

# THE IRONMAN—A DOUBLE ENDER’S NEWSLETTER

## Membership Scorebox

Current	42
Lifetime	9
Past Due	144
Snail Mail Ad- dresses Only	269
Email Address	485
Total Shipmates	3,928

## Our 10th Anniversary

This year, 2016, marks the 10th anniversary of our first ship-wide reunion at Longmont, Colorado. And, it looks like we are well on our way to building a durable and lasting organization.

There have been a series of smaller reunions over the years that didn't include the entire crew, were pretty regional and rating specific. These didn't morph into a larger ship's association as did many of the World War II-era ship associations over the years.

Historically, the commissioning crew would form a gathering for plank owners or those who served in a particular warfighting period.

After the World War II ships began to pass into naval history, and the new builds, like REEVES, were commissioned, there were a lot of newbies (comparatively speaking) that didn't have a home. The early 60's marked a road change in ships, capabilities, warfare, and so forth. Toward the end of the 60's, there was a road change in the American sailor.

Dr. John White (EM3, 1972-1973) built and published a website for the USS REEVES about 2003. He first suggested a ship's reunion back in 2003.

It lingered for a couple of years until Robert Lewis (GMM3, 1972-1974) stepped up to the plate and volunteered to host the first USS REEVES reunion.

There were about 26 shipmates who attended that Radisson/Longmont

reunion in October 2006.. Since it was a first effort without any outside assistance, the first growing pains occurred. However, attending shipmates were enthusiastic about moving the Association forward.

The 2008 Reunion in Washington DC was lightly attended with 10 shipmates plus significant others attending. The Association was reaffirmed and the reunion process was changed. New officers were elected. We established a process to move the reunions in a West-MidAmerica-East cycle.

We moved ahead to the annual reunion in San Diego in October 2009. Since there were so many retirees in the San Diego area, we had 29 shipmates attend. That was considered to be a high water event.

In 2010, we met in Chicago. Up to this point, we had been meeting annually. 11 shipmates attended. Realizing that annual reunions were a burden on family plans, we revised our meetings to every two years.

Onto 2012, we met in North Charleston. We had 20 shipmates attend. It was a very successful reunion as we toured the USS YORKTOWN and had many new shipmates from the East Coast join.

So, changes in 2014. We gathered in Portland, OR. 32 shipmates joined us for a great reunion. The Friday reception was packed and everyone had a totally good time. At this gathering,

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### Dues Notice!

Please be sure to check your mailing label or email notation.

If it doesn't say Current or Life above your name at the top of the label, you should renew your annual dues. To reach the greatest number of shipmates, we will publish the complete Association newsletter to any valid email or snail mail address. Your dues payments make this possible.

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## The President's Page



Greetings to the Reeves Association Family

Happy Spring! We've been looking forward to saying this all winter, and now that Spring is finally

and officially here, we're happy that better weather should be on its way. Of course, in Colorado, that means a few months of the most unpredictable weather going. Snow, rain, sun, hail, wind..... Last year we learned that it does a lot of everything, and in no particular order. It's probably worth the price for the mild winter we had. Others fared not quite as well.

Spring also gives us the chance to marvel at nature waking herself back up, and what it's like to once again enjoy being outdoors. We already have a couple of trips planned for this summer, and look forward to trekking down to see the Grand Canyon in June. The highlight of the year, however, is going to be a road trip to San Antonio in October to meet up with my Reeves Shipmates.

We have been fortunate enough to make it to every Reeves reunion over the last ten years. I made it to Longmont first as a solo traveler, and Mary has joined me for every reunion since then. This will be our second lap around the country with the Reeves group. It started in Longmont CO, then on to DC, then on to San Diego, then on to Chicago, then on to

Charleston, then on to Portland, and now we have our sights set on San Antonio. It's not a bad way to get around the country, or to catch up with people who can appreciate an important component of your life.

We've had a great time at all these gatherings. We always run into "all the usual suspects", which is the core group of shipmates and significant others that find their way to every reunion. We really like these guys. We also see an influx of locals from the region we are visiting, which is also a deal. San Diego and Portland both set attendance records as our west coast shipmates took advantage of us being in the neighborhood. That is one of the biggest reasons why we are excited about heading to San Antonio, as we have many shipmates who call the Republic of Texas home. We're anticipating not only the usual suspects to make a showing, but fully expect quite the crowd of Texans to join in for our biggest and best reunion to date.

San Antonio offers quite the venue for us to enjoy ourselves and the company of many Reeves Shipmates. We've arranged for a pretty good deal on a nice hotel, with decent amenities, in an excellent location, with nice seasonal weather, and plenty to do. The San Antonio Riverwalk is right there, so it will be easy to entertain ourselves when we're not busy talking about the old days with shipmates. Our package with the hotel offers daily complimentary breakfasts, and the use of meeting rooms in

which to hang out while enjoying sea stories over a few beverages. We also have a day trip planned to the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg. All promise to be great fun with a crowd of shipmates that we're sure that you, and your significant other, will enjoy being with. We have a great track record for being a friendly, accepting, and low-drama crowd (except for maybe the sea stories).

We are already well ahead of expectations for reunion sign-ups. We're over six months out from the reunion, and we already have a couple of room blocks filled. Mike Robertson is even getting registration forms in the mail..... And we've never really seen these this far ahead of an event date. So here's the deal..... looks like we're going to have a large crowd for our Texas reunion, and you should start making plans to join us. Get us penciled in to your calendars. Speak to your significant others about joining us in Texas. Call the **El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel (877-736-4311)** and make your reservation as part of the USS Reeves Association Reunion Group. And finally.... Make travel reservations to get yourself there. You don't even need a cowboy hat to come party in Texas with shipmates from one of the finest warships ever to have plied the seas. You just need to get there.

Here's wishing you fair winds and following seas.

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Tom Bailey BT2 (84-87)

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## Life Memberships

At the 2014 reunion in Portland, shipmates voted for a Life Membership. After researching various Associations, it was decided that the US Navy Cruiser Sailor Association's plan was best for the USS Reeves Association. Monies for life membership are placed in an interest-bearing account and not mixed with operating funds. The schedule is simple:

Age	Amount
< 50	\$500
< 60	\$400
< 70	\$300
< 80	\$200
=> 80	\$100

We already have nine life members.

## Emails, Etc.

Mike,

As I mentioned to you previously, many of our Reeves shipmates from the Vietnam era are suffering from illness's and physical problems related to the exposure to 'Agent Orange'.

I have contacted Congressmen Duncan Hunter and Darrell Issa for help in getting USS Reeves DLG24/CG24 placed on the V.A.'s approved 'Blue Water Navy' list, and so far no joy.

Possibly if enough heat can be generated on this important issue, Reeves will get added to the list, and I solicit any help that the Reeves Association may offer.

Attached is the recent response I received from Congressman Hunter.

V/R,

John Briquet (MM, 63-68)

Hi Mr. Robertson,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

Do you remember the name of the Chaplain aboard the Reeves during the 1972-1973 WESTPAC deployment?

*I didn't....*

Thank you on the Chaplain.

I guess you are happy you moved from the DC area – that was some snow storm.

I hope to make the trip – I will not know for sure until the end of summer. I would love to see you and the other Reeves shipmates!

Take care,

John White (EM, 72-73)

Mike,

Thanks for all of your hard work for the association! It is appreciated.

I am in the process of trying to retire... (For the third time) and if I am successful we will try to make the

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**December 18, 2015**

Mr. John A. Briquet  
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Dear John:

Thanks for contacting me regarding the USS Reeves DLG/CG24 and illnesses its sailors have developed. I welcome the opportunity to respond and greatly appreciate your service to our nation.

There is legislation pending action that would address your concerns about your shipmates developing cancers, diabetes, and kidney and heart problems. H.R. 969, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, clarifies presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in Vietnam. Like you, I believe in the fair and adequate treatment of our military veterans and that this effort is the least we can do for all of those that have served this great nation. As a combat veteran of both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, I understand very well the hardships and sacrifice our men and women and their families have to endure. It is extremely important that those individuals who have defended this great nation receive the care they earned and deserve.

Additionally, H.R. 3423, the Agent Orange Extension Act, would extend the original deadline issued by the Agent Orange Act of 1991 from September 2015 to September 2017. This would ensure that veterans exposed to Agent Orange are able to receive benefits related to the findings of a new study that is scheduled to be released by the National Academy of Sciences in 2016. Both pieces of legislation have been referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where they await further action.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am fighting for veterans to receive the care they need and deserve. And you can rest assured that I will keep your specific thoughts in mind as Congress continues to discuss this important issue.

Thank you again for contacting me. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,  
  
Duncan Hunter  
Member of Congress

Please visit my website at <http://hunter.house.gov> to sign up for my e-newsletter and receive electronic updates.

reunion this year. I have been trying to get some of my era 66-68 Reeves sailors to attend. If I can get them to commit, we will definitely plan on being there.

Thanks again,

Chuck Sauls (MM, 66-68)

Mike,

We plan to be at the reunion in San Antonio. I will try to find or rewrite My Reeves adventures, on the second time around.

I do appreciate the effort you put into the Reeves Association, the website & the reunions.

Later,

Gary Nance (FTM, 63-68, 73-76)

## Spreading Concern About The Effects Of Agent Orange

*Ed. I am publishing this email as I have two sons with intestinal problems that were detected in 2015. Son #1 (46) has colorectal cancer. Son #2 (44) has undergone an intestinal resection to remove polyps. They were born in 1970 and 1972 after my first cruises to Vietnam in 1965 and 1966.*

From: Terry Lee Paris, Jr.  
Blue Water Navy Awareness Facebook Site

Sailors: Hope all is well.

I wanted to let you know about a project I think many of you might be able to help out with. As many of you know, we are investigating Agent Orange exposure to vets, the health impact this has on their children and their fight for benefits. We've spent some time writing about you Blue Water Navy vets and the hoops they have to jump through for AO benefits. (The latest about how Blue Water vets have to hunt through ships' logs

to prove they should get benefits: <http://propub.li/1QDVott>)

When I speak to Navy vets, oftentimes I'm asked if I know other vets on their ship who are ill or if I know where to obtain deck logs for their VA claim. So we built this page with information sharing in mind. We've compiled a list of 700+ ships that served in the Vietnam theater of combat. On this page, you can note any information you may have about that ship. Whether it's deck logs, images, crew rosters, reunion information, etc., you can share all of it. We will do the same as we find it. More than 25 sailors have shared information already. The goal of this page is to hopefully collect info that sailors can use for their own claim or that we can easily reference when we are speaking with a Navy vet. Any help would be great. Please take a look (link below).

Secondly, we're still looking for more stories from Vietnam vets when it comes to Agent Or-

ange exposure. We've collected 4,200 already; 953 of them are Navy vets. The response has been incredible. People want this story told. So if you've been exposed to Agent Orange, or you're a family member of a vet exposed, please fill out this survey. If you're not or have already filled it out, please share it with two people who you think should fill it out.

Here's the survey: <http://propub.li/1SzMoYQ>

Thank you so much for all your help in this so far (and many of you have). It is greatly appreciated.

*Ed. The survey is very straight forward. I didn't find it invasive. It's worth a few minutes of your time.*



**"If ye break faith - we shall not sleep" IRISH PROVERB**



### Valuable News Sources

As I have said before, the semi-monthly RAO Bulletin is an invaluable source of USN/DOD news for this newsletter. I strongly recommend every Veteran subscribe to this informative and timely source:

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<http://frabr245.org> or  
<http://vets4vets.zymichost.com/rao.html>

My wife suggests that I spend too much newsletter time on Agent Orange. Email, especially recently, suggests otherwise. We have shipmates dying from the effects of Agent Orange. I've talked to them on the phone—and it wasn't light-hearted.

I am not a repository of Agent Orange issues. I was there in the 60s and 70s. Thankfully, I don't seem to be effected. Regardless, the REEVES was there many times in her early lifetime. Please go to: <http://bluewaternavy.org/public%20support.htm>

...for information, especially what you can do. Don't fail to read the History and Public Support sections.

## Reunion 2016: San Antonio, Texas

Our reunion base in San Antonio this year at the [El Tropicano River Walk Hotel](#).



In the proposal from El Tropicano, several problems were overcome. The largest was an acceptable daily room rate (\$115). Additionally, all of the San Antonio hotels charge daily parking rates. The El Tropicano reduced their daily parking rate from \$16 to \$12. The next was the daily complimentary breakfast included in the daily room rate—a \$10 daily value per person. This was followed closely by no charges for the hospitality and banquet rooms, or setup and daily service fees, And lastly, the hotel agreed to participate in our Friday welcoming reception. Basically, the hotel was willing to negotiate.

Since there is so much to do on the River Walk, and the nearby Downtown and Old Town (Mercado) areas, only one day trip is planned—to the National Museum of the Pacific War



El Tropicano Pool

(Admiral Nimitz Museum) in Fredericksburg. See the information in the registration form. Reserved seat seats are going quickly. Only 55 are available. If the demand is big enough, we may be able to arrange additional bus transportation.

San Antonio tours depart the hotel regularly and cover all sites of interest. The most complete city tours are the all-day Ultimate Trolley Tour and the Grand City Highlights Tour.

As there are no plans for a dinner cruise, evenings are free to explore the many restaurants throughout the area. As done at past reunions, there will be a Welcome Reception in the Hospitality Room with a hosted bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres on Friday evening.



Admiral Nimitz Museum

Thursday and Saturday evenings will be free to explore the culinary delights along the River Walk and in the Mercado.

Shipmate Jeff Brinkmeier (a San Antonio resident) has highly recommended a Texas Cookout night at the Salt Lick BBQ. It is located in Austin, about an hour north of San Antonio. We are looking at organizing a caravan Saturday night. The Association would be able to provide beer and wine for a group dinner. Check with planning at the registration desk and Jeff Brinkmeier.



For those who feel more agile and adventurous, there is the Ultimate San Antonio Segway tour of the downtown tour highlights. That would be a memory worth a million pictures.

Set aside the dates 6 October 2016 through 9 October 2016 to meet with many shipmates at the El Tropicano River Walk Hotel in downtown San Antonio. Many of our 50+ Texan shipmates are already planning a big Texas welcome.

### Please Read

***Room reservations made through the hotel by shipmates as part of our room block help defray costs for breakfast, any daily parking charges, the hospitality room, daily hospitality services and banquet room. These costs are normally added to a contract.***

***People are taking advantage of web-pricing to get around our contracted rate.***

***It has been suggested that a reasonable surcharge be added to the registration form (or raise the registration fee) for those staying elsewhere than the host hotel or those making reservations through web-based travel sites to reduce lodging costs. This is an agenda item for the Association meeting on Sunday. Please think about it.***

## FY 2016 Financials

### FY 2016 Operating P&L

#### Income

Dues	\$1,200
Donations	\$288
Reunions	\$1,859
Ship's Store	\$350
Misc	\$12
Cost of Goods	-\$255
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,454</b>

#### Expense

Advertising	\$27
Newsletters	\$242
Postage/Delivery	\$2
Reunion Expenses	\$0
Misc	\$413
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$684</b>

**Net Income** **\$2,206**

### FY 2016 Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$11,219
Liabilities	\$12
Net Equity	\$11,207

### Charitable/Educational Objectives

The USS Reeves Association is an educational, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service, FEIN 86-1163983. For that purpose at the 2010 business meeting, it was recommended that future excess funds be used for donations and scholarships as determined at business meetings starting in 2012.

### Shift Colors

To receive the Navy's Shift Colors newsletter via email send the following information to [Mill\\_ShiftColors@navy.mil](mailto:Mill_ShiftColors@navy.mil) -- First name; Last name; E-mail address; Title (Mr., Mrs., rank, etc.); and Military affiliation (retiree, surviving spouse, veteran, other). There is no longer any funding for hard copies to be printed and mailed. To receive Shift Colors it does not matter whether or not you're retired, active duty, a veteran, a surviving spouse, or just someone who's interested in receiving the newsletter.

## 10th Anniversary

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the Association decided to establish life memberships. It must have been the right time as life memberships were established effective in 2015. They are published at the bottom of Page Two.

Now, the Association is coming up on Reunion 2016. This will be a gauge-checking time for the Association. This early into the reunion year, the number of registrations is unusually high. The reservations at the El Tropicano Hotel in San Antonio for our reunion are also high for this early in the year.

## Planning Ahead

It makes you really think about things.....

Say you're an older senior citizen and can no longer take care of yourself. The government says there's no Nursing Home care available for you. So, what do you do? You opt for MEDICARE - Part G.

Our plan gives anyone 65 years or older a gun (Part G) and four bullets. You are allowed to shoot four politicians.

This means, of course, that you'll be sent to prison where you'll receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating & air conditioning, cable TV, library, and all the Health Care you need. Need new teeth? No problem.



Is this a great country or what?

Now that we've solved your senior financial planning, enjoy your weekend!

Many shipmates have contacted me assuring that they will be in San Antonio. This will probably be bigger and better than the Portland. We will probably have to expand the room block—which would be a really good thing.

Other accomplishments include an extensive website, busy Facebook pages, an active ship's store, and especially, a quarterly newsletter.

So, it's not difficult to look back and see a lot of growth and substantial bones in our durable organization.

On to Riverwalk!

Need glasses? That's great. Need a hearing aid, new hip, knees, kidney, lungs, sex change, or heart? They're all covered. As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you at least as often as they do now!

And, who will be paying for all of this? The same government that just told you they can't afford for you to go into a home. And....you can get rid of 4 useless politicians while you're at it. And now, because you're a prisoner, you don't have to pay any more income taxes.

*Not sure where this came from, but it rings some kind of bell...*

*It's an ad...in a newspaper, I think:*

This is Lexi, she's an 8 week-old German Shepherd. I bought Lexi as a sur-

prise for my wife, but it turns out she is allergic to dogs so we are now looking to find her a new home. She is 39 years old, a beautiful and caring woman who drives, is a great cook and keeps a good house.

## Ship's Store

*Ships Photos (\$10) + s/h*



1968— Entering Sydney Harbor



1985—Yokosuka from Australia



1975—Departing Pearl Harbor



1992—Seattle Sea Fair Festival

*Golf Shirts (\$20) + s/h (2XL/3XL-add \$2)*

*T-Shirts (\$15) + s/h (2XL/3XL-add \$2)*

*Mousepads (\$10) + s/h*

*Ship—DLG 24 Ship—CG 24*



*Challenge Coins (\$14) + s/h*



*Ball caps (\$12 each) + s/h*

2009—San Diego

2010—Chicago

2012—Charleston

2014—Portland - Sold out



USS Reeves Association – Ship's Store Order Form			
Price	S/H	Total	Description
		Total	

**Shipping and handling:**

Shipping is via USPS Priority or Fedex. Please add the following for each item to cover the Association's packaging and postage costs:

Photos: \$2 per photo

Ball caps: \$4 each

Mousepads: \$3 each

Challenge Coins: \$2 for 1, \$.50 for each additional coin

Shirts: \$5 per shirt

**Shipping Label**

To:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Phone:

Email:

Send order to: USS Reeves Association  
c/o Michael Robertson  
15709 N Sycamore St  
Mead, WA 99021

## JUST IN CASE

Let's say it's 7:25 pm and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job.

You're really tired, upset and frustrated.

Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up into your jaw.

You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home.

Unfortunately, you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

You have been trained in CPR, but the guy who taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.

### HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously.

**A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.**

**A breath and a cough must be**

**repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.**

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it to regain a normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get help or to a hospital.

Tell as many other people as possible about this. It could save their lives!

A cardiologist says: "If everyone who gets this email & kindly sends it to 10 people, you can bet that we'll save at least one life.

## Veteran's Charity Oversight

The two top executives of Wounded Warrior Project were fired 10 MAR by the board of directors. Americans donate hundreds of millions of dollars each year to the charity, expecting their money will help some of the 52,000 wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. But CBS News found Wounded Warrior Project spends 40 to 50 percent on overhead, including extravagant parties. Other veterans charities have overhead costs of 10 to 15 percent. Wounded Warrior Project's Chief Executive Officer, Steven Nardizzi, and Chief Operating Officer, Al Giordano, were fired after a Board meeting Thursday afternoon in New York. By appealing to America's generosity, Wounded Warrior Project raised more than a billion dollars in donations since 2003 -- \$300 million in 2014 alone. But while the money was pouring in, it was also flowing out on lavish employee conferences -- \$26 million in 2014.

"Let's get a Mexican mariachi band in there, let's get maracas made with the WWP logo put them on every staff member's desk. Lets get it catered, have a big old party,"

said Eric Millette, a retired army staff sergeant. He took a job with Wounded Warrior as a motivational speaker, but after two years he quit. "I'll be damned if you're gonna take hard-working Americans' money and drink it and waste it, instead of helping those brave men and women who gave you the freedom to walk the face of this earth." More than 40 former employees told CBS News that spending by the charity was out of control. Two former employees were so fearful of retaliation they asked us not to show their faces.

"It was extremely extravagant. Dinners and alcohol ... just total excess," one said. "I mean, it's what the military calls fraud waste and abuse." Former employees also told CBS the excessive spending began when Nardizzi took over as CEO in 2009. They point to the 2014 annual meeting at a luxury resort in Colorado Springs as typical of his style. "He rappelled down the side of a building. He's come in on a Segway. He's come in on a horse."

Nardizzi has defended the charity's spending. "If your only fixation is spending the most on programs, that's feeling good, but not necessarily doing good," he said. But many major donors were outraged, including Fred and Dianne Kane. They raised \$325,000 with golf tournaments, and are not pleased with allegations that only a little over half of donations went to help wounded vets. "I feel like I am representing all these people who have donated over the years, all these seniors over 65 sending \$19 month, all these people on fixed incomes," Fred said. "If no one is going to talk about this right now and it has to be me, then it has to be me." Fred continued, saying he is done with WWP except for his new mission of trying to see change within the organization. Sources tell CBS News the board has received preliminary results of a financial audit. And there are discussions under way about retired senior military officers who are being considered to take over leadership of the organization. [Source: CBS News | Chip Reid & Jennifer Janisch | March 10, 2016 ++]

**USS REEVES (DLG/CG-24) ASSOCIATION REUNION  
2016 REGISTRATION FORM  
October 6-9, 2016**

***Important! See Additional Information on Reverse!***

Make hotel reservations with the **El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel**, 110 Lexington Ave, San Antonio, Texas 78205, Reservations: 877-736-4311 | Email: [reservations@eltropicanohotel.com](mailto:reservations@eltropicanohotel.com). Tell them "USS Reeves Association Reunion" to ensure proper credit to our Association and receive the group rate (\$115.00 per night).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Years served on board: 19\_\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_\_, Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate onboard \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm Hotel registration. Reunion check-in at the Hospitality Room.

**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 – 8:00 pm Welcome Reception in Hospitality Room with open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 – 5:30 pm National Museum of the Pacific War Tour, Fredericksburg, TX. (Optional, transportation provided. Reservations required. Meals not provided.)

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 – 4:30 pm Association meeting – Hospitality Room

5:30 – 7:00 pm Cash-bar happy hour: Group/Individual Photos

7:00 – 10:00 pm Reunion Banquet:

Choice of (please indicate number of orders — vegetarian entree available upon request):

#\_\_\_ Grilled New York Strip (10 oz., topped with sautéed mushrooms & caramelized onions, loaded smashed potatoes)

#\_\_\_ Chicken Roulade (stuffed with baby spinach, mushrooms, & parmesan cheese, garlic cream sauce, rice pilaf)

#\_\_\_ Grilled Atlantic Salmon (with lemon dill caper cream sauce, with wild rice pilaf)

Dinner also includes El Tropicano salad with ranch dressing, fresh Market Vegetable Medley, fresh baked rolls and butter, Dulce De Leche or cheesecake, regular or decaf coffee, fresh brewed iced tea.

**Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am -12:00 pm Hotel checkout & departure

There is a single, all inclusive fee of \$110 per person for the reunion that includes the Welcome Reception, beverages & snacks for the hospitality room, banquet cost, reunion ball cap and attendee materials. Tours are not included in this fee.

I will attend the reunion \_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s).

TOTAL attending x \$110 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL for Museum/Fredericksburg Tour \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL for Shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see back) TOTAL Enclosed for Reunion \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Renew your 2016/2017 Association Dues at this time: \$ 20 per year. Enclosed for Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Please complete and return no later than 8/31/2016 (sooner if at all possible!); make check payable to:***

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**USS REEVES (DLG/CG-24) ASSOCIATION REUNION  
2016 REGISTRATION FORM  
October 6-9, 2016**

**Reunion, Tour Information & Reservations**



**Association Shirt** – This is a handsome, high quality, Navy Blue polo shirt with the USS Reeves Association logo embroidered on the left chest. The shirt is an exclusive product of our Post Falls, ID, supplier. Most reunion shirts have date and place information included in the embroidery. This shirt will appear as shown. Reunion date and place are included on the complimentary reunion ball cap. Sizes available: S, M, L, XL, XXL and XXXL. The price for shirts are \$20 (add \$2 for sizes XXL and XXXL). **Latest date for returning registration forms and ordering shirts is 8/31/16.**

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like a shirt(s). Qty: \_\_\_ S , \_\_\_ M , \_\_\_ L , \_\_\_ XL , \_\_\_ XXL , \_\_\_ XXXL

**General San Antonio Tour Information.** Other than the Nimitz Museum tour, reunion-organized tours will not be offered. Tour opportunities in San Antonio are so diverse that the organization couldn't possibly guarantee 25 participants for any particular tour and cover the cost of transportation and entry. There are tours of nearly every description, from the 8-hour grand tour, to the 2.5-hour Segway tour, to the hop-on hop-off double decker downtown shuttle, to the have-it-your-way walking tours ranging from ½ mile from the hotel to 1.5 miles from the hotel (and visit everything from the Mercado (Old Town) to the west and the Alamo to the east). If you have access to the internet, go to <http://www.eltropicanohotel.com/life-on-the-river-en.html> for a sampling of site destinations. For the best recommendations, go to <http://www.viator.com/San-Antonio/d910/top-attractions>. Tickets may be purchased on-line for many of the motorized tours, some at savings over regular prices.

**National Museum of the Pacific War (Nimitz Museum) — Departs hotel @ 0830 (8:30 am) returns by 1730 (5:30 pm).**

The National Museum of the Pacific War is a dynamic, world-class experience designed for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. It is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II. Located on a six-acre site, the Museum includes the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Pacific Combat Zone, Plaza of Presidents, Memorial Courtyard, Japanese Garden of Peace, and (opening soon) the Nimitz Education and Research Center. Explore the Museum Complex and immerse yourself in Pacific War history, American and Japanese culture of the time, and heartfelt tributes to the heroes of the Pacific Theater. Feel what it was like to walk the wooden dock alongside a PT Boat, stand in the hangar deck of an aircraft carrier as a torpedo bomber is readied for a strike, and view Japanese battlefield entrenchments.



**Admiral Nimitz Museum** - This is the flagship of the Museum Complex on a 6-acre campus. A landmark in Fredericksburg since the late 1800's, the building was the old Nimitz Steamboat Hotel, owned and operated by Admiral Nimitz's grandfather Charles Henry Nimitz Sr. and is where Chester W. Nimitz spent his early childhood. Today, fully restored to its original splendor, the iconic building houses exhibits



its on the life and career of Admiral Nimitz, the Cailloux Education Center, and the Admiral Nimitz Grand Ballroom and Mezzanine.

**Fredericksburg** - founded in 1846 by German immigrants, today Fredericksburg is the unofficial capital of the Texas Hill Country, attracting visitors from around the world. The town has maintained its charm by preserving architecture and institutions of historical importance and encouraging the development of Main Street's shops, galleries, brew pubs and restaurants, which range from "down home" to cosmopolitan. The Museum is located on Main Street (Texas Route 87) in downtown Fredericksburg.

The most difficult decision of the day will be selecting one of many restaurants for lunch. Fee includes transportation, admission and driver gratuity.

\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will participate. Number participating: \_\_\_ x \$25  
**Amount Enclosed For Shirt(s) and Nimitz Tour \$ \_\_\_\_\_** (please copy to front page)

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## About Fiddler's Green

By Phil Eakins

How many of you have heard of a place called Fiddler's Green? According to nautical lore, it's a special place for Sailors to go when they pass on. In other words, Fiddler's Green is "Sailor heaven" where music always plays, mugs are never empty and all the desires of a Sailor are met.

At one time, U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo boasted its own slice of paradise called Fiddler's Green. Rather than being the mythical Sailor's heaven, though, this place was the name of Sasebo's largest Enlisted Men's Club.

The club was officially opened as EM Club Navy 3912 on August 8, 1952 by then-Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Captain A.E. Fitzwilliams. The club, located on a small hill just

off the Main Base, had a commanding view of India Basin and Sasebo harbor. A pedestrian bridge once spanned the SSK bypass to help keep patrons off the road and out of traffic.



*The Fiddler's Green EM Club was opened on August 8, 1952 as EM Club Navy 3912. In 1957 it became the second largest EM Club in the world based on monthly sales. (Photo courtesy of Navy Exchange Sasebo.)*

According to a former club manager, it was not uncommon for the EM Club to reach sales of nearly \$100,000 per month during the Korean War; no small feat considering hamburgers sold for 10 cents, steaks were \$1.25, mixed drinks could be purchased for a mere 15 cents and beer was only a dime! In 1957 the club became the second largest Navy EM Club in the world based on monthly sales.

From 1961 until 1974 the Navy Ship's Store Office, precursor to today's Navy Exchange, managed the EM Club. Eventually a contest was held to provide the club a more fitting name. A group of Sailors from the USS Delta (AR-9) submitted the winning entry: Fiddler's Green.

The club featured a couple of bars, sukiyaki room, package store, barbershop, yen sales, restaurants and a grand ballroom. The Fiddler's Green name in glowing green neon lights was extinguished for the final time on March 31, 1976.

The new Fiddler's Green housing complex, located close to the Tategami gate, is so named because it was built on the site of the former enlisted men's club. Long live Fiddler's Green!

*About Phil Eakins: He is an unofficial historian at US Fleet Activities Sasebo & guide for monthly base historical walking tours. He has written the book:*

**Serving The Fleet: A Brief History of The Sasebo Naval Station From The Rising Sun To The Stars & Stripes**

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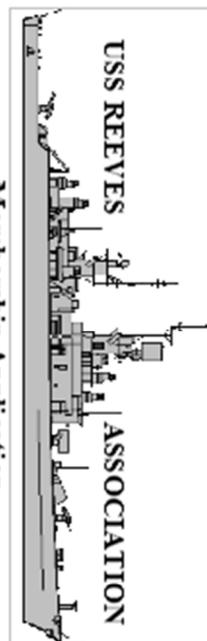
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Dues Per Year: \$20.00

I also wish to support the goals of the Association which is the building of a membership that will increase interest in bi-annual reunions, as well as the establishment of a newsletter and other means of communicating our activities with all Reeves shipmates. I am making an additional donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I enclose my check or money order in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I am interested in helping the Association grow and become successful. I wish to serve on a committee, provide other assistance or have an interest as follows:

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