



Making waves in the desert

Reunion 2023



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Time to Register for Reunion 2023

The final arrangements are wrapping up for the 2023 Reunion in Tempe Arizona. Myrl Wallace has been busy at work with help from Howard Kammarata to insure we have a great time in Tempe and the surrounding area. The registration form is included in this addition of the newsletter.



There was a bit of a mix up with the hotel reservation telephone number because, as in most hotel chains, you get transferred to the national reservation center and they did not have our rate as it was negotiated.



The correct number to call is **480-467-2908**. That will get you to the Embassy Suites in Tempe. They will honor our rate a night or two before and after the reunion if you plan on arriving early or staying after the reunion.



**SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM
ON PAGE 5.**



From the President: *By John Wilder*

Hello Shipmates!

Now that Spring is on the way, us Northerners can get out and get some fresh air. I see on Facebook that some of you in other parts of the country are out on the road enjoying the early Spring.

While Myrl Wallace is busy planning for Tempe, I am working on getting a coordinator to start working on the 2024 Reunion in Charleston. Due to the popularity of Charleston, it is an expensive city to visit. However, I will continue to work on it.

I had the honor of representing the Association at the funeral of our Past President Rich Galecki. As you can see by the photo, I was not the only Shipmate to attend.



Frank Reusche, Dave Wood, John Wilder, Jeff Crabtree, Tim Gildea, Joe Murphy were in attendance. Not shown but also in attendance were; Phyllis Deats, Laurie Crabtree, Carol Wood and Dottie Wilder.

There was a Catholic Mass and a reception at the American Legion Hall. The Association sent a beautiful floral arrangement that was displayed in the Church and at the Hall.

Eileen and the Galecki Family have expressed their sincere thanks for the sympathy expressed by members of the Association.

John

Open Position Updates



I am pleased to announce that Shipmate Gary Rollins has volunteered to assume the position of Scholarship Committee Chairman. Gary relieves me as Chairman.

Gary can be reached at:

4745 Thoroughgood Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
f14gunner@gmail.com



I am also pleased to announce that Shipmate Joe Murphy has volunteered to assume the role of By-Laws Committee Chairman. This is one of the positions formerly held by Rich Galecki. Joe is also currently liaison to the Commanding Officers of the Nimitz.

Joe can be reached at:

jamurphy68@comcast.net

Upcoming Positions

At the reunion this year, Dave Wood will end his term as **Vice President**, therefore, there will be an election for that position. If you are interested in running for VP, contact Ed Deats, Nomination Chairman, at edeats@comcast.net

Eileen Galecki will end her term as **Spouse Advocate** so the Spouses will be holding an election for a new advocate.

We still need to fill the **Newsletter Editor** position. It should be someone who has used Microsoft Publisher or has the desire to learn it. Please contact me at Nimitzprez@outlook.com if you are interested in the Newsletter Editor position.

The 2023 FADM Nimitz Scholarship

The 2023 FADM Nimitz Scholarship season is upon us. Members are encouraged to have your nominees prepare their packages for next year.

We would like to receive applications no later than **30 September 2023**. This should give potential candidates time to receive all their grades for academic year 2022-2023. Please include an email address and telephone number with your applications. The packages will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee during our reunion in Tempe in October. The winner will be notified upon my return from the reunion.

The scholarship award amount is set to be **\$3,000!** The details for our scholarship program were sent to all members via email as well as appearing in the newsletters.

Any association member in "good standing" can nominate an applicant whether or not that applicant is a dependent child or grandchild. "In

good standing" infers "dues paying members". Again, all Scholarship applications to be considered will need to be received no later than **Saturday, 30 September 2023**.

Information for the Scholarship can be found at:

[Scholarship Info](#)

Please send the applications and supporting material to:

Gary Rollins

Chairman, Scholarship Committee

USS Nimitz (CVN-68) Association

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NIMITZ IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On March 19th, 60 Minutes aired a lengthy segment from the Nimitz in the South China Sea. Most of the story focused on the capabilities of China and the US Navy's ability to address the growth of China's Navy.

The main story was the interview with COMPACFLT, (Commander Pacific Fleet). He was very professional and had very good answers for the interviewer.

Not many scenes showed the ships various departments below decks but those that were shown, presented themselves well.

I contacted the ship prior to the broadcast and was told that we would probably see it before they did since everything they see goes through Armed Forces Radio and TV.

To read more and see the story, click on this link.

[60 Minutes-Nimitz](#)

If you have news to share about the ship and would like to reach all of the members, send it to me at Nimitzprez@outlook.com

Register Now for The Reunion

**USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) Association
Reunion 2023 – 24th Annual – Tempe, AZ
22 – 26 October 2023
REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY 30 September 2023**

Please Contact : Myrl Wallace, bigwallace@comcast.net 805 453-0173

The Registration Fee covers costs for meetings, hospitality, opening reception and banquet Wednesday Night

Adults	# _____	\$ 75.00	_____
Children 12 and under	# _____	\$ 35.00	_____
Banquet <u>Dinner Guest ONLY</u> (Age 13 & older)	# _____	\$ 30.00	_____
Banquet <u>Dinner Guest ONLY</u> (Age 12 & younger)	# _____	\$ 20.00	_____

GRAND TOTAL: _____

Please make your dinner choice. Roasted Free Range Chicken _____ Pork Tenderloin _____

Please Mail Form & Checks Payable to “USS NIMITZ(CVN-68) Association”
USS Nimitz Association, c/o Rudy Law, Sec/Treas. PO Box 152, Summitville, IN 46070

Also, if possible, please E-mail completed Form to Myrl Wallace – bigwallace@comcast.net

Member Name: (First & Last) _____

Years on Board: From /To _____ Dept/Div/Staff/Sqdn/Det _____

Spouse Name : (First & Last) _____

Guest Name(s) : (First & Last) _____

Guest Name(s) : (First & Last) _____

Guest Name(s) : (First & Last) _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Our Tempe Happenings

The Plan of the Day has not been finalized yet but we will have our traditional meetings on Monday and Tuesday to take care of Association business.

Shipmate Howard Kammarata is setting up a Horseback Riding trip and Dinner Package. I checked their website (Arizona-horses.com) and it looks to be a awe-inspiring ride filled with great scenery. All the details and questions you need answered are on their website. The total cost is \$120. Howard needs to know if you are going by September 10th. He needs a minimum number of 20 to get our group rate. Please email Howard at howardcowboyup@gmail.com for more info and to sign up.



Shipmate Ray Bigelow shared some information the USS Forrestal Association sent to their members. They are holding their reunion a week before ours at the same location.

1. Dolly Steamboat Cruise & Goldfield Ghost Town tour – (Full Day Event) – A 90 minute sightseeing cruise on Canyon Lake followed by a visit back in time to an abandoned gold mining town near the Superstition Mountains. Lunch on your own at the Mammoth Steakhouse in Goldfield Ghost Town. Visit these two sites online – dollysteamboat.com and goldfieldghosttown.com

2. Musical Instrument Museum - (½ day Event) - The world's only global musical instrument museum. Instruments, videos, music of all genres. Make music of your own and experience music of days gone by. The only tour (other than the Goldfield Ghost Town) that has a full-service eating facility on the premises (11am – 3pm). So this would be a good selection for the 2nd half of the day, visit <https://mim.org>

3. Odysea Aquarium - (½ day Event) - The largest aquarium in the Southwest. Walk underwater and see sharks, otters, sea lions, penguins, sloths, and more. The world's only rotating aquarium exhibit. No food on premises. A good morning tour visit <https://www.odyseaaquarium.com>

4. Commemorative Air Force Airbase Museum - (½ day Event) - The only combat aviation museum in Phoenix. Staffed 99.9% by Volunteer Docents who provide information about combat aircraft from WW1 to present. A non-profit organization with a working Hanger and a chance to book a flight in a Biplane or WW2 Bomber. There is a Gift Store, but this stop has no on-site eating facility. A good morning tour. visit <https://www.azcaf.org/visit-us>

Website Update

Our Vendor, Sun Graphic is making great progress on developing our new Website. They have been quite resourceful in obtaining information from our current site. In addition, Dave Wood, (Storekeeper and VP) updated all of the photos of the current merchandise for the new site so we will have better photos.

The store will have the capabilities to let users purchase directly without all the paperwork. There will be an automatic inventory control in place to assist the Storekeeper and payment system to assist the Treasurer.

Here is a peek at the Homepage. Please note, this is not final. It is still in development.

The upper half will be a rotating display of many Nimitz photos.

Many sections are not visible at this time. Some will be pull downs from the top menu.

One common question is how will we access the Members Section? The developer will be able to send a one time password to you so you can access that section when we go live.

We are still on schedule to go live in early May.

I know you may have questions and you can submit them to me at:

nimitzprez@outlook.com

Official US Navy Website for the USS Nimitz

EVENTS
Find out what's going on, we'd love to have you join us for a USS Nimitz reunion.
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NIMITZ SCHOLARSHIP
Learn more about the USS Nimitz (CVN-68) Association College Scholarship Program.
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JOIN US
Start the process to become a member of the USS Nimitz (CVN-68) Association.
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NEWS & NOTICES

Managing Change
Aenean lacinia bibendum nulla sed consectetur. Duis mollis, nisi non ornare nulla, nisi aenean porttitor ligula, ligula tincidunt odio sem nec elit. Morbi leo risus.
[READ MORE](#)

God, Family, Country
Vestibulum id ligula porta felis euismod semper. Nulla vitae elit libero, a pharetra augue. Maecenas sed diam eget risus varius blandit sit amet non magna.
[READ MORE](#)

The Power Of The Crew
Vestibulum id ligula porta felis euismod semper. Nulla vitae elit libero, a pharetra augue. Maecenas sed diam eget risus varius blandit sit amet non magna.
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On The Move
Vestibulum id ligula porta felis euismod semper. Nulla vitae elit libero, a pharetra augue. Maecenas sed diam eget risus varius blandit sit amet non magna.
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