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**Message from President Chip Hayes**

First and foremost I want to welcome all our new members to the Association. Your membership means a great deal to you, your family and the Association. You can look forward to continuous brotherhood and good times, especially at reunions. I want to thank Ed McCready for the extra work he did in welcoming these new members aboard.

The Ship's Steel project is going well, and our hats are off to John Lipscomb for a job well done. Items with the Ship's Steel included are available through the ship's store. Our Scholarship program got off to a great start with two individuals receiving USS Saratoga scholarships this year. As you should know the scholarships are offered to a son or daughter, or grandson or granddaughter, or a great-grandson or great-granddaughter of a USS Saratoga Association Member, who has served aboard and has been in good standing of the Association, for a minimum of the past 12 months. The applications are available on the web site. Well done to the Scholarship committee.

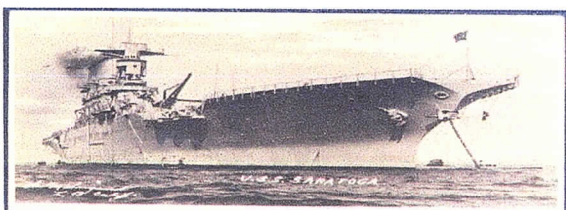
CV-3 ship's bell is located in Saratoga Springs Veterans Cemetery and each year on Memorial Day there is a big Veterans ceremony at the Cemetery. Ringing CV-3's bell is part of the ceremony and each year we chose a shipmate to ring that bell during the ceremony to honor all our shipmates. This year Capt. Steven Medina will represent us at the ceremony. Pictures will be available at the reunion.

Plans for our next reunion in San Antonio Texas are underway and rooms are now available. For **Hotel Reservations, call 210-224-2500, be sure to mention that you are with the USS Saratoga Reunion.** Book early to avoid the rush. Further information about the reunion is published in the Web Site.

Capt. Steven Medina is still working vigorously to have the Sec Nav name another ship Saratoga. Hope to you all at the reunion in October.

Fair Winds & Following Seas,

Chip Hayes, your President



## Brad Senter 67<sup>th</sup> Reunion Chair Person

Shipmates, family members & friends. Our 67<sup>th</sup> annual reunion is just around the corner. As you know San Antonio was selected for this years reunion. We have three great tours lined up. **On Thursday**, there will be the San Antonio tour, which of course will include the Alamo and other Spanish missions around the city. **Then** there will be a narrated boat tour on the river. This tour will also include a 24-hour water taxi pass which you may use on your own. **Friday's tour** will take you to the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, about 40 minutes from San Antonio. This one you won't want to miss, so much WW II history. There are several CV-3 displays there. Every American should see this one. See ya there.

## Message from Secretary Ed McCready

With this June 2018 newsletter you will find the registration forms and information on activities for the upcoming San Antonio reunion. Please read carefully and reply as indicated.

**It must go to the reunion company who is handling all details, please do not send any reunion forms or checks to me.**

In my never-ending message to ask for help, this year we're electing new leadership for the next 2 years. 4 offices are voted on (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) all other posts are appointed to those who express an interest in helping. If you feel you are ready to give back, let it be known.

## Message from Liaison Officer, John Lipscomb

2018 has been a busy and fulfilling year for me. After years of negotiations with the ship breakers, I've finally obtained steel from the Ship and had it made into tokens. We now have items for sale in our ship's store on the website [www.uss-saratoga.com](http://www.uss-saratoga.com) (for members of the association only) or call TC to place an order for your piece of the ship. TC can be reached at (706) 965-9826.

I was able to save the Nameplate from the stern of the ship and had it refurbished; it will be placed on display in Florida at a time and place to be announced very soon. I am very excited to be able to display this important museum piece for all to see.

The Membership Growth and Development Committee continue to see fruits of our labor with new members joining our Association. We are continuing with our membership drive. New Association members receive many benefits: a Saratoga Directory, the Association Bylaws, information about past reunions, history of the Saratoga, and a directory of members.

Also, for a limited-time only, new members receive a free official USS SARATOGA challenge coin. For more information, please visit our USS SARATOGA webpage at [www.uss-saratoga.com](http://www.uss-saratoga.com) and download a membership application or you can contact us at 845-729-8775 or email [uss\\_saratoga@yahoo.com](mailto:uss_saratoga@yahoo.com). **Please help by passing this info on to all your friends and shipmates that should, but may not be members of the Association.**

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio!

## USS SARATOGA ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our committee was formed in March of 2017. We spent a great deal of time communicating by both e-mail and conference calls establishing our timeline for the entire process. As we finalized the majority of our planning and since we made every attempt to keep all of the applicants identity anonymous, we found the need for an independent member to verify and tabulate all the data from the applicants. It is with a great deal of gratitude that the committee acknowledges and says BRAVO ZULU to our Secretary, Ed McCready. Ed has spent hours assisting us with the verification of the applicants and developing a spreadsheet which has enabled us to reach our goal of selecting the 2018 initial Scholarship award recipients. In addition, his comments and suggestions were extremely beneficial to the entire process.

All of the applicants exhibited very impressive accomplishments and very thoughtful efforts. We received a total of 8 applications. The applications all contained highly competitive criteria and reaching our final decisions was certainly a challenge for us. We are thrilled to have reached this point in our mission.

We are very excited and pleased to announce the following names of our first Scholarship award recipients for 2018. Each award is in the amount of \$1,000.00. Miss Delaney Turner and Mr. Jack Sweetak are the recipients of this year's awards. We congratulate Delaney and Jack.

All applicants have been sent a letter thanking them for their time and talent applying for our Scholarships. We asked each of the applicants to keep the memories of the USS Saratoga Association and their Grandfathers, (who are subjects in their essays,) with them, for both are true legacies to be cherished forever. We asked each applicant to play a part in keeping the legacy of the USS Saratoga Association alive and strong, which is one of the primary goals of the Scholarship program.

As the committee looks forward to next year, we do plan on meeting and discussing ways to improve the process for next year, however, overall for our initial year, we feel very good about the process as well as the outcome.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship fund. Make checks payable to: **USS Saratoga Reunion Association Scholarship fund**, our children are our future.

**Please mail to Mr. Ed McCready, Secretary, at the address at the top of the Newsletter.**

We continue to look forward to a very exciting and successfull future of this program. I do look forward to seeing each of you in San Antonio, at the reunion in October.

I close by acknowledging with a great deal of thanks to Captain Medina and Johnny Bolton for their great contributions and continued support to the program, as committee members.

Additionally, I would like to recognize and acknowledge my daughter, Dr. Lisa Anne Twiss, who gave me the suggestion of the scholarship program, as a vehicle for keeping the USS Saratoga Association name and legacy alive and strong as time passes us by.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and recognize Sammy King, our Past President, who was most instrumental and encouraging to develop the program back in March of 2017, during the very early development of the program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Katz

## Message from the Saratoga Ships Store

Shipmates:

The sale to members only of the USS SARATOGA "SARA STEEL" went very well for the first three months, but it has now slowed down. We are out of the 3X5 Bulkhead Bars, but are supposed to get more in stock soon. It will depend on how well we sell what we have before we even try to get more. This is the only place you can buy "Sara Steel". Our Board members are paying full price for the "Sara Steel" just like all of our member shipmates. Many thanks to John Lipscomb, our Liaison Officer and Committee Chairman, for getting the "Sara Steel." Job well done!

I have been told to cut items that I offer for sale in half and to go from 118 items to less than 50 items that I will carry in the Ship Store. You can buy USS Saratoga items at other sources, but those vendors are putting money in their own pockets. Money from everything you buy from the Ship Store goes back into the Ship Store or to the Association. You need to buy "Super Sara" items from our Ship Store. I was asked to run the Ship Store and keep her afloat. I can't do that unless all members buy from the Ship Store. If you know of any sources where I can get items cheaper, please let me know. I will see what kind of pricing I can get and pass the best deal on to you shipmates. "We are a non-profit organization." I expect a good cost so I can pass on the best price. I have been asked to add about 4-6 new items per year. This means I need to clear out 8-12 items per year so I can reduce my inventory.

Remember, all of your Executive Board members are volunteers. We all do this, often at our own cost, to represent all of our members. We are all here for the "SUPER SARA."

Fair Winds and Following Seas.  
"Semper Fortis"

T.C. & Emma Chastain

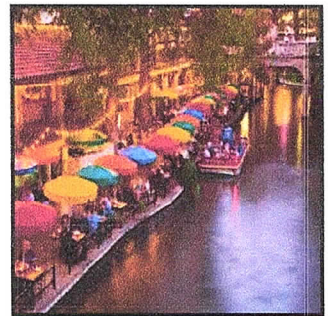




# USS SARATOGA 67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

## San Antonio, TX / October 9-14, 2018

[San Antonio](#) captures the spirit of Texas. Now the eighth largest in the United States, this city has retained its sense of history and tradition, while carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress. The city has always been a crossroads and meeting place. Sounds and flavors of Native Americans, Old Mexico, Germans, the Wild West, and the Deep South mingle and merge. Close to twenty million visitors a year delight in the discovery of San Antonio's charm. Our Reunion excursions will give you the opportunity to experience this wonderful city and provide an unforgettable visit to San Antonio. Book online with a credit card OR you can print a registration form and mail with a check.



### Hotel Information

The reunion officially begins on Tuesday, October 9 and ends on Sunday, October 14. We will be staying at the full service [Holiday Inn River Walk](#) located at 217 N St. Mary's St., San Antonio, TX, 78205. The hotel is located ON the *River Walk* and close to many of the area's most popular attractions.

The room rate is just **\$135.00** plus tax per night for single and double occupancy. Hot breakfast buffet coupons ordered in advance will be available for a special price of \$12 inclusive per person daily. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available two days prior and two days after, based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations NOW. [Click here to make your hotel reservation on-line](#) or call the hotel directly between 9-4 CST at **210-224-2500** and ask for "in-house reservations" for the smoothest booking experience. Please reference the USS Saratoga Reunion Group Code "**STG**" to assure you are associated with the group. If you have any trouble getting a hotel room at the \$135 rate, call MRP at 817-251-3551. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations. The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. Make your reservations NOW, you may cancel your hotel room up to 72 hours prior to arrival and not be charged. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or



**September 9, 2018**, whichever comes first.

### Airport Transportation & Parking

If you are flying to the reunion, the San Antonio Airport (SAT) is closest to the hotel. The least expensive ride to the hotel is through Lyft or Uber. Or you may [click here](#) to go to super shuttle. For those of you driving to the reunion, we have negotiated \$10 a day in/out self-parking. [Click here for hotel directions](#) or call the hotel if you need specific driving directions.

If you have other questions, contact MRP via email: [Eileen@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:Eileen@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com) or call 817-251-3551.

Travel safely and we'll .... **See y'all in San Antonio!**



# USS SARATOGA REUNION RESERVATION FORM

[Click](#) to make Reunion Event Reservations On-Line OR Mail this completed form with a check to: MRP, Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
		Reunion Registration Fee (per person ~ non-refundable)	\$25 pp		
Thu 10/11	1000-1500	San Antonio City Historical Tour	\$36 pp		
Thu 10/11	1700-1930	Narrated Barge Tour & Group Dinner on the River Walk	\$55 pp		
Fri 10/12	0900-1700	Museum of Pacific War & Fredericksburg, TX	\$49 pp		
Sat 10/13	1100-1300	Ladies Soup & Sandwich Lunch – All Welcome	\$26 pp		
Sat 10/13	1800	Farewell Banquet Dinner – make selection below			
		Chicken Picatta	\$42 pp		
		Seared Salmon	\$42 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after August 28, 2018)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$15 pp		
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

NAME (As you want it to appear on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS SERVED ON-BOARD SARA: 19\_\_ to 19\_\_

DIVISION/SQUADRON (ex. M Division) \_\_\_\_\_

## RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 28, 2018

- Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless Tour Cancellation insurance is purchased above.
- Insurance holders are eligible for a refund less processing fee until Midnight before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the reunion.
- Insurance ends once the reunion begins – notification in writing/email must be received prior to start of reunion.
- Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee.
- Watch for an email confirmation of your order and online roster update as your proof of payment.
- Changes not possible online including cancellations. Email/Mail notice for cancellations required.
- To register and pay by check please print this form and mail it with a check to: MRP, Box 1588 Colleyville, TX 76034

Call or email MRP if you need to add, cancel or modify your reservation at 817-251-3551 or email [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). MRP agents are available weekdays from 9-4 CST. Voice Mail is 24/7  
You must leave a voice message to receive a call back. Thank you for using Military Reunion Planners, LLC

Date Rec'd:	Check#:	Amount:	XCL#:
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# USS SARATOGA 2018 REUNION EVENTS

**San Antonio, Texas October 9-14, 2018**

## **SAN ANTONIO HISTORICAL CITY TOUR**

**Thursday, October 11 / 1000-1500**

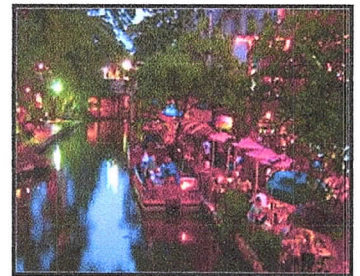


Board your luxury motor coach for a day steeped in Texas history. Your local guide will provide historical perspective and answer questions on your way to visit the "Queen of Spanish Missions", Mission San Jose. Enjoy a documentary film and explore the sacred grounds. You will then venture to Alamo Plaza to experience the award-winning IMAX movie presentation of "The Price of Freedom", which chronicles the story of the battle of the Alamo. With fresh images and the story in your mind, you then proceed to the Alamo itself. See where it all happened and walk the hallowed grounds of history. You will have time to visit the Alamo and have lunch on your own and souvenir shopping around the Alamo Plaza before returning to the hotel by bus or you may choose to make the short walk on your own. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, water and your camera.

## **NARRATED BARGE TOUR & GROUP DINNER ON THE RIVER WALK**

**Thursday, October 11 / 1700 - 1930**

Our most popular event starts at the hotel where you will embark on a narrated barge tour to soak in all the sights and sounds of the Paseo del Rio (River Walk). Your private sightseeing cruise will end at the oldest and original Mexican restaurant on the Paseo del Rio. After time for a frozen Margarita at the Cantina, you'll enjoy our most popular Mexican dinner featuring a combination of crowd pleasing favorites. Space is limited, book soon.



## **MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR AND FREDERICKSBURG, TX**

**Friday, October 12 / 0900-1700**



Renowned for its rolling vistas and beautiful natural serenity, the Texas Hill Country will capture your heart and attention throughout every moment of this intriguing tour. You'll arrive in the quaint German community of Fredericksburg. There you will find historic homes and shops, wooden sidewalks, old-time soda fountains, and uniquely Texan curios. You will also find 3 world class museums: The Nimitz Museum, Museum of the Pacific War and the Bush Gallery. You will have time to visit the museums which are dedicated to preserving the history of WWII in the Pacific. You may also enjoy spending your time browsing the myriad unique shops and antique stores. Lunch is on your own.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Saturday, October 13 / 0830-0930**

## **"LADIES" SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON – ALL WELCOME**

**Saturday, October 13 / 1100-1300**

Always a great DS Production with good food, great entertainment and even better friends. Come enjoy the casual celebration and fellowship with Sara's *other crew*. Open to everyone.

# FAREWELL BANQUET DINNER

Saturday, October 13 / 1800

Join your friends for your Farewell Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 1800; dinner will be served at 1900. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form. Preferred dress is semi-formal.

**ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 30, 2018.** Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee. Note - this fee is waived for active duty members. Please make a copy of this information for your records. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday CST at 817-251-3551 or email [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). Requests for cancellations and refunds must be made by email or in writing to MRP, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034, and postmarked before the due date. Sorry, no refunds will be given for any reason beginning at midnight the day of your reunion. Please note there is a refund processing fee of \$10 per person. For written confirmation of your cancellation please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to our office. Your cancelled check is your receipt as well as your proof of purchase. A \$25 return fee will be charged for NSF checks. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion.

## Important Reunion Notes:

- Tours may be cancelled if a minimum required number of reservations are not received. In this case you will be notified in advance and full refunds will be issued.
- Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary to/from the bus in order to view attractions and in some instances, to tour or explore the attraction itself. Please notify MRP of any challenges you have with walking and/or getting on a bus. Wheelchair lift buses cannot be guaranteed.
- Event times & offerings are subject to change. Please check at registration for the final itinerary.



## USS SARATOGA DUES NOTICE & DONATION FORM

Mail form to : Ed McCready, USS Saratoga Association, 447 Land 'Or Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

Your Name:		Spouse Name:	
Address:		City:	ST: Zip:
Years on Board:	to	Div/Squad:	Plankowner:
Email:		Phone:	

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **DUES FOR 2018** Make Check or Money Order payable to USS Saratoga Association

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation FOR 2018** (Donations are tax deductible) Apply to Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fee: \$25.00 per year

### Life Membership Section:

Age	Fee		Age	Fee		Age	Fee	
Up to 49	\$ 350.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	50-55	\$ 300.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	56-60	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
61-65	\$ 200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	66-70	\$ 150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	71-75	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
76-80	\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	81 and up	\$ 15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>			

OPTIONAL: Spouses/Children have a 1 time Lifetime Membership Fee: \$25.00 ea.