

USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN 635) 11th Reunion
26 – 29 September 2019
Homeport Hotel



LOCATION/HOTEL INFORMATION - Our next reunion will be 26 - 29 September 2019 at the Groton Motor Inn & Suites in Groton, Connecticut. Shipmate Larry Oiler is coordinating this event. Address for the hotel is 99 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT 06340. The hotel is 3 miles from the Naval Submarine Base New London.

Fifty (50) rooms have been blocked off for the reunion. Cost is \$119.00, plus taxes/local fees of \$17.85, for a standard room with a king or 2 queen beds. The hotel provides 2 vouchers per room for breakfast in their Oakwood Bar & Grille; value of voucher is \$12.00.

If you use a credit card to reserve your room, you will not be charged until you arrive. Cancellation policy allows you to cancel up to 24 hours in advance, without being penalized with any charges. The cancellation deadline is 4:00 PM the day before your scheduled check-in date.

You can make your reservations by calling the Reservation Desk at (860) 445-9784 or via website <http://www.grotoninn.com/>; don't forget to identify yourself as being with the USS Sam Rayburn Reunion Group to get the reduced rates. The cutoff date is 27 August 2019 to make your reservation and receive the group discount. After that date, rooms set aside for the reunion that have not been reserved will be returned to the hotel inventory. The group rate is available for the dates 23 September - 1 October 2018; some people like to arrive a few days early or stay a few extra days. You can view hotel features/services at the website identified above.

NOTE: The hotel does not have an elevator. If you have difficulties climbing stairs, remember to ask for a room on the 1st floor when making your reservation.

Please contact the hotel and make your room reservations as soon as possible, but no later than 27 August 2019.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING REUNION PLANNING - Direct any questions concerning reunion planning to Larry Oiler. Larry's email address is ssbn635aganger@gmail.com; phone (207) 651-5875. Mailing address is 1204 Thunderbird Way, The Villages, FL 32163-2126.

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Agenda & Schedule of Events

26 September, Thursday (*NOTE that guest check-in time for GMI Hotel Room is 4:00 PM.*)

- 10:00 AM: Welcome aboard in Hospitality Room at Groton Motor Inn (GMI). Registration Check-In and renew acquaintances in the Hospitality Room. This day will be spent relaxing, on your own shopping, or visiting with your shipmates and friends. Room will close at 5:30 PM while crew members/guests attend Meet & Greet at the SUBVETS Clubhouse. For those who do not wish to attend the Meet & Greet, the Hospitality Room can remain open until 11:00 PM if a crew member volunteers to assume responsibility for closing the room.
- 6:00 PM: Meet & Greet at SUBVETS Clubhouse at 40 School Street in Groton. Cash Bar with Chili provided by SRA. SUBVETS Clubhouse closes at 10:00 PM.

27 September, Friday

- 7:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens. Room will close at 5:30 PM while crew members/guests attend No-Host Cocktail Party. Room will reopen at 9:00 PM and remain open until 11:00 PM if a crew member volunteers to assume responsibility for closing the room.
- TBD: We have requested attendance at a submarine school graduation followed by lunch at base galley. There is no guarantee on this event. See page 2 for additional information.
- 6:00 PM: No-Host Cocktail Party (cash bar) with Hors d'oeuvres starts at 6:00 PM, ends at 9:00 PM. Hors d'oeuvres being served are Cheese & Crackers, Vegetable Crudités, Stuffed Mushrooms, Popcorn Fried Shrimp, Prime Rib Crostini with Horseradish Cream & Teriyaki Chicken Satay.

28 September, Saturday

- 7:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens. Room will close at 4:00 PM to set-up for the Banquet.
- TBD: We have requested a tour of a submarine. There is no guarantee on this event. See page 2 for additional information.
- 1:00 PM: Sam Rayburn Association (SRA) Business Meeting in hospitality room to elect new officers and identify location for 2021 Reunion and Reunion Planning Chairman. NOTE: Time of meeting may require adjustment if the above TBD event is approved.
- 6:00 PM: Banquet. No-Host Cocktail Hour (cash bar) with Hors d'oeuvres starts at 6:00 PM. Plated Dinner starts at 7:00 PM, followed by Tolling of the Bell Ceremony, raffle, etc. We have booked a DJ to provide music for dancing until 11:00 PM, when the banquet ends. See page 2 for Dinner Menu selections.

29 September, Sunday

- 8:00 AM: No-Host Farewell Breakfast in the Oakwood Bar & Grille at the GMI. For those staying at the GMI, the hotel provides 2 vouchers per room for breakfast; value \$12.00. Others pay GMI directly.
- 11:00 AM: Reunion ends. See you in 2021!

During your free time explore the Groton area on your own. Some local attractions to consider are the Submarine Museum & Historic Ship Nautilus, Mohegan Sun & Foxwood Casinos, Mystic Seaport/Aquarium/Shopping Village, and the Crystal Mall.

Those arriving by plane should consider using the "T. F. Green Airport" in Providence, RI. It is more convenient than the Hartford, CT airport.

MENU FOR BANQUET

BANQUET: 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Saturday Night, 28 September 2019

COCKTAIL HOUR – 6:00 PM – Cash Bar

Cheese and Cracker Display, Bruschetta with Tomatoes and Basil

BANQUET PLATED DINNER – 7:00 PM – Cash Bar

SALAD - Tossed Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing

ENTREES - served with Warm Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea.

- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Stuffed Sole with Lobster Cream Sauce
- Queen-Cut Prime Rib - Identify Well Done (WD), Medium Well (MW), Medium (M), Medium Rare (MR) on registration form.
- Pasta Primavera – Vegetarian

POTATO AND VEGETABLES - Grill Seasonal Vegetables & Garlic Mashed Potatoes

DESERT – Tuxedo Truffle Mousse Cake

TO BE DETERMINED EVENTS

We have requested a tour of a submarine and attendance at a submarine school graduation followed by lunch at base galley. There are no guarantees on these events. **If approved, these events they will be addressed by separate correspondence.**

Those going on the tours must be united states citizens and will be required to present photo identification; drivers license, passport, military ID, etc. Guest list for the tours will be submitted by the Reunion Chairman in accordance with SUBASE Physical Security Division requirements.

If you are requesting a tour of a submarine, your registration form must be in the Reunion Chairman's hands no later than 26 July 2019. This deadline is required to allow development and submittal of the guest list to the SUBASE Physical Security Division on 31 July 2019.

Submarine School Graduation/Lunch at Base Galley, if approved. Requested for Friday, 27 September. Pay as you go for lunch at the Base Galley; approximately \$6.00.

Tour of Submarine, if approved. Requested for Saturday, 28 September. The tour of a submarine is routinely limited to 30 people. We will take the first 30 Sam Rayburn Crew Members that register for the tour; will be booked in the order the registrations are received. If we get over 30 Crew Members that register for the tour, we'll place them on a standby list. If we do not get 30 Crew Members, we'll then take spouses of the crew members on a first come basis until we reach our quota of 30. ***Those going on the tour must be able to navigate ladders & stairs. Remember, the distance from topside of the submarine to the 1st rung of the submarine ladder is much greater than a normal ladder.***

If you have served aboard a fast attack submarine, or previously toured a fast attack submarine, you might want to give this consideration as it could result in a **SHIPMATE** who has never been aboard a fast attack submarine from going on the tour. Hopefully, if approved, the tour will be of a Virginia Class submarine.

Transportation for Submarine School Graduation & Tour of Submarine. We must charter a bus for these tours due to access controls/security requirements for the base. Cost for the bus/buses will be provided by the SRA.

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DAY DATE TIME	EVENT	COST PER PERSON	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL COST
Thursday 26 September 6:00 PM	Meet & Greet at SUBVETs Clubhouse at 40 School Street in Groton. Cash Bar with Chili provided by SRA.			
Friday 27 September 6:00 PM	No-Host Cocktail Party (cash bar) with Hors d'oeuvres.	\$17.00		
TBD	Tour of Submarine. See comments in Reunion Agenda & Schedule of Events concerning this event.			
TBD	Attendance at Submarine Class Graduation followed by lunch at Base Galley. See comments in Reunion Agenda & Schedule of Events concerning this event.	\$6.00		Pay at Base Galley
Saturday 28 September 6:00 PM	Banquet in the Groton Motor Inn & Suites Banquet Room. <i>Indicate Each Persons Meal Choice by Inserting Initials of First & Last Name Next to Selection.</i> Prime Rib #_____ <i>Identify WD, MW, M, MR</i> Chicken Cordon Bleu #_____ Stuffed Sole #_____ Pasta Primavera #_____	\$40.00		
Sunday 29 September 8:00 AM	No-Host Farewell Breakfast in the Oakwood Bar & Grille at the GMI. For those staying at the GMI, the hotel provides 2 vouchers per room for breakfast; value \$12.00. Others pay GMI directly.			Voucher or Pay Directly
TOTAL COST FOR EVENTS				
REGISTRATION FEE - Sam Rayburn Association (SRA) members with paid up dues, and their spouses and guests, are exempt from this fee. If you are a former crewmember, but are not currently a paid up SRA member, your registration fee will be applied to a 2-year membership in the SRA. SRA dues are \$15.00 per year (paid in 2-year increments) and used to cover reunion planning, the association newsletter and to maintain the association website. If you don't know your dues expiration date, contact Dalton Duncan. Dalton's email address is pingerrayburn49@gmail.com ; phone (407) 766-6060. NOTE: SRA members with a dues expiration date on or after 12/31/2019 are considered members in-good-standing. You can renew your membership, if required, via this registration form or you can pay the SRA treasurer at the reunion.		REGISTRATION FEE/DUES		TOTAL
		\$30.00		

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REFUND POLICY: Full refund (less membership dues) if contacted by 31 July 2019. No refunds after that date as funds will have been committed.	TOTAL COST OF EVENTS & REGISTRATION FEES
Make checks out to Sam Rayburn Association. Mail checks and both pages of registration form to Larry Oiler, 1204 Thunderbird Way, The Villages, FL 32163-2126	
NOTE: First name, middle initial, last name & last 4 digits of SSN are required for base access & tour. Per Navy requirements and subject to change, additional information is required for an In-Service Submarine Tour. Those desiring to tour a submarine, include Full Name, Drive License #, State and Expiration Date.	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ LAST 4 DIGITS OF SSN _____ RETIRED MILITARY: YES/NO </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> FULL NAME (First name, middle name, last name) (circle yes or no) </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> Only those desiring to tour a submarine, include Driver's License # and State _____ Expiration Date _____ </div>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> _____ LAST 4 DIGITS OF SSN _____ RETIRED MILITARY: YES/NO </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> SPOUSE/GUEST FULL NAME (First name, middle name, last name) (circle yes or no) </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> Only those desiring to tour a submarine, include Driver's License # and State _____ Expiration Date _____ </div>	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:	
PHONE:	CELL PHONE:
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
NOK/POC CONTACT INFO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:	

PLEASE MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM NO LATER THAN 31 JULY 2019.

FOR REUNION CHAIRMAN USE ONLY - DATE RECEIVED _____ TIME RECEIVED _____
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