

Newsletter of the USS BAINBRIDGE Association

Winter 2018



Message from your President

Hello again shipmates and happy New Year. Dianna and I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season. As usual the time seems to be flying by. It's only 9 months until our 2018 reunion in Phoenix, AZ and it seems like just yesterday we were in Lancaster, PA. The president's message will be brief this time and we will devote most of the newsletter to getting out the reunion information. We have been busy working on the reunion attractions and the initial arrangements are complete. Everything included in the reunion notice later in this newsletter is confirmed and the hotel is ready to go with the reservations. Hopefully the venues selected will hold something of interest for everyone.

After March 1st Chuck Gilbert will be submitting our reunion dates and info to various publications such as Fleet Reserve Association, Navy Times, All Hands, VFW, American Legion and Tin Can Sailor. As in the past this should give us more visibility to potential reunion attendees. If any of you receive one or more of these publications keep a lookout for our article in the future. I recently gave our reunion dates to the webmaster of the website www.hullnumber.com and already I have responded to 7 info requests I received from shipmates on that website that are nonmembers of the association. Hopefully this also could result in a couple of new members or new first time attendees. Chuck has also received some inputs as administrator of the Bainbridge Association Reunion Facebook page. Nonmembers have requested info on the Bainbridge Association and how to be friends on the Facebook page. This gives us the opportunity to point them towards our website and the info to become an Association member. When doing this Chuck reports both positive and some negative responses but at least we can steer them in the right direction and hope for some positive results. Getting new members to sign up has been somewhat slow recently and we can use whatever means available to make our presence known.

Recruitment remains as one of our important items.

October will be here before we know it so read through the reunion notice, make your hotel reservations, fill out the reunion activity form and send it in. Dianna and I are really looking forward to seeing everyone in Phoenix.

Joe Bisig

USS Bainbridge Association 2018 Reunion
Phoenix, Arizona
Sunday October 28 through Wednesday October 31, 2018
Lodging

30 rooms have been reserved at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel. 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ 85201. Website: www.phoenixmarriottmesa.com. The room rate is \$109 (plus tax) for single or double occupancy with one king bed or two double beds which you can specify while making the reservations. If you have any special needs let the hotel know at that time. The rate includes a full hot breakfast buffet each morning for registered guests. The group rate will be honored 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion dates for those who wish to come early or stay after our event. The hotel does have complimentary high speed internet, complimentary parking, and a guest laundry on site. There is also an on-site restaurant and several other restaurants close to the hotel. The hotel is 12 miles from the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and does not have a shuttle due to the close proximity to the Metro Light Rail route 2 city blocks from the hotel and connects with the Phoenix Sky Train at the airport. There is also Uber and Taxis available. We have been given a web-link to book our reservations on-line. ([Book your group rate for USS BAINBRIDGE REUNION](#)). Right click on this link and select "open hyperlink" and you will go directly to the Bainbridge reservations page. For those without computer access you can call Marriott Central Reservations 1-800-835-9873 or the local hotel number 480-898-8300 and ask to book in the USS Bainbridge Reunion room block. You will be responsible for cancellations should that become necessary. Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to your arrival date to avoid a one night charge. The reservation cutoff date is October 8, 2018. After that date the group rate will be honored but on a room availability basis. See page 6 for Mesa Downtown Restaurants info, page 7 for the Metro Light Rail Info and page 8 for the Light Rail Route Map.

Hospitality Room

The hotel will provide a large hospitality room (Starlight Room) just off the patio area of the hotel. There will be plenty of room to mingle and visit with shipmates and there will be ample table and chairs for everyone's comfort. The room will be stocked with cold drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks and water) and snacks (chips, dips, pretzels, crackers etc.) for all attendees during our reunion visit. The room will also be used for reunion registration, ship's store, viewing memorabilia and staging all of the raffle items for our final night raffle. We will also have a welcome reception in the hospitality room on Sunday evening Oct. 28 at 6:00pm with a light meal including appetizers, snacks and beverages. We will open the room at 8:00am daily and secure the room at 10:30pm.

Banquet

The hotel will be providing a large ballroom area for our banquet on the final evening of the reunion. This also is just off the patio area of the hotel and not far from the hospitality room. The chef is preparing a custom dinner buffet for us. There will be a choice of two entrees: Chicken breast with Marsala Sauce or Pork Tenderloin with White Wine Sauce. The entrees will be accompanied by Mixed Greens Garden Salad with Ranch and Italian Dressing on the side, Seasonal Vegetable Medley and Garlic Rosemary Potatoes. For dessert there will be your choice of Devil's Food cake or White Cake with Chocolate Frosting. This will also include assorted dinner rolls and whipped butter, water, iced tea and coffee on request.

In the past we have traditionally held our banquets in a formal or semi-formal type of atmosphere. This year our banquet night falls on Halloween and we thought it might be fun for everyone to depart from tradition a little and do something different for the Halloween evening. I would like to encourage everyone to think about a costume for the evening and get into the fun. It can be as elaborate or as simple as you see fit. We might even have a costume contest. I have heard that some shipmates have already selected their costumes.

Raffle

As in the past we will conduct a fund raising raffle after the banquet on Wednesday night. Everyone is encouraged to participate by providing one or more items for the raffle and purchasing raffle tickets for the event. Suggested items for the raffle include something from the area where you live or something you have made. You can of course purchase something in the Phoenix area and donate it to the raffle if you prefer that approach. The raffle tickets will be on sale for the course of the reunion. The ticket cost is one ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00 or 12 tickets for \$10.00, etc. So the more you buy at one time the more tickets you get for your money. All items for the raffle will be on display in the hospitality room so everyone can decide what items interest them the most. You will be able to deposit your tickets (as many as you want) prior to the raffle in individual drawing bags available for each item in the raffle thereby increasing your odds of winning a particular item. So be sure to participate and enjoy supporting your Association and the thrill of winning a treasured item.

Itinerary

Sunday October 28, 2018

Arrival and check in during the course of the day. The hotel address and website is included at the beginning of this notice in the lodging section. The hotel does not have a shuttle but the Metro-Light Rail does connect with the airport Sky Train Shuttle just outside of the airport and has a drop off point 2 blocks from the hotel. The Light Rail charges only \$2.00 each way but as mentioned the drop off station is 2 blocks away from the hotel and it does have several stops between the airport and the hotel. For those who elect to use the light rail we are intending to have some phone numbers of shipmates who have cars and are at the hotel early who will agree to pick you up at the Light Rail drop off point. Of course Uber rides and taxis are also available. The current Uber cost for the 12 miles from the airport to the hotel is about \$16.54. Of course this can vary depending on the volume of rides being requested but has been in that area since last year.

After checking in to the hotel be sure to pick up your reunion package in the hospitality room (Starlight Room) which will include a list of attendees, name tags, itinerary and brochures. That evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm there will be a welcome reception in the hospitality room. Appetizers, chips and dip, and assorted foods, beer, wine, and soft drinks will be featured. It should be a great way to renew shipmate acquaintances and start the reunion.

Monday October 29, 2018

*Commemorative Air Force Museum, website www.azcaf.org

The museum will make up special lanyards with each person's name on it which will admit them to the museum for our guided tour on Monday morning. The lanyard will also serve as a 3 day pass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for anyone who wishes to go back to the museum on their own or book a flight on one of the WWII warbirds during their stay. Booking a flight is done through the museum website.

*Golden Corral Buffet, website www.goldencorral.com.

We have lunch reservations at the Golden Corral Buffet. They will section off an area in the buffet room for our group. There is no advanced payment required. Everyone will pay on their own as we enter. The cost for the lunch is \$9.49 + tax and gratuity for seniors and \$9.99 + tax and gratuity for non-seniors. Beverages are charged separately if you want something other than water. They have a large variety of food so hopefully everyone will find something they enjoy.

*Musical Instrument Museum, website www.mim.org.

The MIM as it is known is the world's only global musical instrument museum. The exhibits focus on musical heritage, cultures and instruments from 200 countries. You will see videos and hear music in different genres from well-known performers including country, jazz, pop, classical and more. The guided tour which lasts approximately one hour includes headsets and guidePORTs to listen to the various music and instruments throughout the tour. There is a gallery at the end of the tour where you can try making some music of your own on various instruments. The museum has elevators and wheelchairs are available at no additional cost if needed.

6:30– 9:00 am Enjoy the breakfast buffet at the hotel
8:00 am Hospitality Room Opens
9:15 am Board bus for Commemorative Air Force Museum
9:30 am Bus departs the hotel
9:45 am Bus arrives at the Commemorative Air Force Museum
10:00 am Begin the guided tour of the museum. (The guided tour will be 1 to 1.5 hrs. and then enjoy free time to view other exhibits or visit the gift shop)
12:00 noon Board bus for lunch at the Golden Corral Buffet
12:15 pm Bus departs the Museum
12:30 pm Bus arrives at the Golden Corral buffet. Enjoy lunch
1:15 pm Board bus for the Musical Instrument Museum
1:30 pm Bus departs the buffet
2:00 pm Bus arrives at the Musical Instrument Museum. Enjoy the guided one hour tour and a little free time afterwards to explore on your own and visit the gift shop.
3:45 pm Board the bus for the hotel.
4:30 pm Bus arrives at the hotel. Visit the hospitality room. Dinner on your own at the hotel or at one of the many restaurants in the area.
10:30 pm Hospitality room closes

Tuesday October 30, 2018

*OdySea Aquarium, website www.odyseaaquarium.com

The aquarium is one of the largest of its type in the southwest. It is one of the anchor venues for an entire entertainment district called OdySea in the Desert consisting of 20 dining, shopping and amusement establishments surrounding a circular outdoor courtyard. There are 2 levels but there are escalators and elevators in addition to stairs. The aquarium tour is self-guided and includes a 3D movie and the Living Carousel which takes you through 4 different areas with sharks, sea turtles and sea lions. The tour takes 2 to 2.5 hrs. then enjoy free time to have lunch on your own at one of the several restaurants and explore OdySea in the Desert. There are several gift shops and exhibits.

*Western Spirit - Scottsdale's Museum of the West, website www.scottsdalemuseumwest.org.

The tour through the Western Spirit Museum celebrates the art, history and unique stories of the 19 states of the American West and the bordering provinces of Canada and states of Mexico. The displays include authentic old west saddles, badges, spurs and Native American art and pottery. There is also a section on old West movies and western film history. For the guided tour we will be divided into a few smaller groups to better enjoy the tour and hear the docent's description of the exhibits. The tours lasts 1- 1.5 hours then enjoy some free time to explore on your own. There is a western themed gift shop.

6:30 – 8:45 am Enjoy the breakfast buffet at the hotel
8:00 am Hospitality Room Opens
8:45 am Board bus for the OdySea Aquarium
9:00 am Bus departs the hotel
9:30 am Bus arrives at the OdySea Aquarium
9:45 am Begin the self-guided tour. After the aquarium tour enjoy free time to explore and have lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants
12:45 pm Board bus for Western Spirit Scottsdale's Museum of the West
1:00 pm Bus departs the OdySea Aquarium
1:15 pm Bus arrives at Western Spirit
1:30 pm Begin the tour. Enjoy free time afterwards to explore and visit the western themed gift shop.
3:30 pm Board the bus for the hotel
3:45 pm Bus departs for the hotel

4:15 pm Bus arrives at the hotel. Visit the hospitality room. Dinner on your own at the hotel or at one of the many restaurants in the area.
 10:30 pm Hospitality room closes

Wednesday October 31, 2018

*Wrigley Mansion, website www.wrigleymansion.com

The Wrigley Mansion is a unique landmark in Arizona history. It was originally constructed in 1932 by the chewing gum personality William Wrigley Jr. as an anniversary gift for his wife. The mansion was sold by the Wrigley family in 1973 and changed hands several times until being purchased by Geordie Hormel and his wife in 1992 and restored to its present condition. Our tour and lunch package will be a guided tour of the 2 story mansion. There is an elevator available. Our group will be divided among several guides to better enjoy the tour. The mansion has lots of history, exhibits and ghost stories and cameras are allowed. After the tour we will have lunch in a dining room provided by the mansion.

6:30 – 9:00 am Enjoy the breakfast buffet at the hotel
 8:00 am Hospitality room opens
 9:15 am Board the bus for the Wrigley Mansion
 9:30 Bus departs the hotel
 10:00 am Bus arrives at the Wrigley Mansion
 10:15 am Begin the guided tour of the mansion. The tour takes 1 to 1.5 hrs.
 11:30 am Go to the designated dining area for lunch. We will have custom menus with our group name on them which we will select from at that time. Enjoy lunch.
 1:00 pm Board the bus to return to the hotel
 1:15 pm Bus departs for the hotel
 1:45 pm Bus arrives at the hotel
 2:00 pm Commence Memorial Ceremony in the hospitality room.
 2:30 – 3:30 pm Business meeting in the hospitality room. Everyone is invited to attend
 5:00 – 6:00 pm Couple/ Individual and Group photos taken in the hospitality room
 REMEMBER WEAR YOUR COSTUME!!!!
 6:00 – 7:00 pm Social hour in the banquet room. Cash Bar
 7:00 – 8:30 pm Banquet Buffet
 8:30 - 10:00 pm Raffle in the hospitality room
 10:30 pm Hospitality room closes

Thursday November 1, 2018

Morning Enjoy the breakfast buffet at the hotel. Shipmate farewells, room checkout and departure.
 10:00 am Hospitality room closes

Miscellaneous

The bus we have reserved for Monday and Tuesday has a capacity of 56 people. On Wednesday for our visit to the Wrigley Mansion we have two 30 passenger mini busses because it is difficult for the larger coach to navigate up the hill on the road to the mansion and turn around after getting there. If we exceed the capacity of the bus supplemental means of transportation will be used.

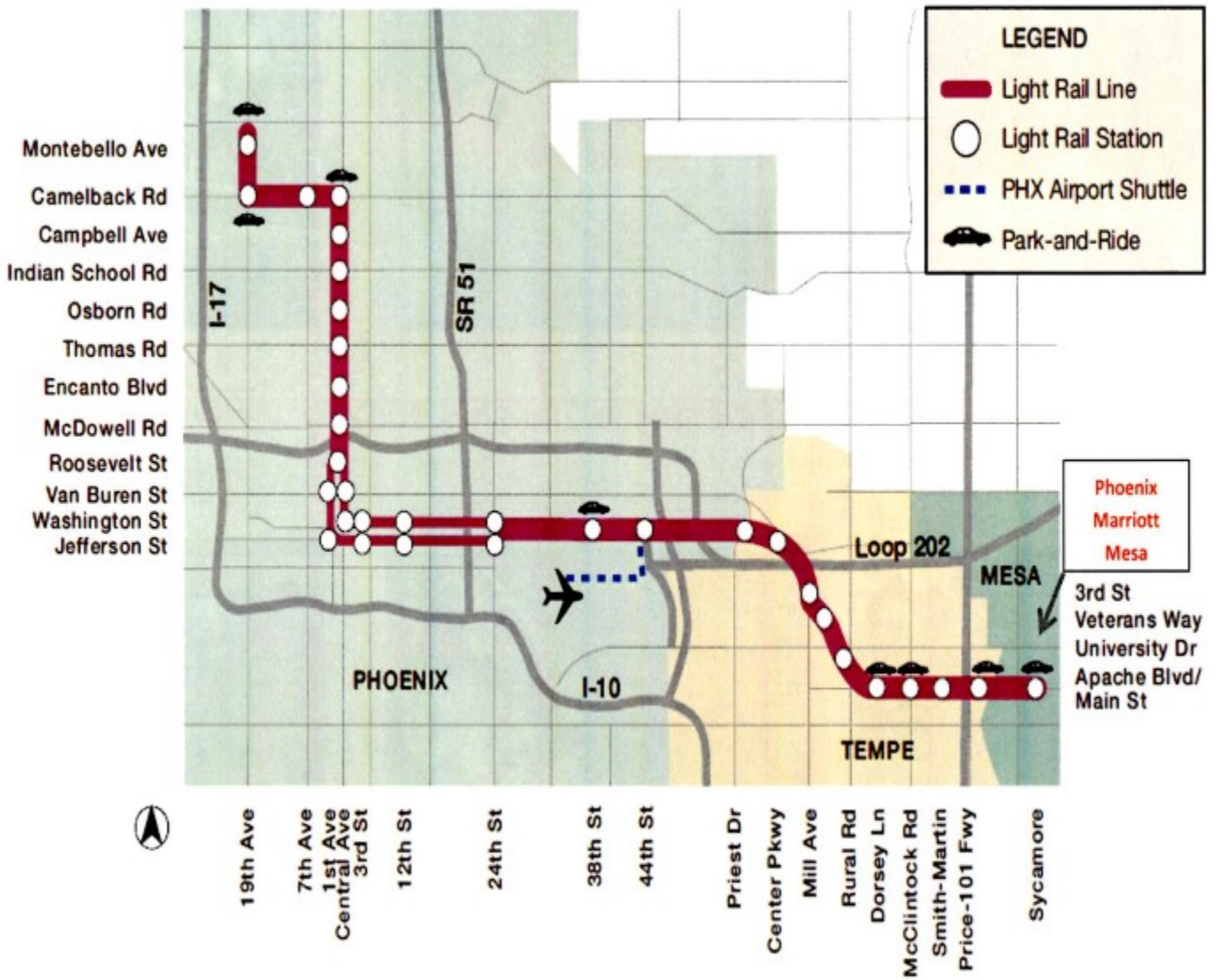
Should you have any questions regarding this notice please contact Joe Bisig at 480-215-9787 or joe.bisig@cox.net.

Complete the Reunion Activity Form and mail the form along with your payment to:
 Dick Holloway
 USS Bainbridge 2018 Reunion
 9307 Teakwood Lane
 Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Contact me, Joe Bisig at 480-215-9787 if you have to cancel some or all of the reunion activities. Full refunds will be made subject to any irreversible commitments that have been made. The registration fee is non-refundable after September 28, 2018.

Everyone make your hotel reservations and send in the completed Reunion Activity Form with your payment. Let's have some fun! We look forward to seeing you in Phoenix, AZ in October 2018.

METRO LIGHT RAIL LINE



Reunion Activity Form

First we will need some administrative information from you for our records. Please PRINT in all applicable blanks legibly.

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Spouse's First Name _____ Total number attending reunion _____
 Other Attendee Names _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____

Indicate if you are a first time attendee and need name tag(s). Circle – Yes

The following planned reunion activities and associated per person costs are listed below. Check-off each activity by circling Y for yes and N for no. If yes indicate the number of people attending that activity. Add up the total cost for each activity you sign up for and identify the grand total cost at the bottom. Write a check for this amount to the USS Bainbridge Association. Send this form (retain a copy for your records) and the check to the address identified in this notice. The registration fee is not optional and must be included in your payment.

ACTIVITY	COST PER PERSON	YES/NO	TOTAL
COST			
Registration Fee	\$30.00	Y _____	_____

MONDAY OCTOBER 29, 2018

Bus Transportation	\$20.00	Y/N _____	_____
Commemorative Air Force Museum	\$10.00	Y/N _____	_____
Lunch at Golden Corral Buffet (you pay at the buffet) The buffet is \$9.49 + tax and gratuity, drinks separate)		Y/N _____	XXXXX

Musical Instrument Museum	\$20.00	Y/N _____	_____
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TUESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2018

Bus Transportation	\$20.00	Y/N _____	_____
OdySea Aquarium	\$31.00	Y/N _____	_____
Explore OdySea in the Desert (lunch on your own)			_____

Western Spirit	\$12.00	Y/N _____	_____
Scottsdale's Museum of the West			_____

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2018

Bus Transportation	\$10.00	Y/N _____	_____
Wrigley Mansion Tour and Lunch	\$30.00	Y/N _____	_____
Banquet Buffet	\$40.00	Y/N _____	_____

GRAND TOTAL _____

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Members receiving the newsletter attached to a group addressed email, need to contact Dick Holloway, Jim Beaty or me, Bob Beaty to see what you might owe.

(THE CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE LISTED BELOW & my ph # is 619 443 3227) thanks, bob beaty

Please keep your dues & contact information up to date. If you need to check on your dues status or change your contact information, contact Dick Holloway, Jim Beaty or me, Bob Beaty.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____
Initial _____ Nickname _____

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*Cancelled due to two hurricanes