

TIN CAN SAILORS, INC.
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DESTROYER VETERANS

Tin Can Sailors is the national association of destroyer veterans. Founded in 1976, we have some 9,000 members. The suggested annual membership contribution is \$40.

The mission of Tin Can Sailors is threefold: To promote camaraderie among destroyer veterans through our events, our magazine *The Tin Can Sailor*, our website and social media, and by facilitating local meetings and reunions of former shipmates. To promote the preservation of destroyer history and work to broaden public understanding of the contributions made by destroyers and those who served aboard them. To support today's Navy and encourage understanding of its importance.

Our members receive our quarterly magazine, *The Tin Can Sailor*. This magazine is also sent to the active-duty destroyers.

Tin Can Sailors sponsors an annual National Reunion plus several one-day Bull Sessions (mini-reunions) covering various regions of the country. We encourage and support Field Day programs as opportunities for Tin Can Sailor veterans to spend weekends working aboard the ten destroyers that have become museums. This program yields thousands of hours of skilled and enthusiastic volunteer labor for these ships of the Historic Fleet. We also provide support services to reunion associations. A large amount of information about destroyers is available through our web site www.destroyers.org. We have a large research and reference library and a small artifact collection at our Somerset, Massachusetts office.

Our Destroyer Museum Grant Program has made nearly \$2,000,000 in contributions since its inception in 1991 to help restore and maintain these destroyers as public museums/memorials: (Use the list from the DESA letter)

USS Cassin Young (DD-793) at Boston National Historical Park, Charlestown Massachusetts
USS Edson (DD-946) at Bay City, Michigan
USS Kidd (DD-661) at Baton Rouge, Louisiana
USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. (DD-850) at Fall River, Massachusetts
USS Laffey (DD-724) at Mount Pleasant (Charleston), South Carolina
USS Orleck (DD-886) at Jacksonville, Florida
USS Slater (DE-766) at Albany, New York
USS Stewart (DE-238) at Galveston, Texas
USS The Sullivans (DD-537) at Buffalo, New York
USS Turner Joy (DD-951) at Bremerton, Washington

In recognition of our contributions, many historic ships and museums admit our members free or at reduced prices. Tin Can Sailors is also a member of the Historic Naval Ships Association.

Tin Can Sailors is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3). We do not lobby, take stands on legislation, or endorse candidates. Tin Can Sailors is managed by a board of directors.

We hope you enjoy your complimentary issue of the Tin Can Sailor and decide to be a part of our organization.