



Newsletter of the USS BAINBRIDGE Association

Summer 2022

Message from your President



Charles Gilbert

Hello shipmates. I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer. It's been a busy year with the association officers. Our webmaster, Robert Vasseur passed away earlier this year. Bob Beaty has requested a replacement as news editor. John "Doc" Witt has also asked for a replacement as Secretary. Garland Bishop has been dealing with Sharlas medical issues. The reunion plan is finalized and we are anxiously awaiting its start. It is important that everyone send in the form and make reservations soon as it is just a few weeks away that we will need the final headcount for the activities and the banquet. Once again we have all of the reunion information and itinerary as well as the activity form included in this newsletter.

We have lost several shipmates since our last reunion. Edward Egan, Admiral Pete, John Mumaw, Jackson Kahler, Raymond Dunn, Jon Elwell, Robert Vasseur, Marcial Amaro, Edward Haggerty, Lonnie McCoy, Charles McClellan, Richard Meadows, Paul Mills and Donald Taylor. We also lost Jody Fisher and Gail Hemingway. They will be missed and remembered in our memorial ceremony during the reunion.

On a more positive note we have continued to receive inquiries about the reunion from several shipmates that are not members of the Association. Some have been added to the crew roster on our website, some have joined the association and a few are coming to the reunion as new attendees. This is always good news. It looks as though advertising in various publications is paying off.

One more time I would like to ask everyone to send us things you would like to see in the newsletter. If any shipmate, wife or other family member has an article, picture, joke or sea story please send it to us. I look forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas next month. As those have said before me, I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Charles Gilbert

USS Bainbridge Association 2022 Reunion
Las Vegas, Nevada
Sunday September 18 through Thursday September 22, 2022

Lodging

A total of 120 room nights have been reserved at the Tuscany Suites and Casino for the reunion. Information on Tuscany Suites can be found at www.tuscanylv.com. The rates for rooms at the hotel are as follows: \$70.00 (plus tax which is currently 13.38 %) Suite with one King bed or two full size beds. These rates will be honored only during the reunion and on Thursday September 22, 2022. If you decide to come early or stay beyond Thursday, the room rates on Friday and Saturday are \$189 per night plus tax. Registration cutoff date is August 28, 2022. After that you will be booked on an as available basis at the prevailing rates.

Parking

Parking is free and you can park adjacent to your building.

Hospitality Room

The hospitality suites (yes there are two) will be located on the second floor and are designated as G 205 and G 206. These suites are two-bedroom suites and will be occupied by members of our reunion. Both these suites have a large living area and are suitable to hold 20 or more people and is the reason we are using these suites as hospitality rooms. We are able to stock these suites ourselves and not have to pay the hotel to stock them. Using both suites we should have plenty room to visit and mingle with shipmates. We will stock the room with cold drinks (beer, wine, and soft drinks) and snacks (chips, dips, pretzels, crackers, candy, etc.) for attendees' consumption during the reunion. We will open these rooms for check in on Sunday and the Sunday evening reception and after completing our venues each day commencing Monday September 19, 2022.

Raffle

As in the past we will conduct a fund-raising raffle after the banquet on Wednesday night. Each of you is encouraged to participate in (1) providing one or more items for the raffle and (2) purchase of raffle tickets for the event. Suggested items for the raffle include something from the area where you live or something you have made. You can, of course, purchase something here in Las Vegas and donate it to the raffle should you prefer that approach. The raffle tickets will be on sale during the course of the reunion. The ticket cost is one ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00 or 12 tickets for \$10.00, etc. So, the more you buy at one time, the more tickets you get for your money. All items for the raffle will be on display in the hospitality suites, so everyone can decide what items interest them the most. You will be able to deposit your tickets (as many as you want) prior to the raffle in individual drawing boxes available for each item in the raffle thereby increasing your odds of winning a particular item. So be sure to participate and enjoy supporting your Association and the thrill of winning a treasured item.

Itinerary

Sunday September 18, 2022

Arrival and check in during the course of the day. After hotel check in be sure and pick up your reunion package in the hospitality room (G 205). That evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. there will be a welcome reception in the hospitality suites. Sandwiches, chips and dip, beer, wine, and soft drinks will be featured. It should be a great way to renew shipmate acquaintances and start the reunion. 10:00 pm Secure the Hospitality suites and good night to all

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast on your own at Tuscany
9:00 am to noon Trip to Hoover dam
Noon to 2:00 pm Eataly Food Court for lunch
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Visit Bellagio casino
Fountain displays
Chihuly Blown Glass ceiling
Botanical Garden
Chocolate fountain
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Ride Ferris wheel
Enclosed cab
Largest Ferris Wheel in North America
6:00 pm Return to Tuscany
Hospitality suites open
Dinner on your own at Tuscany or local restaurants
10:00 pm Secure the Hospitality Suites and good night to all.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

7:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast on your own at Tuscany
9:00 am to 11:00 am Ethel M Chocolates
Chocolate tasting max of 24 attendees
Visit showroom
Possible production lines in operation
Outside cactus garden
11:00 am to 3 pm The Mob Museum
Lunch in the speakeasy
Walking Tour of facility

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 Continued

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Neon Museum
Guided tour of bone yard
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Visit Fremont Street
Outside overhead neon display
Dinner on your own in downtown Las Vegas
Multiple casinos
7:00 pm to 7:30 pm bus ride on Las Vegas strip
7:30 pm Return to Tuscany
Hospitality suites open
10:00 pm Hospitality suites close

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

8:00 am to noon Free time. Enjoy the Tuscany casino, outdoor pool area or explore Las Vegas on your own
12:00 noon Lunch on your own at Tuscany or local restaurants
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Free Time – relax and take a snooze
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Business meeting in Florentine B room in Tuscany
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Couple/individual photos taken in Florentine B room in Tuscany
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Social Hour in Hospitality suites
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Banquet Buffet. Meal includes salad, two entrees, vegetable, bread, dessert, coffee, tea
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm Raffle
11:00 pm. Hospitality suites close and good night to all.

THURSDAY, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Morning Breakfast on your own in Tuscany.
Final shipmate farewells, room checkout and departure.
10:00 am Hospitality Room closes

MISCELLANIOUS

The Tuscany has a delightful, landscaped outside area with pool for your pleasure.
The bus we have reserved for two days Monday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 20 has a capacity of 56 people.
The Tuscany is located less than 5 miles from the airport. There is no hotel shuttle from the airport to the Tuscany. A taxi or Uber is required to get to the Tuscany.
Parking is available adjacent to the hotel.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice please contact Dick Holloway at 210-651-7431 or rehhardwood@earthlink.net.

CANCELLATIONS

HOTEL - Cancellation of hotel room reservations is your responsibility. Contact the hotel at 877-887-2261.
REUNION - Contact me, Dick Holloway, at 210-651-7431 (H) or 210-845-9356 © if you have to cancel some or all of the reunion.
Full refunds will be made subject to any irreversible financial commitments I have made on your behalf for the banquet, venues and or bus transportation. Registration fee is non-refundable for any cancellations received after August 18, 2022.

ACTION REQUIRED ON YOUR PART TO ATTEND THIS REUNION

The following action is required on your part to secure hotel reservations and sign up for the various events offered while attending the reunion.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Call the Tuscany Room Reservations Department at 877-887-2261 and ask for USS Bainbridge Association Reunion group rates. Each individual is required to provide a major credit card for first night's room and tax deposit, which will be charged in order to guarantee accommodations. All reservations requests must be received no later than August 28, 2022. Reservations requests received after the 2022-08-28 cutoff date will be confirmed on a space-available basis at the prevailing rate. You may select a suite with either a king bed or two full size beds. The cost for either is \$70.00 per night plus tax. This rate is only good from the 18th -22nd September. If you have any special needs discuss with the hotel at the time you make your room reservation (handicap needs, etc.). Make sure you get a confirmation number for your reservation. Parking is available adjacent to the hotel.

ARRIVAL AT HOTEL

After check in at the hotel proceed to the hospitality room suite G 205 to pick up your reunion package which will include a list of attendees, name tags, itinerary, area brochures if available, etc.

HOTEL CANCELLATION

You are responsible for notification of cancellation of your reservation. Cancellation must be made in advance 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a charge. Penalty charge in the amount equal to first night room and tax will apply to cancellations received inside the seventy-two (72) hours.

Note: Should you plan to arrive early or stay late you need to contact the hotel directly to secure the additional nights. Please remember the reunion rate of \$70 plus tax is available only for the 18th - 22nd Sept. Friday and Saturday night rates are \$189 plus tax.

SELECTION OF REUNION ACTIVITIES

Complete the enclosed Reunion Activity Form in its entirety and mail the form along with your payment to:

Dick Holloway

USS Bainbridge 2022 Reunion Coordinator

9307 Teakwood Ln

Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Leta and I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas 2022.

Regards,

Dick Holloway

2022 USS Bainbridge Reunion Coordinator

Reunion Activity Form

First we will need some administrative information from you for our records. Please PRINT in all applicable blanks legibly.

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Spouse's First Name _____ Total number attending reunion _____
 Other Attendee Names _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____

Indicate if you are a first time attendee and need name tag(s). Circle – Yes

The following planned reunion activities and associated per person costs are listed below. Check-off each activity by circling Y for yes and N for no. If yes indicate the number of people attending that activity. Add up the total cost for each activity you sign up for and identify the grand total cost at the bottom. Write a check for this amount to the USS Bainbridge Association. Send this form (retain a copy for your records) and the check to the address identified in this notice. The registration fee is not optional and must be included in your payment.

ACTIVITY	COST PER PERSON	YES/NO	TOTAL
COST			
Registration Fee	\$30.00	Y _____	_____

MONDAY SEPT 19, 2022

Bus Transportation To Venues	\$25.00	Y/N _____
Hoover Dam	\$10.00	Y/N _____
Ferris Wheel	\$26.00	Y/N _____

TUESDAY SEPT 20, 2022

Bus Transportation	\$25.00	Y/N _____	_____
Ethel M Chocolate Tasting only	\$20.00	Y/N _____	_____
The Mob Museum	\$19.00	Y/N _____	_____
Neon Museum	\$24.00	Y/N _____	_____

WEDNESDAY Sept 21, 2022

Banquet Buffet	\$50.00	Y/N _____	_____
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GRAND TOTAL _____

You Don't Want to Miss Another Issue

If you did **not** fill out this form *Since the last reunion* or your email address changes at any time or the address label on your newsletter is **not** correct **PLEASE** submit those kind of changes by mail to: **John "Doc" Witt 1800 Beach Drive Unit 30 Gulfport, MS. 39507 or by E-mail to: ihojaw@comcast.net**

Dues are payable January 1st. of each yr. If your dues are not current, submit a check for \$15.00 per year to :

The Bainbridge Assoc. C/O Dick Holloway, Treas, 9307 Teakwood Lane, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266

Members receiving the newsletter attached to a group addressed email, need to contact Dick Holloway, John "Doc" Witt to see what is owed.

(THE CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE LISTED BELOW)

Please keep your dues & contact information up to date. If you need to check on your dues status or change your contact information, contact Dick Holloway, Doc Witt.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____
Initial _____ Nickname _____

Spouse's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dates aboard the BAINBRIDGE _____ Rank/Rating while Aboard the ship _____ Division _____

E-Mail Address _____ Tel. Number () _____

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*Cancelled due to two hurricanes

This will be the last notice about the Sept. Reunion. If you intend to attend, you need to make your reservation and submit your form shown on pg. 6 as soon as possible, so all the arrangements can be completed for all the activities planned. The reunions, activities, visits with shipmates and the areas that we will see are always great.