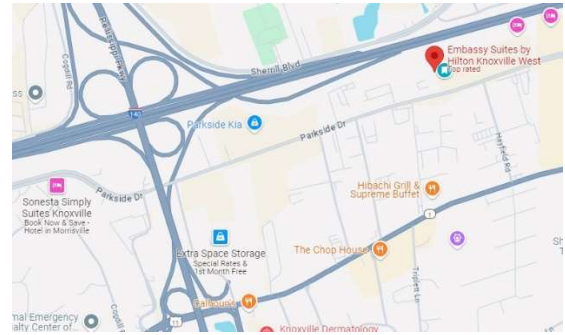




Seabee Veterans of America Island X-24

**55th ANNUAL REUNION
APRIL 23-APRIL 27, 2025
Knoxville, TN**



Join the Battalion 24 Crew in West Knoxville, TN

Dress Casual (Except Banquet Dinner will be Business casual to Military Dress Uniform)

Hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton Knoxville West, 9621 Parkside Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922

Contracted Room Rate for Tuesday April 23 through Saturday April 26 will be at \$169 plus tax per night. Rooms are either King or two Queen Beds (ask specifically when you make reservations for the room type you desire.

Cut-off Date for reservations at the contracted room rate is Sunday March 23, 2025.

Reservations made for other dates will be at the prevailing rate and depend upon occupancy.

Reservations can be made at: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/tyskwes-nsb-dbcf306c-a966-4da5-80db-e817907ac44a/>. This link is available at www.islandx24.com

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

Check in time is 4:00 PM. Check out is 11:00 AM.

Additional Hotel Information: Mingle with other guests at the complimentary reception, held daily. A complimentary buffet breakfast is served on weekdays from 6:00 AM to 9:30 AM and on weekends from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Pets allowed USD 75 per room for 1-4 nights, USD 125 per room for 5+ nights Self-parking is complimentary. Room suites include 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.

Airport: The closest airport is **Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport (865-342-3000)**. Visit Flyknoxville.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 Knoxville, TN.

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per family up to 4. \$5.00 for each additional adult over 18

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 23, 2025. *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 www.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 Wednesday 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Thursday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (closed for dinner setup) and 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Saturday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Reunion events will be in the hospitality room. **This hotel is not as outside food friendly as we have been accustomed. As per their policy, no outside food can be brought in.** Peggy Anders will be the host with other ladies assisting in hospitality room. If you would like to volunteer to help or provide paper and plastic products, please contact Peggy at home phone (828) 768-2172 or by email at peggyanders46@gmail.com.

Arts, Crafts, Gifts and Raffle Items: Please bring your quality arts, crafts, and gifts to the Hospitality Room. 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 Drawings: The General Raffle will take place before the Friday evening dining event, right after the picture shoot and prior to the ceremonies. **The 50/50 raffle will take place at 12:30 on Saturday at the picnic.**

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.

WEDNESDAY, April 23: Free day and registration will begin at 1:00 in front of the Hospitality Room.

THURSDAY, April 24:

- Muster in the lobby at 8:15 for an educational day trip to the Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary. We will be traveling via school bus to make the visit even more realistic. Handcuffs and leg irons are optional.
 - The prison operated from 1896 to 2009. One of the most notorious inmates was James Earle Ray, assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The cost for the trip including bus transportation and lunch is \$75/person. Lunch will be served at the Warden's Table. The Warden's Table restaurant offers a variety of southern food. Our meal will include: smoked pulled pork with a side of cole slaw and bbq sauce served over corn cakes. Additional sides include green beans and macaroni and cheese.

Dress warm for the tour. Temperatures inside may be 10 degrees lower than outside.

You can discover more about the prison at: [www. https://tourbrushy.com/](https://tourbrushy.com/)

- Bingo is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM in the Hospitality Room. Bingo cards purchased at the door for \$2 per card or three cards for \$5. Members are encouraged to contribute a prize for the games. Join us for fun this year.

FRIDAY, April 25:



- A craft-making class conducted by Peggy and Jeff Anders will take place at 9:30 AM in the Hospitality Room for those who have signed up on the registration form. Cost: \$10. This year's craft will be decorative light bottles. No skills required. Everyone is welcome.
- This is a free day for you to enjoy the sites in an around the Knoxville Area. A lunch cruise on the Volunteer Princess, visit to the Knoxville Botanical Gardens, or a tour of the Blount Mansion are recommended adventures.
- Executive Committee meeting will be at 1:00 PM (location TBD).

- Photo Shoot - Photos will be taken at 3:30 PM prior to dinner (Hotel lobby).
- Raffle – Seating begins at 5:00 PM in Banquet Room. Raffle will be held prior to dinner service
- Dinner - At 6:30 PM at the end of the POW/MIA remembrance.
- **Buffet dinner:** \$50.00 (children 8-12 \$10.00, under 8 free) **Your choice of 1 meat: Grilled Flank Steak with Demi Glaze or Grilled Chicken with Lemon Jus; Roasted Redskin Potatoes; Vegetable Beef Minestrone; House Salad; Vegetable Medley; Freshly Baked Roll and Butter; Carrot Cake; Iced Tea and Water**
- Banquet room closes at 9:00 PM.

SATURDAY, April 26

- General Session Business Meeting – Hospitality Room starting at 8:30 AM
- Auction – Following General Session Business Meeting Hospital Room
- Picnic at Mcfee Park 11:00-2:00
- Memorial Service – 11:30 AM McFee Park Pavilion
- 50/50 drawing 12:30 McFee Park

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.