



Newsletter of the USS BAINBRIDGE Association

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

UPDATED INFO FOR MAY 9 - 13, 2021 ASSOC. REUNION



Charles Gilbert

ATTENTION ON DECK

IF ANY CURRENT MEMBER CAN GET A BAINBRIDGE CREW MBR, WHO IS NOT CURRENTLY AN ASSOCIATION MBR TO ATTEND OUR REUNION IN NEW ORLEANS, THE CURRENT MBR & THE NEW CREW MBR WILL EACH RECEIVE A FREE YEAR AS A BAINBRIDGE ASSOC. MBR. THE CURRENT MBR CAN ALSO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL FREE YEAR FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CREW MBR HE GETS TO ATTEND.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello shipmates. This past year has been a struggle for families and businesses. As we had to reschedule our reunion last year we are again planning on having our reunion this May in New Orleans, LA. Doc. Witt has been working over the last few months in coordinating our next reunion. From the look of things we are in for another trying year. The vaccine is being distributed and we will receive ours as the governments schedule permits. The hotel and venues will be the same. This newsletter is to let everyone know the status of the reunion planning as well as the usual association business.

I would ask that everyone take a minute and update your information with Doc. Witt. Any changes to your address or phone numbers as well as E-mail addresses need to be relayed to him. I would also request that if you have not paid your dues for 2020 please take a moment and send the payment to Dick Holloway. The annual dues are \$15.00. Your support for our association is what makes it possible to hold these reunions. We are only as strong as you make us.

Bob Beaty needs your sea stories and memories of your Navy career. Anything you can submit to him will be greatly appreciated. Our newsletter is your newsletter and its content are a direct reflection on our input.

Respectfully,

Charles Gilbert

ADDITIONAL PICTURES & VIDEOS OF A
COUPLE AREAS WE WILL VISIT IN NEW
ORLEANS CAN BE FOUND ON THE USS
BAINBRIDGE REUNION FACEBOOK
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Creole Queen Historic Day Cruise



Mardi Gras World

Mardi Gras World may sound like a theme park, but it is actually a workshop where the elaborate and fantastic floats get made for the annual New Orleans celebration.



National WWII Museum



Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour

French Quarter



French Market

USS BAINBRIDGE ASSOCIATION REUNION NOTICE NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Sunday, 9 May, 2021 to Thursday, 13 May, 2021

ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE? Arrangements for our 2021 reunion have been finalized.

Details and actions required on your part to participate are included in the following narrative, please read carefully.

If you cannot, or choose to not attend, please email: (rehhardwood@earthlink.net or iwitt39@comcast.net) so we can cross you off of our list of potential attendees. Louis Armstrong Intn'l Airport is approximately 10 miles from the hotel. The hotel does not have a shuttle service.

LODGING

We have set aside a block of 30 rooms for the reunion. The \$109.00/night rate has been extended to include 3 days on the front side and 3 days on the back side of our reunion so people can come early or stay beyond to enjoy the excitement of New Orleans.

Reservations can be made at Comfort Inn & Suites, 2601 Severn Ave, Metairie, LA. Phone#: 504/888-9500. Search: Comfort Inn & Suites New Orleans Metairie. When making your reservation be sure to specify Comfort Inn. A total of 120 room nights have been reserved. Rates are \$109.00 (plus tax) single or double occupancy — with one King Bed, or two Queen Beds. Handicap accessible rooms are available based on availability.

Deluxe Continental breakfast served in hotel breakfast area. Open 6-9 a.m. week- days and 7-10 am on week-ends. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. Buffalo Wild Wings and Outback being two of them.

Reservations MUST be received no later than 4/9/2021, thereafter reservations will be on a space available basis.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

There will be a large hospitality room provided for us on the top floor of the hotel adjacent to the banquet room. Cold drinks, (beer, wine, soft drinks) and snacks, (chips, dips, pretzels, crackers, candy) will be available for attendees. Ample tables and chairs will be situated throughout. The room will be open from 8:00 am to 11 pm daily starting on Sunday the 9th.

BANQUET RAFFLE

As always, we encourage each attendee to provide one or more items for the raffle and to purchase raffle tickets for the event on Wednesday night. Suggested items for the raffle would include items you have made, something from the area where you live, or something you purchase after you get to New Orleans. Raffle tickets will be on sale at a buck apiece, 6 for \$5.00, or 12 for \$10.00. All items will be on display in the hospitality room.

You will be able to deposit as many tickets as you wish in the bag(s) by the item(s) you wish to win prior to the drawing.

More tickets better odds! Support our Association and win goodies!

ITINERARY

Sunday 9 May 2021

Arrival and check in throughout the day. After checking into the hotel pick up your reunion package in the hospitality room. There will be a meet, greet, eat, & drink reception with pizza and/or sandwiches in the hospitality room from 6:00 to 8:00 P. M. to renew acquaintances and welcome newcomers.

Monday 10 May, 2021

Breakfast

0800 Hospitality room opens. Subject to usage hospitality room will remain open during the day.

0815 Board bus for WWII Museum

0845 Arrive at WWII Museum

*1200 For those not wishing to spend the whole day at the museum, the bus will take you to the French Quarter and pick you up at a designated location when it returns the others to the hotel at the end of the day.

1530 Load members at museum, pick up members in French Quarter, return to hotel.

Evening: Free time on your own.

*Association Executive Officers meeting TBD.

2300 Secure hospitality room.

Tuesday 11 May, 2021

Breakfast

0800 Hospitality room opens. Subject to usage hospitality room will remain open during the day.

0900 Board bus

0915 Depart for Swamp Tour

*Drop off people in the French Quarter that don't want to do the Swamp Tour.

0945 Arrive at Swamp Tour site.

*After Swamp Tour pick up people in French Quarter that want to cruise on the Creole Queen and drop off people that don't want to take cruise.

1245 Arrive at Creole Queen & collect boarding tickets

Creole Queen Cruise with lunch buffet and stop at Chalmette Battlefield.

*Pick up members left in French Quarter

1715 return to hotel

Evening: Free time on your own.

2300 Secure hospitality room.

Wednesday 12 May, 2021

Breakfast

0800 Hospitality room opens. Subject to usage hospitality room will remain open during the day.

0830 Board bus

0845 Depart hotel

0915 Arrive Mardi Gras World

1045 Board bus to French Market to browse/eat

1230 Board bus for return to hotel.

1400 Business meeting in hospitality room.

1700 Individual & Group pictures.

1800-1900 cash bar in Banquet Room.

1900 Banquet

Return to hospitality room for Raffle.

Thursday 13 May, 2021

Breakfast and Farewells – 0800 - Hospitality room opens for final farewells and clean-up. Must be secured not later than 10 AM.

BAINBRIDGE REUNION ACTIVITY FORM

Please PRINT all applicable blanks

Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Spouses First Name _____ Total number attending _____
 Other attendee names _____
 Address _____
 Phone number _____ Email _____

Are you a first time attendee(s) and need name tag(s)? Circle – Yes
 The activities and associated per person costs are listed below. Check off each activity by circling Y for yes or 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 and mail to:

Richard Holloway
9307 Teakwood Lane
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

The Registration Fee is not optional and must be included in your payment.

ACTIVITY	COST/PERSON	YES/NO	TOTAL COST
Registration	\$30.00	YES	_____
Monday May 10, 2021			
Bus	\$20.00	Y/N	_____
WWII Museum (includes a 1 hr movie)	\$25.00	Y/N	_____
Tuesday May 11, 2021			
Bus	\$20.00	Y/N	_____
Swamp Tour	\$65.00	Y/N	_____
Creole Queen River Cruise*	\$55.00	Y/N	_____
Wednesday May 12, 2021			
Bus	\$10.00	Y/N	_____
Mardi Gras World & French Market	\$15.00	Y/N	_____
Banquet *	\$40.00	Y/N	_____
GRAND TOTAL			_____

Banquet: include a note specifying Chicken or Pork plus any dietary allergies/needs with this form so we can alert the hotel staff to see if they can accommodate your needs.

*Creole Queen Luncheon menu & Banquet Menu are on page 7

You Don't Want to Miss Another Issue

If you did **not** fill out this form in the *Summer 2016 Newsletter* or your email address changes at any time or the address label on your newsletter is **not** correct PLEASE submit those kind of changes by mail to: **John Witt 1800 Beach Dr. Unit 30 Gulfport, MS** or by e-mail to: **jwitt39@comcast.net**

Members receiving the Newsletter by regular mail can check the address label that indicates the last year paid. Dues are payable January 1st. of each yr. (1995 indicates a complimentary copy) If your dues are not current, submit a check for \$15.00 per year to :

The Bainbridge Assoc. C/O Dick Holloway, Treas, 9307 Teakwood Lane, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266

Members receiving the newsletter attached to a group addressed email, need to contact Dick Holloway, John Witt 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, John Witt or me, Bob Beaty.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____
Initial _____ Nickname _____

Spouse's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dates aboard the BAINBRIDGE _____ Rank/Rating while Aboard the ship _____ Division _____

E-Mail Address _____ Tel. Number () _____

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1997 Charleston SC
1998 San Diego CA
1999 Branson MO
2000 Tallahassee FL
2001 Tucson AZ
2002 Rapid City SD
2003 Washington DC
2004 Las Vegas NV
2005* Ft. Lauderdale, FA

2006 San Antonio TX
2007 San Diego CA
2009 Savannah GA
2010 Puget Sound WA
2012 Omaha NE
2013 Chattanooga TN
2015 Albuquerque NM
2016 Springfield, IL
2017 Lancaster, PA
2018 Mesa, AZ
2021

**Cancelled due to two hurricanes*

Creole Queen Luncheon Menu

Caesar Salad
Chicken and Sausage Gumbo
Louisiana Creole Gumbo
Cajun Baked Chicken
Cajun Braised Beef Brisket
Cajun Seafood Pasta
Red Beans and Rice
Corn Mac Choux
Green Beans
Paddle wheeler White Chocolate Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce
Bread, Butter & Cornbread

BANQUET MENU

Broccoli & Cheese Soup
Spring Greens Salad with Dressing
Roast Pork Loin or Grilled Chicken with Lemon-Butter Sauce
Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Seasoned Green Beans
Cheesecake
Assorted Fresh Baked Rolls, Crackers, Water, Coffee, and Iced Tea
We will forward Special Diet requests for consideration.

NOTE

IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CHANGES ARE
REQUIRED BETWEEN NOW AND THE DATES LISTED
FOR THE REUNION
OR THE REUNION HAS TO BE CANCELED AGAIN
YOU
WILL BE INFORMED BY E-MAIL OR LETTER