

October 2001

Dear Classmates and Friends:

I am pleased to enclose registration materials for the **Class of '45W Mini-Reunion in Charleston, SC, April 8-12, 2002**. We have received a strong response to our initial mailing and anticipate a great turnout. We have provided information not only about the class program but also information that will help you decide how to spend your free time. There are specific popular tours that you must reserve on your own and that sellout quickly. Details are included in this mailing.

#### **Accommodations - not included in mini reunion fee**

##### *Mills House Hotel*

Our reunion hotel is the Mills House Hotel in the heart of historic and old Charleston within easy walking distance of the famous houses and gardens at the peak of the Spring flower season. The Spring flower season is the main reason why Charleston was selected at this time of year.

- Standard room \$189.00 per night plus tax - Executive level rooms and mini suites \$50.00 more
- Reserve directly by calling 1-800-874-9600 or via the internet at [www.millshouse.com](http://www.millshouse.com)
- Be certain to identify yourself as a member of the Yale Class of 1945W Mini-Reunion
- Contact Tim McClain, Sales Manager, at the above number if you have any problems or special requests

##### *Alternate arrangements*

There are many fine smaller hotels and bed and breakfast places within walking distance of the Mills House Hotel. Most of our tours start and return to the Mills House and most other walking tours start within two blocks of the Mills House, so for convenience sake try to stay close by. I've listed some resources for those interested.

- The AAA is a good source of information for members
- Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau - 1-800-774-0006 or [www.charlestoncvb.com](http://www.charlestoncvb.com)

#### **Final Program and Optional Tours**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7/MONDAY, APRIL 8**

Although the real joy of Charleston is exploring places of interest on your own leisurely, we suggest you let the concierge arrange for a guided carriage or van tour of the historic district upon arrival unless you know Charleston well or have studied your maps and brochures. Once you get your bearings you can walk to most sites or house tours or take advantage of

the inexpensive downtown area DASH shuttle. The City Market, art galleries, museums and fine stores are all within easy walking distance of the Mills House Hotel. If you arrive before 9:00 am on Monday, the Historic Charleston foundation offers a two-hour guided tour of the Old and Historic District. Reservations are required (the hotel concierge can assist you) and the cost is \$15.00 per adult. The tour departs from the Historic Charleston Foundation Office, located at 108 Meeting Street.

Charleston Guide Books will be available next February. Please call the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (1-800-774-0006) in late January to have a copy mailed to you.

### **MONDAY, APRIL 8**

6:00-8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception, Mills House Hotel **(included)**

Dinner on your own for those who wish. A restaurant guide will be provided to help you select type of food and price range. We will make arrangements with the concierge to have some reservations available.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

9:00 a.m. Tour buses depart to take us up the Ashley River for a privately guided tour of Drayton Hall, the oldest preserved Georgian Palladian plantation house in America. **(included)**

11:15 a.m. Depart for Middleton Place, the oldest landscaped garden in the U.S. The fabulous gardens bloom year round, but should be at their peak for our tour. We will enjoy a buffet luncheon at the Middleton Place consisting of "Low Country" fare with wine, beer or tea. **(included)**

3:15 p.m. Arrive back at the Mills House

Dinner on your own. We will again try to have the concierge book reservations at selected restaurants which you should confirm in advance.

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

9:00 a.m. Buses depart from the Mills House for the City Marina where we board the Fort Sumpter sight-seeing boat. National Park Service guides will lead our tour. The trip is doubly worthwhile for the excellent views of Charleston and the harbor with its many points of interest on the trip out and return. **(included)**

1:00 Arrive back at the Mills House - lunch and the rest of the day on your own

#### **Evening Optional Candlelight Tour by the Historic Charleston Foundation**

The most special tours in Charleston, offered only during "Flower" season are the Historic Charleston Foundation tours. A candlelight tour of Tradd Street is available either Wednesday or Saturday (4/13) evening. Tradd Street stretches from the Ashley to the Cooper River and was one of the original carriage ways laid out in 1680. Our tour includes the greatest concentration of early 1800's houses in the city. You will be escorted in small groups of 10-20 through ten or twelve private homes and gardens all lit by candlelight. A highlight of the tour is a wine and cheese reception by candlelight in one of the gardens. The tour will take place rain or shine. If you opt for this tour, we suggest you have supper beforehand. Few restaurants serve a full meal after 10:00 p.m. on weekday nights.

**These are the most popular tours in Charleston and tickets must be ordered and paid for individually before you will receive a confirmation. The cost is \$40.00 per person and tickets are non-refundable. Reservations will be accepted starting November 1 and are expected to be sold out by the end of the year. To order, please call the Historic Charleston Foundation at 1-843-722-3405**

or visit their website at [www.historiccharleston.org](http://www.historiccharleston.org). No reservations will be accepted without full payment. A confirmation will be mailed to you. You will need this confirmation to redeem your tickets in Charleston.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8:45 a.m. Buses depart the Mill House on guided tour to Patriots Point where the carrier Yorktown is berthed. It has seventeen World War II planes in a museum on its flight deck. There is also a World War II destroyer, submarine and Coast Guard cutter that can be boarded. **(included)**

11:30 a.m. Arrive at Fort Moultrie just across the channel from Fort Sumpter. The old original fort played an important role in the Revolutionary War and in one of the first American victories repulsed the British fleet from entering Charleston. Standing today is the third fort on this site. The interior has been restored to reflect the story of the American seacoast defense. In the Visitors Center a twenty-minute film of the history of the fort is shown. **(included)**

Our return trip brings us through the Shem Creek area where local restaurants specialize in oysters and crabs. The buses can drop anyone off along the way to enjoy lunch on their own. Return transportation on your own.

**Walking Tour option** - for those willing to skip the Patriots Point/Fort Moultrie tour, there is a guided two-hour walking tour available of old and historic Charleston. The cost is \$15.00 per person and the tour departs from the Foundation Office at **9:30 a.m.** Reservations are required but can be obtained upon your arrival in Charleston.

1:00 p.m. Arrive back at the Mills House. Quick lunch on your own.

We felt most classmates would enjoy one of two optional programs this afternoon:

#### **Option 1**

2:15 p.m. We have chartered a boat specially designed for ecological and nature tours of the tidal creeks and marshland. Sandlapper Tours has won rave reviews for these tours on their 45 passenger catamaran. The boat has an awning which enables us to sail even in inclement weather and a cash bar is available onboard. The cost is \$18.00 per person and you can sign up on the enclosed reservation form.

**Reservations for this chartered tour are limited to the first 45 reservations received.** For those who miss the cut-off, we will make arrangements for them to join a group on Wednesday for a slightly higher fee. (We will not charter the boat on Wednesday unless there are sufficient advance reservations.)

#### **Option 2**

2:00 p.m. For those who wish to soak up as many garden tours as possible, we suggest the "Glorious Gardens" tour sponsored by the Historic Charleston Foundation. This three-hour guided tour of 10-12 private and public gardens ends at the Nathaniel Russell House with a wine and lemonade reception. The same rules apply as for the candlelight tour. The cost is \$40.00 per person (non-refundable) and reservations must be made individually through the foundation (see above for contact information).

**Reservations for this tour are also available on or after November 1 and are expected to be sold out by the end of November. Please act quickly!**

5:00 p.m. Approximate return to the Mills House from afternoon options.

6:30 p.m. Farewell Reception, Mills House **(included)**

8:15 p.m. Class Dinner at the Mills House **(included)**

## Activities and Updates

Golf: Bob Young has volunteered to arrange a golf outing either Monday, April 8 or Friday, April 12 at one of the areas great courses, if there is enough demand. All those interested should contact Bob Young directly at 631-477-9787 (phone and fax) or [robertyoung@reynoldsrichard.com](mailto:robertyoung@reynoldsrichard.com).

Several classmates indicated an interest in visiting the actual recovered Confederate submarine, CSS Hunley. Unfortunately, it is still being restored at the former Charleston Navy Yard at this time. No one knows where it will be next April and whether or not there is a chance it can be visited during our stay in Charleston. We will keep you informed of its availability.

We asked for an indication of interest in a post-Charleston class sponsored tour of Savannah in our earlier mailing. There was not sufficient demand, so we have eliminated that option.

Please complete and mail or fax in your registration as soon as possible. We can revise our meal and tour reservations up to a point, but then will need to close registration.

In case you have questions or need any special help, please contact Karen Jahn at the Association of Yale Alumni, 203-432-1954 (phone), 203-432-0587 (fax) or [karen.jahn@yale.edu](mailto:karen.jahn@yale.edu) or Bill Holliday at 203-245-0820 (phone), 203-245-1567 (fax) or [wmholliday@msn.com](mailto:wmholliday@msn.com). Please note this is a new email since our last directory was published.

I look forward to seeing you in Charleston.

Bill Holliday

**CLASS OF 1945W CHARLESTON MINI-REUNION  
APRIL 8-12, 2002  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS AND INDICATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING EACH EVENT**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL MINI REUNION** (Included events are indicated on the schedule)

Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ @\$290.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTIAL ATTENDANCE OPTIONS**

Monday - Reception/Tuesday tours and lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @\$140.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday - Fort Sumpter \_\_\_\_\_ @\$27.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday - Patriots Point/Fort Moultrie \_\_\_\_\_ @\$37.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday - Class Reception and Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @\$90.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL ADD-ON TOUR ARRANGED BY CLASS**

Thursday Chartered Sandlapper Nature Cruise \_\_\_\_\_ @\$18.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_  
(first 45 reservations received)

Wednesday Sandlapper Cruise \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_  
(not chartered, no group discount)

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER: ALL HISTORIC CHARLESTON FOUNDATION RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY BY CALLING 843-722-3405. RESERVATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 1.**

I've enclosed my check made out to "Yale University-Class of 1945W" in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my Visa/MC/American Express \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*After retaining a copy for your records, please mail or fax to:*

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