



USS Yosemite AD-19 Association
President Report From
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Yosemite Members, Friends, and Guests

I hope all of you are looking ahead and as we leave winter behind, think about the upcoming "Reunion At Sea". This is a first for our Association and if it is a hit we will certainly consider more events like this for the future. In anticipation of our event I took the short version (four days) with the same cruise line from Port Canaveral in January of this year. Wendy and I and our son (Thomas) had a great time and the days flew by. The port is clean and the area is safe and parking is convenient. For those that wish the convenience of driving right up to the ship and parking, it is easy. The week will cost approximately \$128.00 for 7 nights. For those that are more on the conservative side, one exit prior to the cruise terminal offers less expensive parking and will get you to the ship. I looked at the parking with "Lots of Honor" at \$6.99 per day at exit 46, 8.5 miles from the port, 312-507-2705, and 528 Parking "Global" at \$5.99 per day, 954-828-0242. Parking outside the port is cheaper but you need to call or go on line and make reservations for the 7 days ahead of time to get this price.

Also, for those that plan on flying into MCO Orlando Airport, here are some hotels near the airport:

Holiday Inn Orlando-International Airport - 407-851-6400

Orlando Airport Marriott Lakeside - 407-851-9000

Courtyard By Marriott Orlando Airport - 407-240-7200

Residence Inn By Marriott Orlando Airport - 407-856-2444

Shuttle Service Companies:

AA Access - 407-832-1650

Cortrans Shuttle - 407-446-3896

Shuttle costs are \$40 per person round trip. The travel time is about 45 minutes.

I hope that if you still want to include in our Reunion At Sea you recognize that it is still possible. The key will be contacting Rock Johnson. All of you that have signed up should have been billed the final amount already. If you did not receive notification of this, then please confirm you are fully processed. The number for Vacations To Go "Rock Johnson" is 1-800-514-9986 Ext. 7536. Additionally, if some of those that will be joining us did not sign up for the Cruise through "Vacations To Go" because they are regulars with the Cruise Line, please let me know directly so that I can make sure you are part of the "Welcome Packages" that guests will pick up upon arrival.

This will also have your name tags, etc. I did hear that some people may try to independently book the cruise and discussed this prospect with Rock Johnson. He said he could match or exceed any deal that any customer could get. My hope is that all that attend find this to be a unique opportunity to enjoy time together and find it to be more exciting than a normal hotel stay. We will have the opportunity to sign up for tours and I will be assigned an individual (5-6 weeks out) that will be my group event planner. I will be looking at whether we can execute our tours as a group as opposed to being mixed in with all other passengers. You can be sure since this is our first "Reunion At Sea" I will be doing all I can to try to minimize loose ends and help it be up to your expectations. I feel sure that Carnival would like to see our group again in the future if we can make this an enjoyable and memorable event. Right now you can expect that we will have a room for our guests to go to and pick up their name tags. It is currently marked in an itinerary as "Conference Room 3", which is allocated to us from 12:00 until 02:30. People should start boarding at 12:00 noon.

Our Chaplin will not be able to make the Reunion Cruise. Please contact me if you would be willing to take on this task in his absence.

We would like to set up a ladies Auxiliary Committee to work on the raffle, presentations to former officers/shipmates, and to share fresh ideas on what we can do to make our reunions more fun. Anyone interested, please contact Wendy Krug at wwkrug94@gmail.com.

We are looking for someone to take on the job of Historian. Please contact me if you are interested. We are looking for someone with communications background that would be interested in helping us grow our Association. Advertising is an area where we have fallen short. Areas like Jacksonville/Mayport Florida have a significant number of Yosemite sailors. We should periodically put an ad in the local papers about our group. The ship was last homeported at the Mayport Naval Station. When I am there I always find people at PSD that were on the ship and wanting to know about our group.

Our next reunion will be a land based event in Philadelphia at the Valley Forge Casino Resort from May 2 to May 6, 2018. We have tours planned and they are the best of the best. The next newsletter after the upcoming reunion will have much more information about this event. I am hoping that a lot of the people who were not able to make the reunion cruise will plan to join us as we celebrate our group at a fun spot in Philadelphia.

A priority for our Association must be to grow and add new members. If you have any ideas or suggestions in this regard, please send me an email. Also, please continue to look at our website and share the website with people you know. <http://ussyosemite.net>

Bill Krug III

**USS YOSEMITE (AD-19) ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF MARCH 8, 2017**

Balance as of April 30, 2016: \$30,158.94

Income:

1. Membership Dues (5 only):	\$75.00	
2. Tip Jar (2016 Reunion)	\$581.00	
3. Pay Pal Deposit:	\$326.00	
4. Reunion 2016	\$348.35	
5. Other (Reconciliation)	<u>\$ 3.25</u>	
Total	<u>\$1333.60</u>	<u>\$ 1333.60</u>
		\$31,492.54

Expenses:

1. Reunion 2016	\$4770.41	
2. Treasurer's Supplies	\$ 6.89	
3. Webmaster	\$2500.00	
4. Newsletter	\$ 94.56	
5. Gloria Miller Reunion Refund	\$ 56.00	
6. Stop Payment Check Charge	\$ 30.00	
7. Valley Forge Casino Deposit	\$1000.00	
8. Pay Pal Reimbursement	\$ 326.00	
Total	<u>\$8783.86</u>	<u>\$ 8783.86</u>

Income minus Expenses: **\$22,708.68**

Miscellaneous Notes

Dues Notice - This is a reminder for all NON Life members that have not paid their Association dues for 2017 to please not forget to pay them. You can send them to our Treasurer Mike Polyniak, PO Box 20863, Bakersfield, Ca 93390.

Welcome New Members - We have two new members to our Association, Robert Montgomery and Don Norris. Welcome aboard shipmates.

U.S.S. Yosemite Ship's Store

Yosemite Hats	EACH	No. Ordered	Total
Ships silhouette on black hat	13.00		
Chief's hat with insignia (E-7 or E-8 or E-9)	13.00		
Officer's black hat	13.00		
Golf Shirts			
Golf Shirts with pocket: (circle one) S M L XL	25.00		
SIZES XXL XXXL	30.00		
Circle: Navy Blue White Red			
Jacket			
Windbreaker Jacket (Navy Blue)			
Circle: S M L XL	50.00		
SIZES XXL XXXL	55.00		
USS Yosemite Navy Hoodie:	***NEW ITEM***		
S M L XL XXL	35.00		
T-SHIRTS			
Light Blue Fitted Circle: S M L XL XXL (LADIES)	15.00		
Blue Circle: S M L XL XXL (LADIES)	15.00		
ASSOCIATION T-SHIRT: NAVY with Gold	***NEW ITEM***		
S M L XL	15.00		
XXL XXXL	18.00		
ASSOCIATION T-SHIRT: Grey with Black	***NEW ITEM***		
S M L XL	15.00		
XXL XXXL	18.00		
Misc Items			
Yosemite Seal 5" Diameter Patch	8.00		
Yosemite AD19 Shoulder Patch	2.00		
Yosemite AD19 Officer's Shoulder Patch	5.00		
Yosemite Seal Car Magnet 6" Diameter	8.00		
U.S.S. Yosemite Miniature Hat Pin	4.00		
USS Yosemite Canvas Tote Bag	6.00		
USS Yosemite 5" 50 Years Patch	9.00		

Subtotal:

Shipping & Handling Fees

\$7.00 for FIRST Large item and \$4.00 for each additional LARGE item for example a second Shirt, Jacket etc.

\$4.00 Shipping of small items like patch, pin, car magnet

Shipping Total:

Mail Order To:

Cooper G. Gilbreath

4924 Bossler Rd

Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Make Check Out To:

Cooper G. Gilbreath

Total:

Contact Through email: gilfam1@comcast.net

please place in subject line Ship's Store

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