

USS YosemiteAD-19 Association

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2024 Reunion Survey



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

I hope everyone is looking forward to our 2024 Reunion in the Crown Plaza Airport Hotel Providence, RI. We are starting the planning process for this Reunion and need your help.

I need to get an estimate of those who will attend our 2024 Reunion on 24-27 April. Our 2024 Reunion is consistent with the other past reunions that start on Wednesday and goes through Saturday for our main meeting and banquet dinner, and then most folks leave on Sunday morning.

I have looked at hotel information in Mystic, Connecticut, Groton, Newport R.I., and Providence / Warwick areas. Now, it all comes down to who will allow us to have a Hospitality Room with our food and drinks and not charge us for the Special Function Rooms for our meeting and banquet dinner.

The Crown Plaza Airport Hotel Providence / Warwick exceeds our needs. The Crown Plaza will be in peak season during our Reunion for Wednesday through Saturday (24-27 April), with most guests departing Sunday morning on the 28th. This Hotel will offer us their off-season price of \$139.00 for Sunday through Thursday and \$159.00 for Friday and Saturday. That makes the average stay Wednesday through Saturday night (4 days) average at \$149.00, and a full breakfast.

On June 9, I will do a site visit to walk through the facility and meet with the General Manager and Catering Manager. We will discuss rooms, our requirements and work out details. I will focus on getting the lowest price for what we need and closing it by signing the contract. Time is critical to get the best deal.

I need the estimated number of people coming to our Reunion for the contract I will sign. Hence, I need to know the number of attendees from each of our members for themselves, family, and friends. The most important estimate I need right now is the numbers for the Hotel. I am working on tours and adding Casino Night for Wednesday at the local Casino from 6-9 PM. We will have a tour to Mystic and one to Newport

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Battleship Row and more.

For this survey, I need a Yes or NO; even if it is tentative, it will be helpful to know if you have potential reliable numbers. I would hate to estimate 20 guests a night and have 40 and not have space. We can always grow some, but not double. Also, we have to ensure 80% of what we estimate will show up.

If everything is okay and the Hotel meets our requirements, I will sign a contract after my site visit on June 09. I need a simple answer by June 07 to prepare for the site visit.

Complete our Survey: Go to our website and complete the *2024 Reunion Survey form*, <u>ussyosemite.net/2024-reunion-survey/</u> or send an email to Janice at <u>janicerodrigue439@charter.net</u> with the following:

- Your full name
- Total number in your party
- Stav Hotel
 - Arrival date
 - o Departure date
- Attend the Casino Yes or No
- Attend Thursday Tour Yes or No
- Attend Friday Tour Yes or No
- Number of guests at the Banquet Dinner on Saturday evening

I am working on making this the best Reunion you have ever been to! That means I need you to come. This is not your official registration, just your input survey to help us get accurate information to negotiate the best deal for our Reunion. Please submit another survey anytime you have more precise information about who is attending. Thanks for helping.

All the Best,

William C. Krug III (Bill)

President USS Yosemite Association