD-358(V)2/UYK Recorder-Reproducer Digital Magnetic Tape Serial No. A-389, manufactured for N.S.S.C by contractor Sperry *Univac, St Paul, Minnesota.
- `Plotting System Mk NC-2 Mod 1, Dead Reckoning Indicator, Serial No: 76, Sperry Piedmont Co, Division of Sperry Rand Corp, Charlottesville, VA.'
- Combat Data Centre : Plot Table This item is part of system listed in Item #7 above.

- Ships Course Indicator: Mk 2 Mod 6, 115 V. Federal Stock No: 2S-6320-879-3302, Sperry Piedmont Co, Serial No: 715.'
- Items 1 and 4 to 8 are part of the MK 68 GFCS or Gun Fire Control System. They replace an analog computer the MK47 Gun Fire Control Computer. We don't know if Sperry made the MK 47 or not. Items 2 & 3 are in the plotting room that had the upgraded computer system as listed in Items 1 and 4 to 8 so we assume the maybe Sperry made them.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL - The memorial has on display parts of the HMAS Brisbane an Adams Class DDG, which was sunk as a reef after it was decommissioned. The majority of this equipment was from gun plot. Presently they have duplicates of several pieces of the equipment that was used for training off the ship. Contact was made with John White the Senior Curator at the museum. He will be inquiring about the extra equipment to see if the museum desires to keep it or if an arrangement can be made for the ACVA to obtain it from the museum. He will be back in touch once he finds an answer.

DAHLGREN NAVAL WEAPONS STATION – ACVA contacted Doug Davant the base historian who deals primarily with naval gun systems. Doug recognized items on our list as being stored at the base. Doug has invited ACVA to the base so they can go through the storage area to see if and Adams equipment is there. If so, Doug will assist the ACVA in working with the base and the Naval Historical Center in obtaining this equipment. Doug also mentioned taking Craig to Indian Head Naval Weapons Station, as he believes there is equipment there as well. A meeting date will be arranged after the July 4th Holiday. ACVA will also be inquiring at all the other naval weapons stations to see if Adams equipment is still located there.

RAYTHEON - A list of Raytheon equipment has been identified and the responsible division of Raytheon for each system or piece of equipment is being identified. The Raytheon ACVA contact at Raytheon will then will contact each division and request assistance to locate and request the equipment be donated to ACVA. Here is a list of the Raytheon equipment:

- AN/SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare Suite - We already have the antennas. Need all other parts of the system.
- Standard Missile RIM-66 - We need two (3) dummy ones.
- AN/SQS-23 Sonar - Need all cosmetic, missing parts, consoles, and panels that have been demilled
- MK 74 Missile Fire Control System including 2 AN/SPG-51c Radars. - Need all cosmetic, missing parts, consoles, and panels that have been demilled.
- MK 152 Computer
- MK 46, MK 50, or MK 54 Torpedoes - These are the regular ones plus the ASROC ones. Need one of each.
- Need two sets of matching MK 32 torpedo tubes (come in three tubes per launcher).
- ASROC system (RUR-5), using the MK-112 "Matchbox" launcher. Need ASROC launcher parts, ASROC handling equipment, and ASROC launcher control equipment and consoles.
- Starter Motor SA-339/SPG-48, serial no BNT-1, unit of radar set AN/SPG-53A for Gun Plot.

- Gun Plot - The low voltage Power Supply Assembly PP-7385/SPG-53 is a rectangular steel cabinet with two full-length doors hinged at the sides to provide access to six drawer-type pullout chassis inside. The Power Supply Assembly provides '2,300, +2,150, +2,000, +300, +120 and '300 VDC to the radar circuits. These are the parts inside: Power Supply PP-571/SPG-48, Part No 878654, Serial No: BNT1
- OJ-194 (V)3/UYA-4(V) Console, Plan Position Indicator Display, Supply 115V 30 400. Serial No: 2-56. A unit of data display group AN/UYA-4(V) and 'IP-1304/UYA-4(V) Indicator Digital Display, no Serial No, unit of data display group AN'UYA-4 (V).
- Standard Missiles RIM-66 - Need 3 dummies. Two to be mounted on the launcher rails and one in a museum display.
- Gun Fire Control System MK 68, AN/SPG-53F radar, MK 47 Analog Computer, MK 16 Stable Element (don't know if these are Raytheon's, but there is indication parts of the systems maybe. See #9 & 10 above.)

PHILADELPHIA INDEPENDENT SEAPORT MUSEUM - It has been discovered that the museum has extra bridge equipment that the museum has no plans to ever display due to lack of space. ACVA requested that an inventory of equipment be produced. It was recommended that ACVA President send a letter to the museum so the issue could go before their board so the formal process of obtaining the equipment could begin. Any equipment obtained will be added to the DDG-4 equipment that was obtained from Metro Machine during DDG-4's dismantling. Once the display was finished it will be taken to the temporary museum at the Jacksonville Landing for public display. Knowing what was on the bridge of DDG-4 and what the museum presently has displayed, the ACVA believes that the museum has all equipment from the bridge level, including the entire collection of equipment from DDG-4's CIC. This equipment would not have been DEMILED and therefore should be in very good condition. Once the museum board approves our request, the ACVA will visit the museum to obtain an accurate inventory and determine transportation requirements to relocate the items to our temporary museum at the Jacksonville Landing.

PROPOSED ACVA/JHNSA FUNDRAISING PLAN

The Adams Class Veterans Association (ACVA) and Jacksonville Historical Naval Ships Association (JHNSA) are set to kick off a host of major fund raising programs and events. All funds raised with these programs will be deposited into a special ACVA "Restoration Fund Account" which will be separate from the ACVA regular checking account. There are two fund raising programs ACVA is ready to promote as follows:

HULL PLATE OWNERSHIP - This program will target individuals, businesses, groups, and veterans organizations to sponsor sections of the ship's hull for a specified donation. ACVA has set the size of each hull plate at 4ft x 8ft. The fee to sponsor each plate is \$2500. "BAD Ship Models", which is building models of the Adams for us, determined by using the plans from Adams, there are approximately 1245 4x8 hull plates on the sides, aft and bottom of the ship. Plates may be purchased by paying the entire \$2500 up front or by a "Binding Pledge" in which a monthly payment will be requested until paid in full. Each sponsor once paid in full will receive a numbered certificate along with a plaque that will have a small piece of hull plate attached. This piece of hull plate will be

authentic Adams hull plate taken from areas where parts of the hull "MUST" be removed and replaced. ACVA and JHNSA feel that all hull plates will be sold. Total profit from this program when all 1245 hull plates are sold is \$3,112,500.

YARD O' CONCRETE - This program is based on the need to target individuals and small businesses who cannot afford larger donations. Contributions from this program will be used to refurbish piers, assist in building the ships mooring system, and finally to build a land/pier portion of the museum. Program cost is \$150 to sponsor one cubic yard of concrete. Payment is to be made in full at time of sponsorship or 3 equal payments of \$50. We plan on negotiating with local concrete suppliers to provide concrete at cost. Labor to produce and deliver the concrete will be an in-kind donation.

- ACVA and JHNSA jointly sponsored fundraising events are being planned and will begin in the fall of 2009. Because of the complexity of these events, permits, and other issues outside the abilities of both groups, we are taking steps to obtain professional assistance in staging the events. In June 2009 ACVA reps met with Anne Urban, President of the Destination Planning Corporation (DPC). DPC is the southeast region's premier destination management company. DPC handles over 350 events a year with about 25% being for large non-profit groups. This allows DPC to leverage suppliers and sponsors to provide events at a much lower cost than the for profit events. With DPC assistance the ACVA will be able to schedule events at an appropriate time of the year to not conflict with other non-profit events. This will provide the opportunity to sell out all events in order to obtain the maximum revenue possible. Anne Urban and her company are very well respected in the Jacksonville Area. She has contacts and personal friends in government and in the business community. She has also mentioned that while our preferred location for the ship by the Acosta Bridge works for the 5-year plan in 10 years the preferred location would be the old Jacksonville Ship Yards. The reasoning behind this is since three private for profit ventures failed there, the city plans on making that the premier entertainment area for the city. She feels that the Adams would make a great centerpiece and anchor for that. This would give Adams greater visibility and increased attendance. Anne also indicated that once Adams was in Jacksonville her company would lease out the ship for private events generating additional revenue for the museum.
- Next meeting we will discuss taking DPC on as coordinator for events. Craig wants to get the October Bike Rally approved so Anne can start soon. To begin with ACVA would need to put up \$2500 and have until October to raise the remaining \$2500 needed. Craig will ask Anne for a proposal to discuss at next weeks meeting.
- Smaller events that are going to be planned in Jacksonville are:
 - Sports Memorabilia Auction & Show Bid for Bachelors Dinner
 - Casino Nights Texas HoldEm Tournaments
 - Celebrity Waiter Dinner Golf Tournaments
 - Other events - DPC will suggest more that have for a good fit with our group.

Major events DPC is going to assist ACVA to put together.

1. **JACKSONVILLE NAVAL THUNDER** - Event will start as a Fri/Sat motorcycle event. The best time of year to hold this event is being determined. The goal is to hold it as a pre-Daytona, FL event. Since many bikers go through Jacksonville on I95 on their way to Daytona. The event would be able to draw large numbers of participants and Daytona holds two events per year. The first is in October just after Navy Birthday Weekend and is "BIKETOBER FEST". If the event is held on the Navy Birthday Weekend it could be used to bring active navy ships to downtown Jacksonville in order to hold a joint event put on by ACVA and JHNSA. The alternate weekend is at the end of February, which is the Official Daytona Bike Week. Holding an event this weekend would draw a larger amount of visitors. The first year of the event will feature a party Friday evening. Saturday will feature a 100-mile "POKER RUN" with prizes. Jacksonville limits the number of bikes in a run to 750 because they close down streets and bridges for these events. The local Harley Dealership will provide space for the after run party and there will be a celebrity rider in order to draw larger crowds. Beginning 2010 this will be a yearly fundraiser for the ACVA/JHNSA Museum and the goal would be to expand the event to 4 days. DPC has done one of these events in the past and the net revenue to the charity was over \$100,000. The key to making this a successful event is there are very few bike events in the Jacksonville Area. Bikers of the area along with many snowbirds are looking for a major event such as what we are planning to participate.

2. **MAJOR CONCERT** - This event will take extra planning, but DPC feels it can be put together. The goal is to bring in Jimmy Buffet and the Coral Reefer Band as the main act. One of the major sponsors we will court is Budweiser due to the fact that the Jacksonville Brewery is the only one that produces "LANDSHARK BEER". Landshark is highly promoted by Jimmy Buffet and vice versa. We will ask Budweiser to pay Jimmy Buffet's fee for this event and Budweiser in turn, will make money back off the sales of beer products at the stadium during the concert. If Jimmy Buffet allows an opening act, we will approach the Lynard Skynard band whose lists Jacksonville as their hometown. It is ACVA understanding from DPC that they will do charitable events such as ours for free or a nominal cost since it would benefit the city. We may consider several smaller bands in trying to make this a daylong event in which we can sell out the Jacksonville Municipal Stadium. The stadium seats 76,000 for football. We are aware that Jimmy Buffet sells out any venue they play. Given a minimum ticket price of \$50, this would gross for us \$3,800,000 not including the higher price for tickets closer to the stage. The key to having this scheduled is getting sponsors to pay up front costs and/or have them paid out of the ticket sales revenue. We will explore smaller concerts and events at the Veterans Stadium which holds about 15,000 seats.
Both of these stadiums are within a few blocks of the old Jacksonville Shipyard piers. This entire area is part of a 10-year vision being developed into prime entertainment area for the city. During NFL games with the Jaguars, Adams will get high visibility on a national level since she would be berthed only a few blocks from the stadium. Any aerial picture will be sure to include Adams.

3. There are a number of smaller fundraisers we can hold such as raffles, giving away cars, and selling memorabilia. We first must obtain the required permits for these. They most likely would take place in conjunction with the larger events.
DPC will also be able to assist us in holding fundraisers in Norfolk, VA and Washington, DC. Both of these locations boast large numbers of active and retired navy people.

Adams Class Veterans Association, Inc. (ACVA, Inc.)

Anyone supporting our mission can be a member & persons are not required to have been in the military.

Please complete this form and email or mail to: DaveDDG2@aol.com

Check our web page at <http://www.adamsclassddgvets.org>

No Dues at This Time

Persons sending a completed ACVA Member Application with a Donation Check of \$25 or more will become ACVA Members and an ACVA Plankowner

Checks should be made out to "ACVA, Inc." and sent to:

ACVA Executive Secretary c/o Dave Myerly 5 Bush Road Denville, New Jersey 07834-2906

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* How would you like to help achieve our goals? Indicate your preference(s) by placing X before the appropriate statement(s):

- 1 Not directly involved
- 2 Participate in online discussions
- 3 Assist with special projects
- 4 Like to serve on the board (Please send resume)

Comments _____

If you served in the military please complete the following fields.

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501 (c) (3) Non Profit Organizations

All Former Adams Class Crew Members:

The Adams Class Veterans Association and the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association invite you to a special event commemorating the service of the Adams Class Commanding Officers and DDG Veterans during the Week of Valor celebration for veterans in Jacksonville, Florida November 4-11, 2009. Please accept my apologies for not addressing this invitation to each of you individually, but time is short and we need to move quickly to make this memorable opportunity possible. Please mail in the attached RSVP for the event as soon as possible.

The week will start with a Reception on Thursday November 5th as our ADAMS Class Veterans arrive in Jacksonville. The highlight of our celebration will be a Friday night dinner at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel on November 6th honoring all DDG-2 Class Commanding Officers and DDG Veterans who served on ships of the class over their thirty years of naval service. Memories of the 23ships and the veterans who served in the Cold War, Vietnam, and crises all over the globe will be shared at this special event attended by many flag officers who commanded these ships that revolutionized surface warfare with modern technology. There will be a major focus on fund raising to support the ADAMS Class Naval Ship Museum. The Omni Jacksonville Hotel is providing rooms for our guests at \$79.00 a night for single or double occupancy.

We would greatly appreciate any "story" about your service on the DDGs that you might like to have considered for reading during the program. Whether it be a moment of excitement in combat, or an at sea evolution, a major milestone for a ship or its crew, or a humorous moment for sharing with other DDG veterans, we would like to be able to share those memories during our dinner event. Please contact us with your story inputs for sharing at this special event.

Other events of the Week of Valor include:

Saturday November 7th

Watching the US Navy Blue Angels Air show,

Tours of the USS KLAKRING FFG-42

The Grand Opening of a JHNSA Display Area at The Jacksonville Landing

Sunday November 8th

Jacksonville Jaguars and Kansas City Chiefs Football Game

For more information on these other events, please go to www.adamsclassddgvets.org or call Destination Planning Corp. at 904-249-3729.

The Omni Jacksonville Reservations center can be reached at 1-888-444-OMNI (6664). Ask for the "Adams Class" rate. The link to make a reservation on the Omni web site is: <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/Jacksonville/MeetingFacilities/USSAdams11.aspx>

Transportation reservation is available to/from the airport.

Please RSVP for the event using the RSVP card attached. :

E-mail it to: jtawney@destinationplanning.com

Regular mail:

Destination Planning
Attn: Jeff Tawney
11330 - 2 St. Johns Industrial Parkway Suite 2
Jacksonville, FL 32246

Or call Destination Planning Corporation at 904-249-3729.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Branco, Capt.USN (Ret)
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Bert Watson
President
Jacksonville Historic
Naval Ship Association (JHNSA)
BertWatson@aol.com 202-271-4500

Shipmates,

This is truly going to be a fun weekend. If you live within a few to an 8 hour drive you don't want to miss this weekend. Think of it as a mini Lawrence Reunion! If all goes as planned I expect to have the display of DDG-4 equipment on display at the Jacksonville Landing. Our ship will be big part of the Adams Class Museum because we believe we have located all of the DDG-4 CIC equipment and are working to obtain it. If your planning on making the weekend email or give me a call (814-322-4150) so I can keep count of the DDG-4 Crew going.

Sincerely,
Craig Bernat
President
USS Lawrence Association

*Adams Class Naval Ship Museum
Commanding Officer Commemoration
Dinner Friday, November 6, 2009
RSVP Card*

*Yes Reception - Thursday, November 5, 2009 \$20 per person
DDG Class Crewmen and Sponsors*

*Yes Dinner - Friday, November 6, 2009 \$70 per person
6:00 p.m. -to- 11:00 p.m.
Price includes first two drinks and:*

Yes Saturday, November 7, 2009

- *Blue Angels Air Show 9:00a.m. - to -3:30 p.m.*
- *Tour - USS Klakring*
- *USS Adams Naval Ship Museum Jacksonville Landing location opening Reception - 6:30 p.m. -to- 8:30 p.m.*

*Yes Sunday, November 8, 2009 Jacksonville Jaguars To be determined
NFL Football Game*

Number in your party _____ \$ _____ Total

Name(s) _____

Number of each Entrée Selection for group: Petite Filet _____ Mahi Mahi _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail address _____

Please indicate shirt/blouse sizes for you and any guest: You _____ Guest _____

*Please make checks payable to: JHNSA and send to
Destination Planning Corporation
Attn: Jeff Jawney
11330 -2 St. Johns Industrial Parkway Suite 2
Jacksonville, Florida 32246*

To make reservations using a credit card please call Destination Planning at 904-249-3729 and ask for Jeff Jawney.

*If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution to the Adams Class Naval Ship Museum, please send your donation to the
JHNSA
9917 Margate Hills Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32256*

*Please return this RSVP card or e-mail reservation to: jjawney@destinationplanning.com.
This event will be held at the Omni Jacksonville – Special hotel room rate for this event is \$79 per night (plus tax). For this special price, reservations must be made by October 22.
Please call 800.843.6664 and ask for the “Adams Class” rate.
For more information on available tours and sightseeing options or special transportation to/from airport, please go to www.adamsclassddgvets.org or call (904) 249-3729*