



Seabee Veterans of America Island X-24

56th ANNUAL REUNION

APRIL 30-MAY 03, 2025

CHATTANOOGA, TN

Come and join the Battalion 24 family this year for our 56th annual reunion in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The reunion attire this year will be casual with the exception of the banquet dinner, in which Sunday best to Military Dress Uniform is requested.

Hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton Chattanooga Hamilton Place 2321 Lifestyle Way, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421 USA, The hotel is located off of I-75 at Exit 5 Shallowford Road.

Contracted Room Rate for Wednesday April 29 through Sunday May 3 will be \$145 plus 9.25% sales tax and 8% occupancy tax per day. Total per day is \$170.01.

The cutoff date for reservations will be April 1st, 2026. Reservations made for other dates will be at the prevailing rate and depend upon occupancy. The phone number for the Central hotel reservation line is 1-800-362-2779, and the hotel's direct number is 1-423-602-5100, and remember to refer to the group name "Island X-24 NAVY Seabees**" when making your reservation. This is the link for the reunion reservation -

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CHAHMES&groupCode=CES91N&arrivaldate=2026-04-29&departuredate=2026-05-03&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT> This link is available at www.islandx24.com

NOTE: Make reservations early to ensure that you secure the contracted room rate via credit card. Cancellations can always be made 72 hours prior to arrival time without penalty.

The check-in time is 3:00 PM. Check out time is 12:00 PM.

Additional Hotel Information: Mingle with other guests at the complimentary reception, held daily. A complimentary made-to-order breakfast is served on weekdays from 6:00 AM to 9:30 AM and on weekends from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Other amenities include free parking, free

Wi-Fi, on-site restaurant, indoor pool, a fitness center, EV charging stations and pet-friendly rooms are available.

Room suites include the choice of either: A King size bed or two queen size beds, and all rooms have: WIFI, microwave, coffee maker, mini refrigerator, wake up calls, room safe, iron with ironing board, and flat screen HD TV.

****HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS:** If you require specific handicap items or accommodations, please note that on your registration form so that we can address them prior to the reunion. When making your hotel reservations, please request any special accommodations for your room at that time.

Airport: The closest airport is the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (423-855-2200). Visit Flycha.com for more information. Be advised members should consider rental cars from the airport (rental agencies are onsite at the airport), since it is cheaper than a taxi service out of Chattanooga, TN.

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per individual up to 2, \$5.00 for each additional person.

Registration form: Please complete the registration form and sign up for the events and the buffet dinner.

THE REGISTRATION FORM AND ALL FEES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2026. The form and payment should be mailed to:

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296 Rabbit Trail Road

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PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 24th BATTALION AT LARGE - NSVA.

Payment may also be made by credit card at <https://islandx24.com/>. This year the Registration Table will be set up in the Hotel designated reunion Hospitality Room.

Hospitality Room/Craft Session: The hospitality room will be open Thursday 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM and on Saturday 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM (the room will be closed by 12 PM for dinner setup). Reunion events will be held in the hospitality room. This hotel is not as outside food friendly as we have been accustomed to. As per their policy, no outside food can be brought into the Hospitality room. Peggy Anders will be the host along with other ladies assisting in hospitality room. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Peggy by phone at (828) 768-2172 or by email at peggyanders46@gmail.com.

Arts, Crafts, Gifts and Raffle Items: As we are under a much shorter timeline this year, please bring your quality arts, crafts, and gifts to the Hospitality Room ASAP. They will be displayed

and selected for the auction and raffle drawings. All monies received will benefit either the Navy Seabee Foundation Scholarship Fund or the Island X-24 General Fund.

Raffle and 50/50 Drawings: The General Raffle will take place after the Quilts of Valor ceremony, followed by the 50/50 raffle.

Cruise Book: You may purchase a copy of the cruise book on your registration form for \$30. They may also be purchased when you check in for the reunion.

Thursday, April 30th:

- Registration will open at 8:00 AM
- We will assemble in the lobby at 3:15 for an enjoyable evening of food, fellowship and fun. We will be traveling via POV to the Mayor's Mansion Inn, located at 801 Vine Street in Chattanooga for an exquisite meal followed up with an evening river cruise aboard the Southern Belle Riverboat. The excitement continues as you are greeted by the gentle sounds of a live musician as you enjoy a smooth cruise and great scenic views of the Tennessee River.
- Café de Paris & Lemon Basil chicken, mixed green salad with two dressings (dairy based and vinaigrette), smashed potatoes, grilled green beans, dinner rolls, coffee, iced tea, water and dessert.

The total cost for the dinner at the Mayor's Mansion and the Sunset Cruise on the Southern Belle Riverboat is only \$67/person. **Limited to the first 50 to sign up, so don't wait!**

You can discover more about the dinner and cruise at: [Chandelier Dinner & Sunset Cruise | The Southern Belle Riverboat](#)

FRIDAY, May 1st:

- Registration will open at 8:00 AM
- This year's craft will be painting a ceramic piece. No skills required. Everyone is welcome (**this includes the men folk**). It will take place at 8:15 AM in the Hospitality Room for those who have signed up on the registration form. Cost: is \$10.
- We will assemble in the lobby to depart by 10:15 to travel via POV to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum Station where we will be assembling for the train ticket distribution at 10:30 before boarding for a fun train ride on the Missionary Ridge Local from 11:00-12:00. For more info, visit [Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum: Preserving Rail History](#) Relive the romance of the rails when vintage trains provided an escape from the everyday routine.
 - The total cost for the train ride is only \$25/person.
- Executive Committee meeting will be held at 3:00 PM (location TBD).

- Bingo will begin at 7:00. Bingo cards are purchased at the door for \$2 per each or 3 cards for \$5.

SATURDAY, May 2nd:

- General Session Business Meeting – Hospitality Room starting at 8:30 AM
- Memorial Service – 10:15 AM
- Auction – Following the memorial service
- Photo Shoot - Photos will be taken at 3:30 PM prior to dinner in the hotel lobby.
- Seating begins at 5:00 PM in Banquet Room.
- POW/MIA remembrance and the National anthem
- Dinner - At 5:45 PM
 - Dinner: Garlic Rosemary Roast Beef - \$59.00. Harvest Herb Chicken - \$48.00. Vegetable Napoleon - \$44.00. Child's Chicken Tender Plate served with French fries \$20.00 (Note the Beef and Chicken dinner will come with 2 sides: Roasted potatoes and Green Beans). Mixed Green Salad: Iceberg, arugula and Baby Lettuces with Grape Tomatoes, Garlic Croutons and Red Onions along with your choice of Vinaigrette or Ranch dressing.
 - Drinks: Water, Coffee, and Tea.
- Guest speaker (TBD)
- Quilts of Valor ceremony
- Raffle and 50/50 drawings
- Cake cutting ceremony
- Seabee song
- Banquet room closes at 9:30 PM.

SUNDAY, May 3rd:

- Breakfast
- Checkout by 11:00 AM