

SHIPMATES

Newsletter of the USS BOSTON Shipmates.

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January 2025

Hello Shipmates!

It is a brand New Year and I hope all of your Holidays were great.

This year's Reunion is a very special one and you will certainly read more about it in this Newsletter.

This past year has seen the loss of many USS Boston Shipmates from all eras. As they say, "we ain't gettin any younger" Our Database is down to 46 WWII Shipmates and of those, 30 of them are represented by Family members. That means that there are actually only 16 WWII Shipmates that we know may still be with us, so seek out a Shipmate and say hello every chance you can.

Don't forget we still have the Early Bird Raffle. If you get the Registration form in before the deadline you will be considered an Early Bird and receive a Free Coffee Mug and also be entered into a drawing where you could win 1 Free Night in the Reunion Hotel during your stay there. So get your form to us as soon as you can.

If you have never attended a USS Boston Reunion, why not? Time is short! Make an effort to come to this one, I am sure that you will not be disappointed.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the 2025 reunion in July in Annapolis, MD.

Barry

HOTEL INFORMATION 2025 USS BOSTON REUNION

**Annapolis Crowne Plaza Hotel
173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD**

Room rate \$129.00++ per night

*Rate does not include state and local taxes
(currently at 14%)

Includes breakfast for 2 each morning.

There has been much interest shown for the 2025 reunion. Rooms will fill up fast!

2025 USS BOSTON REUNION CELEBRATING U.S. NAVY & U.S. MARINES 250TH BIRTHDAY CROWNE PLAZA ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND JULY 10th - 13th, 2025

In the fall of 1775, the Continental Congress
established both the

US Navy and US Marine Corps..

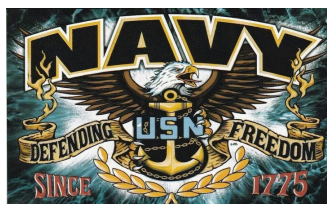
On October 13th, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the building and administration of 2 ships. These ships were to intercept ships carrying arms and supplies to the British Army in America.

Thus, becoming the Continental Navy.

On November 10th, 1775, the Continental Congress passed a resolution to create 2 battalions of Marines to serve as landing forces for the recently formed Continental Navy.

Thus becoming the Continental Marines.

(Turn The Page For Your 2025 Reunion Itinerary)



HOTEL BOOKING INFORMATION

You may book your reservation by phone or online

By Phone: 855-223-1441

Use group code **BSR** or USS Boston Reunion 2025

Online: www.ihg.com

1. Select Annapolis Crowne Plaza.
2. Enter your dates of arrival and departure.
3. Rate Preference: Select Group Rate
4. Enter group code **BSR**
5. Press enter and select room type

Much interest has been shown in this years reunion please book your room **TODAY!**

ADDITIONAL GUEST ROOM DETAILS

- Rates will be available 3 days prior and 3 days after the Event Dates, subject to availability of guest rooms at the time of reservation.
- Online and calls made to the reservation department will only have the option to create reservations on the contracted dates.
(07/07/2025-07/17/2025)
- Any nights booked outside the contracted dates must be booked through the hotel directly
410-571-1501
- A credit card is needed as a guarantee to hold the room.
- All rooms are non-smoking with complimentary parking and Wi-Fi.
- Check-In is at 4:00 PM & check out is 11:00 AM.
- \$50.00 "incidentals" hold is placed on credit card per room
- **Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours prior to date of arrival to avoid cancellation charge of one night's room rate plus tax)**
- A debit/credit card must be presented with a valid ID at check-in. No pre-paid or loaded cards will be accepted.
- The last day to book, also known as the "Cut-Off" date is **June 2nd, 2025.**

If you have any questions or need assistance in booking a room, please contact Pat Probst.

Phone: 508-580-3808

Email: shipstore@ussboston.org

2025 REUNION HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 10 6:00PM-10:00PM



250th BIRTHDAY of the
NAVY and MARINES

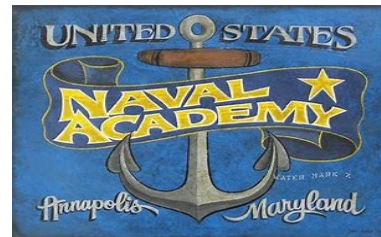


Fun Night

**250th Navy & Marine Birthday Celebration
Dinner, Dancing & Fun !**

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 9:30AM-3:00PM

Bus Tour Naval Academy & Lunch



FRIDAY, JULY 11, 6:00PM

Dinner At Hotel

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 7:00PM-11:00PM

Auction & Raffle

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 9:30AM-3:00PM

**Busses will shuttle people from hotel to
Downtown Annapolis where you can tour on
your own. Lunch is on Your Own
Last bus will leave Annapolis at 2:45 PM**



SATURDAY NIGHT, JULY 12, 5:00PM-5:45PM

President's Reception

SATURDAY NIGHT, JULY 12, 5:45PM-11:00PM

FORMAL BANQUET & DANCING

SUNDAY MORNING JULY 13, 9:00AM

**Busses will begin to shuttle people to City Dock for our
Memorial Service & Cruise of the Harbor**

**11:00AM Busses begin shuttling people back to hotel.
For those that wish to visit more in Annapolis & have
lunch on your own, the last bus will depart Downtown
Annapolis at 3:00PM**

Flying to Annapolis?

“Southwest Airlines is pleased to Offer USS Boston Reunion Attendees Discounted Fares.”



PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING URL TO ACCESS YOUR DISCOUNT
Discount available for travel 7/04/25 -7/19/2025

<https://www.swabiz.com/air/booking/index.html?companyId=99140171>

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Airports Servicing Annapolis, MD

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Washington, DC Reagan International-DCA
Washington, DC - Dulles-IAD



Airport Transportation to Hotel
Annapolis Taxi Service: 443-995-1400
website: taxiserviceannapolis.com

Offering 10% Discount for USS Boston Attendees
Must identify yourself as USS Boston Reunion Attendee
at time of booking to receive discount
Current Published Non Discounted
Rates for 2 people maximum
Add \$25.00 for each additional passenger
Baltimore/Washington - BWI to Annapolis \$65.00
Washington, DC/Reagan International - DCA \$90.00
Washington, DC/Dulles - IAD \$150.00



Other Annapolis Taxi Services

BC Green Cab: 410-897-1010
Annapolis City Taxi Service: 443-852-0686
Annapolis Flyer Cab: 410-766-7433
Bay Area Cab: 410-267-7004
Reliable Cab: 410-268-4714

***HOTEL HAS NO FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLE!**

January 30, 1982

Where were you 43 years ago?

On this date the **USS Boston SSN-703** was commissioned with Captain Jon M. Barr in command.

In true “Boston Fashion” SSN-703 became a much decorated ship. The crews distinguished themselves on numerous occasions by meritorious service and outstanding performance.

Until her decommissioning in 1999, the crew of the USS Boston SSN-703 continued to fulfill our motto.

“Pursuing A Tradition of Patriotism And Excellence ... From 1776 to Tomorrow”

Were you one of the proud few to serve aboard?

Are you a plank owner?

Were you present for the commissioning?

What was the weather that day?

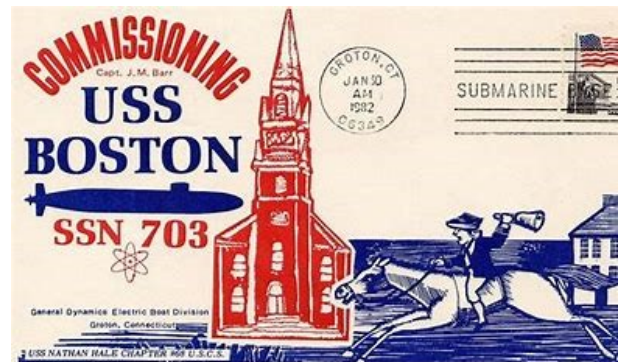
Was this your first Navy vessel to serve aboard?

Was it your last? How long were you aboard?

Does this bring back memories?

Come and share them at this year’s reunion.

If you are unable to attend send them to us and we will share them for you!



SHIP'S STORE WINTER UPDATE

The USS Boston trailer is currently in its winter home at a secure storage facility in Franklin CT.

We currently have limited items available at our home.

If you are looking to purchase any items please email or call us and we will let you know if we have the item at the house.

Please Note: The Ship's Store will be closed March 1- May 5, 2025.

Oh the places you will go... " Dr Seuss Did He Mean Us?

Over the years the USS Boston Shipmates, Inc. have visited some of the most interesting museums, points of interest, seen some amazing scenery, and shared many fun times with our Shipmates.

So many memories made!

The USS Boston Shipmates, Inc. have been planning annual reunions since 1987. That's 38 years!

The 2025 reunion will be the 40th reunion planned by our organization. To explain, we actually held 2 reunions in 1992 and 2002. In 2020 we had to postpone our reunion due to COVID.

In 38 years we have taken our reunion all over the country. Here are some fun facts.

Number of Miles Traveled: **39,406** (includes 2025)

(calculated using round trip mileage from Boston)

of States where reunions were held: **14 + DC**

of Attendees: **14,100**(through 2024)

of Hotel Room nights Booked: **20,929** (through 2024)

Total Room Night Hotel Revenue: **\$1,899,709.00**

(based on average rate charge per night through 2024)

Go to our website to see all reunion cities visited

www.ussboston.org

Do you have a favorite reunion memory?

Please share them with us.

We would love to add them to our Memorabilia.

BINNACLE LIST

Judy Harlin 11003 Frays Corner Rd unit 47 Berlin, MD 21811	Jim Ammon (59-62) 36 Pitt Ave Deer Park, NY 11729
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Fred Korth, (55-57) S86 W 18505 Denice Ct S Muskego, WI 58150	Why not send a card to let them know you are thinking of them.

Call or Write A Shipmate Today!

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

www.ussboston.org **Mess Decks**

Sadly the list has become too lengthy to print.

USS BOSTON REUNION BOOKS AVAILABLE

Did you forget to order your reunion book?

Unable to attend one year but would like a book?

Want to send a book to a fellow Shipmate?

We got you covered!

The Ships Store has limited copies of reunion books from 2022, 2023 & 2024.

NEW THIS YEAR !

At **Welcome Aboard** you will be able to preorder and pay for your reunion book and portraits.

So when you arrive in line to have your picture taken the photographer will already have your information. All you will need to do is confirm your order.

We are hoping this will help to speed up the process of having pictures taken at any of our hotel events.

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**Due to a change at the Post Office.
Please be sure to use our updated mailing address**

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