



## *USS Yosemite AD-19 Association*

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Fellow Association members, Former Sailors, Friends, & Family

Once again it is my great pleasure to wish all of you “Happy New Year”, and remind you that we are planning our reunion in 2022. We are now in the window for begin signing up for the Reunion. Please mark the dates: April 27, 2022 to May 1, 2022 on your calendars.

I know it has been too long for most of you and the passage of each year poses new and additional challenges. The key is to get it put in your advanced planning agenda and preparation for it. Lots of parts and pieces have come together to have a successful reunion and, in my mind, the most important element is a great mix of people. The Mayport/Jacksonville area has a large population of former Yosemite crew members. I am always excited when we mention Jacksonville because while the ship was at the Mayport Base, many of us lived in Jacksonville and to us it was all one big fun place. We are hoping as we welcome those that live in the area after they have seen our group, that they will want to become official members. I have talked to a lot of people that wanted to attend last year’s planned event so I know the interest is still there. I have the sense that from talking to a lot of people that our group will be visited by lots of prior shipmates that are not necessarily members, but want to stop and see our group because they live in the Mayport/Jacksonville area. First let me say that I am very pleased that we will have the opportunity to meet new potential Association members. We would like to boost our membership. I would ask all of you that are part of the group to welcome the new people and show them that we appreciate their attendance, which might encourage them to join. Currently we are struggling to have enough people at the reunion to cover the projected room costs. We have met the food and beverage minimum. That being said, lets not miss any opportunities to get the word out. Many belong to other associations that are military related. Talk up the reunion, and help us to get the word out to those that would come and be with us. Feel free to put the dates in any place you can. Give them my phone number, 570-878-2860, if they have any questions. My prior land line in Florida is no longer active. Draw in one or two new faces, that is progress. We should be looking to add to our group. When I first joined our group, we still had lots of members that



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were part of the Ship's crew from when it was homeported in Rhode Island. Now I am hoping we can capture some of those that were part of the last leg of the Ship's last leg active life while it was in Mayport Florida. For me this is personal, as I was on the USS Sierra, the sister ship of the Yosemite, for two years running R-2 Division prior to becoming the ARO on Yosemite for just over two years. With Yosemite being my last ship, it is the only one I currently follow. I do recall the feeling we had just completed our time in the Persian Gulf and began to cross the Mediterranean, having won every competitive award, the crew very proud and eager to return to home port, finding out that we were going to be decommissioned was a big shock. It took all of us back as we were in great material condition.

It is time to get together again to enjoy the company of those that are tied to "The Mighty Y" (as Plank Owners and original crew members called her), "Battle Tender", or "The Busy Lady", or "The Ship With Helping Hands". That and the motto "We Fix'em To Fight". No matter how you like to refer to this ship, the Reunion is about all of us from different time periods coming together to share our memories and enjoy one another's company. Now in order for it to be a success we need you! This is a family event and I have found each year leaves me with special memories of having been with all of you. Most of you have seen the following information as I have put it out before. But we always have new people looking at our web site, and new people that will be joining us. So please bear with me as I recap some important details.

### **Banquet Dinner:**

- The main Entrees are Rosemary Breast of Chicken, Oven Dried Tomato Barley, Crispy Summer Squash, Reggiano Sauce,
- 6 Oz Grilled Flat Iron Steak, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Asparagus and Baby Carrots, Cremini Mushroom Reduction, Chimichurri Sauce.
- Atlantic Salmon Braise Lentils, Sweet Peas, Cremini Mushroom, Bay Leaf Shallot Sauce.

The Banquet Dinner will also include assorted bread, salad, and desert.

### **Thursday Tour, April 29;**

Thursday's tour will be to Amelia Island and Fernandina Experience. We will start the day with stories of the first inhabitants of the area, the Timucuan Indians. Our



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destination is Amelia Island which was founded by the French, settled by the Spanish, named by the English, and tamed by the Americans. It is the only area of the US to have been under eight different flags. Our first stop will be at the Kingsley Plantation to hear the amazing story of Anna, a former slave who rose to become a property owner. We explore the grounds which include the slave quarters, barn, water front, kitchen house, and interpretive garden. We take the old buccaneer trail across Ft. George Island and the Talbot Islands, following the picturesque Atlantic coastline. Then we go to the quaint town of Fernandina on Amelia Island to hear the stories from the Fairbanks Folly, to Florida's oldest tavern and resident ghost. The turn of the century town is filled with Victorian architecture and has the appearance of being caught in a time capsule. Your guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone. The tour price is \$52 per person, and includes motorcoach transportation, driver gratuity, cooler of bottled waters, escort and tour guide. The \$52 per person is based on a minimum of 40 people in a 56 passenger motor coach, with a max of 54 people. The itinerary for the tour (from 9 AM to 3 PM) is:

- Depart hotel at 9 AM
- 9AM to 12 noon at Kingsley Plantation, Barrier Islands, Fernandina tour. 12 noon to 2 PM is lunch on your own and free time.
- 2 PM to 3 PM return back to the hotel.

### **Friday Tour, April 30;**

St. Augustine, our nation's oldest city. Enjoy the day in the nation's oldest city! The various architectural styles, narrow brick streets, and European flavors combined for a unique escape. Your professional tour guide meets the group dressed in period costume and weaves a tapestry of stories from the colonial years to the Victorian Flagler era. We tour all the major sites including the Fountain of Youth, Spanish Mission Grounds, City Gates, Spanish Plaza, Cathedral-Basilica, Spanish Government House, Flagler Memorial Church, and the old Ponce De Leon Hotel. We disembark for the photos at the Castillo de San Marcos, the stone fort that was never captured in battle. On the fort grounds, listen to the story of how the early Spanish survived under siege from the English attackers. The tour includes one more stop at the old 1888 Alcazar Hotel or Flagler Memorial Church. Lunch today is on your own combined with shopping and free time exploring the historic district. During your free time, you can visit attractions such as the free Government House Museum. Your personal tour guide in colonial attire creates an interactive tour



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Please take a moment to fill out your Yosemite Reunion Registration form. A registration fee of \$25 is to accompany the completed Reunion Registration form. Please mail the completed form and check for the total of the registration fees to:

**Mike Polyniak**

**USS Yosemite Association Treasurer**

**PO Box 20863**

**Bakersfield, Ca**

**93390-0836**

**Please make all checks payable to: USS Yosemite Association.**

The registration fee will be used to support our hospitality room, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, snacks, and other costs. Please note that our registration fees are separate from the hotel reservations. Keep in mind you need to make hotel reservations directly to the hotel for yourself. Tours and paying for our Banquet dinner are handled directly by our great "Treasurer", Mike Polyniak. Your hotel reservations are done directly to the hotel by you. The USS Yosemite Association doesn't make any hotel reservations and doesn't take any payments for the hotel. I think you will find the \$119 you spend per nite for you and your wife or significant other will be well worth it. A double occupancy room with two large beds is \$129. Please call 904-731-3555 to make your reservation at the Embassy Suites hotel in Jacksonville for the 3 USS Yosemite reunion from 27 April thru 1 May, 2022, and mention group code "USY". If you have trouble booking your room, please let me know right away. Worst case we can contact the Group Sales manager (Karen Howell) and get her help. One thing to keep in mind is that most of our good deals are with the expectation that our members will show up. We will not be able to book any rooms at this rate after April 07, 2022. But I truly hope that most of our people book their rooms now and do not wait till the last minute. Part of our planning is also trying to correctly support the number of guests we will have. We look at numbers often to try to stay ahead of the curve.



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Booking impacts planning for hors d'oeuvres, chips, dip, snacks, and wine, beer, and alcohol for our hospitality room. You may also click on the link below to make your hotel reservation to support your Yosemite Reunion booking that is part of our room block. Our group code is "USY"

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&ctyhocn=JAXJAES&groupCode=CESYOS&arrival=20220427&departure=20220501&cid=ON,VVV.HILTONLINK.en.DirectLink&fromid=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

I meet new people at every Yosemite Reunion. I walk away remembering stories, touching the lives of Yosemite sailors, appreciating their contribution to the USS Yosemite history, and hope I will see them again at our next event. I don't need to remind you that life is short. You are an important asset and living testimonial of the Naval History. If you were a Yosemite sailor, spouse, family member, or friend of the Yosemite group, we want you at our reunion. This is your time to talk about the old days and make some new friends. So, please don't put off connecting with Yosemite people. Please complete your Yosemite Reunion Registration form today. We share a common bond with the USS Yosemite and when we tell our stories the room lights up. Think about some unique situation you were involved with. For example, you may have some funny stories, finest moments, challenges that you met, the first port you visited with your buddies, tributes to fellow sailors, etc. Bring your stories to our Yosemite reunion, and with your permission we will capture them, publish them, and share them through our website. The full Yosemite Reunion experience is from 27 April to 01 May, 2022. We encourage all our attendees to arrive on Wednesday, 27 April, during the day and sign in and pick up your mane tag and welcome bag. Meet with other Yosemite reunion attendees at 7:30 PM in the hospitality room for hot hors d'oeuvres, and also your choice of beer, wine, liquor, and soda. Next, stay and enjoy the event, activities, and tours. Finally, leave on Sunday morning, 01 May. This suggestion provides a leisurely stay with no rush or stress. However, some of you have jobs and don't have the time to take off of work to attend our entire Yosemite Reunion. I understand. Please try to take off as much time as possible, even if that means attending just one or two days on Friday and/or just Saturday. You will be attending the most important part of the Reunion. So, if you can only come to a part of the Reunion, we will take what we can get and make the most of it. I am expecting the largest crowd ever at our Banquet Dinner. I think it is



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always good to plan for the best possible outcome. So let's just say while I have not yet learned to read tea leaves, we have gone far too long without getting together, so I hope that increases the numbers. Remember to bring a special gift that will be part of the raffle that adds so much to our event. Bring as many things as you want.

We recently had a Zoom meeting with the key players of our Association. Those that were not involved was because they didn't get the word in time, which was not their fault. Not something we knew was happening till it was all said and done. We are sharing the details of that meeting with all of you. Our Secretary, Alan Koepke, captured the minutes. Howard Fields was the key element to us being able to pull the meeting off as he set the meeting up and helped us all get it done.

### **USS Yosemite Association August 6, 2021 Board Of Directors Zoom Meeting**

Meeting called to order by President Bill Krug at 1900

#### **Officers:**

Present; President Bill Krug, Treasurer Mile Polyniak, Secretary Alan Koepke

Absent: Vice President Sam Jerrery

#### **Directors:**

Present: Cooper Gilbreath, Darren Lorentz, Mike Polyniak, Ray Shortenmeier

Absent: Ron Barnette

#### **Informal ZOOM meeting Started at 1900**

##### **Bill Krug**

- Talked about the importance of having the 2022 reunion in Jacksonville because it was the last home port of the Yosemite, and the number of retirees in the area.



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- The need to get more new and younger people into the Association to be able to keep it going, and the importance of each of us encouraging old shipmates to join us.
- The commitment the hotel has put forth in helping us with the reunion.

### **Cooper**

- Gave an update on the Ship Store inventory and leftover stock from cancelled 2020 reunion.
- Would like to use some Store funds to cover some of the costs of the Hospitality Room. Suggestion was approved Bill stressed the importance of Officers and BOD members being present in the Hospitality Room.
- Discussed the problems he was having last year with Pay Pal. Felt the problems were caused by the effects of Covid. Everything is OK now.

### **Mike Polyniak**

- Explained the problems he was having with Pay Pal.
- Discussed binders he received from Lloyd Johnson, and what to do with them. Oldest binder is from July 2001. Should he keep all, some, or none. Bill thought keep for only last five years. Mile will send binders to Historian Alan Koepke.
- Discussed emergency plans for replacing any officer if something should happen to them, especially Treasurer and Ship's Store.
- Have two EE Bonds and a safety deposit box at the bank. Bill suggested cashing the bonds and putting the money in the Association checking. Mike concerned about paying State Tax in California when cashing bonds. Will check procedures in California and will send bonds to a tax free state (Florida) to avoid taxes if we need to. Alan will check with his Florida bank and will accept the bonds in Florida if need be.

### **Closing Comments**

- Decided to have another ZOOM meeting in the future. Howard will set up the meeting again, give the info to Alan, and he will email the info to everyone.
- Bill announced he is moving back to the North East next week to be near family.
- No other comments by anyone.
- Meeting adjourned at 1930.



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For those that may not know, Wendy and I sold our home in Florida the end of October and have been camping out (Mother-in-Law Suite) at my daughter's house in Berkeley Heights, N.J. We decided since our children were in the North, now getting houses and having children, we should be a part of it. So we are with our daughter and son-in-law while looking for a new house.

Details of our reunion may change or be improved as we get closer and I will keep you up to date.

My best to all of you.

William C. Krug III (Bill)  
President USS Yosemite Association.

people that surrounded you. Events that you want known that might otherwise be lost with time. Don't be surprised if what you thought was a one-time event happened to others during different times on the ship. Reunions are all about getting together and sharing information. What does all that really mean? It means if you want to add to the festivities, we need you to come and be with us. I would also encourage all of you to look at our website and use the Registration Form to sign up for the 2020 Reunion that will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel located less than a mile East of Interstate 95, at 9300 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville Florida, 32256, from 29 April 2020 through 03 May 2020. Please keep in mind we have our planned tours for Amelia Island/Fernandina Experience tour and St. Augustine. These are Thursday/Friday events. No tours are planned for Saturday.

**Now is the time to make your hotel reservations for our Reunion. We only have until March 30, 2020, before the block of rooms are made available to the general public. It was my hope that by now we would be well above projected numbers. While the Banquet Dinner numbers look great, they are deceiving**





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**as many attending are not booked with rooms. They are staying with friends/family in the area. We need Members to come out and support our reunion.**

Our Yosemite Reunion is a memorable experience. I want all of you to be able to relax, enjoy the discussions with new acquaintances, reminisce about the ship, exchange old sea stories, drink whatever you want, have some delicious meals, attend some interesting tours, and be able to return to your room every night safely. Your time with fellow Yosemite sailors, family members, and friends makes this a special occasion to be treasured for a long time.

## **Register Now For The Reunion**

Please take a moment to complete our Yosemite Reunion Registration Form. To download and print the registration form, go to our website and click on <https://ussyosemite.net/2020-ussyosemite-reunion-registration-form-1/>

A reunion registration fee of \$25 per family has been established to support all the things we will be doing in direct support of the group. Those that travel with you will be considered to be part of your party/family. This is our way of funding our Hospitality Room, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, snacks, and other costs. Those that have been at prior reunions know that we also used to have pizza brought in after hors for those in the Hospitality Room.

Please mail the completed form and check for the total sum of the registration fees, Banquet Dinner fees, and tour fees to:

**Mike Polyniak, USS Yosemite Association Treasurer  
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Bakersfield, Ca 93390-0863**

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**Please note: our registration form is separate from the hotel reservations.  
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<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/em/es/grpips/personalized.J/JAXJAES-USY-20200429/omdes.jhtml>

## Bring Your USS Yosemite Stories

I meet new people at every Yosemite Reunion. I walk away remembering stories, touching the lives of Yosemite sailors, appreciating their contributions to the USS Yosemite history, and hope that I will see them again at our next event.

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**Bring your stories to our Yosemite Reunion**, and with your permission we will capture them, publish them, and share them through our website.

## **Reunion Arrival and Length of Stay**

The full Yosemite Reunion experience is from 29 April to 3 May, 2020. We encourage all our attendees to arrive on Wednesday, 29 April, during the day and sign-in and pick up your tag and a welcome bag, and meet with the Yosemite Reunion attendees at 7:30 PM for hot hors d'oeuvres. Next, stay and enjoy the event, activities, and tours. Finally, leave on Sunday morning, 3 May. This suggestion provides a leisurely stay with no rush or stress.

However, some of you have jobs and don't have the time to take off of work to attend our entire Yosemite Reunion. I understand. Please try to take off as much time as possible, even if that means attending just one or two days on Friday and/or just Saturday. You will be attending the most important part of the Reunion. So, if you can only come to a part of the Reunion, we will take what we can get and make the most of it.

I am expecting the largest crowd ever at our Banquet Dinner. Lots of people have expressed a desire to arrive Friday and be with us Saturday for the festivities. Just keep in mind, we have planned tours for Thursday and Friday.

When you arrive if it is not on Wednesday, please check the Hospitality Room for a bag with your name tag. On Wednesday you can expect a **“Welcome Table”** that has your name tags, welcome bag, and guide book covering the Jacksonville area with dates, times, and places for all the things a newcomer may want to see or know. We will have hot Hors D'oeuvres later that evening in our Hospitality Room. On Saturday we will have our General Meeting, Banquet Dinner, and our raffle that tops off the evening.

- **Complimentary Full Breakfast** – All you can eat included every day. Three Chefs are cooking the food you order in front of you so you can be sure it is the freshest.



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- **Hospitality Room** – Every night, the hotel has a complimentary evening reception from 5:30 to 7:30, with a host of snacks, beer, wine, mixed drinks soft drinks, etc, for hotel guests only. Afterward, hotel guests can proceed to the Hospitality Room and continue to have food, snacks, and drinks from the Yosemite bar. This is your time to socialize. We will have our own special private area. For those that prefer non alcoholic beverages, we will have a good assortment for you to enjoy.
- **Banquet Dinner** – Is Saturday evening and is \$40 per person, and you have 3 dinner entrées to choose from.

### **Reunion Raffle – Bring a Gift to Raffle**

Most people attending the Reunion bring a gift for our Raffle. Some get gift cards, and others are very creative. Keep in mind the raffle proceeds are used to support our Association. The gift may be a bottle of special wine, a bag of small gifts, or a single great gift. In any case, the gift is your choice. The gifts will be put on a table in a designated secure area. Gifts are displayed for guests to see until the raffle begins after our Banquet Dinner. This is how it works – you buy as many raffle tickets as you want, keep half and half go in a big jar. We pick up one gift at time from the table and draw a ticket from the jar. If you are the holder of the other half of the ticket you win that gift. We will take our time with the raffle drawing until the whole table of gifts have found a new home. Should you wish to swap a gift with someone, by all means make the swap. I have seen some really special gifts such as paintings, ship's clocks, naval memorabilia, brass compass, ship's sextant, or items that are directly tied to the ship that were given out to crew members (Yosemite belt buckles made in the foundry and Yosemite Yo-Yo's made in the machine shop). So, take your time and bring something special that some lucky person will cherish. This is always the highlight of our Reunion.

### **Banquet Dinner**



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I am excited to pass on to you the main selections for the Banquet Dinner menu. The following is not the complete menu that includes assorted breads, salad, and desert. **The cost of the Banquet Dinner is \$40 per person.**

### **Main Entrees:**

- **Rosemary Breast of Chicken** – Oven-dried tomato barley, crispy summer squash, and reggiano sauce
- **6oz Grilled Flat Iron Steak** – Oven roasted potatoes, asparagus and baby carrots, cremini mushroom reduction, and chimichurri sauce
- **Atlantic Salmon** – Braised lentils, sweet peas, cremini mushroom reduction, and bay leaf shallot sauce

## **Tours for Thursday and Friday**

### **Thursday Tour**

#### **Amelia island and Fernandina Experience Tour (alternate)**

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Kingsley Plantation National Historic Site Fairbanks Folly Center Street shopping.

Price: the tour is priced per person and includes motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, a cooler of bottled ice water, escort, and tour guide. The \$52 per person is based on a minimum of 40 people in a 56-passenger motor coach. Max 54 people.

### **Sample Itinerary 9am – 3pm (6 hours)**

- 9am Depart from Hotel
- 9am–12pm - Kingsley Plantation, Barrier Islands, Fernandina Tour
- 12 noon–2pm - Lunch on your own, free time
- 2pm–3pm - Return back to the Hotel

## **Friday Tour**

### **St. Augustine – Nation’s Oldest City Driving Tour**

Enjoy your day in the nation’s oldest city! The various architectural styles, narrow brick streets, and European flavors combine for a unique escape. Your professional tour guide meets the group dressed in period costume and weaves a tapestry of stories from the early colonial years to the Victorian Flagler era. We tour all the major sites, including the Fountain of Youth, Spanish Mission Grounds, City Gates, Spanish Plaza, Cathedral-Basilica, Spanish Government House, Flagler Memorial Church, and the old Ponce de Leon Hotel. We disembark for photos at the Castillo de San Marcos, the stone fort that was never captured in battle. On the fort grounds, listen to the story of how the early Spanish survived under siege from the English attackers.

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### **Sample Itinerary 9am – 3pm (6 hours)**

- 9am - Departure from Embassy Suites Baymeadows Hotel
- 9:40am - Bathroom break in St. Augustine
- 9:50am-11:45am – St. Augustine tour with 2 stops (Castillo, Flagler era site)
- 11:45am-2pm – Lunch and free time
- 2pm-3pm – Return to hotel

### **In Closing**

In summary, please send your Registration form with Registration fee, Banquet Dinner fee, and Tour fees to our Treasurer “Mike Polyniak, PO Box 20863, Bakersfield California, 93390-0863”. Please enclose a check for the total amount to cover the Registration fee, Banquet Dinner, and all the tour fees. **Remember to make your own hotel reservations.** Your hotel reservation is made directly with Embassy Suites Hotel, and you must pay your room cost directly to Embassy Suites via credit card. The phone number and code for our group is listed above. If you are looking for something from the Ship’s Store to be at the Reunion (shirts, jackets, patches, belt buckles), please contact Cooper Gilbreath at [gilfam1@comcast.net](mailto:gilfam1@comcast.net) and let him know. While he always brings an assortment of things, telling him what you want is the best plan.

Your cooperation in getting these necessary funds to us is appreciated. Tours requires minimum of 40 people and a maximum of 54. We will reserve your place first come first serve. If we exceed one bus, we will list names and attempt to get numbers high enough for a second bus. If that is not successful, you will receive a refund. Keep in mind that our Treasurer keeps very close track of all funds he



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takes in. If you overpaid as a result of the Naval Base tour you will receive a refund.

A reminder, please send Association dues to our Secretary, Alan Koepke, at his new Florida address: **Alan Koepke, 881 Boundary Blvd, Rotonda West, FL 33947**. If you have any questions about dues, contact our Treasurer, Mike Polyniak. He will gladly let you know where you stand money wise.

I am excited for the time we will have together in Jacksonville, 29 April – 03 May 2020.

All the best.

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