

2021 Reunion Information



April 2021

The USS Sam Rayburn Association (SRA) has changed the 2021 Reunion location. As many of you know Bill Shaw offered to hold the 2021 Reunion in Charleston. Since that time Bill has come down with some health issues and cannot proceed with the planning for the reunion. Therefore, the Executive Committee of the SRA decided to change the reunion location.

Tom Sprague offered at the 2019 reunion to again hold the 2021 reunion back in Branson. Tom is spear heading the Branson effort. To date he has contacted the Grand Plaza Hotel and has got a date for the hotel from Sunday 3 October arrival to Friday 8 October 2021 for departure. This is the same hotel we had the reunion in 2017. It is a great facility and we have a good rate for rooms. A standard room is priced at \$79.95++ (with taxes this is around \$90 per night). A Mini Suite is \$89.95 ++. You also have an option of King Feature for \$109.95++ or, family suite for \$139.95++ (++ taxes are not included in the price).

There are many places to stay in Branson but we encourage you to stay at the Grand Plaza Hotel. You will be able to commiserate with your shipmates late into the evening and not have to drive to another facility. The hotel still has a great breakfast and we can still get our breakfast and shuffle into our meeting room to be with our shipmates.

You can call and make reservations at the Grand Plaza by calling **417-336-6646**. When calling to make the reservation mention you are with the Sam Rayburn and **Group code USSSam**. Make your reservations early (***the cutoff date for reservations is Sept 3rd***). If you have to cancel for any reason there is no penalty up to a week before your reservation.

It is looking like the Covid issue will be behind us by the time the reunion happens. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Branson. Tom has lined up two shows for us in Branson. Lunch on the Branson Bell and the Clay Cooper show. The registration form is on the following page. Please complete the form and mail it as indicated.

More information on the reunion will be published in the upcoming Newsletter.

Stay healthy, stay warm and most of all enjoy life, it is so short.

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USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN 635) 12th Reunion Registration Form 3rd to 8th October 2021

Registration and payment need to be received no later than **August 30th 2021**.

Request for refunds will be accepted up to September 1st 2021.

Make sure to get your hotel reservations made by calling the Gran Plaza Hotel.

| Day Date Time | Event Information | Cost Per Person | Number Attending | Total Cost |
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| Sun 3 rd Hotel & Reunion Registration 3pm to 8pm | Hotel check in starts at 3pm. Registration table for the reunion will be set up by Noon in the Sunset Room on the 9 th floor. Snacks provided by SRA. Registration will be available each day if you cannot make it on Sunday. | | | |
| Mon 4 th Golf outing 9 am | Golf at the Point Royal Golf center. For those staying at the hotel we can go over in groups. | \$ 65 | | Pay at Golf shop |
| Tues 5 th Clay Cooper Show 10am | We had a great time at the Clay Cooper show last time. This time we set up for the show at 10:30. This is one of the best variety shows in Branson. | \$ 34 | | |
| Wed 6 th Branson Bell Cruise and Lunch Noon | Branson Bell Lunch outing. The Branson Bell sets sail at Noon sharp. We suggest you be dockside no later than 30 minutes before departure. You do not want to be missing movement on this boat. | \$ 53 | | |
| Thur 7 th SRA business meeting 9:30am | In the business meeting we are looking for a new President and Vice President. Dalton has served 6 years as President and Jack has served numerous years as VP. Be thinking who you might nominate for some positions. Talk it over with your prospective nominee. | | | |
| Thur 7 th SRA Banquet 6pm - 11pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolling of the bell before dinner (6:15) • Buffett Dinner (Beef Tips, Turkey Breast, Pot Roast) (6:30) • 50/50 Drawing after dinner (7:45) • Music DJ until 11 or 12 (depends on when the hotel shuts us down). | \$ 30 | | |
| Fri 8 th Hotel check out and breakfast | No-Host Farewell Breakfast. For those staying at the Grand Plaza Hotel. If you are not staying at the Hotel stop in and have coffee. Checkout for the hotel is 11:00 | | | |
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| REGISTRATION FEE - Sam Rayburn Association (SRA) members with paid up dues, and spouses, 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 12/31/2021 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. | | | Cost per SRA Member not current with dues \$ 30 | TOTAL |

Make check payable to **Sam Rayburn Association**. Include the payment and this form and mail to:

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Enter Name of attendees

To receive verification please enter an email address