

Where's the Beef?

Greetings Shipmates, Families, and Friends,

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

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.

Al & Gwen Miller

USS SHANGRI-LA ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

NOVEMBER 5-10, 2023

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA --- 40th 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

Al-H-610-588-0422

C-484-894-5121

CUT-OFF DATE is OCTOBER 1, 2023		Price per	# of people	Total
<u>TOURS:</u>		\$72		\$
MON. 11/6 MEMORIAL SERVICE at the USS Kidd Followed by lunch at the USS Kidd & Tour of Old Capitol/LSU Campus				
TUES. 11/7 Cajun Swamp/Alligator Tour followed by Buffet lunch @ Houmas House Plantation		\$102		\$
WED. 11/8 WW II Museum, New Orleans – Movie (Beyond all Boundaries) + Victory Bells (Andrew Sisters) Show & Buffet Lunch + Admission		\$102		\$
THURS. 11/9 Business Meetings In the Morning. Afternoon free time. Individual & Cruise Book Photos taken late afternoon prior to Farewell Dinner				
Friday 11/10 Farewells & Departures				
<u>MEALS:</u>		N/A**		N/A**
SUNDAY 11/5 MEET & GREET --- (6pm – 9pm)				
TUES 11/7 AUXILLARY AUCTION DINNER 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 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 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 1ST or 2nd 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