

2024 DUES FORM

AND JULY 11-14, 2024 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 26	\$50		
Additional Guest(s) Registration Fee (Required for each additional guest attending)	Number of Guests	Times \$35		=\$
	After June 26	\$50		
Thursday: Fun Night @ hotel & Supper July 11 6:00 PM Entertainment - Counterfeit Cash	Number of People _____	Times \$50		=\$
Friday: Group Breakfast at Hotel July 12 7:00 AM (Price included In the Hotel Rate)	Number of People _____	Times N/A		=\$
Friday: American Heritage Museum and BBQ Buffet Lunch at Fireflys July 12 Buses depart the hotel 8:00 AM	Number of People _____	Times \$70		=\$
	Children Under 16 _____	Times \$63		=\$
	WWII VETERANS _____	Times \$55		=\$
Friday Night: Group Supper at the Hotel July 12 6:00 PM	Number of People _____	Times \$45		=\$
Saturday: Group Breakfast at Hotel July 13 7:00 AM (Price included In the Hotel Rate)	Number of People _____	Times N/A		=\$
Saturday: Newburyport Lunch and museums are on your own July 13 Buses depart the hotel at 9:00 AM	Number of People _____	Times \$30		=\$
Saturday Night: Banquet Program July 13 6:00 PM	Number of People _____	Times \$65		=\$
Sunday: Group Breakfast at Hotel (July 14 7:00 AM (Price included In the Hotel Rate)	Number of People _____	Times N/A		=\$
Sunday: Tour the Constitution, Museum, Cassin Young and have our Memorial Service. July 14 Box Lunch - Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham or Veg. Sandwich	RB TUR HAM VEG - Number of Each <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich Descriptions on Back	Times \$65		=\$
"These Meal and Tour times are subject to change"	Add up total amount here	TOTAL		=\$

Example: One Shipmate, alone taking everything: =**\$360.00**(plus dues if applicable)
One Shipmate plus one adult guest taking everything: =**\$720.00** (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 10, 2024**
*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, brothers, sons, daughters and grand children who take an active part in the ceremony. We have had as many as 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 2024 dues are unpaid, please pay them now.

"Early Birds" who register with us (meaning, Registration form and payment in full) by **May 1, 2024** 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 "Shipmate" (*Registrant*) that has signed up by this date 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.

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 2024 reunion hotel is the **Crowne Plaza Boston-Woburn, 15 Middlesex Canal Park, Woburn, MA 01801**. The phone number **1-781-935-8760** and you must identify your affiliation with the USS Boston. If you register online at www.IHG.com you must use the group code "**USS, All Caps**"

The room rate for this reunion is **\$139 (plus tax)** per room per night (if you reserve by **June 10, 2024**). This includes a Buffet Breakfast for Friday, Saturday and Sunday in our own room. If you are staying in the hotel before July 11th and after July 14th the Buffet breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant. 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 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. **Be advised that cancellation of room in less than 72 hours of check in or early checkout penalty is one night's rental fee (\$139.00).**

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 **Salons E & F**. 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.

SANDWICH DESCRIPTIONS

ROAST BEEF - Rare Roast Beef with Arugula, Roasted Peppers & Horseradish Cream Sauce.

TURKEY - Roast Turkey Breast with Lettuce, Tomato & Cranberry Sauce.

HAM - Black Forest Ham with Dilled Havarti Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Honey Mustard.

VEGETARIAN - Tomato, Fresh Mozzarella, Basil & Baby Arugula With Olive Oil & Balsamic Vinaigrette.

All Box Lunches include, Bag of Chips & an Assortment of Freshly Baked Cookies, Napkin and choice of Soda or water.