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February 2026 Newsletter

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Fellow Association Members, Former Sailors, Yosemite Families, Supporters of Yosemite, and Friends,

I hope all of you were able to enjoy the holidays, and this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Many of you have been asking when we will open registration for the upcoming Reunion (22-26 April 2026). I must admit, I intended to have it out to you well before now. Alphonso, our Webmaster, had a preliminary one on our site to keep you up to date and provide as much information as possible. You can register now for the 2026 Reunion by going to our website, <https://ussyosemite.net/>

I had hoped we would travel as a group to Baltimore to visit the Liberty Ship (Brown), but the excursion became too expensive. Transportation to our venues was off-the-charts expensive. Thus, I was unable to swing the tour of the Liberty Ship (Brown) because the cost was not doable. But that's old news now.

Until two days ago, the prospect of tours was in question due to the cost. With the help of our Hotel Manager and Helmsbriscoe, I was able to find a very reasonable contractor to meet our



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needs. We will have two tours, the Naval Academy Tour on Thursday and the Maritime Museum on Friday, both at reasonable prices.

In my November Newsletter, I asked you to book your hotel room as soon as possible. Please, if you have not done this, we must keep our room block and maintain our very good pricing of \$139.00 per night, which includes breakfast. I would ask you to act on this quickly, if you have not already. Our tours are listed with the pricing on our 2026 Reunion Registration form.

The Naval Academy is a sight to see and has a lot of history for all of us to take in. I think the whole town of Annapolis is built around the existence of this facility. Additionally, it is a place that gives you a very special feeling. Lots of small shops and quaint in many ways. My wife even found a quaint shop to visit. Our Hotel has excellent food and if you want to change venues, additional restaurants are in plain sight the hotel.

I drove to the Naval Academy and, while trying to find a great place to buy fresh seafood (Wilds Country Seafood), stumbled upon the Maritime Museum, which I had on my list of potential places to see. I did buy some excellent fresh fish and enjoyed a meal while I was there (Fish & Chips). Those who go on the



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tour on Friday will see this little place as they enter the Museum.

As always, we will have some fascinating items at our Auction. Once again, I will be deciding what I have had for too long from this great ship and making it available for someone else's hands. I also know of some really unique and special things being brought in, and I'm sure they'll make some of you happy.

I am driving to the Reunion, which means I can bring things in my car that I couldn't fit on a plane (Jim Keiser), and you will be bidding on them.

Additionally, I hope all of you are excited about this upcoming Reunion. I was totally impressed with the Hotel. They are really giving us some great rooms. Now all we need is all of you to make a plan and come.

So I hope all my Florida friends who were the life of the party at the last Reunion show up and enjoy this Reunion that will make memories to cherish. Please don't miss this Reunion. I promise it will be fun and give you the chance to recapture some of the camaraderie we had on the Busy Lady.



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We are looking forward to seeing you at the Reunion.

Wishing you all the best,

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