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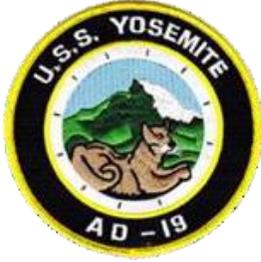
The 27 of March, 2026

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

We are now down to the weeks before the Reunion. I kind of like setting Sea & Anchor Detail to get underway. Just like back then, we need "All Hands On Deck" to make it all work. In our case, we only have this function, the Reunion, that's once a year, and by now, all of you know it's at the end of April, and it's our best chance to recapture moments we spent with our shipmates.

While it might sound simple, a lot of prior planning goes into this Reunion, and it all works best with your help. I look forward to this event every year as your President. It gives me visibility into the people who made our ship what it was. No matter which crew you were a part of, the goal was always the same, and, ironically, when you hear the stories from our prior crew members, they are very much alike.

It is a natural tendency to be constantly looking for the people who were on the ship when you were aboard. But then, when you have been with this group, they have become the new crew. We all have so much in common.



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I went to Annapolis to see the Crowne Plaza Hotel and the town. I wanted to make sure it was consistent with what we have been able to offer you in the past. I think it meets or exceeds our expectations of the best Reunion yet. The Crowne Plaza Hotel offered us great rooms at a good price.

Additionally, we have access to hotel space for our venue that is better than we ever thought possible. Our Hospitality Room is assigned to us and is huge, nicely laid out. Our other event spaces are wonderful as well.

I think the Tours will be fun and educational. I arranged the first part of this and made it available for you to choose. Now I need everyone to do the second sign-up so we can get our event underway. Now, I know we are all busy and pulled in many directions, but we must make an effort to join the Reunion because we can't make up for this time if we miss it.

Yosemite is a key element in our lives that's unforgettable. It is always at the back of our minds and has impacted all of us in many ways. The passage of time, with those memories and experiences from my time on board the Busy Lady, has become more important as the years go by, because I have a greater appreciation for all we did during my tenure.



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In my case, I can only look back because I was on the last deployment, making the 91-92 Cruise to the Med and Persian Gulf for the War. So most, if not all of you, were on the ship before me. But I will tell you, during my tenure, we won every competitive award there was to be won. So we continued right to the end to keep this ship's reputation intact. It was an honor to serve on such a glorious ship, commissioned 3/25/1944, with a sterling reputation for getting things done.

We were on our way back from deployment, and very proud of how things had gone. We fixed many ships, picked up and restored mines, and did our best at everything, including building a new boiler for ourselves, before entering the Suez Canal. Then the news came of Decommissioning, wow, never saw that coming. I was glad to depart just before that happened and proud to have been on the last significant events in the ship's life.

Now I am asking you to do what you can, perhaps even set aside some prior plans, so that you can be with us, the Yosemite Crew. As I said previously, I planned the first part of this. Now, for the second part, it's up to you. We need as many of you as possible to come. I promise you it will be fun and give you the



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best chance to swap sea stories and relive your time aboard the yo-yo.

I know many of our crew members are in the South, including many in Florida. We will be voting on where to hold our next Reunion. Florida will be on the table, and if enough of you show up, you will have your way.

Please review the enclosures of the [2026 Reunion Registration Form](#), [2026 USS Yosemite Reunion Agenda](#), [2026 Reunion Banquet Dinner Menu](#), and [2026 Two Tours in Annapolis](#).

You must make your Hotel Reservation as soon as possible. The 10 of April is our cut-off, and we lose our special pricing that includes breakfast for \$139.00. That is a good deal, considering you will receive free drinks and food in our Hospitality Room during your stay.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL (410) 571-1501 or (85) 223-1441 for the Crowne Plaza Annapolis. State you are with the "USS Yosemite Group "and use code "YRR".

* Reunion Rooms price is \$139. Guests may arrive up to 3 days prior and stay up to 3 days longer for our special rate. (Breakfast



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is included at the Hospitality Room) Should you need an exception or special arrangement, contact Bill Krug.

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*Remember, your Hotel Reservations are separate from the registration form; you must make them yourself.

Our "Guest of Honor" this year is Dan Bereck, a graduate of the Naval Academy. I will tell you the rest of the story at the Reunion.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Reunion.

Wishing you all the best,

William C. Krug III (Bill)

President USS Yosemite Association