

SHIPMATES

Newsletter of the USS BOSTON Shipmates.

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President's Corner

Happy New Year Shipmates;

I hope that you and your family have had a good 2023, a very Merry Christmas and have a Happy Healthy 2024.

For those that did not attend the Reunion in New Orleans last July, you missed a great time. At the Reunion we had more SSN-703 Shipmates than any other USS Boston Shipmates, Inc. Reunion!

We had 23 SSN-703 Shipmates there!. We also had 1 WWII Shipmate (Ivan Bassett) present as well. When Ivan arrived for his tour at the museum, he was honored with a special welcome!

The 2024 Reunion in Woburn, Massachusetts is all set and your Reunion Committee has planned some exciting things for you to do this year which you will hear about later in the Newsletter.

As in previous years, this past year has also seen the loss of many of U.S.S. Boston Shipmates from all eras. As the saying goes, "we ain't getting any younger". Life gets shorter every year, so seek out a Shipmate and say hello every chance you can.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the 2024 reunion in July, in Woburn, MA.

Barry



USS Boston SSN-703 SHIPMATES 2023 Reunion New Orleans

2024 REUNION

Crowne Plaza Boston-Woburn
15 Middlesex Canal Park Rd, Woburn, MA
July 11-14, 2024

Woburn, MA is just 12 miles north of Boston.

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USS Boston Room Rate

\$139.00 per night and includes buffet breakfast!

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Enter Woburn MA as destination

Select group rate enter code **USS (all caps)**

Click Search

Select Crowne Plaza Woburn

Under rate click select

The rate will change to

USS Boston Shipmate Rate \$139.00 + Tax

Choose your preferred room.

If you require special accommodations fill in the

"SPECIAL REQUEST"

section on room reservation form.

If you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 508-580-3808.

We Have You Covered

If you didn't order a New Orleans' reunion book we have a limited number of books for sale. Jason Skinner, Boston Shipmate and photographer created a great book.

The cost is \$25.00 plus \$6.00 shipping & handling.

If you would like to order one give us a call

508-580-3808.



2024 Reunion Itinerary Thursday Night Fun Night

Boston's North End is famous for it's Italian food! Dinner will feature Chicken Parmigiana.

We have enlisted "**Counterfeit Cash**" to provide our entertainment for the evening.

"Counterfeit Cash & Friends" is a Johnny Cash Tribute band. They also play tribute to Patsy Cline, June Carter Cash, Hank Williams, and Elvis to name a few. Its always a surprise to see who will show up with Johnny!

Come dressed as you are or as your best Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Patsy Cline or other notable singer of the time. Or maybe you would like to come as one of your favorite Cowboy heroes from a "Spaghetti Western"?

Our fun nights have become a great way for 1st timers to get acquainted with the group.

There is great entertainment, games, prizes and just plain fun! Plan to attend we promise you will not be disappointed.



Friday

The American Heritage Museum Tour

"This museum features one of the worlds largest collection of tanks & military vehicles. All displayed in unique dioramas and immersive exhibits." All the wars in which America participated are represented in this museum which opened just 5 years ago. WWII Shipmates get free entry.

This museum in located in Hudson MA, a rural community, so they have the space to actually drive the tanks and other vehicles on the property.

Your tour includes a buffet lunch at
Firefly's BBQ.



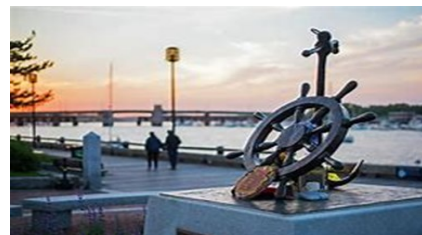
Saturday Newburyport, MA Tour

(Lunch on your own)

The modern U.S. Coast Guard was founded in the merging of the U.S. Life-Saving Service and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service in 1915, as well as the U.S. Lighthouse Service in 1939. Newburyport is said to be the birthplace of the Coast Guard because the first Revenue Cutter the Massachusetts was built and launched in Newburyport in 1791.

The 2nd USS Boston was built in Newburyport, MA and carried President John Adams to France. Newburyport, designated one of only 21 Coast Guard cities, is the birthplace of the Coast Guard. Formerly called the Revenue Cutter Service.

While touring on your own in in Newburyport visit the Custom House Maritime Museum and the Museum of Old Newbury, take a stroll along the board walk, grab lunch at one of the many eateries and do some shopping at the various local shops.



Sunday

USS Constitution Park

The bell from USS Boston CAG-1 stands proudly at the end of Pier 1 with the backdrop of Boston. The perfect site for our memorial service.

After which you will be able to tour the USS Constitution, USS Cassin Young, DD-793, the museum and the park. Your tour ticket includes a boxed lunch with a sandwich, drink, chips and cookies.



Other Reunion Events

Friday after returning from our Museum tour, we will gather for supper. Immediately following supper we will have our annual Auction and Raffle . And of course our Ship's Store will also be open.

Our President's reception returns on Saturday night prior to dinner. Our formal program will begin at 6 PM followed by dinner and dancing. We hope to see all of you at this year's reunion!

REMEMBER

Our January Newsletter is the only one available online

To continue to receive 2024 newsletters without interruption, if you have not already, please pay your 2024 dues.

Your dues can be paid by the following methods;

Pay with Zelle: president@ussboston.org

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If you would prefer to receive your newsletters by email please let us know. Email your request to

secretary@ussboston.org

Thank You to Our Shipmates

Many of our Shipmates contribute to the organization in many ways sometimes without even knowing they have.

Bill Worrall (65-69) is a perfect example. He recently posted pictures of the USS Boston returning to Boston from Vietnam. One such picture Bill shared captured non-other than our president, Barry Probst.

Bill is a member of the USS Boston Shipmates Facebook group as well as the CAG-1, CA-69 Facebook group.

You may have seen Popeye in our news letters and on these sites this is Bill's handy work.

Thank you Bill for always sharing your discoveries and for keeping us smiling!

Bill's newest, we were able to snag it just before the newsletter went to print



Ron Vincent since attending as a “**First Timer** “ in 2022, has joined our annual meetings the past couple of years. This year he volunteered to research lost Shipmates. He is focusing on CAG-1 & CA-69 (1955-1970) Shipmates.

In addition, Ron is very active on the aforementioned Facebook pages. Someone mentions they were aboard at the time Ron was aboard and Ron fills in all the blanks with the specifics. Then someone else chimes in with their comments.

Ron also keeps us smiling with his many jokes! Thank you Ron.

These connections through social media have helped us to find many Shipmates over the years. While others have used social media to locate us to find information about their grandfathers, dads, uncles etc.

If you have something to contribute let us know. It could be as simple as a picture for as they say a picture is worth a thousand words. If those words are printed they then become stories and stories become history! **So Make Some History Today!**

The Results Are In!

In the October newsletter we asked you to answer 2 Questions. Here are the results!

*How would you like your newsletter to be delivered in the future?
Email or USPS?*

95% requested to continue to receive their newsletters via USPS.

For those requesting your newsletters via email you will receive all newsletters via email.

If we were to change our current reunion time would you prefer Spring or Fall?

85% prefer to keep it the same time.

The other 15% were split 50/50 to change to Spring or Fall.

Why Not Reach Out To A Shipmate?

During our survey we found that people like to receive mail. USPS or Email it doesn't matter. They also like to receive phone calls.

Have you thought about dropping a Shipmate a line? Or calling them on the phone!?

You could be the bright spot in someone's day!

No Address? No Phone Number? You Say?

Let us know we may be able to help.

(Note: we do not share Shipmate information without their consent)

Ship's Store Open Until March 1, 2024

As long as the weather holds!

Need a new hat or a winter watch cap?

Currently there is no snow and we are able to access the USS Boston trailer.

All items available are listed on our website some with pictures. If you don't have internet give us a call we can give you a list of what is in stock.

If you would like to purchase USS Boston items call in or email us your order. We will calculate the price including shipping. Then you mail us a check or pay via Zelle.

When we receive your payment we will mail out your order.

Thank you everyone for supporting the USS Boston Shipmates, Inc. through your purchases!

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Call or Write A Shipmate Today!

Our "Taps and In Memoriam Lists" are available on line

www.ussboston.org **Mess Decks**

Sadly the list has become too lengthy to print.

US 6th Fleet in Villefranche-sur-Mer Reunion Update

Several of our Boston Shipmates have shown interest in attending this reunion.

Many 6th Fleet Flag ships were homeported in Villefranche-sur-Mer from the late 40's through 1967. The USS Boston served as the 6th Fleet Flag ship in October of 1962 in Villefranche.

The reunion will take place September 13-15, 2024 in Buffalo N.Y.

9 panels depicting a time line of the US & French Navy partnership from 1776-today will be installed aboard the USS Little Rock CLG 4, in Buffalo.

For more information and to get on the mailing list for this event, call or email us at our office 508-580-3808 or email: president@ussboston.org

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This is **YOUR** organization..... **GET INVOLVED!**

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