



USS YosemiteAD-19 Association

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January 2024 Newsletter

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Fellow Association Members, Former Sailors, Friends, and Family,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you looking forward to our upcoming Reunion. We are now getting down to the short strokes. The hotel is completely booked with the exception of the very large room block that I have reserved for our Association and Guests.

Because it is peak season for the area, the hotel has asked if I still believe we will need the space we have reserved. My answer was yes indeed. I would like to think we would need more in fact. If that turns out to be the case, I have a plan, but let's not go there yet.

I know a lot of people have indicated they had a plan to attend when we sent out our survey, and many did not want to book prior to the Holidays. So please now is the time to sign up for the Reunion. Together we can make this the best Reunion ever. But it takes your participation.

Please book your rooms today by calling (800) 227-6963, (the Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick (Airport) and state you are with the "USS Yosemite Group" and use code "YOS".

Also, I want to mention for the Reunion we will have drinks in our Hospitality Room (Beer / Wine / Liquor). I encourage those who are attending to stay at the Hotel. The last thing we want is people drinking and driving. Remember all the food and drinks in our room are covered by the Association. It turns out to be a really good deal. Going to a restaurant or bar these days can be expensive, but at our Reunion you will save money on food and drinks.

How can you put a price on time spent with fellow Yosemite Sailors and their significant others and the chance to meet new friends. We will have our normal Raffle with the special items members and guests bring to our Reunion, and an Auction that always has great things. I encourage people who have any unique things that came from the ship to share them, and to date, that has been the case. I myself have given up a custom-made Yo-Yo that was a prized item for COs to receive from our Ship, and Foundry items, and this year, you will really be surprised, but you have to come!



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Wendy will have a great sampling of items from the Ship's Store and if you want something specific brought by you, please send me an email.

So we have gone from Jacksonville, where the ship was last homeported for the 2nd phase of its life, to the Newport Area, where it was first homeported. We have enjoyed the last two Reunions in Florida, going north is quite a change, but just as those from the North went to Jacksonville, I hope those from the South will head North to support the Reunion. I hope everyone sees the benefit of retracing the origins of the USS Yosemite from the start. Also, this is in keeping with us experiencing different and exciting places for our Reunions.

For the 2024 Reunion, we have a Casino Trip on the first night and some great tours lined up, including Battleship Cove. As the USS Yosemite Association, *we got a great Hotel to give us off-season pricing during our visit.* The 2024 Reunion will be a new fun adventure and an opportunity to spend some quality time with shipmates and reminisce about the days aboard the Yo-Yo.

We also have a lot of important Association business to do. I expect that we will have revisions to our By-Laws that will bring us up to date. We have to look at installing some new Directors, I want you to consider who you would like to have a President, and while Cooper has covered the Treasurer position, we will be looking at electing his replacement. Our Nominating Committee is a key element for surfacing names of individuals who would be qualified for the positions that will need to be voted on.

Additionally, we need to receive recommendations for the location of our next Reunion. Knowing that individuals from Florida have expressed concern about having to travel so far for the 2024 Reunion, I will suggest we keep it on the East Coast and recommend Charleston, S.C., for 2025. Remember that Charleston also caters to the Navy with a large complement of Ships Home Ported there.

I am pleased to note our new Secretary has created a spreadsheet to track the Registration Forms she receives and tours selected by individuals.



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While I would like to reiterate all projected details of the Reunion, you click on the Reunion attachments to see all the details. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

The following is important 2024 Reunion information:

USS Yosemite Association Annual Reunion

When: 24 April 2024 - 27 April 2024

Where: Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick (Airport)

Address: 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

For more 2024 Reunion information (enclosed):

- **Reunion Hotel & Tour Information:**
<https://ussyosemite.net/2024-uss-yosemite-reunion-update/>
- **Reunion Registration Form:**
<https://ussyosemite.net/2024-uss-yosemite-reunion-registration-form-2/>
- **Reunion Agenda:**
<https://ussyosemite.net/2024-uss-yosemite-association-reunion-agenda/>

Our Reunion has been planned with great tours that will make it a memorable experience for you if you attend. We have added the great "Foxwood Casino" to the mix of things for a Wednesday evening trip. The Hotel is in a very safe area, newly renovated, with two Restaurants that will give you a discount if you indicate you are part of the Yosemite Group. Breakfast is not included with regular booking, but you will get it daily in our Hospitality Room as part of our group.

Please book your room(s) today and send in your completed Reunion Registration Form with information on the Tours. The Reunion Registration Form must be completed and mailed ASAP to our Secretary so we can know how many people are going on the tours and correctly plan the Banquet.

Wishing you all the best,

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