



*USS Yosemite AD-19 Association*

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Fellow Association Members, Former Sailors, Friends & Family,

I hope this finds all of you taking precautions, protecting yourselves and family members from the current Coronavirus COVID-19 that is spreading across our country and has impacted the civilized world in over 100 countries. This Pandemic is by no means a normal situation, and we have not planned for this scenario. I would ask all of you to take precautions and know that I would not want you to travel by plane, train, or car to come to our Reunion, given the current climate of events that are in place. My priority is to limit exposure to this virus, especially to folks over 60 years old, and to keep our members and their families out of harm's way.

**I regret to have to tell you that I have canceled our current 2020 USS Yosemite Reunion in Jacksonville, Florida.** We expected the 2020 Reunion to be one of our most successful USS Yosemite Reunions with unprecedented numbers, especially at the Banquet Dinner. The Mayport Jacksonville area has a large population of previous Yosemite crew members, and that's a good thing. We were looking forward to meeting these sailors for the first time and adding them to our Membership Rolls and part of our extended family of friends and comrades.

However, the Coronavirus Pandemic puts us all at risk of traveling and at our Reunion event itself. After watching the Coronavirus over the past few weeks, it's clear the dangers of this disease are projected to continue and even intensified. I feel it's the right decision to move our Reunion forward to next year. My decision mitigates the risk of Coronavirus life issues, as well as those that had prior engagements and would not have been able to attend. Also, we encourage all new attendees that were planning to come this year to join us at our next Reunion in Jacksonville and become members of our association. We still look forward to meeting you in person and becoming members of our exclusive association.



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**So please mark your calendars for 28 April 2021, through 01 May 2021 to reserve these new dates for our 2021 Reunion in Jacksonville.** Please note, our New Reunion starts Wednesday 28 April 2021 and runs through Saturday 01 May 2021 with people checking out Sunday morning 02 May 2021. I want to accentuate this to ensure it is clear.

I have already advised the hotel to cancel our current Reunion and allow each individual to book for the 2021 Reunion. While the hotel has offered to just move all the reservations to the 2021 time frame, I think it is best to have each individual to re-book their hotel reservations for the new dates or to ask for a refund.

Also, we plan to have the same tours (if they are available during our new time frame). I have LeAnn Bylo at HelmsBrisco looking into the reunion tours for us. Behind the scenes, we have lots of good people working to help our group!

Please make your plan now to be a part of the 2021 Reunion.

All the Best,

Bill Krug III  
President USS Yosemite Association.