

SHIPMATES

Newsletter of the USS BOSTON Shipmates.

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President's Corner

Happy New Year Shipmates;

It is a New Year and we are again looking forward to the next Reunion in July in Nashville, TN. If you are reading this then you have all received your Newsletters and are hopefully filling out the Registration form, making your hotel reservations and planning your vacations. It will be another great Reunion and your committee has been busy setting everything up for you.

As you will see below, this year we will have a Fun Night on Thursday night. We are thinking a Country Western theme so break out your hats and boots! The Country Music Hall of Fame on Friday is a must see and lunch is on your own! Naturally the Auction/Raffle on Friday Night, as always, will be very entertaining!

The tour of Franklin, TN on Saturday should be very interesting. They have a Trolley Tour that is free to all Veterans, however, your adult guests will have to pay \$10.00. Lunch is on your own at one of the fabulous restaurants!

The Banquet Saturday evening will have some interesting entertainment and naturally a guest speaker

As usual on Sunday we will Cruise and have lunch on the Cumberland River aboard the Paddle Wheeler the General Jackson and have our Memorial service just before we depart. It is turning out to be a fantastic Reunion and everything is set to go, thank you Committee.

We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at this Reunion. We hope to see a lot of our SSN-703 Shipmates there, the group is growing at the Reunions every year!

See you in July!

Barry

USS Boston Shipmates, Inc. 2026 Reunion Nashville, Tennessee July 16th -19th, 2026



Celebrating America's 250th & USS Boston's 250th



HOTEL INFORMATION

BOOK YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

Embassy Suites Hotel

820 Crescent Drive

Franklin, Tennessee 37067

To receive USS Boston rate of \$149+tax
(room rate includes breakfast for 2)

USE CODE: 90V

Book Online at: Hilton.com

Enter your arrival and departure dates

Enter Special Rate Code: [90V](#)

Enter Destination Franklin, Tennessee

Select EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL

Register By Phone: 800-774-1500

Be sure to mention our special code: [90V](#)

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If you should have any questions or concerns
when making your reservations

Nashville Reunion Events

Thursday July 16

Welcome Aboard Opens 1:00 PM

Sign In and pick up your "Welcome Aboard" packet

Thursday Fun Night: Country Western Theme

6:00 PM Dinner and Entertainment. Dress as your favorite Nashville Hall of Famer, Wear your cowboy hats and boots or come dressed as you are, no pressure!

Only One Rule, HAVE FUN!

Friday July 17th

Friday: Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum

Buses depart **9:00 AM** for Nashville. Once there you will tour the Country Music Hall of Fame. Lunch is on your own at one of the good restaurants in the area. You can spend all of your time at the museum or walk around to the other sites in the area. Check your packet for things to do while in Nashville. Buses will return at **2:00 PM** to the hotel.

Friday Night Supper, Raffle and Auction

6:00-7:00 PM Supper: Casual dinner with your Shipmates
7:00 PM-10:00 PM Raffle and Auction in Memorabilia room. Dan Schiebel our auctioneer, is always entertaining and every year there is one item that causes a bidding frenzy! Don't miss this entertaining annual fund raiser. The Ships Store will also be open. Last chance to grab USS Boston gear. Store closes at the end of the evening.

Saturday July 18th

Saturday Tour of Franklin, TN

Buses will begin to shuttle our Shipmates to Franklin at **8:30 AM**. Last Shuttle back to hotel will be **2:00 PM**. You will have the opportunity to visit the town of Franklin on your own. There you will find shops and restaurants. There is also a Trolley Tour Veterans ride for free. Adults are \$10.00. Lunch is on your own today.

Saturday Banquet: Program, Dinner & Dancing

Our 50/50 Raffle & Hotel Room Night Drawing

The dining room opens at **5:45 PM** for seating. To avoid the crowd, we suggest if you plan to sit with others that you purchase a table. Table sales will be available at **Welcome Aboard** through out the weekend.

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. Ties are not required.

Sunday July 19th

Memorial Service & Lunch Cruise 9:00 AM

Aboard the General Jackson Showboat

Buses will depart hotel **9:00 AM**. If you prefer to drive please make note of this on your registration form. There is plenty of parking if you plan to leave from the boat.

10:15 AM-10:45 AM Our Memorial Service will be held aboard the boat prior to us leaving the dock.

11:00 AM Cruise and Lunch Buffet

All buses will be returning to the hotel after the cruise at **2:00 PM**. Please make your plans accordingly.



Please note all times listed are approximate and are subject to slight changes

Flying Into Nashville International?



The cost is **\$25.00 per person one way**.
Utilize the Code **USSBOSTON** to receive a
\$5.00 discount

Book Online:

nashvilleairline.com

Shuttle service is available Sundays through Fridays

NO shuttle service on Saturdays

The website contains all of the information needed to book your transportation. Including a useful map directing you on how to locate the bus at the airport.



250 years ago USS Boston, was there!

USS Boston was a 53 ft 9 inch, 3-gun gundalow of the Continental Navy. She was built at Skenesborough, present day Whitehall, New York, in 1776, with a crew of 45 for General Benedict Arnold's short-lived Lake Champlain Fleet. She took part in the Battle of Valcour Island. She was probably commissioned sometime early in August 1776, with a Captain Sumner in command.

Early in October, she moved north with the other 14 ships of the American squadron. On the 11th, they met the vastly superior British squadron off Valcour Island in the northern reaches of the lake. The British discovered them in a shallow bay south of the island and moved in to begin a bombardment. By 11:00 AM that morning, the schooner **Carleton** and some gunboats had rowed to within gun range to open the shelling. The wind prevented the larger British vessels from getting into the fray.

By 5:00 PM that afternoon when the British withdrew for the night, two of the larger American vessels were severely damaged and a third had to be run aground, burned, and abandoned. That night, **Boston** joined the remainder of the Americans in stealing away toward Crown Point to the south. The British discovered their flight on the morning of the 12th and struck out in pursuit. They did not finally catch the Americans until the morning of the 13th at a point just below Split Rock nearly halfway to their goal. A two-hour running fight ensued. Severely pressed, General Arnold took *Congress* and four of the gondolas into Buttonmold Bay on the eastern coast of the lake. There he unloaded small arms and destroyed the vessels by fire to prevent their capture. **Boston** was destroyed there on 13 October 1776.

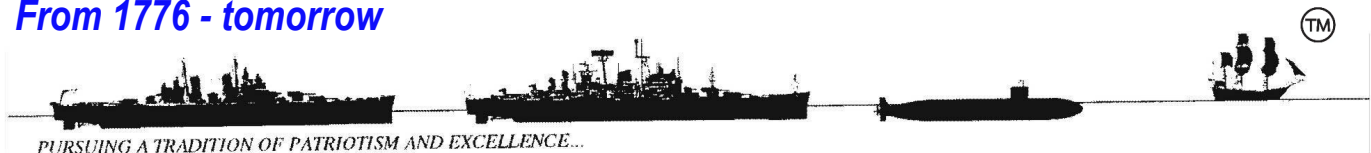
(note the date Oct 13 1775 is US Navy Birthday)

Paintings by James Flood. Ship's Histories, including 8x10 prints of each ship available at Ships Store



Gundalow 1776-1776

From 1776 - tomorrow



Frigate 1777-1780



Frigate 1799-1814



Sloop of War 1826-1846



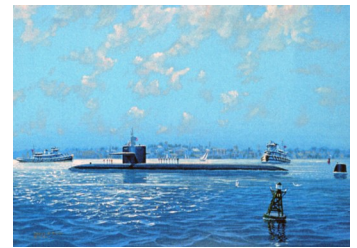
Cruiser 1884-1940



Cruiser CA-69 1943-1946



Cruiser CAG-1 1955-1970



Fast Attack Sub SSN-703
1982-1999

What will the next ship named Boston look like? No one knows.

You can be sure that it will continue what began in 1776 with the 1st Boston and continue the tradition.

New Year, New Card!

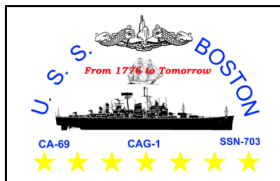
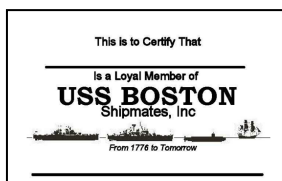
Gets Yours today!

Yes, it's that time of year again!

2026 Annual Dues

\$10.00

Pay on line @ ussboston.org



LAST CALL!

2025 REUNION PHOTOS ACCESS

Did you take photos at the 2025 reunion?

Here's how you can share them!

What did you say? You didn't take any!

You didn't attend the reunion last year!

NO WORRIES!

Through the **LENSE APP YOU CAN**

1. Download your pictures from your phone
2. View pictures taken by people at the reunion
3. Just scan the QR CODE below using your cell phone or mobile device



Or enter this link in your Browser

<https://lense.app/join-event/44479d63c60e605d-8d74ba42>

This will allow you to scan the QR code



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Please note this list contains names of our Shipmates that have been reported to us as being ill or recently recovering from surgery. Put some cheer into their day by sending them a card or calling them on the phone!



Shipmates, wishing you and yours a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful 2026!

Courtesy of Bill & Judy Worrall as posted on USS Boston Shipmates FB page

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

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