



# USS Cusk SSG 348 Newsletter

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## Shipmates

**It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of shipmates**

**Mike Fallatt III. He entered into Eternal Patrol November 12, 2006, He was cremated and his ashes were committed on November 14, 2006.**

**Edward Schulze, entered Eternal Patrol January 2007.**

**Edman "Sal" Saldivar entered Eternal Patrol March 2, 2007.**

**Sailors Rest Your Oars**



This is Volume II Issue 3 of the Cusk Newsletter. The Cusk Booster Club has had a real good response. We have started a new Cusk Booster Club for 2006-08. The response has been great. On the down side, we are spending too much money on mailing to wrong addresses. When you change your information, phone No., address, e-mail, etc., please let Bill Vincent know.

As many of you know, I have had a bout with cancer, but I am OK now and up and running.

Planning for the next reunion at Charleston SC in May 2008, is underway. Greg Czech is in charge of the reunion.

## Reunion Information

### A DAY IN HISTORIC CHARLESTON

Tour Charleston, one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the south. Her stately homes with their lovely gardens, her magnificent public buildings and her majestic churches will enchant you. As you tour you will see the College of Charleston, Charleston Village (one of the early suburbs of the city), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and of course our famous Battery with its elegant town houses built by planters and merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. Spend some time shopping and browsing in the Old City Market and have lunch on your own at one of our fine restaurants.

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$30 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$26 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$23 Per Person Net

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$32 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$28 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$25 Per Person Net



### HISTORIC CHARLESTON AND BOONE HALL

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old City Market shopping and browsing and have lunch on your own at one of our many excellent restaurants. Journey across the Cooper River to the town of Mt. Pleasant. Here visit historic Boone Hall Plantation which was used in the filming of the television mini series, “North And South” and “Queen” and for background filming in “Gone With the Wind.” Tour the lovely Georgian plantation house, the slave quarters built from brick made on the plantation in the 1800’s and watch the flower ladies making their sweetgrass baskets.

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$55 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 30 Per Coach \$48 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 35 Per Coach \$44 Per Person Net

**HISTORIC CHARLESTON AND THE AMERICAN MILITARY MUSEUM**



Tour Charleston, one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the south. Her stately homes with their lovely gardens, her magnificent public buildings and her majestic churches will enchant you. As you tour you will see the College of Charleston, Charleston Village (one of the early suburbs of the city), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and of course our famous Battery with its elegant town houses built by planters and merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. Spend some time shopping and browsing in the Old City Market and have lunch on your own at one of our fine restaurants. After lunch visit the American Military Museum where you will see thousands of artifacts which tell the story of the American Armed Forces from the Revolution through the war in Afghanistan. The collection which honors all branches of the armed forces is presented in reverse chronological sequence, illustrating the development of personal uniforms (male and female) and equipment.

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$41 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 30 Per Coach \$36 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 35 Per Coach \$32 Per Person Net

**CHARLESTON BY THE SEA**



Tour Charleston, one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the south. Her stately homes with their lovely gardens, her magnificent public buildings and her majestic churches will enchant you. As you tour you will see the College of Charleston, Charleston Village (one of the early suburbs of the city), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and of course our famous Battery with its elegant town houses built by planters and merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. Spend some time shopping and browsing in the Old City Market and have lunch on your own at one of our fine restaurants. After lunch visit the South

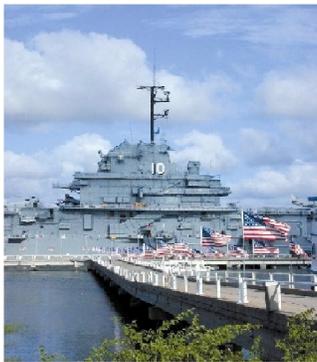
Carolina Aquarium where you will discover more than 10,000 living organisms as you journey from the mountains to the ocean floor of South Carolina all within the walls of our City Aquarium. Explore the history of our state through 60 exhibits reflecting our mutually interdependent aquatic habitats and the evolution of our Southeastern environment. The beauty and mystery of this natural setting will spark your curiosity and leave you in awe of the world beyond ourselves.

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.**

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$55 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$48 Per Person Net

**PATRIOTS POINT TOUR**

Tour Patriots Point, the world’s largest naval and maritime museum. Visit the Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the destroyer LAFFEY, a participant in the



World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine, CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy’s last diesel powered submarines; and the Coast Guard Cutter, INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and

given to Patriots Point in 1989. Includes round trip transportation to Patriots Point.

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$37 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$33 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$32 Per Person Net

**FORT SUMTER TOUR**

As you cruise through Charleston’s beautiful harbor you will view the beautiful homes along the Battery, and watch the sea gulls and the dolphins play in the harbor. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began, rangers from the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before you tour this famous bastion and its marvelous museum. Includes round trip transfers to dock



**Duration:** 3 1/2 Hours

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$36 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$33 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$30 Per Person Net

**PATRIOTS POINT TOUR WITH LUNCH IN THE CPO MESS**

Tour Patriots Point, the world’s largest naval and maritime museum. Visit the Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the destroyer LAFFEY, a participant in the World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine, CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy’s last diesel powered submarines; and the Coast Guard Cutter, INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989. Enjoy a traditional hot lunch in the CPO Mess aboard the Yorktown.

**Duration:** 9:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$48 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$44 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$41 Per Person Net

**PATRIOTS POINT AND FORT SUMTER**

Tour Patriots Point, the world’s largest naval and maritime museum. Visit the Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the destroyer LAFFEY, a participant in the World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine, CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy’s last diesel powered submarines; and the Coast Guard Cutter, INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989. Enjoy a delicious boxed lunch in the CPO Mess aboard the Yorktown before boarding the General Beauregard for your Fort Sumter Tour. As you cruise through

Charleston's beautiful harbor, you will view the beautiful homes along the Battery and watch the sea gulls and the dolphins play in the harbor. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began, rangers from the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before you tour this famous bastion and its marvelous museum. Includes Round Trip Transportation to Patriots Point.

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$68 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$63 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$59 Per Person Net

### **PATRIOTS POINT AND CHARLESTON HARBOR TOUR**

Tour Patriots Point, the world's largest naval and maritime museum. Visit the Aircraft Carrier YORKTOWN, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the destroyer LAFFEY, a participant in the World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine, CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy's last diesel powered submarines; and the Coast Guard Cutter, INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989. After touring Patriots point step back in time for a hot lunch in the CPO Galley on the Yorktown. After lunch board the Spirit of Carolina. As you cruise through Charleston Harbor you will view the lovely mansions along the Battery and Fort Sumter where the Civil War began. Throughout the tour you will hear an interesting narrative about the many points of interest including Castle Pinckney, Drum Island, and the Wando Terminal, a part of the Charleston Port, which is one of the largest container ports in the country.

**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Price:** Minimum 25 Per Coach \$67 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$62 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$58 Per Person Net

### **CHARLESTON HARBOR TOUR**

As you cruise through Charleston Harbor you will view the lovely mansions along the Battery, watch the dolphins play alongside your boat, see Fort Sumter where the Civil War began, and hear stories about the pirates who frequented our harbor in bygone days. Throughout the tour you will be treated to an interesting narrative about the many points of interest including Castle Pinckney, Drum Island, and the Wando Terminal, a part of the Charleston Port, which is one of the largest container ports in the country. Includes round trip transportation to boat dock.

### **THE H. L. HUNLEY TOUR**

On February 17, 1864 the Confederate Submarine, the Hunley successfully sank the USS Housatonic in Charleston harbor by ramming her with a spar torpedo. She was the first submarine to be used successfully in naval warfare. Lost for 136 years after this momentous victory,



the Hunley was successfully raised from the ocean floor in August of 2000. Today she and her crew have been successfully preserved in a special tank and are being studied by a renowned team of archeologists. There are on-going discoveries being made about this amazing vessel and her crew. Join us for a tour of the Hunley. Includes round trip transportation to the Warren Lash Laboratory and an expert guide well versed in the Hunley's history. Available on weekends only at this time.

**Duration: 2 - 2 1/2 Hours.**

#### **Weekend Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$42 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$38 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$34 Per Person Net

#### **Weekday Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$45 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$42 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$39 Per Person Net

### **THE CIVIL WAR IN CHARLESTON FEATURING THE CONFEDERATE SUBMARINE, THE HUNLEY**

Begin your morning/afternoon with a tour of Charleston historic district which is rich in Civil War History. As you travel her streets filled with beautiful old homes and magnificent churches and public buildings your guide will bring to life Charleston's role in the War Between the States. During the course of your tour you will see the Battery which was fortified during the war, St. Michael's church where they painted the steeple black to escape the union bombardment, the site of the building where the Ordinance of Secession was signed, the Confederate Museum

which houses artifacts from the war and the Old Citadel. After touring the city continue on to the Warren Lasch Conservation Center to see the Confederate



Submarine, H.L. Hunley. On February 17, 1864 the Confederate Submarine, H. L. Hunley successfully sank the Union warship, the Housatonic in Charleston Harbor by ramming it. After this successful foray she also sank with all of her

crew to the bottom of the Atlantic where she remained until August 8, 2000. On this auspicious day after months of planning and work by archeologists from the state and National Park Service, divers and marine engineers, she was successfully raised and taken to a special tank at the Warren Lasch Laboratory in North Charleston. Today we will have the opportunity to view this 19th century marvel as the archeologists continue their research and stabilize the boat.

**Duration: 3 - 3 1/2 Hours.**

**Weekend Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$45 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 30 Per Coach \$40 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 35 Per Coach \$37 Per Person Net

**Weekday Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$40 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 30 Per Coach \$44 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 35 Per Coach \$41 Per Person Net

With time in the Market for lunch on your own & shopping and browsing.

**Duration: 6 Hours.**

**Weekend Price:**

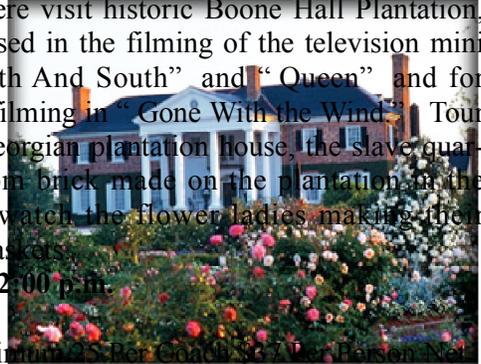
Minimum 25 Per Coach \$51 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 30 Per Coach \$46 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 35 Per Coach \$43 Per Person Net

**Week Day Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$54 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 30 Per Coach \$50 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 35 Per Coach \$47 Per Person Net

**BOONE HALL PLANTATION TOUR**

Journey across the Cooper River to the town of Mt. Pleasant. Here visit historic Boone Hall Plantation, which was used in the filming of the television mini series, “North And South” and “Queen” and for background filming in “Gone With the Wind.” Tour the lovely Georgian plantation house, the slave quarters built from brick made on the plantation in the 1800's and watch the flower ladies making their sweetgrass baskets.



**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$45 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 30 Per Coach \$40 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 35 Per Coach \$36 Per Person Net

**FORT MOULTRIE AND BOONE HALL PLANTATION**

Begin your visit to Fort Moultrie by viewing the film that depicts the history of the fort. After the film a guide will give you a brief orientation to the fort, which began its life as a simple fort built of Palmetto logs and sand from which Revolutionary soldiers under the leadership of Col. William Moultrie repulsed a British fleet on June 28, 1776. The fort remained active until 1947 and is one of the more interesting forts on the eastern seaboard. Continue on to Boone Hall Plantation, which was used in the filming of the television miniseries, “North and South,” “Queen,” and for background filming in “Gone With the Wind.” Tour the lovely Georgian plantation house, the slave quarters built from brick made on the plantation in the 1800's and watch the flower ladies making their sweetgrass baskets.



**9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$45 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 30 Per Coach \$40 Per Person Net  
 Minimum 35 Per Coach \$36 Per Person Net

**DRAYTON HALL PLANTATION TOUR**

This tour winds down live oak canopied roads to Drayton Hall, c. 1738 considered the finest Georgian Palladian Plantation house in the south. The house

has stood through the rise and fall of plantation society, survived devastating natural disaster, and remained intact in the face of modernization. Its amazing architecture and craftsmanship tell the story of a family and its community over two centuries. Your interpreter will bring this marvelous house and its family to life for you.

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Price**

Minimum 25 \$39 Per Person Net

Minimum 30 \$35 Per Person Net

Minimum 35 \$32 Per Person Net



**MIDDLETON PLACE PLANTATION TOUR**



Visit Middleton Place, a Registered National Historic Landmark and the plantation home of the Middleton family since 1741. Stroll through the magnificent Formal Gardens (the oldest in America) laid out by Henry Middleton in 1741 and explore the stable yards, a living outdoor museum where the behind-the-scenes story of life on an 18th century plantation is told with animals, artifacts, and craft exhibits. Tour the remaining wing of the Middleton House furnished with heirlooms from the Middleton family.

**8:45 a.m. 12:45 p.m. or 1:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.**

**Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$57 Per Person Net

Minimum 30 Per Coach \$53 Per Person Net

Minimum 35 Per Coach \$50 Per Person Net

**MAGNOLIA GARDENS PLANTATION TOUR**

Tour Magnolia Gardens, one of the most beautiful romantic gardens in the world. As you stroll the garden paths through a Cypress Swamp, which was turned into a garden by the Rev. John Drayton



prior to the War Between the States the beauty of these unique gardens will take your breath away. After touring the gardens board the tram which will take you into part of the Audubon Swamp Garden, home to scores of water loving creatures and traversed by boardwalks, dikes, and bridges to put the visitor in close contact with its inhabitants. You may even see an alligator and will have the opportunity to climb the Wildlife Tower to view the abundant bird population of the low country.

**8:45 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. or 1:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.**

**Price:**

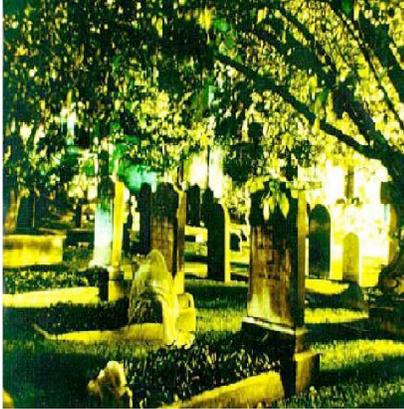
Minimum 25 Per Coach \$44 Per Person Net

Minimum 30 Per Coach \$40 Per Person Net

Minimum 35 Per Coach \$37 Per Person Net

## **THE GHOSTS OF CHARLESTON WALKING TOUR**

This city by the sea has survived wars, hurricanes, fires and even an earthquake. Where sadness and natural disasters abound so do members of the spirit world. Throughout her rich history there have been stories of Charleston Ghosts and many Charlestonians firmly believe that they do exist. Some are meek and mild while others like Lavinia Fisher who murdered countless people are terrifying. On this evening ghost walk, your guide and expert storyteller will entertain you with our traditional tall tales and perhaps an even more recent sighting.



**Duration: 1 1/2 Hours**

**Price:**

Minimum 10 - Maximum 18 Per Guide  
Minimum 25 Per Coach \$31 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$26 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$23 Per Person Net

## **SPIRIT OF CAROLINA DINNER CRUISE**

Cruise Charleston's beautiful harbor by moonlight aboard the 100' luxury yacht, Spirit of Carolina. Enjoy the unique and beautiful sights of our harbor at night as well as a delicious dinner in a romantic atmosphere. Dance to the music of a live band. Entree choice may be made at the table Alcoholic beverages and optional dessert menus are on your own. Includes round trip transfers to Patriots Point.

## **Dinner Menu -**

Charleston she crab soup, spirit signature salad with assorted home made dressings, Choice of beef, seafood, chicken, and pasta entree. Chef's selection of potatoes, rice or pasta, fresh seasonal vegetables, freshly baked breads with sweet cream butter, house dessert, coffee, tea, or decaffeinated coffee.

**6:15 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.**

**Choice of Four Entrees at the Table**

**Tues. - Thurs Price:**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$80 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$76 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$73 Per Person Net

**Fri.-Sat. Price**

Minimum 25 Per Coach \$87 Per Person Net  
Minimum 30 Per Coach \$84 Per Person Net  
Minimum 35 Per Coach \$81 Per Person Net

**Deposit Policy:**

Upon confirmation we will need a \$14 deposit per coach to hold your space on the tour route. This deposit is fully refundable up to 30 days prior. We require a 50% deposit one month prior to arrival with the balance due at the time of the tour or tours. Cancellation Policy: Up to 15 days prior to arrival 50% of your deposit is refundable; 15 days or less prior to arrival your deposit is non-refundable. For the regular tours we will need a guaranteed count 24 hours in advance. For the tours involving food service we will need a guaranteed count 72 hours in advance. Once a guaranteed count is given you will be billed for this amount. Additional numbers will be subject to availability.



## USS Cusk (SS-348) Reunion May 15 - 18, 2008 Charleston, South Carolina

**Reunion HQ:** Holiday Inn, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

**Room Rates:** **Thursday \$99, Friday/Saturday \$129** plus tax

**Reunion Fee:** \$110.00 per person

**Includes:** Hospitality Suite, Charleston Tour, BBQ  
Dinner on Friday, Banquet on Saturday

**Optional:** Thursday Charleston Harbor Dinner Cruise

**Reunion Web:** [www.shellbackcruises.com/ss348.htm](http://www.shellbackcruises.com/ss348.htm)

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*All registration and hotel arrangements must be made through  
Shellback Cruises to receive the group rate!*

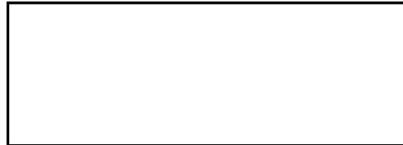
FUNNIES

Baby Blues □ Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



The reason I put this cartoon in is because I used to work at Lockheed for 35 yrs. Bill V.

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