

Countdown To The 1715 Fleet 300TH Anniv. #2

DATELINE: Washington, PA. Monday, April 21, 2014—As a follow up to the report that was published in the First Quarter 2014 *PLVS VLTRA Newsletter*, the 1715 Fleet Society has firmed up the details regarding the two-day Symposium that will be held at the Vero Beach Museum of Art on July 28—29, 2015. The Society is in the process of putting together an agenda and lining up speakers. As reported earlier, the Symposium will feature speakers from around the country discussing the 1715 Fleet's impact on history, archaeology, and numismatics.

It is anticipated that the two-day conference will have a morning session and an afternoon session. The morning session is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon, when a catered lunch will be provided until 1:30 p.m. The afternoon session will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The cost for the Symposium and the catered lunch will be announced in a future edition of the *PLVS VLTRA Newsletter* once all of the necessary expenses have been tallied.

The official 1715 Fleet Banquet commemorating the Anniversary of the 1715 Fleet will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at the Tiffany Room located at the Inn at Captain Hiram's. Captain Hiram's facility is positioned on the Sebastian River at 1606 Indian River Drive, Sebastian, Florida, 32958. Details are currently being worked out with the Resort, but the goal is to



1715 FLEET SOCIETY DIRECTOR BEN COSTELLO visits with Randy Andrews and his daughter Denise Andrews at the 2014 STLC dinner in Orlando.

have a very special dinner that everyone will long remember.

In an effort to accommodate all those planning to attend the 300th Anniversary of the 1715 Fleet catastrophe along the Treasure Coast, the Fleet Society is arranging special rates with hotels located in Sebastian, Vero Beach, and Fort Pierce.



Captain Hiram's Resort is the flagship hotel for those planning to stay in the Sebastian area during the festivities. As such, they are willing to offer a special \$99.00 per night rate for standard rooms. If upgrades are requested the resort will give the proportionate discount. The group promo code is "1715". Guests can

call the main number 1-772-388-8588 to book a room. Please use the promo code in order to get the discounted room rate.

Hotels in the Vero Beach and Fort Pierce areas that are willing to offer discounted rates for those attending this historic event will be announced in an upcoming edition of the *PLVS VLTRA Newsletter*.

If anyone has any questions or would like to make a suggestion, please contact Ben Costello at 724-344-3171 (Cell).

ONE YEAR, 100 DAYS!

(...Plus so many hours, minutes, and seconds) read the Countdown Calendar on the official web site of the 1715 Fleet Society when I checked it yesterday (21 April 2014)! That's how close we are to the 300th anniversary of the horrific maritime disaster of 30-31 July 1715, when King Philip V of Spain lost his entire Plate Fleet (and nearly 1,000 of his subjects) along the Florida coast.

This world-class web presence has grown by leaps and bounds with original articles, archival references, photographs of coins and jewelry from the fated fleet, a burgeoning study set of silver coins from the Spanish colonial mints, the countdown calendar, and much, much more. If your interest truly is shipwrecks and the treasures they carried—as indicated by your subscription to this periodical—then you do yourself a disservice by not visiting www.1715FleetSociety.com at least once a week.

What is more, the Society is redesigning the site such that it can be modified on a daily basis—hourly, if necessary—with updates to the progress of the 2015 commemoration... *before* the events even begin with the State of Florida exhibit and special Society activities at the 2015 Florida United Numismatists Convention in January of next year! —ER

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