

USS TOPEKA

CLG8 REUNION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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... FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the USS Topeka Reunion Association, and to give you a quick review of what your association is about. We commenced preliminary organizing efforts in November of 1989 with a reunion in 1991 as our objective. However, initial efforts to locate crew members was so successful that we decided to go ahead with a reunion in August (16th thru 20th) of this summer. We believe the location and program of events we have planned will provide the basis for a memorable reunion for all. We certainly hope so.

And now a few thoughts about USS Topeka. My tour on board Topeka was a unique experience and a highlight of my Navy career, as I'm sure it was for many of you. Topeka was truly a "can do" ship due to a group of dedicated professional sailors. I was proud to serve with you and have many fond memories of good friends and shipmates from that era of my life. I look forward to renewing many of those friendships soon. In closing, let me say that we hope to see you in San Diego this summer and suggest that you help us locate as many shipmates as you can and invite them to meet you here at the reunion.

Don Nellis.

SCHEDULE OF REUNION SPONSORED EVENTS AND ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 16

Get acquainted day - registration in "Hospitality Room" 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; information will be available on San Diego, and on reunion events. Beverages and snacks will be available throughout the day.

Friday, August 17

Opening day for visiting, or arranged group events such as: golfing, Padre baseball, tours to Tijuana, Disneyland, Balboa Zoo, Sea World, and the Wild Animal Park. Friday evening, a cold buffet and cocktails will be available in the Hospitality Room.

Saturday, August 18

Reunion meeting at 10:00 a.m. Select officers and committees for the following year. Determine when and where next reunion will be held. Reunion banquet at 7:00 p.m.: Main event of reunion. Banquet with music and entertainment.

Sunday, August 19

San Diego Harbor cruises, tour of Navy "Open House" ship. Sunday evening, cold buffet and cocktails available in the Hospitality Room.

Monday, August 20 - Aloha

Checkout and departure.

REUNION HEADQUARTERS: San Diego Holiday Inn-on-the-Bay. After evaluation of Several San Diego hotels, we picked the Holiday Inn-on-the-Bay for its superior location, facilities, and services. Located in downtown San Diego right on the Bay, it is within walking distance to Horton Plaza (the wife will love this shopping mall), Seaport Village, the Star of India, the AMTRAK station, Tijuana Trolley, and the piers for the Coronado ferry and the Bay cruises. It is convenient to the San Diego Zoo, historic Old Town, and the Gaslamp Quarter. It has a pool, a rooftop jacuzzi, sauna, and sundeck (great sunbathing area!) overlooking the bay and the beautiful San Diego skyline.

The hotel will provide special rates for their rooms - \$85 per day, single or double occupancy. This discounted rate (approximately 40% discount from normal rates) is available for rooms reserved on or before July 16, 1990. Reservations can be made by phone at (619) 232-3861 or 1-800-HOLIDAY. Be sure to specify USS TOPEKA Reunion. Free (24 hour oncall) airport transportation is provided by the hotel.

For those who would like to use Navy BOQ/ BEQ/ Navy Lodge, phone numbers are provided (area code - 619):

BASE	BOQ	BEQ	NAVY LODGE
Amphib Base	437-3861	437-3495	
NAS Miramar	537-4235	537-1174	271-7111
Naval Station	556-8144	556-8144	234-6142
NTC	226-0444		
NAS North Is.	545-7546	545-9551	435-0191

RV Facilities (KOA, etc.) are available to those who want to drive their RV to San Diego.

AMTRAK to Anaheim (Disneyland) departs San Diego twice hourly on weekends until 10:50 a.m.

PADRE GAMES:

Thursday, August 16	1 p.m.	Montreal Expos
Friday, August 17	7 p.m.	Montreal Expos
Saturday, August 18	7 p.m.	Philadelphia Phillies
Sunday, August 19	1 p.m.	Philadelphia Phillies

REUNION COSTS:

Association Registration Fee (if you haven't already paid) - \$25.00

Cost for Banquet (per person) - \$35.00

A check (or money order) payable to the USS TOPEKA CLG8 Reunion Association to cover the above costs must be received by August 1, 1990. Please mail to USS TOPEKA CLG8 Reunion Association, c/o D.E. Cass, 3028 Bonita Woods Dr., Bonita, CA 92002.