

Reunion Activities Summary

Jacksonville FL. September 11 through 15, 2013

(All Reunion information, links, and forms are posted on
stonyj634.org Reunion Information page)

Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront

Registration Phone: **888-233-9527**. Reference the Stonewall Jackson SSBN634 Reunion.

\$89 per night for Sunset View room. \$99 per night for Riverview room. Taxes are not included.

Complimentary breakfast, self-parking, and internet. 20% discount at the hotel bar and restaurant.

Complimentary shuttle to local destinations. (2-mile radius from hotel) Must be scheduled with the hotel.

Does not include the airport.

- **Hospitality Room.** The Hospitality Room is located on the 2nd floor of the hotel. This is the place to find old shipmates and make friends with guys from other eras. The Hospitality Room will open Wednesday September 11 and be open from 7AM each day of the reunion and close about Midnight or until the last man is standing. Snacks and drinks will be provided. You are invited to bring memorabilia from your Stonewall Jackson experience to share with other shipmates. We will be selling raffle tickets including the 50-50 raffle in the Hospitality Room. It will be closed during functions such as the Welcome Aboard, Memorial Service, and the Banquet.
- **Welcome Aboard.** Cost: \$15.00. The Welcome Aboard party is scheduled for Wednesday the 11th from 4:30 to 7:00PM in the Amelia room on the first floor. It will be a stand up mixer type of function with appetizers, and a Cash Bar.
- **Banquet.** Cost: \$45.00. The Banquet will be Saturday the 14th starting at 6:00PM and ending about 11:00PM at the hotel.
 - Duel entrée of marinated London broil and chicken breast with brandy peppercorn sauce, salad, potato, vegetables, and dessert.
 - There will be a guest speaker, cash bar, and a disk jockey for dancing and entertainment.
 - The raffle and door prize drawings will be held during the banquet.
- **Memorial Service.** We will have a Memorial Service on Saturday September 14th at 10:00AM. This will be held on the Riverwalk at the "Lone Sailor" statue.
- **Trips and Tours.** Jacksonville is about an hour away from the Kings Bay Sub-Base and also from historic St. Augustine Florida. We are planning trips to both places.
 - **The Kings Bay Outing** is a bus only trip. Cost: \$30.00. We were planning to take several cars, but found that the base will not allow a bunch of POVs in the dock area so the bus is required.
 - Thursday September 12th. Leave the hotel about 7:30AM and return about 4:00PM.
 - We are scheduled for a tour of the Trident Training Facility, then Lunch at the Mess Hall, and then a tour of a Trident boat. Note that they (US Navy) **cannot guarantee** the availability of a boat to tour.
 - **There is a limit of 40 persons who can tour the boat.** The bus capacity is 56, but only 40 are allowed on the actual boat tour. Based on this, **we will book the first 40** registrations received that pay for this trip. Others will be on standby or may go with no guarantee of a boat tour and we will refund the cost to those who don't make the trip. As a personal note, I think this is more of a shipmate thing, especially for those who did not serve on a Trident boat.
 - St. Mary's Submarine Museum. We may make a stop at this museum if time permits. This would also be a good place to go for those (if any) who cannot make the boat tour.
 - Costs are \$5.00 or \$4.00 for Active Duty, Retired Military, or Seniors

- Hours: Tue-Fri 10AM to 5PM. Sat Noon to 5PM.
- **The St. Augustine Tour** of America's oldest city. Cost: \$55.00. . St. Augustine is not only of historical significance, but there is ample shopping in the various little stores.
 - We plan to leave around 8:30AM Friday and return around 3:00PM.
 - A minimum of 45 are needed for this trip to be scheduled.
 - Professional tour guides will meet the group dressed in period costume. They will conduct a guided bus tour which lasts approximately 2-hours which covers 450 years of colorful history:
 - The Ponce de Leon discovery and the pirate days of Sir Francis Drake.
 - The Spanish and English colonial years, and the Victorian Flagler era.
 - The tour hits all the major sites and stops at the Castillo de San Marcos, the fort that was never captured in battle.
 - The other stop will be the Venetian Renaissance gem of Flagler Memorial Church. Your guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone.
 - Once this tour is complete, the guides will lead you to the historic district and make some lunch recommendations. Then you are on your own for lunch and shopping in St. Augustine's unique historic district.
- **Room Raffle.** This is to raise additional funds to keep the treasury in good shape and also encourage early registration. **Hotel registration and receipt of the reunion Registration Form is required** to qualify for this raffle.
 - The Room Raffle winner will receive four nights paid at the Crowne Plaza during the reunion.
 - This is for the \$89 per night room, for four nights which is a \$356 value. (taxes are not included).
 - It will work like this:
 - Chances are \$5 each or 5 chances for \$20.
 - To qualify to win you must:
 - Purchase one or more chances.
 - Have your hotel room reserved.
 - Your Reunion Registration must be **postmarked by July 15th or earlier.**
 - We will put your name in the "bucket" once for each chance purchased.
 - We'll do the drawing on July 22nd. The drawing will be performed by an uninterested third party and we will video and post the drawing on the web site.
 - We will notify the winner and hotel right after the drawing.
 - The winner is responsible to make the proper arrangements with the hotel.
- **Donations for raffles.** We plan to raffle off items that are donated by shipmates. The items will be displayed and raffle tickets sold in the Hospitality Room. The raffles will be held at the Banquet. We are looking for a few donations for the raffle. The types of things we're looking for are Navy, submarine, or a specific StonyJ related items.
- **Business Meeting.** The Business Meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room Saturday September 14th after the Memorial Service.
- Due to the tight schedule, we **are not going to schedule a Golf Outing or Fishing Trip.** To do this we would have to add one or two days to the reunion. Attendees are welcome to schedule these events or any others. (Note that our room rates are good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion dates) I will provide contact information regarding golf courses and fishing charters.