

2024 USS Yosemite Association Reunion Hotel and Tour Information

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When: 24 April 2024 – 27 April 2024

Where: Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick (Airport)

Address: 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

The Hotel is beautiful, just renovated during COVID. I looked at all the rooms that we would have for our events. In all cases, the rooms are bigger and better than the rooms of our previous Reunion in Jacksonville. I was particularly impressed with the space for our Banquet Dinner. It is best described as a “Ball Room” with beautiful giant glass chandeliers. I was given the option of selecting the rooms I was shown, I feel sure all of you will be pleased. The good news is they are included at no additional charge to us, including the Hospitality Room, which will easily support 60 People.

Details of Interest:

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Check-in Time: 3:00 PM

Check-out Time: 11:00 AM

Room Cost: Sunday through Thursday is \$139 and Friday through Saturday is \$159 (the average of \$149 per night if you stayed the 4 days)

Our Reunion Room Rate is the Off-Season Rate even though during our event, it is the peak season for the Hotel. Our pricing is good for 3 days prior to and three days after the normal Wednesday through Saturday Reunion. To learn more about the Hotel, click on [Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick \(Airport\)](#)

When you book rooms, use a YOS code, and have several ways to book rooms. ***You can call (401) 732- 6000 or Toll-free (800) 227-6963***; we will also have a link to click on. We will cover that in the next Newsletter. Unlike Florida, this Hotel prefers to see over time the rooms are booked to keep our numbers estimated in place. They start with 271-365 days, where they would like to see 10% of bookings done, and 181-270 days out, they would like to see 20% of the bookings done. Normally, people seem to wait till the last minute weeks out to book. We

need be aggressively using all Military Related Sites to get the word out about our Reunion. I would also encourage booking to begin in the next month.

Hospitality Room: Our group includes Breakfast Served in our Hospitality Room Only. Food from the hotel restaurant: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, (alternating days) Home Fries, Breakfast Pastries, Hot / Cold Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Coffee, Tea,

The Hotel has two restaurants, and we will be given a 20% Discount on all food should you use them, but you must tell them you are with Yosemite Reunion upfront.

Amenities:

Free Parking and Complementary WiFi in all Guest Rooms and Meeting Spaces and Support Equipment (Podiums, Mic, Flags, Special tables, etc.)

They will designate a special table at the main lobby for our guests to pick up name tags. We are allowed to have banners which they will hang / Yosemite Posters.

The Hotel will provide free transportation to and from the Airport. Our Reunion guests will call the Hotel, and they will send a small bus or vehicle to pick them up (usually a 15-minute wait).

We will be allowed to conduct our Raffle & Auction without any licenses/permits as a Military Group. Once again, this is an exception for our group.

We can have our own food (Pizza etc.), snacks, and drinks, including Alcoholic, in our Hospitality Room. Additionally, they have created a special package of Hors d'oeuvres they offer only to Military Groups that we will most likely consider for Wednesday afternoon in our Hospitality Room. It consists of International Cheese, and Cracker Display / Vegetable Crudité display that they will offer us for \$ 210 and not available to normal guests and priced very well. Will nicely support our Hospitality room Wednesday late afternoon say 4:00 PM. While I do prefer to purchase our snacks and food on our own, this does not even compare to their normal items. It is a really nice spread.

Banquet Dinner:

Cost: \$44 per person Beef is \$8 Extra

First Course: Garden Salad

Dinner Choice: Chicken, Fish, Beef or Vegetarian

Sautéed Chicken Francaise with lemon butter, or Baked New England Scrod with lemon herb butter, or Petite Sirloin with Roasted Shallot and Burgundy Demi-Glaze or Mushroom Ravioli, Potato & Vegetable, Rolls & Butter

Desert: New York Cheesecake

I also met with the Sales Manager for the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau to lay out a plan for tours, starting with a Casino Trip Wednesday evening. I want to make sure that this turns out to be one of our better Reunions, if not the Best. We will receive a gift bag with all kinds of local information that each arriving guest can pick up at the table I eluded to in

the Hotel Lobby. The Visitors Bureau is providing it and will include the little pin we all like so much to go on our name tag holder. The tours listed below are what I proposed based on input I received from most of you.

Casino

The Casino we have selected is the best from a very good source, and it is a 40-minute ride to and from the Casino. But they have great shows, a great place, and great food. If you are going to a Casino, you should go to a good one!

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024:

Departure from the Hotel: 5:00 PM – approx. 30 people – depart Crowne Plaza to Foxwood Casino

Departure from the Casino: 9:00 PM – depart Casino for Crowne Plaza

Expect Fee: \$35 per person (includes round-trip transportation)

USS Nautilus Tour and Olde Mystic Village

Thursday, April 25th, 2024 Agenda:

Departure from Hotel: 9:30 AM – 80 people to USS Nautilus in Groton, CT

11:40 AM – Depart Groton for Olde Mystic Village in Mystic, CT

1:00 PM – Depart Olde Mystic Village for Mystic Seaport

Departure to Hotel: 3:00 PM – Depart for Crowne Plaza

Expected Fee: \$60 per person (includes round-trip transportation + admission to Mystic Seaport Museum)

Battleship Cove and Newport Naval War College

Friday, April 26th, 2024 Agenda:

Departure from the Hotel: 9:30 AM – 80 people for Battleship Cove *Group only wants to do USS Massachusetts

11:00 AM – Depart Battleship Cove for Newport Naval War College

1:30 PM – Depart Naval War College for Free Time in Downtown Newport

Departure to Hotel: 3:00 PM – Depart for Crowne Plaza

Group has a 4:00 PM Board meeting on Friday at Crowne Plaza

Expected Fee: \$55 per person (includes round-trip transportation + admission to Battleship Cove)

Last but not least, I traveled to the Naval Base to ensure our group could go to the Nautilus in Groton and look at the base. We will not have a problem doing what we want to do. I am sure that most of you are thinking of things I have not, so feel free to contact me with any suggestions or ideas, and I will try to work them in.

All the Best,
Bill Krug III

USS Yosemite Association President