



USS Yosemite AD-19 Association

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Fellow Association members, Former Sailors, Friends, & Family,

I hope all of you have enjoyed the Holidays and have begun to focus on our 2020 Ship's Reunion.

I completed my search for the best possible hotel at a good price in a safe location. It was necessary to estimate numbers that would allow us to get the best room rate. If we met our projected numbers goal, we would not have to pay for our Hospitality Room or meeting rooms. I am encouraged as I look at the numbers, but we are not there yet.

Many of you that normally come to the reunions are still getting around to making the arrangements. I would ask you to please take some time from your busy schedules and act on the Reunion business. Most of you know we have a block of rooms reserved for our group. We expected to have all reservations in place by 3/30/2020.

Also, I have to plan food, drinks, and snacks for the Hospitality Room, the Wednesday arrival reception, and a whole host of other small things that most people don't think about. Given the fact that we did not have a Reunion last year, I would hope a significant effort would be in place to support this year's Reunion.

Now I know we are all busy, between doctor's appointments, moving, family events, supporting our elderly parents, or helping with family issues, and the list goes on and on. But this is our time. We cannot make this up. I will repeat some of the things as we go further into this letter that was mentioned in my prior newsletter because they are important.



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So what I am saying is, please let's get this Yosemite Reunion business in place so that we can look forward to some very special time together. USS Yosemite is the only ship out of the many I have served on that I follow. My time comes alive when I sit down with those that have served on this great ship.

Lots of people, when they first get involved with our group, think the only way the Reunion Experience will be fun is if I can find some of my old shipmates and they are present. Well, I don't have to tell you to sit in the Hospitality Room and listen to the sea stories, you realize the cycle is the same. The same things happen over and over. Then you get to like all those around you and expect to see them, want to see them, at each Reunion. Making new friends of those that served is a great benefit of our Association.

You can easily see that all of us make a difference. We all add to the camaraderie and touch the lives of fellow shipmates. For example, Sam does a great job with the raffle after the Banquet Dinner. He probably doesn't know how much those around him appreciate him. So please come out and be with us to enjoy the 2020 Reunion, for yourself, and your shipmates.

I have had the opportunity to talk to a lot of Yosemite people over the past few months. I will share with you some of the conversations and messages that I have had with shipmates. It is always refreshing to pick up the phone and hear someone's excitement when they talk about their time on our ship, the "Busy Lady" But, it is not only by phone but often by forwarded email to me from our website coordinator.

The Online Contact Form provides information and of course, a Request or Comments.

- I received such a form from William Canton. He arrived on board in June of 1985. He was a Gunners Mate in Weapons Division, played drums in the Ship's Band, and lives in Jacksonville. I was able to look him up in Cruise Book I have from Med Deployment Feb. '88 – Aug. '88. I had a telephone conversation with him and, if he comes to the Reunion this year, I will personally give him the Cruise Book as he doesn't have one.



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- Joe Ensco, a Second Class Shipfitter, served on the Yosemite from 1957-1960, has requested a copy of the last newsletter, and provided me his email address to keep him up to date on our Association. I enjoyed a nice conversation with him.
- Charles Turner left me a message on my answering machine, and I got back to him. He was on board 1958-1959. He lives in Wheatland, Wyoming. He provided his address to receive information regarding the upcoming Reunion.
- HTC Joe Coward was on board 1977-1980 and again 1985-1986. He lives in Jacksonville and will be stopping by to meet Yosemite people, have a drink or two with them, and tell a few sea stories. We will look forward to meeting him in person.
- Master Chief Dave Smith arrived on board in April of 1993 just about the time I was getting ready to depart the ship. Capt Tuck greeted him. He soon found the ship was to be decommissioned. This prompted him to put in his papers for retirement. He had also served previously with Capt. Tuck at a prior command. His time on the Yosemite may have been short, but it did make a big impression on him. I have his email address and provided him information on our upcoming Jacksonville Reunion.
- Mark Dunas left a message on my machine, and I called him back. He served on Yosemite 1974-1976. He now resides in Ohio, and like most of us, he has fond memories of the ship. I shared with him information on our upcoming Jacksonville Reunion. He will be calling me back to discuss it further.
- I received a 2020 Reunion Survey from Glen Hooks. He left his number, and I provided him the information on the Jacksonville Reunion for 2020. He indicated on the form that he plans to attend the Reunion and would like to join the Association. Additionally, I sent him an email with the information. We hope to see him and his party of 4 in Jacksonville.
- Some months ago, I had spoken to U.S. Navy Retired Capt. Phil Johnson, who was the Repair Officer while I was on Yosemite 1991-1993. He still lives very much like a real sailor, on a sailboat that he is repairing out of the water. Now, this is no surprise to me because while I have stayed in touch with him for over 20 years. Since retiring from the Navy, and he has always



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called his sailboat home. The good thing is they just kept getting bigger. The vessel got hit by lightning that caused damage to be repaired out of the water. I understand the process is time-consuming. Lots of electrical circuits have to be replaced, and he is hopeful that he would attend some if not all of our Reunion.

- I received an Online Contact Form from Gary Mahorney, who served on the Yosemite from 1970-1974. I talked to him by phone. He received a Membership form from Alan and has become a member. I have sent him a copy of the last newsletter, and he has indicated he will see us in Jacksonville. He collects WW2 memorabilia. I have a very interesting book that was copyrighted in 1944 that covers all the ships and planes of WW2 that I am sure he will enjoy. If he comes to the Reunion, it will be his.
- CWO2 John Bisbano was a BMC on Yosemite 1987-1990 and has become a member. I reviewed his Online Contact Form, left him a message for him, and sent him an email with the dates of our Jacksonville Reunion. He returned my call, and we chatted about the Reunion.
- Chief Paul Patterson Retired U.S. Navy, served on Yosemite 1982-1989, R-5 Division (BM1 at the time), sent an Online Membership Form. I spoke to Paul, and he assured me that he would be at our Banquet Dinner, and expected to have a whole group of former USS Yosemite people stopping by to talk with our group. While I wish they were all staying at the hotel, we will appreciate seeing them and look forward to their company.
- TM2 Hayden Oiler, onboard 1958-1959, called me, and we discussed the Reunion and his time on Yosemite. He is getting a copy of the last newsletter with an application to become an Association member. He is looking at his schedule to see if the Reunion time is clear for him. Also, he needs a Ship's hat. I will be enclosing Cooper's phone number so he can place an order.

I have the sense from talking to a lot of people that our group will be visited by lots of prior Yosemite shipmates that are not necessarily members but want to stop and see our group because they live in the Mayport/Jacksonville area.

First, let me say that I am very pleased that we will have the opportunity to meet



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new potential Association Members. We want to boost our membership. I would ask all of you that are part of our group to welcome the new people and show them that we appreciate their attendance, which may encourage them to join. Currently, we are struggling to have enough people at a reunion to cover the projected room costs. We have met the Food and Beverage minimum.

That said, let's not miss any opportunities to get the word out. Many belong to other associations that are Military related. Talk up our Reunion and help us to get the word out for those that would come and be with us. Feel free to have the dates put in every place you can. Give them my phone number if they have questions. Draw in one or two new faces that is progress. Just think, if the effort was not just related to a few. We should be looking to add to our group.

I need to reiterate this thought again. If you are coming from the local area, want to socialize with the group, and want to drink some wine, beer, or mixed drinks, make a plan to stay at the hotel when you are going to do this. If I were to pick the two key days of the Reunion, it would be Friday/Saturday.

We don't want anyone drinking and driving, or getting in an accident hurting themselves or anyone else. Stay over at the hotel is just good prior planning. Not to mention, we want time with those that are coming for the first time and not in a hurry to head out. It is much easier when you are at the hotel. So please encourage all the people you talk to, to stay with us. Spend some time at the hotel and enjoy time in the Hospitality Room with Yosemite people. This will make your trip worthwhile for everyone.

Some of you may know, I served on many ships in my 26 years of active duty. However, the only one I have ever followed is the Yosemite. It could be time for a change in our thinking. This being said, we might consider future Reunions with the "Dixie Class" tenders. These reunions happen once a year, seem to be well planned, and each ship conducts its own independent business (meetings, dinners, separate Hospitality Rooms). This allows the coordinator to book higher numbers, get the best price, and from what I can see, get better deals than independent Associations acting on their own. If the members are small in numbers, it has



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minimal impact.

With "Dixie Class" Reunion, we may have limited choice as to Reunion locations. To be clear, what I am suggesting as food for thought, is our participation with other tenders allows better negotiation of hotel prices with a larger projected number of attendees to obtain more favorable pricing and amenities.

We would just be in the same hotel as the Dixie, Sierra, Prairie, and Piedmont people. I would probably find myself stopping by the Sierra's Hospitality Room as I served on that ship prior to Yosemite. I was the R-2 Division Officer before departing for Yosemite to become the last deploying Assistant Repair Officer for the 91-92 Med-Persian Gulf deployment.

I have a lot of special memories as a result of my time on the Yosemite. Does that mean it was always fair winds and following seas? By no means. All of us had at difficult times, moments that we have chosen to leave in the past, and sometimes even family hardships that occur during deployments. But hindsight is always 20-20, they say. We all learn from the difficult moments and often see things a little differently as we look back on them with a big picture perspective.

During my last deployment in 1991, who would know we would have a boiler explosion? That event impacted a lot of people and added a sense of urgency to our Repair Department coming to life. We struggled to rebuild the ship and ourselves during our transite from the Med to the Suez Canal. It was for some a life-changing experience. I would say that helped some understand why we were often known as "The Ship With Helping Hands". It was a team effort to get ourselves "Ready to Answer All Bells" as we arrived at the Suez Canal for the transit to the Gulf.

Our deployment started with a brief stop in Bermuda, "just to get a quick drink" (H₂O). What a pretty sight, clean blue water, warm air, you know the rest. Then the mood was significantly different; the first 2 ½ weeks at sea now had an event that overshadowed the deployment. While some went on Liberty, some of us felt the only reason we were in Naples was to pick up supplies ((boiler tubing) to start



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what initially looked like the impossible task. I thought to myself, what a way to start.

When the Boiler was fixed it was like a fresh start. That's what was going through my mind. I can imagine how the Skipper (Capt. Tuck) felt. He was always positive and forward-thinking, guiding us to what was next. That would be Thanksgiving and Christmas in Bahrain.

During this deployment, some new art was created. The ship with arms coming out of it, hands holding wrenches, chipping hammers, a silhouette of a male and female sailor and the reminder, "We Fixem To Fight".

One of the more interesting things we did was recover mines that were destroyed by our UDT people in the northern Gulf. Some looked like a ball with spikes protruding, and some were more like oversized torpedoes. We restored them so that our boss, RADM R. K. Taylor, could send them around the USA as War Memorials. One just happens to be on display in the Pentagon. For anyone that might want to see some of what I have been talking about, I have pictures I will bring to the Reunion.

While being deployed, we had a great Halloween costume party, and spending Thanksgiving and Christmas at one of the hottest places on earth. But I will say we built our own Pub, called "Sams Pub", with a good painting of Yosemite Sam on the side and when we needed Liberty it could be lifted off our ship and onto the pier and open in no time.

After all we were not always in the Red Sea or Bahrain, we had the United Arab Emirates "Jebel Ali" for five weeks with a constant flow of ships arriving that needed to be fixed and that what we did. Most were nested outboard our ship.

Then there was Dubai, which was located about 150 miles from the Straits of Hormuz. It was a new city at the time that was constructed in the desert. Lots of Yosemite sailors visited this amazing place in what seemed to be in the middle of nowhere. It was the home of a variety of cultures from Arabians to the British.



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Before our deployment would end, we would make a six-day stop in Piraeus, Greece. Now you could have some good food and sightseeing if you wanted. Though overall a rewarding visit, the desire to leave Greece and head for home was foremost in everyone's hearts and minds.

As I previously mentioned, I hope to be able to capture digital recordings of events, perhaps some sea stories that you recall during this Reunion. The stories will be edited by our webmaster and hopefully, a professional writer, Kim Ruiz. Kim is a veteran and an Army Brat that understands the military lifestyle. The edited stories with the name of the shipmate that gave it to us will be put into our website blog.

Alphonso Montibello will take the audio clips and transcribe the stories to text. Kim Ruiz will edit the text and create a written narrative that will be part of the ship's history. We want to capture for prosperity our Yosemite stories before they are lost.

So think about what you might want to share. Stories that mean something to you and the people that surrounded you. Events that you want known that might otherwise be lost with time. Don't be surprised if what you thought was a one-time event that may have happened to others during different times on the ship.

Reunions are all about getting together and sharing information, stories, and reminiscing. What does all that mean? It means you part of the festivities, we need you to join us. I would also encourage all of you to look at our website and use the Registration Form to sign up for the 2020 Reunion that will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Embassy Suites Hotel is located less than a mile East of Interstate 95, at 9300 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville Florida, 32256, The Reunion will be held from April 29, 2020 through May 03, 2020. Please keep in mind, we have our planned tours for Amelia Island/Fernandia Experience tour and St. Augustine. These are Thursday/Friday events. There are no tours planned for Saturday.



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Now is the time to make your hotel reservations for our Reunion. We only have until March 30, 2020, before the block of rooms is made available to the general public. I hoped that by now we would be well above projected numbers.

While the Banquet Dinner numbers look great, they are deceiving as many attending are not booked with rooms. We need the hotel to pay for our Hospitality Room, the Wednesday arrival reception. They are staying with friends/family in the area. We need Members to come out and support our Reunion. Please make reservations to stay over even if you're a local.

Our Yosemite Reunion is a memorable experience. I want all of you to be able to relax, enjoy the discussions with new acquaintances, reminisce about the ship, exchange old sea stories, drink whatever you want, have some delicious meals, attend some interesting tours, and be able to return to your room every night safely. Your time with fellow Yosemite sailors, family members, and friends makes this a special occasion to be treasured for a long time.

Register Now For The Reunion

Please take a moment to complete our Yosemite Reunion Registration Form. To download and print the registration form, go to our website and click on <https://ussyosemite.net/2020-uss-yosemite-reunion-registration-form-2/>

A reunion registration fee of \$25 per family will support this Reunion. Those that travel with you will be considered to be part of your part or family. This is our approach to reasonably fund our Hospitality Room, hors d' oeuvres, drinks, snacks, and other costs. Those that have attended prior reunions know that we also used to have pizza brought in after hors for those in the Hospitality Room.



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Please mail the completed form and check for the total sum of the registration fees, Banquet Dinner fees, and tour fees to:

Mike Polyniak, USS Yosemite Association Treasurer
PO Box 20863
Bakersfield, Ca 93390-0863

Please make all checks payable to: USS Yosemite Association

Please note: our registration form is separate from the hotel reservations. Please keep in mind that you must contact the Embassy Suites Hotel to make hotel reservations for yourself and your guests.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel. The USS Yosemite Association doesn't make any hotel reservations and doesn't take any payments for the hotel.

I think you will find the \$119.00 you spend per night for a single bed for you and your wife or significant other will be well worth it. Also, a double occupancy room is available with 2 large beds for \$129.00. Please call **904-731-3555 to make your reservation at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Jacksonville** for the USS Yosemite Reunion from April 29 through May 03 2020, and mention the group code of "USY".

Bring Your USS Yosemite Stories

I meet new people at every Yosemite Reunion. I walk away remembering stories, touching the lives of Yosemite sailors, appreciating their contributions to the USS Yosemite history, and hope that I will see them again at our next event.



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I don't need to remind you that life is short. You are an important asset and living testimonial of Naval History. If you were a Yosemite Sailor, spouse, family member, or friend of the Yosemite group, we want you at our Reunion. This is your time to talk about the old days and make some new friends. So, please don't put off connecting with Yosemite people. Please complete your Yosemite Reunion Registration Form today.

We share a common bond with the USS Yosemite and when we tell our stories the room lights up. Think about some unique situations you were involved with. For example, you may have some funny stories, finest moments, challenges that you met, the first port you visited with your buddies, tributes to fellow sailors, etc. **Bring your stories to our Yosemite Reunion**, and with your permission we will capture them, publish them, and share them through our website.

Reunion Arrival and Length of Stay

The full Yosemite Reunion experience is from April 29 to May 03, 2020. We encourage all our attendees to arrive on Wednesday, April 29, during the day and sign-in and pick up your tag and a welcome bag, and meet with the Yosemite Reunion attendees at 7:30 pm for hot hors d' oeuvres. Next, stay and enjoy the event, activities, and tours. Finally, leave on Sunday morning, May 03. This suggestion provides a leisurely stay with no rush or stress.

However, some of you have jobs and don't have the time to take off of work to attend our entire Yosemite Reunion. I understand. Please try to take off as much time as possible, even if that means attending just one or two days on Friday and/or just Saturday. You will be attending the most important part of the Reunion. So, if you can only come to a part of the Reunion, we will take what we can get and make the most of it.

I am expecting the largest crowd ever at our Banquet Dinner. Lots of people have expressed a desire to arrive Friday and be with us Saturday for the festivities. Just



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keep in mind, we have planned tours for Thursday and Friday.

When you arrive, if it is not on Wednesday, please check the Hospitality Room for a bag with your name tag. On Wednesday, you can expect a "**Welcome Table**" that has your name tags, welcome bag, and guide book covering the Jacksonville area with dates, times, and places for all the things a newcomer may want to see or know. We will have hot Hors D'oeuvres later that evening in our Hospitality Room. On Saturday, we will have our General Meeting, Banquet Dinner, and our raffle that tops off the evening.

- **Complimentary Full Breakfast** – All you can eat included every day. Three Chefs are cooking the food you order in front of you so you can be sure it is the freshest.
- **Hospitality Room** – Every night, the hotel has a complimentary evening reception from 5:30 to 7:30, with a host of snacks, beer, wine, mixed drinks soft drinks, etc, for hotel guests only. Afterword, hotel guests can proceed to the Hospitality Room and continue to have food, snacks, and drinks from the Yosemite bar. This is your time to socialize. We will have our own special private area. For those that prefer non-alcoholic beverages, we will have a good assortment for you to enjoy.
- **Banquet Dinner** – Is Saturday evening and is \$40 per person, and you have 3 dinner entrées to choose from.

Reunion Raffle – Bring a Gift to Raffle

Most people attending the Reunion bring a gift for our Raffle. Some get gift cards, and others are very creative. Keep in mind the raffle proceeds are used to support our Association. The gift maybe a bottle of special wine, a bag of small gifts, or a single great gift. In any case, the gift is your choice. The gifts will be put on a table in a designated secure area. Gifts are displayed for guests to see until the raffle begins after our Banquet Dinner. This is how it works – you buy as many raffle tickets as you want, keep half and half go in a big jar. We pick up one gift at



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the time from the table and draw a ticket from the jar. If you are the holder of the other half of the ticket, you win that gift. We will take our time with the raffle drawing until the whole table of gifts has found a new home. Should you wish to swap a gift with someone, by all means, make the swap. I have seen some really special gifts such as paintings, ship's clocks, naval memorabilia, brass compass, ship's sextant, or items that are directly tied to the ship that were given out to crew members (Yosemite belt buckles made in the foundry and Yosemite Yo-Yo's made in the machine shop). So, take your time and bring something special that some lucky person will cherish. This is always the highlight of our Reunion.

Banquet Dinner

I am excited to pass on to you the main selections for the Banquet Dinner menu. The following is not the complete menu that includes assorted breads, salad, and desert. **The cost of the Banquet Dinner is \$40 per person.**

Main Entrees:

- **Rosemary Breast of Chicken** – Oven-dried tomato barley, crispy summer squash, and reggiano sauce
- **6oz Grilled Flat Iron Steak** – Oven roasted potatoes, asparagus and baby carrots, cremini mushroom reduction, and chimichurri sauce
- **Atlantic Salmon** – Braised lentils, sweet peas, cremini mushroom reduction, and bay leaf shallot sauce

Tours for Thursday and Friday

Thursday Tour

Amelia island and Fernandina Experience Tour (alternate)



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We start the day with stories of the first inhabitants of the area, the Timucuan Indians. Our destination is Amelia Island, which was founded by the French, settled by the Spanish, named by the English, and tamed by the Americans. It is the only area in the U.S. to have been under eight different flags!

Our first stop will be at Kingsley Plantation to hear the amazing story of Anna, a former slave who rose to become a property owner. We explore the grounds which include the slave quarters, barn waterfront, kitchen house, and interpretive garden.

We take the old buccaneer trail across Ft. George Island and the Talbot Islands following the picturesque Atlantic coastline. Next, we go to the quaint town of Fernandina on Amelia Island to hear the stories from the Fairbanks Folly to Florida's oldest tavern and a resident ghost. The turn of the century town is filled with Victorian architecture and has the appearance of being caught in a time capsule. Your tour guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere, which is fun for everyone.

Kingsley Plantation National Historic Site Fairbanks Folly Center Street shopping.

Price: the tour is priced per person and includes motorcoach transportation, driver gratuity, a cooler of bottled ice water, escort, and tour guide. The \$52 per person is based on a minimum of 40 people in a 56-passenger motorcoach. Max 54 people.

Sample Itinerary 9 am – 3 pm (6 hours)

- 9 am Depart from Hotel
- 9 am–12 pm - Kingsley Plantation, Barrier Islands, Fernandina Tour
- Noon –2pm - Lunch on your own, free time
- 2 pm–3 pm - Return back to the hotel

Friday Tour

St. Augustine – Nation's Oldest City Driving Tour



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Enjoy your day in the nation's oldest city! The various architectural styles, narrow brick streets, and European flavors combine for a unique escape. Your professional tour guide meets the group dressed in period costume and weaves a tapestry of stories from the early colonial years to the Victorian Flagler era. We tour all the major sites, including the Fountain of Youth, Spanish Mission Grounds, City Gates, Spanish Plaza, Cathedral-Basilica, Spanish Government House, Flagler Memorial Church, and the old Ponce de Leon Hotel. We disembark for photos at the Castillo de San Marcos, the stone fort that was never captured in battle. On the fort grounds, listen to the story of how the early Spanish survived under siege from the English attackers.

The tour includes one more stop at the old 1888 Alcazar Hotel or Flagler Memorial Church. Lunch today is on your own, combined with shopping, and free time exploring the historic district. During your free time, you can visit attractions such as the free Government House Museum. Your personal tour guide in colonial attire creates an interactive tour atmosphere, which is fun for everyone.

Price: The tour is priced per person and includes motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, a cooler of bottled water, church donation, escort, and tour guide. \$52 per person is based on a minimum of 40 people in a 56-passenger motor coach. Max 54 people.

Sample Itinerary 9am – 3pm (6 hours)

- 9am - Departure from Embassy Suites Baymeadows Hotel
- 9:40am - Bathroom break in St. Augustine
- 9:50am-11:45am – St. Augustine tour with 2 stops (Castillo, Flagler era site)
- 11:45am-2pm – Lunch and free time
- 2pm-3pm – Return to hotel

In Closing



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In summary, please send your Registration form with Registration fee, Banquet Dinner fee, and Tour fees to our Treasurer "Mike Polyniak, PO Box 20863, Bakersfield California, 93390-0863". Please enclose a check for the total amount to cover the Registration fee, Banquet Dinner, and all the tour fees. **Remember to make your hotel reservations.** Your hotel reservation is made directly with Embassy Suites Hotel, and you must pay your room cost directly to Embassy Suites via credit card. The phone number and code for our group are listed above. If you are looking for something from the Ship's Store to be at the Reunion (shirts, jackets, patches, belt buckles), please contact Cooper Gilbreath at gilfam1@comcast.net and let him know. While he always brings an assortment of things, telling him what you want is the best plan.

Your cooperation in getting these necessary funds to us is appreciated. Tours require a minimum of 40 people and a maximum of 54. We will reserve your place first come first serve. If we exceed one bus, we will list names and attempt to get numbers high enough for a second bus. If that is not successful, you will receive a refund. Keep in mind that our Treasurer keeps very close track of all funds he takes in. If you overpaid as a result of the Naval Base tour, you will receive a refund.

A reminder, please send Association dues to our Secretary, Alan Koepke, at his new Florida address: **Alan Koepke, 881 Boundary Blvd, Rotonda West, FL 33947.** If you have any questions about dues, contact our Treasurer, Mike Polyniak. He will gladly let you know where you stand money-wise.

I am excited for the time we will have together in Jacksonville, April 29 – May 03, 2020.

All the best.

Bill Krug III