

USS Shangri-La 2018 Reunion Hotel Information

Date: Wednesday, October 3 thru Monday, October 8, 2018

Place: Jacksonville, Florida

Doubletree by Hilton, Riverfront (St. John's River)

1201 Riverplace Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32207

Call: 1-800-222-8733 and ask for "USS Shangri-La" or group code "SHA".

Room rates: Standard Double or Queen accommodations, \$109/night + taxes

Riverfront Double or King accommodations for \$119/night + taxes

Riverfront Junior Suite (king) accommodation for \$129/night + taxes

Rate includes complimentary breakfast buffet for up to 2 adults per room per day

A limited number of suites and handicapped rooms are available.

Parking is complimentary. On-site RV parking is available (fee) (without hook-ups)

Independent airport shuttles are available with fee.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS USS SHANGRI-LA ASSOCIATION REUNIION
OCTOBER 3 – 8, 2018
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, JACKSOVILLE, FL.**

Wednesday, October 3

2:00 pm – 6 pm	Reunion Registration Open Hospitality and Ship Store Open Hospitality Room: Osceola/Dupont/Desoto Ship Store: Kingsley/Heckscher	DeLeon Room
6:00 pm – 10:30 pm 8:00 pm	Meet & Greet - Pizza & Bell Story (Hospitality Room) Presentation/Story & Slide Show of 'Ship's Bell' – "Into the Mystic"	

Thursday, October 4

7:30 am – 8:15 am 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Reunion Registration Open Memorial Service @ Jacksonville University Naval Station Mayport Tour-Lunch-Bus tour of Jax Beach	DeLeon Room
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm 4:30 pm – 7 pm 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Reunion Registration Open Music & light appetizers on Pool Deck Hospitality Room Open – Dinner on your own	DeLeon Room Pool Deck

Friday, October 5

8:30 am – 4:30 pm 4:30 am – 6 pm 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	St. Augustine Tour – Veterans Memorial Wall Hospitality Room Open Ladies Auxiliary Auction Dinner	 Duval BCDE
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Saturday, October 6

	RIVER DAY – LIBERTY COMMENCES	
8:30 am – 9:30 am 8:30 am – 9:30 am 9:45 am – 10:30 am 11:00 am – 6 pm 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Men's Business Meeting Ladies Business Meeting Reunion Committee Meeting Hospitality Room Open – Liberty Commences on the St. Johns River Pictures Plankowners Dinner/Banquet Speaker: Admiral Hal Gehman / Music following	St. Johns River TBA TBA TBA TBA Duval BCDE

Sunday, October 7

10:00 am – 10:30 pm	Hospitality Room Open all day Recommended activities: Self-planned tour of the USS Adams, Alhambra Dinner Theater, etc. (visitjacksonville.com)
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Monday, October 8

Farewells and Departures and/or another day to explore the Greater Jacksonville Area with your shipmates and friends.

USS SHANGRI-LA ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM – OCTOBER 3 – OCTOBER 8, 2018

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. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 1, 2018. (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: _____
Nametag Completed _____

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

CUT-OFF DATE IS 9/1/18	Price per	# of people	Total
TOURS:			
Thursday, 10/4 MEMORIAL SERVICE AT JAX UNIV./NAVAL STATION MAYPORT/LUNCH ON BASE/BUS TOUR JAX'S BEACH*	\$69		
Friday, 10/5 ST. AUGUSTINE TOUR/MEMORIAL WALL*	\$59		
Saturday, 10/6 RIVER DAY – LIBERTY COMMENCES *	N/A**		
MEALS:			
Wednesday, 10/3 MEET & GREET --- PIZZA (6pm.-8pm.)	N/A**		N/A**
Friday, 10/5 AUXILLARY AUCTION DINNER -Please select your entrée below			
Grilled Chicken Bryan	\$41		\$
Eggplant Parmesan	\$33		\$
Potato & Herb Crusted Grouper	\$48		\$
Saturday, 10/6 PLANKOWNERS BANQUET -Please select your entrée below			
Roasted Chicken	\$41		\$
Grilled Atlantic Salmon	\$46		\$
Prime Rib Classic	\$51		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE Includes various reunion and administrative expenses	\$20		\$
Total Amount Payable to: USS Shangri-La Association			\$

*SEE DESCRIPTION OF TOURS/EVENTS

**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? _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____ GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PH. # _____

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

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with Doubletree)

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:() _____ - _____

**USS SHANGRI-LA ASSOCIATION REUNION
TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AT JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY/NAVAL STATION MAYPORT TOUR WITH LUNCH
JAX BEACH WINDSHIELD TOUR – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 2018**

The rescued and refurbished “Ship’s Bell” has been placed at Jacksonville University, Fowler Building, NROTC. The Memorial Service will take place at this location followed by a short bus tour through the campus. Commanding Officer, Captain Glen Leverette, USN will personally greet us. The tour continues to Naval Station Mayport where we will have a delicious lunch overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at Ocean Breezes, the former Officer’s Club. Upon departing the base, the bus will journey down A1A (Memory Lane) through Jacksonville Beach.

Note: Due to heightened security, participants may be searched and a **photo ID is required of everyone.**

*8:30am. depart, 4:30pm back at hotel \$69/Person: includes, bus, lunch, and escort

ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORIC TOUR/JACKSONVILLE BUS TOUR – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

A professional tour guide meets your group dressed in period costume. 450 years of colorful history: the Ponce de Leon discovery, the pirate days of Sir Francis Drake, the Spanish and English colonial years, and the Victorian Flagler era are covered. We tour all the major sites and stop at the Castillo de San Marcos, the fort that was never captured in battle. St. Augustine was also the first winter resort for the rich and famous during the Gilded Age. Hear how Henry Flagler built the most opulent hotels of the day and turned the city into the “Newport of the South.” The second stop will be the Venetian Renaissance gem of Flagler Memorial Church. Your guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone.

This tour will be conducted on our coach and will be a 2-hour tour. Once this memorable tour is complete, our guides will lead you to the historic district and make some lunch recommendations. You are then on your own for lunch and sightseeing in St. Augustine’s unique historic district. What a wonderful way to enjoy our nation’s oldest city!

Upon returning to Jacksonville, the bus will visit Veteran’s Memorial Wall with a brief windshield tour of Downtown Jacksonville.

*8:30am. Depart, 4:30pm back at hotel \$59/Person: includes, bus and guides

*Bus gratuities are included for both trips.

*Please plan to be at the bus boarding areas at least 15 minutes prior to departure time.

**RIVER DAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018
RIVERSIDE ARTS MARKET (RAM) /JACKSONVILLE ZOO**

Hop on the convenient St. Johns River Taxi steps away from the Doubletree and sail to the destination(s) of your choice (several listed below) (\$8/person SR.-all day ticket).

RAM is located under the Riverside Ave. portion of the Fuller Warren Bridge and offers over 150 vendors from specially brewed coffee and baked goods, beer, food vendors, fresh vegetables, artists and crafters, live music and street performers. If you can’t find the art you want, and the band isn’t playing your tune, and the multiple food options can’t cheer you up, just go sit by the river and watch for dolphins or hop back on the

Riverboat and continue to cruise. Also check out: email info@riversidearts-market.com or ram.riversideavondale.org.

Jacksonville Zoo & Botanical Gardens – 370 Zoo Parkway – jacksonvillezoo.org 904-757-4463

Visit white rhinos, crocodiles, lions and more on the Plains of Africa at the Jacksonville Zoo. An overlook allows visitors to observe elephants and giraffes. Native Florida wildlife can also be seen including the jaguar, endangered Florida panther and American alligator. Open 9-5 General Admission \$17.95
*Dock was damaged by Hurricane Irma and inoperable. Check status prior to planning trip to zoo via Riverboat.

USS Charles F. Adams DDG-2 - Ship expected to arrive summer of 2018 as a museum ship and will be tied up near the EverBank (Jaguar) Stadium.

Jacksonville Landing (across the river from the Doubletree) – USS Adams Museum, several restaurants (Hooter's & Irish Pub, etc)

Veteran's Memorial Wall (across the river near the Jaguar Stadium – can see stadium from the Doubletree)

THINGS TO DO WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE DOUBLETREE:

MOSH (Museum of Science and History) Two blocks S.W. from the DoubleTree
The Lone Sailor Statue – Riverwalk. Approx. one block E. From the Doubletree
The Jacksonville Monorail Ride access within 1 block S.E. from the Doubletree

There are several restaurants in and around the Doubletree including Doubletree's Ruth's Chris Steak House, The Chart House, and River City Brewing Company which offers live music and good food and beer (one of the many brewers in and around Jacksonville including Veterans United Craft Brewery and Anheuser-Busch Brewery) (must drive to Vet United & Busch Brew.)

The quaint village of Historic San Marco is a short cab ride away and offers many shops, restaurants, etc.

Listed below are various other things to do for those who are staying at the DoubleTree for an extra day or two after the 8th. Please take advantage of the terrific room rates and convenient location of the DoubleTree:

Alhambra Dinner Theater (terrific shows, excellent food, veteran friendly) 20 min. drive

Veterans Craft Brewery (owned and run by former Navy Flyer & wife, veteran friendly) 20 min. drive

Historic Five Points (eclectic & artsy district) restaurants & shops 20 min. drive www.5pointsjax.com

Village of Avondale (restaurants, music, shops) 20 min. drive

More than 10 museums including art, history, African-American history, science and nature.

EverBank Field/Jaguar's Stadium's schedule has not been released as of this printing/please check schedule

And so much more.....

Go to visitjacksonville.com and check it out.

Military Uniforms/Patriotism/Fun/Photo Op

Anyone who has a Navy or Military Uniform and can still fit into it and/or is willing to purchase a new set of whites (approx. \$100), to wear for the Plankowners Banquet/Picture Night will have their name entered into a drawing with the winner receiving 1 complimentary night at the Doubletree and 20 extra chances for the 75th Shangri-La Commissioning Anniversary .45 raffle, compliments of Shipmate John Lyons.

Please contact Shipmate John Janse for a new set of whites:

jjanse@comcast.net or 904-673-6143 to order.

Uniforms are also welcome at the Memorial Service at Jacksonville University on Thursday, October 4, 2018.

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Shangri-La's 75th Commissioning Anniversary .45 Pistol

Shipmate John Lyons has once again produced a beautiful engraved handgun in celebration of Shangri-La's commissioning 75 years ago.

Details: .45 Auto Model 1911/Rock Island Arsenal with a custom made Black Walnut Display Case, a one-of-kind treasure! This piece has been crafted to help raise funds to assist in financing our annual reunion.

The raffle tickets will be available during our reunion in Jacksonville, but for those of you who would like to obtain tickets in advance or are unable to attend the reunion and still be part of the raffle, tickets can be obtained by contacting:

Shipmate John Lyons

Shipmate Al Miller

6941 S.E. 100th Place
Bellevue, FL 34420
P-814-440-2312

or

20 Richards Lane
Bangor, PA 18013
P-610-588-0422

Tickets: 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 10 for \$20.00

Checks payable to: USS Shangri-La Association

2018 JACKSONVILLE REUNION

Come and enjoy our Mayport Homecoming after ALL these years!!!

Join us for an exciting and eventful muster that has been arranged for everyone's enjoyment. Looking forward to seeing you in Jacksonville! Anchors Aweigh, Al & Gwen Miller

JACKSONVILLE, HERE WE COME!

The Ladies Auxiliary will once again hold our traditional Auxiliary Auction Dinner Friday, October 5, 2018 at the Doubletree, Jacksonville. The evening should be filled with fun and exciting events, including a delicious meal, with Paul & LuAnne Klote auctioneering the wonderful, unusual, intriguing, and patriotic items that you will be bringing with you. Use your imagination and bring it; humor and laughter is always welcomed and enjoyed by all! REMEMBER: NOTHING ALIVE ☐ ☐ Ruth Hull will be and is already collecting items for those 'Mystery' Bags of 12; 6 for the ladies 6 for the men. Keep that in mind as you 'collect' your goodies for the 'Mystery' Bags.

Please contact Ruth Hull with questions regarding the bags @ 724-378-3244

Looking forward to a most memorable reunion in Jacksonville,
Gwen Miller, President of Auxiliary



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