

2023 DUES FORM

AND JULY 13-16, 2023 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:	\$35		=\$
	After June 30:	\$50		
Additional Guest(s) Registration Fee (Required for each additional guest attending)	Number of Guests _____	Times \$35		=\$
	After June 30:	\$50		
Thursday: Reunion Welcome Night July 13 6:00 PM Wear your favorite 40's or Mardi Gras Garb!	Number of People _____	Times \$50		=\$
Friday: WWII Museum (tour on your own 9AM-5PM) July 14 "Breakfast is in your own, there are many options"	Number of Adults _____	Times \$25		=\$
Friday Night: Group Supper at the Hotel July 14 6:00 PM	Number of People _____	Times \$50		=\$
Saturday: Bus Tour Hop On-Hop Off July 15 (Buses stop across from hotel 19 Stops of N.O.) Buses depart every hour starting at 9:25 AM	Number of Adults _____	Times \$35		=\$
	Children (Under 12) _____	\$10		=\$
Saturday Night: Banquet Program July 15 6:00 PM	Number of People _____	Times \$70		=\$
Sunday: Memorial Service & Brunch Cruise July 16 Enjoy the New Orleans Jazz while you dine Buses depart hotel 9:00 AM, return at 4:00 PM	Number of People _____	Times \$70		=\$
"These Meal and Tour times are subject to change"	Add up total amount here	TOTAL		=\$

Example: One Shipmate, alone taking everything: =\$335.00 (plus dues if applicable)
One Shipmate plus **one adult** guest taking everything: =\$670.00 (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

New Orleans

NOTES: Final deadline for registering with us is **June 30, 2023**

***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: _____

*****PLEASE MAKE 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 huddies. 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 and family members who take an active part in the ceremony. We have had up to eleven (11) 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 usually a 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 as 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 in a phone booth or on a 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 2023 dues are unpaid, please pay them now as those monies help defray the cost of printing and mailing this Registration and Newsletter.

“Early birds” who register with us (meaning, Registration form and payment in full) by **May 31** will become eligible for an entry into 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). Each EARLY BIRD “Shipmate” (*Registrant*) that attends this reunion will receive a unique USS Boston keepsake Cup.

Be the first to sign up. Send this form and your check to the address shown on the other side of this form. **You can also sign up online at our website at www.ussboston.org using PayPal or ZELLE.**

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 2023 reunion hotel is the **Higgins Hotel and Conference Center, 1000 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130**. The Higgins Toll free Reservation Number is **833-357-1172**. Hotel is right across from the WWII Museum.

The room rate for this reunion is **\$115(plus tax)** per room per night (if you reserve by **June 12, 2023**). There is **NO** free hotel airport shuttle offered at this hotel, however, we arranged for discounted shuttles. Type the link into the Internet **exactly** as it appears below: <https://www.airportshuttleneworleans.com/portals/uss-boston-ann-reunion-7-23>. There are also other shuttles and cabs at the airport. The entire hotel (like most in the country) is NON-SMOKING. Check in time is 3:00 PM, checkout time is 11:00 AM.

Hotel parking is \$25.00 a day (normally \$37.00 per day). Dead parking for RVs is allowed free of charge in a lot 2 blocks from the hotel (no power, no occupancy). Directions and more details will be in the next newsletter. Early checkout penalty is one night's rental fee (\$115, plus tax).

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 **American Red Cross/Chartwell Room**. 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.