



USS SHANGRI-LA
Reunion Association

HORIZON
April 2025

2025 Reunion

PENSACOLA,
FLORIDA

OCT. 26—31

DETAILS

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From the President

The 2024 Reunion in Dayton, OH was by all accounts a great time for all who attended. The Air Force Museum is an amazing place to see. I wish we had a little more time to see more at the museum, but it still left many of our attendees in awe of the many displays available to see. We also visited the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center (think Wright Brothers) and Carillon Historical Park. We stayed at the Hope Hotel, named after Bob Hope and we even had a visit from "Bob" at our banquet. He's quite an entertainer and was enjoyed by all. Our Thanks for this great reunion go to Al & Gwen Miller for all their hard work planning & arranging everything to make it happen. Bravo Zulu Al and Gwen!!!

Scholarship 2025.....This past March the Ass'n, represented by myself, Al & Gwen Miller, John Lyons & Rod Forester, presented our 2025 Scholarship to MIDN 2/c Benz S. Hisole at the Jacksonville University NROTC facility. This year we were able to present Midshipman Hisole with a \$4800.00 scholarship check to help pay his tuition & expenses at Jacksonville University. This marked the 3rd year we have made a scholarship available to a JaxU NROTC Midshipman. This Fall I will again be asking for your help in raising money for the 2026 scholarship for another deserving JaxU NROTC student.

Dues....please look for some words in this newsletter from our Sec/Treas Tom Whitehead regarding dues. If you think you are behind in dues payments, please contact Tom.

Reunion 2025.....The 2025 Reunion will be held in Pensacola Beach, FL from 26-31 October, 2025 (Sunday thru Friday). Our reunion hotel, The Holiday Inn Resort, is right on the beach! (https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnresorts/hotels/us/en/pensacola-beach/pnspb/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=Goo+gle-Maps-_-RS-_-US-_-PNSPB)

Make your reservations via the information on the registration pages in this newsletter. Don't use the hotel website to make reservations. We have had some problems using the hotel web page.

Al & Gwen have, once again, planned and arranged another great reunion for all to enjoy. The registration, tours/activities & meals information is in this newsletter. Make your hotel reservations ASAP & send your reunion registration to Al & Gwen! We should have a great turnout this year! I hope to see you in Pensacola, please stay well and have a wonderful Summer season! October will be here before you know it!!!

YISSS, (Yours In Shared Shang Service)
Bob Hayner, President

**From the Secretary/Treasurer**

First, I apologize for any confusion about the postcard mailout. The postcard mailout was a suggestion to reach out to members who we had not heard from nor received their dues in many years. That being said, many cards were mailed to members who were current on their dues by mistake(mine). We did however, receive dues from many members who were behind several years, and they were moved to the active list.

If you think you owe dues or don't remember when you paid them or you don't have a current membership card, please send them to me. Dues are the mainstay of this Association, without dues and donations, the Association cannot survive. It's our only source of revenue. Don't think we are in a financial situation, but it does take a certain amount of money to keep us up and running.

I hope to see you in Pensacola Beach this October 26th – 31st, Al and Gwen have a great reunion planned! Don't

Aux. Treasurer/Store Manager

Last year's reunion was great! It was different but nice having the Store in the Hospitality Room. We took in \$1700, Thanks to all the shoppers. Please continue to let me know what items you would like to be offered. Mail orders are way down and postage is going up.

The auction and 50/50 took in just over \$2,000. Thanks to all who brought items and the bidders who bought them.

Our new officers are: President Rosie McGowan, 1st VPCarolynn Moon, 2nd VP, Susan Barr secretary Patty Thiesen, and Debra Clark Treasurer/Store Manager. Dues remain \$5 per year or Lifetime \$50. New members are: Marcy Ericson and Gail Sheiman, with Colleen McGowan and Cynthia Pashal joining as Life Members. Welcome aboard!

Debra Clark, Treas./Ship Store Manager

DUES

Please send your \$20 annual dues to

USS SHANGRI-LA Association

P.O. Box 84126

Lexington, SC 29703



2024 Reunion ReCap

Six months have passed already since our Dayton Reunion and it seems like just yesterday. We hope you all enjoyed your time there and we feel it went rather smoothly and enjoyable. Considering the history of the Wright Brothers contribution to the 'flying' world to the beautiful and historic Carillion Park and of course the Wright-Patterson Museum, I believe we all learned a lot of new things at our reunion.

The Ladies Auxiliary once again had a successful auction/fundraiser which of course would not have been possible without the help of auctioneer-extraordinaire Paul Klote. The Association can not thank you enough Paul for your help every year.

And our thanks to so many others within the organization for all their help with organizing, mailing, carrying, and phone calls and so many other tasks.

Our ship's model adds so much flavor to our reunion as we remember Shangri-La during her glory days. With that said, at this year's reunion in Pensacola, we will get to see another beautiful model of Shangri-La at the Pensacola Air Museum, along with Shangri-La's bell also beautifully displayed along side the model. Also on this tour, we will see the Blue Angels fly right in front and over us on the Flight Line at the museum.

Don't miss this one, it will be a great reunion.

So have a nice summer and hope to see you all in Pensacola in October. Our hotel is on the beach and please remember to bring a Hawaiian shirt for our annual group picture and also your uniform for the annual "Battle of the Bulge" picture.

Al & Gwen Miller



USS SHANGRI-LA ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

OCTOBER 26-31, 2025

Pensacola, Florida *** 42nd Reunion ***

Listed below are all the registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and the total amount. Send that amount payable to: **USS Shangri-La Association** in the form of a check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 26, 2025. (Please remit ASAP). After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you keep a copy of this form.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Mail to: Al Miller

20 Richards Lane

Bangor, PA 18013

ATTN: USS SHANGRI-LA

Check# _____ Date Received: _____

AI-H-610-588-0422 C-484-894-5121

CUT-OFF DATE is SEPTEMBER 26, 2025		Price per	# of people	Total
<u>TOURS:</u>				
MON. 10/27 MEMORIAL SERVICE at the Resort -Second floor Lunch on your own -Free day – Ladies Auxiliary Auction Dinner at 6PM		See below		\$
TUES. 10/28 Trolleys to PNAS Museum, on the flight line for the Blue Angels practice, Buffet Lunch at CUB1 Point (cash bar for alcoholic beverages) i.e. San Miguel. ☺ Mission BBQ - Dinner		\$80		\$
WED. 10/29 Premier 1 Dolphin Cruise along the Gulf Islands National Seashore while viewing the Blue Angels morning practice over the Gulf. Light snack. Stop at Veterans Memorial Park. Early Dinner, "Hopkins Boarding House Spread" at McGuire's Irish Pub (cash bar for alcoholic beverages) i.e. Guinness ☺		\$82		\$
THURS. 10/30 Business Meetings In the Morning. Afternoon free time. Farewell Dinner/Buffer at 6 PM		See below		
Friday 10/31 Farewells & Departures				
SUNDAY 10/26 MEET & GREET - (6PM-9PM)		N/A**		N/A**
<u>MEALS:</u>				
MON. 10/27 LADIES AUXILLARY AUCTION DINNER/BUFFET 6PM SUNSET BUFFET		\$53		
Sunset Buffet includes Salad, Roasted Pork Loin, Seared Salmon, Marinated Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Dinner Rolls				\$
Assorted Mini Cheesecake – After dinner auctioneer Paul Klote				
THURS. 10/30 FAREWELL DINNER/BUFFET 6PM SPORTS BUFFET		\$53		
Sports Buffet includes Salad, Marinated Flank Steak, Jamaican Jerk Chicken Breast, Wild Rice Pilaf, Red Bliss Potatoes, Vegetables, Dinner Rolls				\$
Red Velvet Cake – After Dinner Entertainment by the Blue Anchor Belles				\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE Includes various reunion and administrative expenses		\$20		\$
Total Amount Payable to: USS Shangri-La Association				\$

**NO FEES APPLICABLE

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME

TAG:

FIRST _____ LAST _____ RATE/RANK _____

(OVER)



DIVISION ON BOARD _____ YEARS ON BOARD 19____-19____ PLANKOWNER? _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____ GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PH. # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ IS THIS YOUR 1ST or 2nd Reunion? Please circle.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PH. NUMBER:() _____ - _____

***Reunion Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Resort
14 Via De Luna Drive, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
Reservations: 1-850-932-5332 (ask for group reservations)***

Group Code: RLA

Group Rates \$129.00 & \$139.00 +additional taxes

****Group Rates are applicable 3 days pre and post reunion dates. ****

******If you are reserving rooms at the group rate pre or post reunion dates, please
call Carly Buechner 850-916-8081 for these reservations.***

***Otherwise, for reservations from 10/26/25-10/31/25 only, call the above
reservations number 1-850-932-5332.***

***Everyone is encouraged to wear their Hawaiian/Island attire
at the Reunion!***

Pensacola NAS Museum: We will be on the flight line for the Blue Angels practice in the morning (**please bring photo ID and wear/bring sun protection**). Buffet Lunch at CUB1 Point located in the museum. The ship's bell and scale model of the USS Shangri-La are located on the first floor of the museum.

McGuire's Irish Pub is located at Pensacola's original 1927 Old Firehouse, themed in turn-of-the-century NY Irish Saloon. More than \$2million dollar bills hang from the ceilings and walls of the pub in addition to firehouse patches from around the world which hang in the Pub's gift shop. Hopkins Boarding House Spread: Famous Fried Chicken, Collards, Bakes Beans, Corn, Mashed Potatoes, McGuire's Famous Bean Soup, Tossed Salad, Bread Pudding and non-alcoholic beverages. McGuire's brew their own beer and birch beer.

The Veterans Memorial Park of Pensacola has a very colorful origin (check it out online). On 10/24/92, a half size replica of the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial in DC, was dedicated at the park.

Blue Anchor Belles are a group of Military wives who love to sing and provide music therapy to veterans and their families. The music is from the beloved WWII era bringing the top hits from the 40's & 50's to all generations.



USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY SHIP'S STORE 2025

NAME		
ADDRESS		
PHONE		
TOTAL	PRICE	DESCRIPTION-- CHECK OR CIRCLE SIZE AND/OR COLOR
	\$4	BUMPER STICKER____ BUMPER MAGNET ____ SHIP SILHOUETTE & NAME
	\$6	DECAL, LOGO, FOR INSIDE WINDOW
	\$6	PATCH, LOGO EMBROIDERED 4"
	\$7	TIE OR LAPEL PIN, SHANGRI-LA LOGO
	\$16	ORNAMENT, WOOD, LOGO
	\$15	TOTE, CANVAS, DOCUMENT, 15 1/2 'X15 1/2
	\$17	TOTE, CANVAS, SIDE POCKET 12" X 12" X 6 1/2" NAVY____ STONE____
	\$5	ROCKER PATCH
	\$15	VISOR, CLOTH, EMBROIDERED, VELCRO NAVY____ WHITE____
	\$19	BALL CAP, NAVY CV____ CVA____ CVS
	\$19	BALL CAP, NAVY, DATE 1944-1971
	\$19	BALL CAP, NAVY, LOW PROFILE
		MENS
	\$18	T-SHIRT W/P, "TOKYO EXPRESS" LIGHT BLUE____ Black____ M____ L____ XL____ 2XL____
	\$20	SAME IN 2XL
	\$16	T-SHIRT W/P, NAVY____ WHITE____ BLACK____ RED____ S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$18	SAME IN 2XL
	\$18	t-SHIRT, LONG SLEEVE BLACK S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$20	SAME IN 2XL
	\$29	GOLF SHIRT W/POCKET NAVY____ WHITE____ S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$31	SAME IN 2XL
	\$27	DENIM, LONG SLEEVE, S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$31	SAME IN 2XL
	\$36	JACKET, LIGHT WEIGHT, NYLON S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$38	SAME IN 2XL
	\$55	TEAM JACKET W/HOOD, NAVY M____ L____ XL____
	\$57	SAME IN 2XL OR 3XL
		LADIES
	\$15	T-SHIRT, EMBROIDERED PINK____, BLUE____, RED____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$17	SAME IN 2XL
	\$35	JACKET W/HOOD, LIGHT WEIGHT, NAVY S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$37	SAME IN 2XL
	\$27	DENIM, LONG SLEEVE, S____ M____ L____ XL____
	\$29	SAME IN 2XL
SHIPPING ADD: \$1-15=\$6, \$16-40=\$10, \$41-59=\$15, OVER \$60=\$20		
PAYMENT (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY) TO USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY		
SEND TO: DEBRA CLARK, PO BOX 103, CONNEAUTVILLE, PA 16406-0103		



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