



USS Seattle AOE 3

Veteran's Association

Newsletter



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REUNION # 12 - 2022 in Charleston, SC

Included in this issue is the current schedule of events and their costs.

Letter from The Association President

Shipmates

I do not know about you, but I like the change of seasons. I look for signs that tell me things are going to be different and I begin to anticipate the weather changes and different activities that go with the seasons. I can count on it happening. Like when I see the daffodils pop up from the hard cold ground, I know Spring is on the way!

There is an event in the late summer/early fall this year that will be another reminder to you of a seasonal activity you can count on and plan for. It is our USS Seattle AOE-3 Reunion.

Read about the Reunion and if you have never attended one, please consider it. The most common remark we hear from first timers is, "I wish I had been here sooner". So, if it is possible for you to get to Charleston, SC, come join the chorus of other first timers who will say they were glad they made the trip!

David Holton
President USSSVA

Letter from The Association Vice-President

Shipmates.

The waiting is over. It is time to make your reservations for the 2022 USSSVA Reunion to be held in Charleston, SC Wednesday Sept. 7 – Sunday Sept. 11. You can make reservations for rooms today at the Crown Plaza Charleston Airport – Convention Center (843) 744-4422 (Option 1 – use Code **SEA**)

Registration for all events will also begin today. You can register for the reunion on-line at our website, address is; ussseattleaoe-3.org or use the mail in form on page 8.

Just a reminder, 2022 membership dues **MUST** be current if you wish to attend the reunion. If they have not yet been remitted, you can pay them on the registration form.

We encourage you to use the mail in registration form, so the Association does not get charged credit card or PayPal fees if you sign up on-line.

Thank you for your patience and hope to see you in Charleston.

Rich Toma, V.P. USSSVA

SHIP's STORE ITEM & ORDER FORM**Special Close Out Sale**

FACE MASK IN BLACK WITH WHITE LINER. IT HAS AN INTERIOR METAL PIECE TO MOLD TO YOUR NOSE. REGULAR PRICE IS \$10.00. 50% OFF PLUS THE \$3.00 SHIPPING WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SHIPMENT.

**USSSVA SHIP'S STORE ORDER FORM**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

E-MAIL:

PHONE #

QTY	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	SIZE	PRICE EA.	SHIPPING	TOTAL
GRAND TOTALS						

NOTES FOR PERSONALIZED ENGRAVING:

CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS CONTACT VIC AT: PLANKOWNER4@GMAIL.COM

SEND WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

VIC HELLBERG

204 NORTH 18 ST.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, 50158

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE REC'D :

DATE

SHIPPED:



REGISTRATION FOR 2022 REUNION

September 7-11 - NOW OPEN

We are pleased to announce Registration is now open for the 2022 USS Seattle AOE 3 Veterans Association Reunion in Charleston SC., This year we will be staying at the Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport – Convention Center. Our discounted rate is \$125 per day plus taxes and includes breakfast for two (2) each day, plus FREE parking. We have negotiated an additional three (3) days before and after the reunion at the same discounted reunion rate.

If the Survey results are any indication of attendance, we expect more than 80 people attending.

Please review all the information in the newsletter, and then go to our website www.ussseattleaoe-3.org and click on **2022 Charleston SC Reunion** and read the drop downs for details. Be sure to register for the Reunion online and call the hotel for room reservations.

As is tradition, we will have the USSSVA shirt days, on Thursday (Blue) and Friday (White). Wearing the shirt is optional, but we ask you consider purchasing them. To see the shirts, go to the USS Seattle website and click on Ship's Store and scroll down to see USSSVA Polo Shirt.

We are asking you to consider paying by check rather than credit card to help reduce our costs. The credit card processing fee is about \$20.00 per attendee. Send your check to

Dan Justynski

13 Lyme Road

Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

For questions about the Reunion, emails below

Hotel – Bill Norris bnorris5248@gmail.com phone: (281) 785-6415

Meals – Vic Hellberg plankowner4@gmail.com phone: (641) 752-6882

Events – Mark Giraldi mark_giraldi@yahoo.com phone: (847) 420-9212

CALLING ALL BOS'N MATES

If you are a Bos'n Mate or always wanted to be one, AND are coming to the Reunion, get out your pipe, shine it up and practice. We have a need for pipes and can use more than one.

GET READY to REGISTER FOR REUNION and MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS**1. HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** You need to reserve your rooms with the hotel

- A. Reserve room by phone: Call (843) 744- 4422. **NOTE:** Press (1) to make a reservation. **Be sure to say Group Code: SEA** to be sure you get the discounted room rate.
- B. Reserve room on line by clicking the following – or entering into your browser:
<https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=CP&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=CHSSC&PMID=99801505&GPC=SEA&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

NOTE: Disregard room rate shown on home screen. It will be adjusted when you enter the Group Code SEA.

- Complete Arrival, Departure and Number of Rooms and Number of People.
- Click down arrow on **RATE PREFERENCE**. Scroll down. Be sure dot on **GROUP RATE is PURPLE**.
- Click on **SEARCH**
- Select Room size
- Select Room rate
- Review Reservation Summary
- Complete Guest Information
- Click **BOOK RESERVATION**

NOTE: Room Cancellation policy for our reunion is you must cancel your reservations 24 hours before arrival date. Otherwise, you will be charged for one night. The Deposit fee is waived for our reunion.

2. ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION: You must complete the Reunion Registration form. You can do it online or by mail.**ONLINE Registration:**

- Go to www.ussseattleaoe-3.org
- On top menu bar, hover over **2022 Charleston SC Reunion**
- Read ALL drop downs before registering.
- To register, click on **2022 On-Line Registration**
- Complete each box you plan to participate in with number of people, shirts, or dues, if not current.
- Click on **Continue registration**
- Complete other drop downs as needed i.e., Guests information, shirt size and meal choices.
- Click on **Continue to Checkout**
- Select Payment method- credit card or check. Please consider check.
NOTE: Our card fees are about \$20 per person attending.
- Click **Continue**
- Confirm your registration and read Refund Policy and **check box**
- Click **Continue**
- **If paying by check**, your registration is complete.
- **If paying by credit card** complete credit card information.
- Click **Continue**
- Registration is complete.

Mail In Association Registration:

- You can use the form from the Newsletter
- Complete form. Be sure to multiply the **Quantity** times the **Cost** for your **Total**
- **Mail with check to Dan Justynski whose address is on the form. Make checks payable to USSSVA. DO NOT MAIL TO THE HOTEL.**

OR PRINT MAIL IN FORM FROM COMPUTER

- Go to www.ussseattleaoe-3.org
- On top menu bar, hover over **2022 Charleston SC Reunion**
- Click on **2022 Mail In Registration Form**
- Print form

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION INCENTIVES

The Officers and Board of Directors are excited and encouraged by the strong interest expressed in the survey about attending the Reunion. The sooner we know how many people plan to attend, the better we can manage the number of meals, tour tickets and transportation busses.

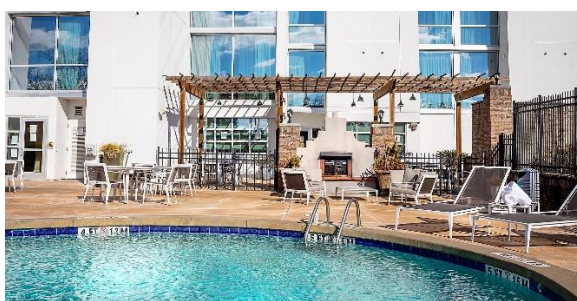
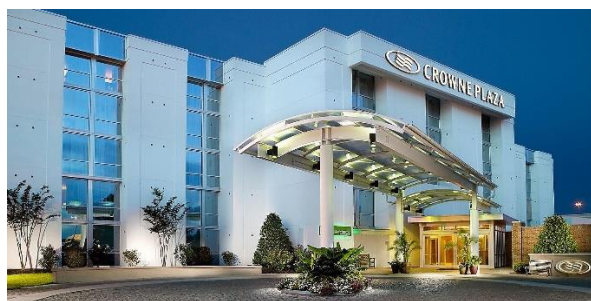
So, to encourage you to register **Early Bird**, you will receive the following benefits:

- Name entered into a drawing for \$200.00 cash
- Name entered into a drawing for (1) FREE night at hotel
- Receive a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Ship's Store

To qualify for the drawing:

1. Complete 2022 Reunion Registration either on- line or mail by June 1, 2022. If mail, post mark June 1st. will count.
2. Pay by check before June 1st.
3. Only the Member is eligible, not guests.

REUNION # 12 – HOTEL



Hotel is the Crowne Plaza at the Airport Convention Center
Address: 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd.
North Charleston, SC - 29418

Phone: (843) 744-4422

When you dial in, select Option **1** and use Code **SEA** to receive the USS Seattle group rates..

REUNION # 12 – EVENTS

Wednesday: Arrival and check in to hotel. Hospitality Suite open from 4 pm to 11 pm

Thursday: Membership Meeting at 8 am with some special drawings planned – don't miss it.

PATRIOTS POINT – leaving the hotel at 11 am

Patriots Point Development Authority was established in the 1970s to develop a naval & maritime museum on Charleston Harbor with the World War II aircraft carrier, USS YORKTOWN as its centerpiece. It's also home to the Patriots Point Museum and a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships, the Cold War Memorial and the only Vietnam Experience Exhibit in the U.S., the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and the agency's official Medal of Honor Museum.



USS Yorktown



USS Laffey



DINNER CRUISE – depart hotel at 5:30 pm

For those looking to have a unique dining and cruising experience, we will be offering a sunset dinner cruise with views of Charleston Harbor aboard the Charleston Princess. This will be a 3-hour cruise on a 110 foot tour boat with three decks. You will enjoy a southern-style buffet dinner with a cash bar on the lower level, and an open observation deck for enjoying a magnificent sunset on Charleston Harbor.

Dinner includes salad, a choice of 2 entrees, 2 sides and dessert. Water, iced tea, and soft drinks are included.



Back at the Hotel – the Hospitality Suite will be open from 9pm to 11pm

REUNION # 12 – EVENTS

Friday: Meet and Greet with Show and Tell from 9 am to 11:30 am
Lunch at the Hotel from 12 pm to 1 pm

CITY BUS TOUR – depart hotel at 1:30 pm lasts until 4:30 pm

We will board busses for an afternoon tour of the city of Charleston. This tour will take us through many interesting historical areas with experienced tour guides to enhance our appreciation of the sights of Charleston.



MIXER at HOTEL – cash bar from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

DINNER & Guest Speaker at HOTEL – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Entrée choices are: Chicken, Salmon, Vegetarian



Guest Speaker:

One of our dinner speakers will be retired RADM James Flatley III, a 1956 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who will share his involvement with a piece of Naval and Aviation history.

While a lieutenant at the Naval Air Test Center, he and his crew completed 21 full stop and take offs in a Lockheed C-130 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal. It was then and remains today the largest plane, heaviest load ever to successfully land on a carrier.

After Dinner the Hospitality Suite will be open from 9 pm to 11pm

Saturday: Short Board Meeting after breakfast from 8 am to 9 am
Members – on your own from 9 am to 5 pm

BANQUET MIXER at HOTEL – cash bar from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

BANQUET DINNER at HOTEL – Opening Ceremony 6:30 pm to 7 pm with dinner from 7 pm to 9 pm

Entrée choices are: Filet Mignon, Chicken, Vegetarian

After Dinner the Hospitality Suite will be open from 9 pm to 11pm

REUNION # 12 – Registration Form

USS SEATTLE VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION 2022 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM											
CHARLESTON, SC 29418											
Treasurer Use Only								Check Box If:		X	
Date Rec'd				MAIL REGISTRATION TO: Dan Justynski - Treasurer 13 Lyme Rd. Hanover, New Hampshire 03755				1st Reunion			
Check #								Stay @ Hotel			
Amount	\$							Arrival Date:			
Refund Due	\$							Depart Date:			
Book hotel reservations by 8/1/2022 to receive rate of \$125.00 plus tax per night. Rate includes breakfast buffet for two. Free parking included. Crown Plaza Charleston Airport - Convention Center 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418 (843) 744-4422 (Option 1 -use code SEA) Discounted rates available 3 days before and 3 days after reunion.											
Member:				Name tag to read:							
Address:											
Phone:				Email:							
Spouse/partner:				Name tag to read:							
Guest #1:				Name tag to read:							
Guest #2:				Name tag to read:							
Guest #3:				Name tag to read:							
Guest #4:				Name tag to read:							
				Size	Qty.	Cost	Total				
USSSVA White Polo Shirt								M, L, XL \$62.50	2XL \$67.50		
USSSVA Blue Polo Shirt								M, L, XL \$62.50	2XL \$67.50		
Membership dues (if not paid)						\$30.00		Member	Spouse	Guest #1	Guest #2
Registration (members only)					1	\$70.00	\$ 70.00	x			
Wed	Reception and evening gathering					N/C	N/C				
Thur	Business meeting A.M. (members)					N/C	N/C				
Thur	Bus all day for 1 or both events					47.00					
Thur	Patriot's Point Tour inc. box lunch					38.00					
Thur	Dinner Cruise (Buffet Style)					68.00					
Fri	Meet and Greet					N/C	N/C				
Fri	City Bus Tour of Charleston					\$46.00					
Fri	Dinner at hotel					\$55.00					
Fri	Select dinner choices Chicken (C) Salmon (F) Vegetarian (V):										
Sat	Banquet Dinner					65.00					
	Select dinner choices Filet (B) Chicken (C) Vegetarian (V):										
Sun	Farewell Breakfast					N/C	N/C				
				Grand Total:				Checks payable to: USSSVA			
NO REFUNDS AFTER 08/01/2022											
Additional Info: Handicap/Special Meals/Notes:											
Please text Vic Hellberg at 641-485-4367 or call Bill Norris at 281-785-6415 with any questions.											

REUNION # 12

UPCOMING REUNION INFORMATION / SCHEDULE

Reunion Day	Begin Time	End Time	Event	P/P Cost	Comments
			Crowne Plaza at the Airport Convention Center Includes free parking & breakfast for two daily	\$125.00	Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC - 29418
Wed.	7:00 AM		Breakfast (included for 2)	FREE	Hotel Restaurant 1st floor
	4:00 PM		Official Check-in USSSVA Registration	\$70.00	Hospitality Room 2nd floor Members only pay fee
	4:00 PM	11:00 PM	Welcome aboard reception Hospitality Suite	FREE	Hospitality Room Refreshments (pizza, soda, beer, wine)
Thur.	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast	FREE	Hotel Restaurant
	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Ladies Breakfast	FREE	Hotel Restaurant
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	General Meeting for all members		Meeting - members only - Hospitality Room
	11:00 AM	3:30 PM	Patriot's Point Includes box lunches Price is per person Bus price is per person for all day	Tour \$38.00 Bus \$47.00	See included information on page #4 about this tour.
	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	Free Time		
	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	BLUE SEATTLE SHIRT EVENING Charleston Princess Dinner Cruise Price is per person	\$68.00	Bus ride to Cruise boat. Dinner includes salad, 2 entrée choices, 2 sides choices, dessert and drinks (tea, water, sodas) – Cash bar available as well. (see page #4)
	9:00 PM	11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	FREE	Unwind with Shipmates

UPCOMING REUNION INFORMATION / SCHEDULE (cont.)

Reunion Day	Begin Time	End Time	Event	P/P Cost	Comments
Fri.	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast	FREE	Hotel Restaurant
	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Meet & Greet Show and Tell	FREE	A chance to catch up with Shipmates, show off any memorabilia you have from the ship or days in the service.
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch at Hotel	OYO	On your own.
	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	WHITE SEATTLE SHIRT DAY CITY BUS TOUR Price per person	\$46.00	Bus tour of Charleston See description on page #5
	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Mixer before Dinner at Hotel	-----	Cash Bar available
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	DINNER & Guest Speaker Price is per person	\$55.00	Guest Speaker RADM James Flatley III
	9:00 PM	11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	FREE	Unwind with Shipmates
Sat.	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast	FREE	Hotel Restaurant
	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Board Meeting	-----	Hospitality Room
	9:00 AM	5:30 PM	On Your Own	OYO	Explore on your own
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Mixer before Dinner at Hotel	-----	Cash Bar available
	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Opening Ceremony		
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	BANQUET at Hotel Price is per person	\$65.00	Guest Speaker
	9:00 PM	11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	FREE	Unwind with Shipmates
Sun.	7:00 AM	10:00 AM	Farewell Breakfast	FREE	

Fair Winds & Following Seas