



USS Seattle AOE-3

Veteran's Association

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REUNION # 10 in San Antonio, TX. October 3rd – 7th, 2018

Other than minor details, the reunion is set to go.

Still verifying bus schedules and some menu information, but an exciting and interesting Reunion has been planned and put together for all to enjoy. The reunion committee has relied on Jimmy Pease to assist with all the details, getting tours, menus and transportation lined up to make this reunion a great one for all.

Look forward to seeing everyone there – if you haven't registered, please do so quickly because it affects tours and meals and transportation, etc.

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Final Announcement about the Reunion

The USS Seattle AOE-3 10th Reunion will be held October 3-7, 2018 in beautiful San Antonio, Texas and it will be OUTSTANDING! In honor of the 10th Reunion, the Association has made some events totally FREE and others have been subsidized, making it very affordable to attend. As always, there will be great tours, meals, and fellowship. And we expect the original ship's bell to make its return from the Navy archives.

Also, you will not want to miss the Special Announcement about a new project that will honor USS SEATTLE in a way you could not imagine. And EVERY SEATTLE Sailor can play a role.

Our tradition of having a past Captain of the USS SEATTLE as our banquet speaker continues with Retired Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing, the Captain from January 22, 1993, to August 20, 1994. He conducted the decommissioning of Seattle March 5, 2005. His final assignment was as the 53rd Chief of Naval Personnel.



Go to www.ussseattleaoe-3.org for details and registration. If you have questions, contact Rich Toma, Vice President at 440-669-9615 or richtoma16@yahoo.com

San Antonio, Texas



San Antonio

The city of San Antonio is the oldest Spanish colonization of the European settlements in Texas. Of course before the Spanish the area was occupied for thousands of years by many different cultures. It was founded by Spanish explorers in 1718. In 1821 Anglo-Americans entered the region and gained control of Texas in 1836. By 1945 Texas was annexed by the U.S. known to this date as the Republic of Texas. San Antonio was the largest city at that time in the county of Bexar, (pronounced bejar or bear).

Back in 1691, Spanish explorers and missionaries built missions along the San Antonio river. The area was named La Villita. Today this area is filled with many great shops that you can visit on your free day.

The missions tour is very interesting, starting with The Alamo 1718, San Jose 1720, San Juan 1731, Concepcion 1731 and Espada 1731.

In the beginning early Anglo-American settlers called themselves Texicans, and the Hispanic Texans were known as Tejanos, a name that is still used today. San Antonio's first mayor was Hispanic in 1842. That didn't happen again until 1981. Today San Antonio is the 3rd largest city of Texas supporting an area population of 2.5 million. We have 5 military bases here with all branches of the service represented. The San Antonio River has become the top tourist attraction bringing millions of dollars into the city each year. Welcome to San Antonio.

Things to do in San Antonio



Alamo Mission in San Antonio

Legendary fort & Texas-history museum



San Antonio River Walk

Shops, eateries & hotels along the river



Natural Bridge Caverns

Underground tours & canopy adventures



Six Flags Fiesta Texas

Amusement park with rides & a water park



Natural Bridge Caverns

4.6 ★★★★★ (1,613)

Underground tours & canopy adventures



Six Flags Fiesta Texas

4.3 ★★★★★ (3,698)

Amusement park with rides & a water park



SeaWorld San Antonio

4.3 ★★★★★ (4,466)

Aquatic theme park with shows & rides



San Antonio Zoo

4.3 ★★★★★ (1,794)

54 acres, 750 species, exhibits & train

Fredericksburg – on our Tour list



Fredericksburg

Our Friday tour starts out in San Antonio traveling west into the Texas Hill Country to the beautiful town of Fredericksburg Texas. Here in the heart of the Hill Country is the largest German settlement of over 11,000 citizens. It is one of the most traveled cities and has so much to offer for its tourists. It was founded May 8, 1846 by Baron Otfried Hans von Meusebach of Dillenburg, Germany. He named the town after Prince Frederick of Prussia. Many today still speak German here. Fredericksburg is the birthplace of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz. SEATTLE Vets will be touring the museum and have some free time to tour on the main street. You won't need to look long to see Texas Cowboys as here in the heartland of Texas Hill Country there are many ranches of cattle, sheep and goats. There are all types of restaurants and stores near the museum.

Fredericksburg hosts many types of museums of history to the arts. Also east of the city is where Lyndon B. Johnson grew up and lived. There is a large National Historical Park where Lyndon attended school as a lad, the location of the Texas White House and of the tranquil Pedernales River which has breath taking views of the water flowing over and around huge slabs of limestone.

Navy Vets have the opportunity to tour the Admiral Nimitz museum, the George Bush Gallery of the Pacific War, the Plaza of the Presidents, and the beautiful Japanese Garden of Peace Memorial Walk. This alone will leave you with pride of the men that sacrificed for our country The United States of America.

Things to do in Fredericksburg



National Museum of the Pacific War
Exhibitions & education focused on WWII



Pioneer Museum
Museum of German settlement in the area



Gillespie County Historical Society
Historical society & heritage museum

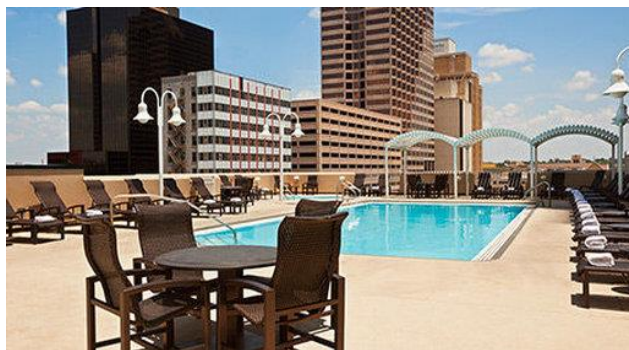


The National Museum of The...
Large Pacific WWII history museum

Reunion Agenda



WYNDHAM HOTEL
111 E. Pecan St.
San Antonio, TX 78205
(844) 231-0710



Wednesday - October 3rd, 2018

1200 - 1700

Registration and check-in

Light meal in Hospitality Room
with Special Visitors

Thursday – October 4th, 2018

0800 – 1100

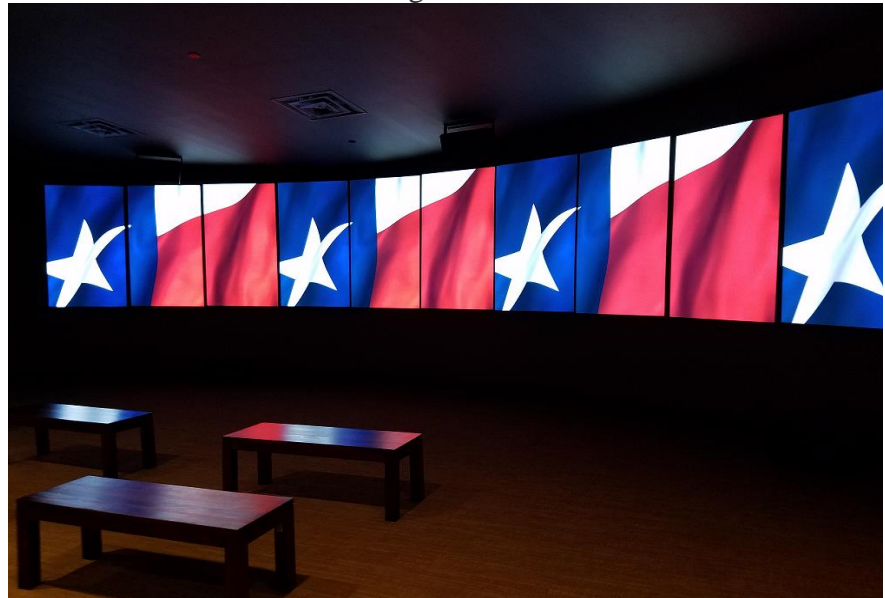
USSSVA Meeting

1200

Depart on River Boat to “Battle for Texas” Museum
(stops at Hyatt with short walk to Museum)

1230 – 1400

Tour “Battle for Texas” Museum
Lunch is included during the tour.

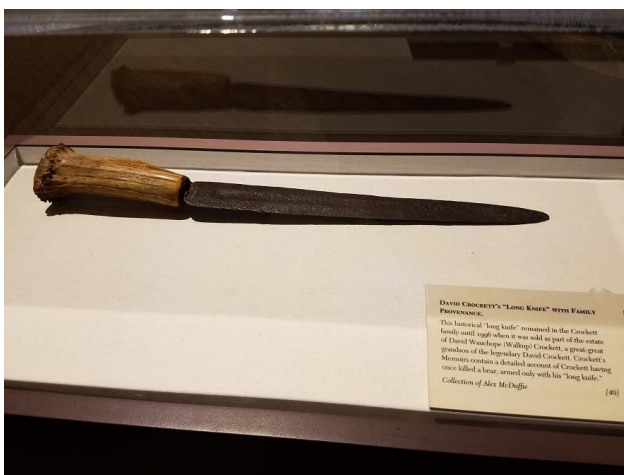


1430 – 1530

3D Movie about the Alamo (**Alamo: The Price of Freedom**)

1600 – 1700

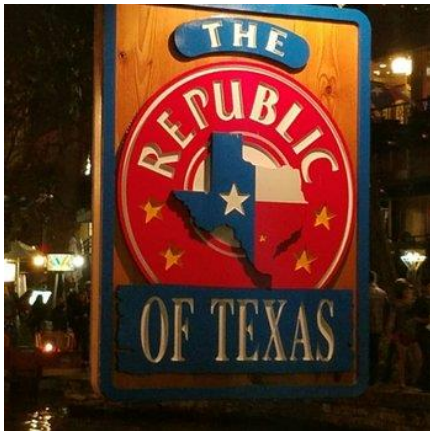
Guided walking tour of The Alamo



Thursday – October 4th, 2018 (cont')

1730 – 2000

Republic of Texas Restaurant (Texas Foods)
 (walk across street, back thru Hyatt, turn left, then cross over bridge, turn left and go to Texas (Red, White and Blue) Canopy
 To enter restaurant where we will dine as a group)



2030

Board river boat to return to Hotel (or 20-minute walk)

Friday – October 5th, 2018

0800 – 0815

Board bus for trip to Fredericksburg, TX.
 View the Hill country as you pass through.

1000 – 1500

Recommend: Tour of the “National Museum of the Pacific War”
 Tour the interior of the buildings then have lunch (on your own)
 At one of the area restaurants, then return to tour the outside
 Grounds and visit gift shops.

1530

Board bus to return to Wyndham hotel

1745

Board bus to Casa Rio Restaurant for dinner – Mexican buffet



2100

Board river boats to return to Wyndham hotel

Saturday – October 6th, 2018

0900 – 1030

USSSVA show and tell (optional) the day is yours....

1100 – 1700

Check your tour booklet for things to see and do today.

1800 – 1900

Mixer / Happy Hour – located outside by the pool of the Wyndham hotel – Cash bar available.

(Sailors get together prior to banquet for annual toast)

1900

Enter Banquet Hall, 3rd floor Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel
Colors will be presented

Ringing of the Ships Bell for those who have departed

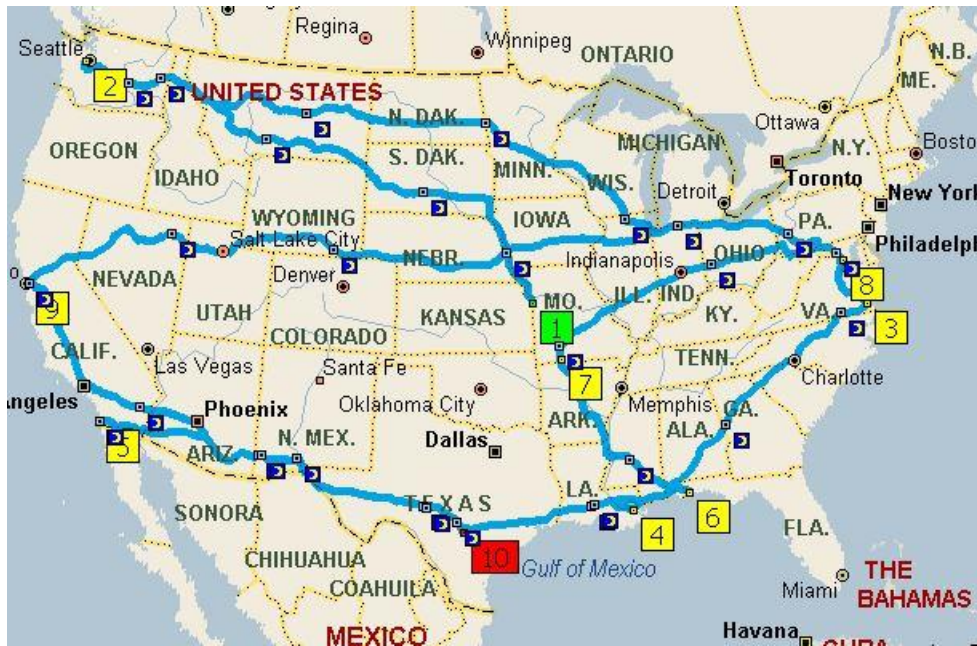
Dinner served and Guest Speaker

Sunday – October 7th, 2018

0600 – 1000

Farewell Breakfast – San Antonio Style.

Locations for the reunions including where the next one is scheduled to be held.
Thanks to Ray for providing this map.



Where are Seattle sailors located – check the blue dots on the map below. (thanks again Ray)



A FEW NOTES

Show Your USS Seattle Spirit!

(Show your Spirit with shirt, hat, jacket, decal, license plate cover and more from Ship's Store)

We are beginning a new series of articles each newsletter where showing your USS Seattle Spirit has led to a conversation about the ship from a stranger, many of whom served on the ship. Send your story to Dale Eicker at deicker@comcast.net.

Let me hear about your experiences..... Dale

Ship's Store News

Shipmates,

As all who attend our reunions know, each year we present you with a gift from the ship's store. After the reunion, it becomes part of the store for others to purchase. It has always been popular with attendees. This year everyone will receive a gift at registration AND at the banquet. It is our way of introducing new products into the store.

For 10 years, we have had a great shirt with our association logo stitched on the left side. That shirt has been discontinued by the company we buy it from. I have replaced it with a very similar shirt which is equally as nice and travels well. Each year on separate days we take a picture in our blue and white shirt. If you want to be in the picture, please bring your shirts or order them now. I have some available but do not have all sizes.

The new shirt comes in 7 colors. White, Classic Navy, Black, Black Silk, Classic Red, Frost and Riviera Blue. I do not know what the colors with odd names really look like. A catalogue picture doesn't tell the true story. So, I ordered 3 of each color in 3 different sizes, large, extra-large and double extra-large. These shirts will be in the store when you arrive. Many have ordered the other colors available with the old shirt and I am sure many will do the same with the new shirt and new colors. The pictures are of the new shirt in our two stocked colors.

Vic Hellberg

Fair Winds & Following Seas