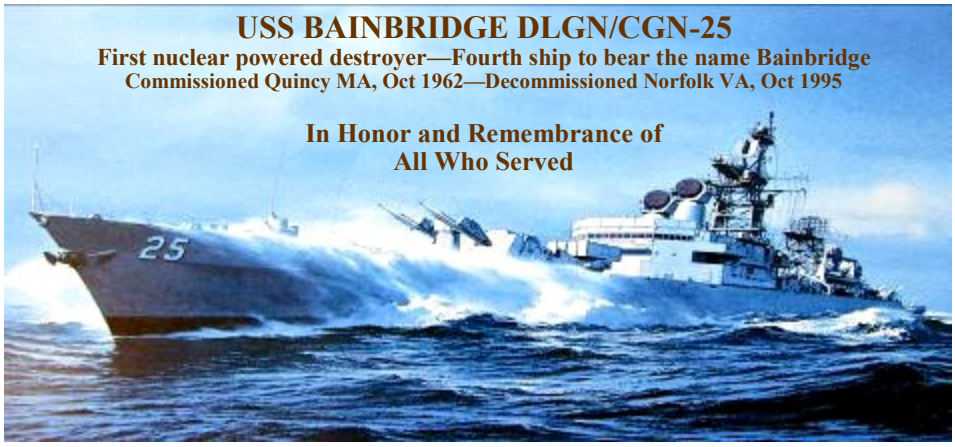
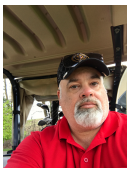


Newsletter of the USS BAINBRIDGE Association

Spring of 2025

ATTENTION ON DECK



Charles Gilbert

Our website **http://ussbainbridgeassociation.org** has been updated. You can now **register for the reunion** and **make hotel reservations** through our website. There is information on the ships statistics, awards, commanding officers, reunion years and locations and the decommissioning, as well as the ships history and our Association by-laws. You can now also **pay your annual dues of $15.00 Electronically on our website.**

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Reunion news update The contract has been signed. Hotel reservations are now being taken. The hotel information is as follows: Fairfield Inn & Suites / 5008 Corridor Loop Road Schertz, TX. 78154 / (210) 658-1466 / group code: USSS / $109.00 nightly plus 15% taxes / June 18-22. 2025. Room rates are good for 3 days prior and 3 days after. Cutoff date: June 4, 2025. Parking is free. If you have not made your reservations yet, I encourage you to do so soon.

We have 12 shipmates registered for the reunion with 12 guests also. We currently have 161 Association members with 57 of them current in their dues. We have had 4 new shipmates join our association since the last reunion. Our face book group site has 355 members.

DECEASED SHIPMATES reported since last reunion.

William Depasquale -- Jan 14, 2023 / **Jack Buckley** – Oct 30, 2023 / **Mike Kirby** – Jun 23, 2024 / **William Wadsworth** -- Jun 14, 2024 / **Michael Heinz** -- Aug 5, 2024 / **Roy Covington** -- Oct 13, 2024 / **Randy Terrian** -- Oct 20, 2024 / **Edgar Garrett** -- Apr 7, 2024 / **Jerry Fulk** -- Nov 14, 2024 / **Donald Boques** -- Jan 13, 2025.

Respectfully,

Charles Gilbert

The San Antonio River Walk is a city park and special-case pedestrian street in San Antonio, Texas, one level down from the automobile street. The River Walk winds and loops under bridges as two parallel sidewalks lined with restaurants and shops, connecting the major tourist draws such as the Shops at Rivercenter, the Arneson River Theatre, Marriage Island, La Villita, Hemis Fair Park, Petty House, the Tower Life Building, the San Antonio Museum of Art, the Pearl, and the city's five Spanish colonial missions, which have been named a World Heritage Site, which includes the Alamo. During the annual springtime Fiesta San Antonio, the River Parade features flowery floats that float down the river.

The area within the circumference of the River Walk is the heart of the original 1700s Villa de Bejar outpost, which would eventually become the City of San Antonio.

The Alamo is a historic Spanish mission and fortress compound founded in the 18th century by Roman Catholic missionaries in what is now San Antonio, Texas, United States. It was the site of the Battle of the Alamo in 1836, a pivotal event of the Texas Revolution in which American folk heroes James Bowie and Davy Crockett were killed.[4] Today it is a museum in the Alamo Plaza Historic District and a part of the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site.

Originally named the Misión San Antonio de Valero, it was one of the early Spanish missions in Texas, built to convert American tribes to Christianity. The mission was secularized in 1793 and then abandoned. Ten years later, it became a fortress housing the Second Flying Company of San Carlos de Parras military unit, who likely gave the mission the name Alamo ("cottonwood trees"). During the Texas Revolution, Mexican General Martín Perfecto de Cos surrendered the fort to the Texian Army in December 1835, following the Siege of Béxar. A relatively small number of Texian soldiers then occupied the compound for several months. The defenders were wiped out at the Battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836. As the Mexican Army retreated from Texas several months later, they tore down many of the Alamo walls and burned some of the buildings.

For the next five years, the Alamo was periodically used to garrison soldiers, both Texian and Mexican, but was ultimately abandoned. In 1849, several years after Texas was annexed to the United States, the U.S. Army began renting the facility for use as a quartermaster's depot, before again abandoning the mission in 1876 after nearby Fort Sam Houston was established. The Alamo chapel was sold to the state of Texas, which conducted occasional tours but made no effort to restore it. The remaining buildings were sold to a mercantile company that operated them as a wholesale grocery store.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) formed in 1891 and began trying to preserve the Alamo. Adina Emilia De Zavala and Clara Driscoll successfully convinced the state legislature in 1905 to purchase the remaining buildings and to name the DRT as the permanent custodian of the site. Over the next century, periodic attempts were made to transfer control of the Alamo from the DRT. In early 2015, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush officially moved control of the Alamo to the Texas General Land Office.[5] The Alamo and the four missions in the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site on July 5, 2015.[6]

You Don't Want to Miss Another Issue

If you did **not** fill out this form in the *fall of 2024 Newsletter* or your email address or mailing address changes at any time, PLEASE submit those kind of changes by e-mail to: Richard Goerner at renreog.r@charter.net.
Dues are payable January 1st. of each year. If your dues are not current, submit a check for $15.00 per year to :

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

(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, Richard Goerner or Charles Gilbert.

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 ( )_____

Published by the USS Bainbridge Association

Association Officers

President: Charles Gilbert charlesgilbert63@gmail.com
Vice Pres: Chuck Fugate cyndocfugate@gmail.com
Treasurer: Dick Holloway rehhardwood@earthlink.net
Secretary: Rich Goerner renreog.r@charter.net

Appointed Officials

Chaplain: Garland Bishop
Historian: Bob Beaty
Newsletter Publisher/Editor: Charles Gilbert/Joe Bisig
Official Photographer: Mauro Greco
Webmaster: Charles Gilbert
Facebook Admin: Charles Gilbert/Ken Hocker

1995 Norfolk VA
1996 St. Louis MO
1997 Charleston SC
1998 San Diego CA
1999 Branson MO
2000 Tallahassee FL
2001 Tucson AZ
2002 Rapid City SD
2003 Washington DC
2004 Las Vegas NV
2005* Ft. Lauderdale, FL
2006 San Antonio, TX
2007 San Diego CA
2009 Savannah GA
2010 Puget Sound WA
2012 Omaha NE
2013 Chattanooga TN
2015 Albuquerque NM
2016 Springfield, IL
2017 Lancaster, PA
2018 Phoenix, AZ
2021 New Orleans, LA
2022 Las Vegas, NV
2024 Norfolk, VA

**Cancelled due to two hurricanes*