



USS WASP

ASSOCIATION

2023 REUNION

USS WASP CV-18 & LHD - 1
SUNDAY OCT 22, 2023 TO THURSDAY OCT 26, 2023

MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Shipmates:

We hope you will be joining us for our 2023 reunion, where we will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Commissioning of the USS WASP CV18, and of the 34th Anniversary of USS WASP LHD 1.

This e-mail is to assist you in finding all that is happening in Myrtle Beach. Please use the web site www.visitmyrtlebeach.com to obtain, free events, dining, maps and other information to make your stay much more enjoyable.

*Our reunion will be held in the **BEACH COVE RESORT, 4800 South Ocean Blvd. North Myrtle Beach**. All rooms are ocean view with a kitchenette and balcony. Town Center includes ocean front lounge, a full service restaurant, coffee shop and free use of all the modern fitness and recreation facilities, including in-door/out-door pools. Visit www.beachcoveresort.com to see all amenities. **MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL AT "GROUP RESERVATIONS 800-704-3033" and mention "WASP GROUP".***

This year we are continuing with the new format to ensure that no one unnecessarily spends more than they wish. All tours (with transportation included) and Banquets are listed separately. We have reduced the registration fee, which will cover the Hospitality Suite with full bar, soft drinks, coffee, and light snacks and more. Also, we would like to see more fellowship type activities in the Hospitality Room this year. More Later!

TRAVEL- *If you are arriving by plane, the nearest Airport is (MYR) Myrtle Beach, which is approx. 15 miles from the hotel. The hotel has **No Shuttle Service**, but there are Taxi Cabs in abundance, Uber and a Myrtle Beach Shuttle (843-655-0381). If you are coming by car, the hotel has free self-parking.*

This year's re-union Chairmen are Bill Phelan and Mike Trowse, our thanks to them for taking on this task!!



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You can register with AFRI ON-LINE at:

<https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/Wasp2023>

Note: After you fill in the form and hit REGISTER you will be taken to a page to review your entries and make any changes before submitting it to AFRI with your credit card number. Note there is a 3% fee to us a credit card.

This year we will be holding a raffle to win a free room for 4 days from Oct 22 to Oct 26 . Tickets are - 1 ticket for \$5 Dollars or 6 Tickets for \$20 Dollars. Name of the winner will be drawn prior to your arrival and will be notified at hotel check-in desk. Sign up and buy raffle tickets on the registration form.

DRESS CODE / ATTIRE- *Weather in South Carolina in October will be warm with the possibility of rain. Casual light summer wear is recommended, with a light jacket for the Hospitality Rm and our Tours. Don't forget comfortable shoes and sunscreen. You will be spending a lot of time outdoors. Remember your swim suit.*

SHIP'S STORE = *The location and hours of the SHIP'S STORE will be announced at registration and in the Hospitality Rm. Please be advised that in order for the Storekeeper, Joe McKinnon, to enjoy his time at the Reunion he will set up and advertise, his fixed operating hours.*

Upon Arrival – *Starting on SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2023 in order to pick up your Welcome Package you should follow the signs to the second floor foyer. The desk will be manned from 3pm to 5:30pm, then moved to the Hospitality Rm. Starting MONDAY 23 OCTOBER, the Registration desk will be moved permanently to the Hospitality Rm. REUNION PACKETS, including name tags, will be handed out at these locations.*

WELCOME RECEPTION *-Will be held in the Hospitality Rm, SUNDAY at 6pm with an assortment of finger sandwiches, salads and desert. This will give us more Chit Chat time to catch up with shipmates and friends who you may not have seen in years.*

TOURS – IMPORTANT *- We will meet in the Hotel Lobby, 15 minutes before the bus departs. Please be on time. Do not wait until the last minute, the Bus will depart as scheduled. Check your "Schedule of Events" for times of **Bus Departure** and your selected events.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE *- Service in memory of both CVS and LHD USS WASP departed shipmates will be held Monday 23, Oct 10:00 - 11:30, in the Hotel. Light refreshments will be available in the Hospitality Rm, immediately after the service*

Banquet: *Wednesday Oct 25 7PM in the Banquet Room. Please come dressed in your long pants, casual shirts and enjoy a wonderful evening*

THURS OCTOBER 26 7:00 AM- *Farewell and Smooth Sailings Home*

Bob Allan - Chairman