

Hi All and Greetings from Big E,

All is well as we near halfway of our 22nd and final deployment! Moral is high, as our schedule has been somewhat predictable and port visits consistent. We've been supporting OEF the last few weeks... Always makes you feel like your making a difference in the world. Temperatures are starting to creep up, but the 7 A/Cs are still humming along. Thing you may not miss... the sweaty passageways and ladders on those really hot, steamy days. The engineers are seeing some rough temps in the plants, but we joke that the flight deck gets a good 25-kt breeze every launch/recovery cycle☺ Can't complain one bit, because we are super proud to be operating this legendary ship once last time, and she's doing great!

As promised, I'm going to keep copying all of you on emails, so please keep sending me the names of folks you'd like included in the discussion of Inactivation. I have a few more updates on the Inactivation Ceremony.

1) Invitations

The Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL) Protocol Office is the lead for ALL invitations...

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE GETTING THE WORD OUT about the online registration form. This list will drive the invitation list that we submit.

ENTERPRISE will submit our lists to CNAL for consolidation, prioritization, and deconfliction. The Goal... To have invitations mailed in early October. The plan right now is to cap invites at 12,000 tickets, which will give us some room for add-ons if we need them.

2) Inactivation Week Schedule of Reunion Events

Traditionally, there are pre and post-parties surrounding commissioning and decommissioning events. The Navy will host several invite-only events (i.e. Ship's Sponsor luncheon), however nothing on the scale of 12K guests. We would like to identify all planned events for the week of the Inactivation. The current schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, Nov 27**
 - 0900-1500 Open for Tours
- **Wednesday, Nov 28**
 - 0900-1500 Open for Tours
- **Thursday, Nov 29**
 - 0900-1500 Open for Tours
- **Friday, Nov 30**
 - 0900-1500 Open for Tours
- **Saturday, Dec 1**
 - 1100 Pre-Ceremony Lunch
 - 1300 Inactivation Ceremony

NOTE: There will NOT BE ANY EVENTS onboard ENTERPRISE as of 2359, December 1, i.e. **no tours on Sunday**, etc.

We need your help coordinating the Reception with the Hampton Roads Navy League....
We see two possible courses of action (COA):

- COA 1) Several smaller, more exclusive events throughout the week. Followed by a ~3K person reception in the hangar immediately following the Ceremony.
- COA 2) One all inclusive (~8-10K person) party in town for ALL veterans, family and friends of ENTERPRISE party at a single location either the night before or the night of the Ceremony.

3) Ship Tours

- a. The ONLY and LAST opportunity to visit Enterprise will be 27-30 November. Similar to the 50th, we will have the crew available to provide escorted tours.
- b. We will NOT be hosting lunch onboard as we did for the 50th; however are discussing option of MWR, FRG-hosted fundraiser lunches in the HB. Would the ENT Assn want to host a lunch (catered... maybe pizzas) onboard during those days?
- c. Will someone be providing busses from the hotels to the base, or do I need to start working a parking plan for four days?

Please pass to anyone I may have missed.