



USS SHANGRI-LA  
Reunion Association

HORIZON  
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## 2023 Reunion

Shipmates, families, and friends:

As we approach the registration phase of our 2023 reunion in Baton Rouge, we feel a clarification is needed for the prices reflected on the registration form. We all have felt the massive surge in fuel prices, grocery prices, hotels, etc. We wish there was some way to bring all this back to normalcy but sadly that is out of our power. So, all these things add up to a more expensive reunion. Know that we have done exhaustive negotiating to keep the costs for everything at a reasonable roar and also know this will be a very good reunion with plenty to see, do, and eat. Therefore, we will not be offering beef for our dinners at the hotel because beef entrees took the largest increase in cost.

In addition, our bus trips took a large increase because of the price of fuel. Therefore, there is a disclaimer on the contract in case there is a substantial increase in the cost of fuel. Also, the hotel industry is making major increases to keep up with the current economic situation.

The Baton Rouge airport is a considerable distance from our hotel and no airport shuttle is offered. We looked thoroughly for an airport hotel but there were none that fit our needs. Therefore, the Embassy Suites will be our home for the reunion.

The good news is the hotel offers a wonderful free breakfast buffet, complimentary afternoon snacks and cocktails, free parking, and several wonderful excursions to choose from.

The Best of the Best will be the tour to New Orleans and the World War II Museum on Wednesday, November 8.

All this being said, we sincerely hope you know Gwen and I have done our utmost best to offer a great reunion and we truly hope for good attendance in Baton Rouge.

We are excited to be your hosts and we look forward to seeing you again.

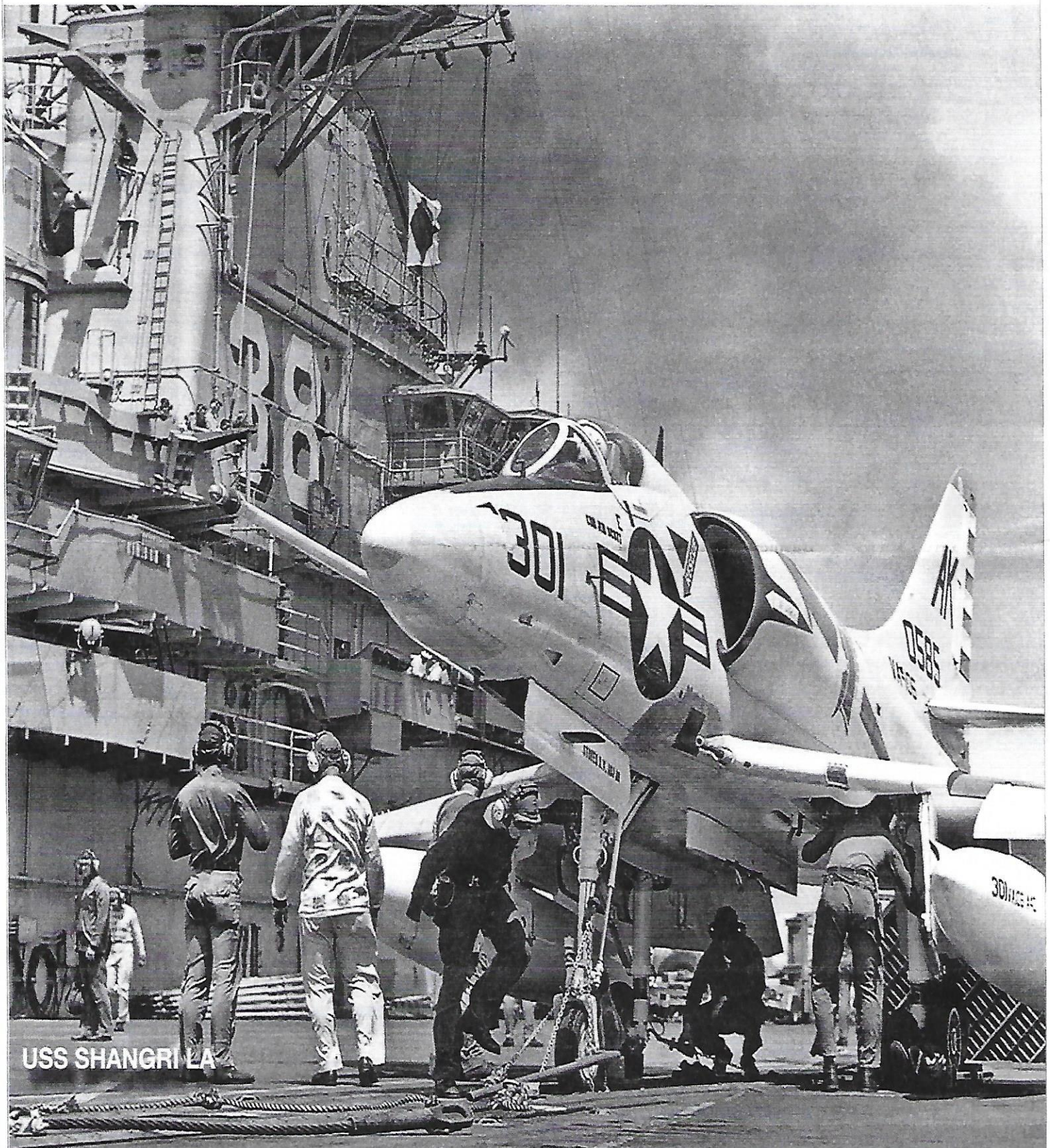
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# Where's the Beef?

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In addition, our 'bus trips' took a large increase as per the price of fuel and even with that they have a 'disclaimer' on the contract just in case the fuel makes another substantial increase. The hotel industry also is making major increases to keep up with our present National economic condition.

Also know that the Baton Rouge Airport is a considerable distance from our hotel and no airport shuttle is offered. We also looked thoroughly for an airport/hotel but there were none that fitted our needs, or even came close for that matter, so The Embassy Suites will be our home for the reunion.

The good news is that we have a wonderful free breakfast buffet, complimentary hotel afternoon snacks and cocktails, free parking and several wonderful excursions you can choose to (or not to) participate in. Personally, I wouldn't miss any of them and the Best of the Best would be the tour on Wednesday, November 8th, to New Orleans and the WW II Museum.

All this being said, I sincerely hope you all know that Gwen and I have done our upmost best to offer a great reunion and truly hope for a good attendance in Baton Rouge. We are excited to be your hosts and look forward to seeing you all again.

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# USS SHANGRI-LA ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

NOVEMBER 5-10, 2023

## BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA --- 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion ----

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to: **USS Shangri-La Association** in the form of 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 October 1, 2023. (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

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

20 Richards Lane

Bangor, PA 18013

ATTN: USS SHANGRI-LA

AI-H-610-588-0422

C-484-894-5121

| CUT-OFF DATE is OCTOBER 1, 2023   |  | Price per | # of people | Total |
|---|--|-----------|-------------|-------|
| <b>TOURS:</b>   |  | \$72      |             | \$    |
| MON. 11/6 MEMORIAL SERVICE at the USS Kidd<br>Followed by lunch at the USS Kidd & Tour of Old Capitol/LSU Campus                                    |  |           |             |       |
| TUES. 11/7 Cajun Swamp/Alligator Tour followed by<br>Buffet lunch @ Houmas House Plantation   |  | \$102     |             | \$    |
| WED. 11/8 WW II Museum, New Orleans – Movie (Beyond all Boundaries) +<br>Victory Bells (Andrew Sisters) Show & Buffet Lunch + Admission             |  | \$102     |             | \$    |
| THURS. 11/9 Business Meetings In the Morning. Afternoon free time.<br>Individual & Cruise Book Photos taken late afternoon prior to Farewell Dinner |  |           |             |       |
| Friday 11/10 Farewells & Departures   |  |           |             |       |
| <b>MEALS:</b>   |  | N/A**     |             | N/A** |
| SUNDAY 11/5 MEET & GREET --- (6pm – 9pm)  |  |           |             |       |
| TUES 11/7 AUXILIARY AUCTION DINNER<br>Please select your Entrée below:  |  |           |             |       |
| Grilled Chicken Forestiere w/Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Wild Mushroom Sauce   |  | \$47      |             | \$    |
| Rosemary Pork Lion w/ Creole Mustard Demi Glaze w/Garlic Mashed Potatoes  |  | \$47      |             | \$    |
| Blackened Drum served with a Laffite Shrimp Sauce   |  | \$47      |             | \$    |
| THURS. 11/9 FAREWELL DINNER<br>Please select your Entrée below:   |  |           |             |       |
| Panko Crusted Chicken Breast w/Crawfish Etouffee & Cajun Rice Pilaf   |  | \$48      |             | \$    |
| Chargrilled Pork Chops Frenched w/Roasted Apple Bordelaise Sauce  |  | \$48      |             | \$    |
| Louisiana Crab Cakes w/ Red Pepper Basil Cream Sauce  |  | \$48      |             | \$    |
| MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE<br>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 \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION ON BOARD \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS ON BOARD 19\_\_\_\_-19\_\_\_\_ PLANKOWNER? \_\_\_\_\_

(OVER)



SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PH. # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ IS THIS YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Reunion? Please circle.

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

(Sleeping room requirements and dietary restrictions must be conveyed by attendee directly with Embassy Suites)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

***Reunion Hotel Information: Embassy Suites, 4914 Constitution Ave.  
Baton Rouge 70808 Phone # 225-924-6566***

**The USS Kidd (DD-661)** is the only surviving US destroyer still in her WWII configuration. Launched in 1943, in Kearny, New Jersey, the USS Kidd was decommissioned in 1964 after serving in WWII, Battle of Okinawa, the Korean War, and the Cold War. The Ship was named after Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd who died on the bridge of his flagship USS Arizona during the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Admiral Kidd was the first US flag officer to die during WWII and the first American admiral ever to be killed in action.

**The Houmas House Estate & Garden Plantation** is a 38-acre garden of beautiful landscaping & indigenous Louisiana plants along the Mississippi River. The river is easily accessible for viewing. (Viking River Cruises has a dock at this location). Plantation grounds include the Mansion, museum(s), café (where we will have a buffet lunch), and gift shop.

**The Cajun Pride Swamp Boat Tour** is an exciting and authentic eco-tour experience with an abundance of wildlife (many alligators +) located on private and secluded waterways.

**Louisiana's Old State Capitol** is a National Historic Landmark located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River (located near the USS Kidd). Several art exhibits as well as Gothic & Victorian architecture & a cast iron staircase with a beautiful stained glass cathedral dome is a great place to visit.

**LSU-** A quick trip through the LSU Campus with a stop at LSU's Mascot; Mike the Bengal Tiger.

**National World War II Museum**, New Orleans

This eye-opening experience encompasses the June 6, 1944 invasion of Normandy, the Home Front during WWII and the D-Day Invasions in the Pacific. Walk in the footsteps of our beloved WWII veterans and listen to the stories of veterans and others who supported the war effort. The Malcolm Forbes Theater showing D-Day Remembered (Normandy) and Price for Peace (the Pacific) is daily on an alternating basis starting at 9:30am. Also stop in the Solomon Victory Theater to see Beyond All Boundaries, a 50-minute 4D film that tells the tale of the Greatest Generation's journey from Pearl Harbor to America's final victory in the War That Changed the World. **Our visit will include the 50 min. Movie "Beyond All Boundaries", the Victory Belle Lunch Buffet/Matinee Show, the museum, and admission.**

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# Reunion Hotel Information

Embassy Suites Hotel  
4914 Constitution Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Phone: 225-924-6566

Room Rate: \$119.00 + Tax  
Includes cooked to order  
Breakfast

Mid-Afternoon Snacks & Drink

Free Parking



Ahoy Mateys

Well now that you have all the 'required' information about this years' upcoming reunion I would like to say a few words about last years reunion and the reunions for the last several years. We have had many good times and occasionally a mishap here or there but all in all the reunions have turned out well and successful....and the reason for that is All the help and cooperation of our crew. The Unsung Heroes seem to always go unmentioned and taken for granted. Gwen and I can assure you that we do not take this help 'for granted'. We appreciate the help given at every step of the way from everyone and, feel we needed to mention the folks that assist us throughout the whole reunion...before, during, and after.

I apologize before I begin for anyone I may have forgotten or overlooked as the list is so large that I can't remember every detail.

I will start with the obvious, Tom & Terri Whitehead. They are at every turn setting up, running errands, manning the store and on and on. Thank You Tom & Terri

It goes without saying that without John and Dorothy Lyons, the past several reunions would not have been the same from Johns craftsmanship on the beautiful 45s that he has totally assembled and Dorothy's non stop help with registrations and raffles and decorating. Thank You John and Dorothy.

How about Paul and LuAnna Klote? Every year Paul tirelessly and professionally does the auctioneering at the Ladies Fundraiser Auction. And LuAnna is out there running items to and fro all evening; never asking for any praise or thank you. Your time and efforts are so appreciated and very noticed. Thank You Paul and LuAnna.

So, speaking of the Ladies Auction Fundraiser.....what a lot of work for everyone; including all of those who bring items for donation, year after year, and, all that goes into the 'fun' evening. Most of all, Thank You to all the folks who spend their money(s) bidding on items to make this fundraiser a success; often times just to spend \$ on an item that they don't really want (or to re-auction the following year) and doing so with a smile. Obviously without \$ we would not have a reunion organization and there are many folks out there in our ranks that donate regularly and generously throughout the entire reunion; including the anonymous donors who give to the organization without acknowledgment and wish to remain that way (you know who you are). The True Unsung Heroes. Without you folks this organization would and could not exist. Enough said on this subject. Thank You all....Again, you know who you are.

And of course, Bob Kettenheim. Who do you think brings the model of ShangriLa to every reunion? And who do you think brings all the cruise books and countless other pieces of memorabilia to every reunion? And who do you think drags the trailer with all the gear mentioned above stored in it? Of course the answer is Bob K. And who do we all turn to when we have a question about ShangriLa at any point in her existence? Bob K. of course. And he always knows the answer. Bob, we all appreciate your endless efforts to keep us all up to speed on ShangriLa issues past and present. Thank You so much for all you do...we so appreciate it.

We have had several Chaplains over the years and they are a fundamental and integral piece of our reunions. Currently, Tom Whitehead is filling this position and doing a wonderful



job. In the years previous, Allan MacKay was performing these duties and doing a wonderful job as well. Allan, we hope your health returns and you can once again join us and pray with us and for us. We can use the help. Allan, we miss you and pray that you will be with us all once again this year in Baton Rouge. We miss you...and Karen of course.

And who of course runs the tightest Registration Table ever for our reunions for the past several years? Well John and Jaymie Janse of course. While Jaymie is sitting there going through papers and handing out goodies John is finishing the process by chatting the registrants up and filling them in on the upcoming events for the week and straightening out any details that may need clarification. And then when that's done, both J & J are helping in the Hospitality Room restocking, straightening up and so on. And of course whenever there are tickets to be sold J & J are there again getting it done. Thank You so much John and Jaymie for all your help. We couldn't do it without you.

Kathy and Carolyn, you both are always there helping out with any thing that needs to be done...be it helping in the Ship's Store or setting up the Hospitality Room or running items to and fro at the auction. And your decorating expertise does not go unnoticed for sure. Thank you both for all you do and once again not looking for thanks or praise.

Patty and Mike....you both are always there when help is needed. Mike, you always are there at the Memorial Service and looking you best. And Patty you are always where the action is...be it selling tickets, decorating, running auction items to and fro, helping restock the Hospitality Room and of course in the ship's store. You are wherever you are needed and we all Thank You for your effort. The machine would not run nearly as smooth without your help.

Debra and Gary Clark....we sure all hope to see you in person this year. Your efforts with the Ship's Store speak for themselves. All the work behind the scenes boxing, shipping and restocking unsold items is just boggling to the mind. And Gary you always play such a huge part in our Memorial Service. You both are missed and once again we all hope and pray that your health returns and you will be with us this year in Baton Rouge.

Chuck and Ruth Hull....Well I don't think I am alone by any means when I say that the reunions are just not the same without you both. Your input and help at every turn is always so appreciated and necessary and we all hope to see you running here and there at the auction and decorating and setting up wherever you are needed. And obviously Chuck, we miss your laugh and being at our meetings and offering your Treasurers expertise. We all pray for return to health and you both will join us in Baton Rouge this year. We miss you.

Cathy and Linda.....so talking about not being the same without you both. Please come to Baton Rouge. We miss all your help at the auction, tickets sales, hospitality room, 50/50, etc. Your energy and input at every turn are appreciated and missed. We are S. of the Mason/Dixon Line so I hope you both grab Luther and meet us in Baton Rouge this year.

I can't complete this without mentioning our President, Bob H. Thank You Bob for all your help and knowledge vote of confidence on putting this together every year. We couldn't do it without you.



And last but not least I need to sincerely thank my wife, Gwen, for all her tireless help on making these reunions come together. There is so much going on here in our home making these reunions a possibility and I could not do it alone by any means. Thank You Gwenny!

I know I could go on and on but Bob K. might not have room in the Horizon for all of this as it is, so, Thank You to all whether I have mentioned you personally or not. And looking forward to seeing all of you in Louisiana this November. Al Miller





## USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY SHIP'S STORE 08/2022

|  |           | NAME  |   |
|--|-----------|---|---|
|  |           | ADD   |   |
|  |           | E-MAIL  | PHONE                                   |
| TOTAL  | PRICE     | ITEM DESCRIPTION  | CHECK OR CIRCLE SIZE/COLOR              |
|  | \$4       | BUMPER STICKER  | OR BUMPER MAGNET 3"x11"                 |
|  | \$5       | DECAL LOGO  | -INSIDE WINDOW 3'                       |
|  | \$6       | FACE MASK, NAVY, GOLD SHIP'S NAME AND SOLHOUETTE        |   |
|  | \$16      | LOGO, WOODEN ORNAMENT                                   | 3 1/4"                                  |
|  | 4/\$1     | POSTCARDS   | B/W CV38                                |
|  | \$5       | PATCH- LOGO EMBROIDERED                                 | 4"                                      |
|  | \$4       | ROCKER PATCH- USS SHANGRI-LA EMBROIDERED                |   |
|  | \$3       | SLATE COASTER, LOGO                                     |   |
|  | \$6       | TIE OR HAT PIN- LOGO                                    |   |
|  | \$15      | TOTE, DOCUMENT, CANVAS 15 1/2" X 15 1/2"                | EMBROIDERED NAVY OR WHITE               |
|  | \$17      | TOTE, SIDE POCKET, CANVAS 12"H X 12"W X 6 1/2" D,       | STONE                                   |
|  | \$16      | WOOD ORNAMENT, LOGO                                     |   |
|  | \$15      | VISOR, CLOTH, EMBROIDERED, VELCRO                       | NAVY OR WHITE                           |
|  | \$17      | BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE          | LOW PROFILE                             |
|  | \$17      | BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE          | CV CVA CVS                              |
|  | \$17      | BALL CAP, NAVY, EMBROIDERED, CLOTH, ADJUSTABLE          | -DATE 1944-1971                         |
|  | \$24      | HENLEY, 2 BUTTON, EMBROIDERED                           | S, M, L, XL LIMITED -CHECK AVAILABILITY |
|  | \$26      | 2XL 3XL   | MAROON OR LIGHT BLUE                    |
|  | \$18      | TOKYO EXPRESS T-SHIRT W/POCKET, LOGO, NAVY              | LT. BLUE BLACK S M L XL                 |
|  | \$20      | SAME IN 2XL   |   |
|  | \$15      | T-SHIRT W/POCKET, LOGO, NAVY                            | WHITE BLACK RED S M L XL                |
|  | \$17      | SAME IN 2XL 3XL   |   |
|  | \$18      | LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT, LOGO, BLACK                        | S M L XL                                |
|  | \$20      | SAME IN 2XL   |   |
|  | \$30      | GOLF SHIRT W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED                        | NAVY WHITE S M L XL                     |
|  | \$32      | SAME IN 2XL 3XL   |   |
|  | \$36      | JACKET LT. WT. NYLON, LINED, EMBROIDERED                | NAVY S M L XL                           |
|  | \$38      | SAME IN 2XL 3XL   |   |
|  | \$53      | TEAM JACKET W/HOOD, NYLON W/FLEECE LINING, EMBROIDERED  | S M L XL                                |
|  | \$55      | SAME IN 2XL 3XL   |   |
|  | \$27      | MEN'S DENIM, LONG SLEEVE W/POCKET, EMBROIDERED, LT BLUE | M L XL                                  |
|  | \$29      | SAME IN 2XL   |   |
|  | \$22      | LADIES V-NECK, EMB: BRIGHT PINK                         | BLUE TURQUOISE S M L XL                 |
|  | \$24      | 2XL 3XL   |   |
|  | \$15      | LADIES T-SHIRT, EMBROIDERED                             | DK. PINK LT. BLUE RED S M L XL          |
|  | \$17      | SAME IN 2XL 3XL   |   |
|  | \$27-\$29 | LADIES DENIM LONG SLEEVE, EMBROIDERED                   | LT. BLUE M L XL ADD \$2 2XL 3XL         |
|  | \$45      | LADIES NYLON JACKET W/ROLL UP HOOD, NAVY/GREY           | S M L XL                                |
|  | \$48      | SAME IN 2XL 3XL   |   |
| PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING FOR PACKAGE/SHIPPING:                           |           |   |   |
| \$1-\$22=\$6 \$23-\$50=\$9 \$51-\$80=\$12 OVER \$81=\$16                 |           |   |   |
| PAYMENT (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY)MADE OUT TO: USS SHANGRI-LA AUXILIARY |           |   |   |
| SEND TO: DEBRA CLARK, PO BOX 103, CONNEAUTVILLE, PA 16406-0103           |           |   |   |





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