

2020 DUES FORM

AND JULY 9-12, 2020 REUNION REGISTRATION

NOTE: Do not cut this page; return this entire form with your dues, whether you are attending or not.

Name: _____ Aboard 19__ - 19__ Division _____

Guest's Name(s) _____ Your Rank / Rate _____

Are you: Staying at reunion hotel? ___ Y/N On active duty? ___ Y/N Over 80? ___ Y/N

Home Telephone (____)-____-____ email address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Telephone (____)-____-_____

DUES Note: Dues year is January 1 thru December 31	Annual Dues	\$10		=\$
	New Life Membership	\$110		
Shipmate Registration Fee (Required if Attending)	Shipmate Reg. fee now:	\$25		=\$
	After June 1:	\$50		
Additional Guest(s) Registration Fee (Required for each additional guest attending)	Number of Guests _____	Times \$25		=\$
	After June 1:	\$50		
Thursday: Fun Night @ hotel, Supper Inc. July 9 6:00 PM Entertainment	Number of People _____	Times \$35		=\$
Friday: Group Breakfast at Hotel July 10 7:00 AM	Number of People _____	Times \$17		=\$
Friday: Strasburg Railroad Train Ride, July 10 RR Museum Tour & Lunch at Good & Plenty Buses depart the hotel 8:00 AM	Number of People Adults _____ Children (3-12) _____	Times \$69 \$57		=\$ =\$
Friday Night: Group Supper at the Hotel July 10 6:00 PM	Number of People _____	Times \$35		=\$
Saturday: Group Breakfast at Hotel July 11 7:00 AM	Number of People _____	Times \$17		=\$
Saturday: Boyertown Auto Museum Tour July 11 (2 Buses depart at each time below) Buses depart the hotel at 8:00 AM & 9:00 AM	Number of People _____	Times \$30		=\$
Saturday Night: Banquet Program July 11 6:00 PM	Number of People _____	Times \$45		=\$
Sunday: Group Breakfast at Hotel July 12 7:00 AM	Number of People _____	Times \$17		=\$
Sunday: Tour of Seaport Museum, July 12 Memorial Service & Spirit of Philadelphia Lunch Cruise Buses depart hotel 9:00 AM, return at 4:00 PM	Number of People Adults _____ Children (4-12) _____	Times \$92 \$78		=\$ =\$
"These Meal and Tour times are subject to change"	Add up total amount here	TOTAL		=\$

Example: One Shipmates, alone taking everything: =\$382.00 (plus dues if applicable)
One Shipmate plus one adult guest taking everything: =\$764.00 (plus dues if applicable)

Please make checks payable to USS BOSTON Shipmates Inc and mail to:

USS BOSTON SHIPMATES, INC.
PO BOX 7445
Brockton, MA 02303-7445

NOTES: Final deadline for registering is **June 1, 2020**

***You can use this form to pay your dues whether you're going to the reunion or not.**

Questions: Call 508-580-3808. **PLEASE SEND THE ORIGINAL REGISTRATION FORM BACK TO US!!!!**



If you or your guests have any disability or dietary needs briefly list that here: _____

*****KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM*****
*****SEE OTHER SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

WHAT HAPPENS AT A REUNION? We want you to enjoy yourself from the first day of the reunion. We do not separate wives and hubbies. Our activities are chosen to appeal to everyone, and serve to promote conversation and maximize reminiscing. We have activities for the early arrivals on Thursday night; and organized tours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We have group meals where a lot of “catching up” takes place as you break bread with your Shipmates. Our memorial ceremony is held to remember all departed Shipmates. It usually features Shipmates’ widows, who take an active part in the ceremony. We have had up to ten widows attend our reunions.

What to wear? Most events, other than the banquet, are fun, casual affairs, and we dress accordingly. Our Saturday night banquet is a full-fledged program with a head table, guest speaker(s), color guard, a dance floor and band. We dress up for the banquet. Military officers can wear dress uniforms, and our organization officers at the head table are in tuxedos. Attendees generally wear sport coats or suits, ladies wear dresses or pant suits.

We do not hold a business meeting at the reunion. We’re there for FUN. If you want to talk business, the annual business meeting of the organization (which takes place in September) is for elections, appointments, and annual reports.

HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW...

First, you must register with us for meals and tours. You can participate in as many or as few activities as you wish. Pick out those functions you wish to attend, and add in those fees as shown. We must commit—with hard numbers—to the hotel and tour operators long before the events, then we’re obligated to pay for the number we provided. To know that number, we must have your Registration information well in advance of the event. Please fill out the Registration worksheet now.

Note that the Registration Fee covers the costs of holding a reunion somewhere other than a phone booth or park bench with a *Hello My Name Is...* thingy stuck on your shirt. Each attendee receives a memento of the reunion. So, add in the Registration Fee for the Shipmate, plus the Guest Registration fee for each person over the age of 5 accompanying the Shipmate. (Don’t count the Shipmate as a guest.) Registration fees for walk-ins at the reunion are increased as shown because they trigger a considerable chain of events. The registration fee is nonrefundable. If your 2020 dues are unpaid, pay them now.

“Early birds” who register with us (meaning, Registration form and payment in full) by **April 1** get a unique USS BOSTON cup and become eligible for a drawing at the reunion, where they can win one of their nights at the host hotel free (if they’re staying at the hotel).

Send the form and your check to the address shown on the other side of this form.

Next, you register with the host hotel for your room accommodations. We always negotiate our hotel rates to run three days before the reunion to three days after the reunion. Naturally, you can stay elsewhere, but Shipmates who do this *once* invariably tell us that they missed out on much of the camaraderie and socializing. In most cases you cannot find a comparable hotel at a cheaper rate.

The 2020 reunion hotel is the **Crowne Plaza Philadelphia, 260 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA 19406**. The phone number is **610-265-7500**.

The room rate for this reunion is **\$106 (plus tax)** per room per night (if you reserve by **June 11, 2020**). There is **NO** free hotel airport shuttle offered at this hotel. There are other shuttles at the airports. The entire hotel (like most in the country) is NON-SMOKING. Check in time is 3:00pm, checkout time is 11:00 am. Hotel parking is free. Dead parking for RVs is allowed (no power, no occupancy) but you should get prior approval. Directions and more details will be in the next newsletter. Early checkout penalty is one night’s rental fee (\$106).

We have a Welcome Aboard team that will have a package in your name at the hotel. This package will contain your name tags, a program and complete itinerary, meal and tour tickets for the activities you selected, gift checks to redeem, and other information. **Welcome Aboard** will be set up for this reunion starting at **1:00pm to 4:30pm** on Thursday in the **Freedom Ballroom**. The program that you receive at the reunion will give you the times for the various events. *Please make your plans so that you arrive a half hour before any scheduled event.*

The hotel desk people will know where our USS BOSTON folks are. Much of our socializing is in our Memorabilia room, where we have part of our collection of USS BOSTON photos and artifacts on display (and where Shipmates put their own memorabilia on display, on loan). This is where you’ll run into your old Shipmates, and where you can access comprehensive lists of the full membership and the reunion attendees. It’s also here that you’ll be able to buy USS BOSTON identity items such as coffee cups, hats, sweatshirts, tee shirts... things that the Shipmates have requested over the years, all with the USS BOSTON logo.

About Cancellations... If something comes up and you’re forced to cancel your reunion attendance, call us as soon as possible at **508-580-3808**. We can send you a refund **IF** you advise us early enough for us to modify our counts to the hotel, which means **in our hands at least thirty days prior to the reunion**. *If you cancel after that, we are still obligated to pay for the contracted functions*, so there can be no refund. Another reason why it’s important to notify us ASAP is that if you call too late, we might be on the road and not get that message until we return from the reunion. Refunds are sent out prior to the annual meeting the September after the reunion.