



WWA REPORTER

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SSBN/SSN-624



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WWA Reunion in San Antonio, TX on September 22-26, 2014.



Shipmates and Ladies,

Schedule details for WWA San Antonio Reunion September 22-26, 2014

Monday, September 22, 2014

Check_In: Pick up Welcome Aboard package in Fiesta Room (Hospitality Room)

Hospitality Room Open: **(0900-2400 Daily)**

2000 Golfers meeting in the Hospitality Room

Tuesday September 23

Golf Outing (Time; AM) Cost at Fort Sam Houston Golf Course is \$33 includes cart. Club rentals \$20.

1445 Meet at the back of the hotel on the Riverwalk

1500 Board River Tour Boats for private 1 hour tour for WWA (cost \$3 per person)

1700-1800 Southwest Reception Hosted by the hotel, (in Hospitality Room) including one free drink)

Wednesday, September 24

0845 Muster in front of hotel to load buses to the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, TX; (Cost \$28.00PP)

This cost is for the bus fare and also access to several museums.

1200 Lunch on your own (German and American Restaurants within two blocks of the museum).

1245 Continue tour of the Museums

1430 Meet in front of Nimitz Museum to board buses for return to hotel, ETA 1600.

Thursday, September 25

1500 Board of Directors Meeting in Hospitality Room

1700-1800 Social Hour in Convention Center Banquet Room on 7th Floor

1800 Pledge of Allegiance, Tolling of the Bells Memorial Service

1830-1945 Dinner Buffet (Prime Rib, Chicken Roulade Florentine, Spicy Catfish Filets); (Cost \$39.00PP)

1945-2000 Guest Speaker TBD, Raffles, Auction and 50/50 Drawing.

Friday, September 26

0900-1200 clean up, pack up, and check out

Respectfully,

Carl Scott

Shipmates and Ladies,

Our 2014 Woodrow Wilson Reunion is finally in sight. A great deal of effort has been put in over the past two years on the logistics and planning for a great reunion. This is a very special reunion as we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of SSBN624. We're hoping for a large turnout. We have three special events planned, a Riverboat Tour, a Holiday Inn hosted Southwest Reception, and an all day trip to the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, TX.

The entire hotel has recently completed a renovation which I reviewed in September. We will have our own Hospitality Room with adjacent restrooms. A full service restaurant and bar are located on the same floor. The hotel elevators will take you directly to the Riverwalk. You can walk the Riverwalk, or take a water taxi for \$15 per day unlimited PP. If you just want to cruise the river, the fee is \$8 PP for approximately one hour. The Alamo is within walking distance. We have blocked in 80 rooms including 3 handicapped rooms until **August 25, 2014**. The price of the hotel rooms is \$89 plus taxes.

The hotel has offered us a Full American Breakfast Buffet Daily which includes tax, tip, and beverage at a cost of \$10 PP per day.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION ASAP, YOU CAN ALWAYS CANCEL WITHIN 24 HOURS OF OUR START DATE, SEPT. 22, 2014. KEEP IN MIND GROUP RATES ARE AVAILABLE THREE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATES, SEPT. 22nd - 26th BASED ON AVAILABILITY.

KEY INFORMATION AND PHONE NUMBERS

HOLIDAY INN RIVERWALK 217 N. ST MARY' ST. SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205

HOTEL RESERVATIONS 1-888-615-0726 ASK FOR THE USS WOODROW WILSON REUNION RATE

GO AIRPORT SHUTTLES 1-877-544-4646 THE COST IS \$36 PER PERSON ROUND TRIP OR \$20.25 PER PERSON.

THE HOTEL RECOMMENDS THAT YOU TAKE A CAB FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL AT A COST OF \$25-\$27 PER CARLOAD.

HOTEL PARKING IS NORMALLY \$19 PER DAY, BUT WWA WILL GET A REUNION RATE OF \$8 PER DAY.

RV CAMPING FACILITIES

SAM HOUSTON BASE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES FROM THE HOTEL. CAMPGROUND IS LOCATED ON THE BASE \$20 PER NIGHT WITH FULL HOOKUPS. 1-210-221-5502

CONTACT: BAKER ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED ONLY.

SAN ANTONIO KOA INFO 1-210-224-0296.

CAREFREE RV RESORT INFO 1-210-532-8310.

CITY MAPS, HOSPITAL PHONE NUMBERS, AND RESTAURANTS ON THE RIVERWALK, WILL BE IN YOUR WELCOME BAG UPON YOUR ARRIVAL.

**If you have any questions regarding the Reunion, please contact Carl Scott:
Tel# 480-654-1856 Email: cscott6955@aol.com**

YOUR SHIPMATE,

Carl Scott

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

PLACE: San Antonio, TX

DATE: Sept 22-26, 2014

HOTEL: Holiday Inn Riverwalk: 217 N St Mary's St

Reservation # 888-615-0726

(Be sure to state; "USS Woodrow Wilson Reunion")

WWA Group Rates (\$89+tax). Hotel is allowing the same room rate, 3 days either side of reunion dates,(space available).

Check-in: 1600 Check-out: 1100

The reservation deadline is August 25, 2014.

WWA REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 per couple, \$15 single

_____ : \$ _____

(Registration fee covers Hospitality Room stock and administrative costs).

SCHEDULED EVENTS: Please select and indicate # of participants.

Monday, Sept 22: Check In
Hospitality Room Open (0900-2400 daily)
2000; Golfers meeting in Hospitality Room

Tuesday, Sept 23: Golf AM (TBD) : (Can only get T-times about 4 weeks in advance) YES _____:# _____
Cost: \$3.00PP 1445-1500: Meet at Riverwalk for one hour private boat tour Yes # _____:\$ _____
1700-1800 Welcome reception; Hospitality Room (Cash Bar)

Wednesday, Sept 24: 0845; Load buses for Fredericksburg/Nimitz Museum tour. YES _____:\$ _____
Cost: \$28PP This allows entrance to several Museums. Lunch on your own.
1430; Board buses in front of Nimitz Museum, return to hotel. ETA 1600.

Thursday, Sept 25: 1500 BOD Meeting in Hospitality Room YES _____:\$ _____
Cost: \$39PP 1700-1800 Social Hour (Cash Bar)Convention Center Banquet RM 7th FI
1800-1830 Memorial Service
1830-2200 Banquet Buffet, WWA business, auctions/raffles :

DINNER DRESS: Casual (slacks & collared shirt, coat/tie optional) Ladies: Dress or slacks

Friday, Sept 26: 0900-1200 Clean-up and Pack-up. Checkout.

If there are any special handicap or meal requirements, please let us know.

Special Requirements: _____

Name: _____

Guest/Spouse Names: _____

Home Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____

Dates onboard 624: _____

Dues: YES _____ Amount \$ _____

Reunion T-Shirt (\$10ea) Quantity: _____ Sizes: _____ Amount \$: _____

Total Amount of Check: \$ _____

All Woodrow Wilson crewmembers are encouraged to join the WWA.

Annual dues are \$15.00. Payable NLT January 1st. Make checks out to WWA.

Please submit this form along with all monies (except hotel room costs) to:

WWA, P O Box 666, Seabeck, WA 98380

Please submit this form at your earliest convenience; WWA has administrative requirements that need this info.

Thank you and hope to see you in San Antonio.

Shipmates on Eternal Patrol

Sorry to say that we have been informed of the loss of more shipmates: (many of the Death notifications that I receive are way after the event):

Total Deceased shipmates: 154

Max Akers, CAPT	Gold Comm
James Brantley, EM1	Gold Comm
Ken Fuhr, MMCS	Gold 1980-81
Clarence Lammers, STCM	Blue 1976-79
Leonard Lenz, ICC	Gold Comm-1975
William Robinson, LT(MC)	Gold 1965-67
William Rudolph, ET1	Blue 1965-68
Francis White Jr, ETR3	Gold Comm

Our condolences go out to the family and friends.

"Sailor rest your oar".

Ships Store Items:

The pre-ordering of reunion T-Shirts worked really well. I only had a couple leftover.

1. I have acquired some new WW Bronze Challenge Coins and Key Chains.
2. I have an over stock of Gold Dolphin and XXL size Silver Dolphin Polo Shirts. I'm putting them on sale for \$22.00. Get-em while they last..
3. I'm ordering several different specialty items to commemorate the 50th. Will have them at the Reunion.

Web Page Info:

I'm constantly working with Stan Cook (our web provider) in updating the web page and looking to add new features.

Stan and I have rebuilt the whole WWA Web Site. One change we made was to move the Email Address page over to the Password protected Members Page. The present password will change on Mar 1, 2014 and you need to be up to date on your WWA dues to get the new password.

I try very hard to keep the shipmates email addresses up to date, but that only works if I get updates. "If you did not receive any WWA 624 Yahoo Groups emails in the past month, then I do not have your correct email address. I've received many "bounces" from the Yahoo Groups (indicates that the emails are not getting through)". Please send corrections to my email address: mcross@telebyte.com

The WWA is always grateful to those shipmates who support the association with dues or SS purchases. The dues are still \$15 per year or \$67 for five years and can be made out to WWA and mailed to WWA, P O Box 666, Seabeck, WA 98380.

Thank You.

Suggestions are always welcome. If you have not been to the WWA web site lately, please check it out:

www.usswoodrowwilson.com

Mel Cross

WOODROW WILSON ASSOCIATION NPO BENEFITS FOR TAX PURPOSES

**** This benefit was cancelled by the IRS due to my not receiving and submitting a 3 year Postcard Form. Dick Waite was going to get the NPO status reinstated, but due to his health problems and schedules he will not be able to do it in time for the San Antonio Reunion. We will still work on it for future Reunions.**

My apologies. Mel

You can get a lot of info about the Reunion hotel by going to their web page. The URL is too long for here. Google it.