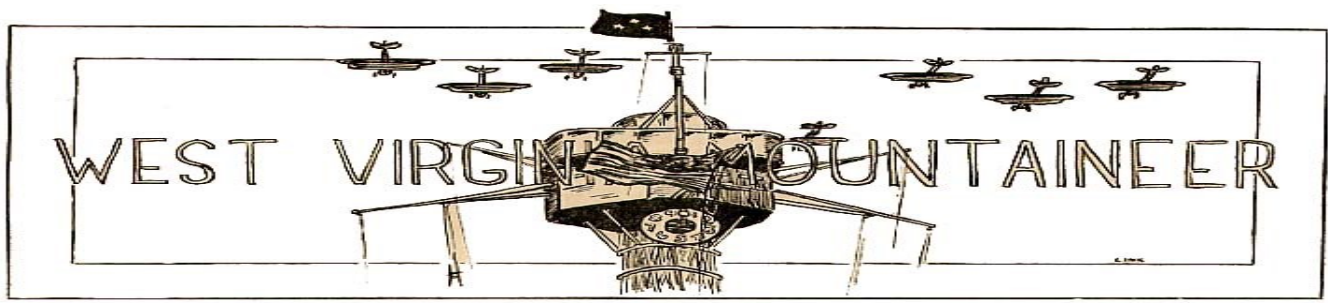




SPRING 2019

USS WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

The 2019 USS West Virginia Reunion is in Corpus Christi, Texas October 17-20

The 2019 Shipmates' reunion will be held in Corpus Christi, TX October 17-20. Enclosed you will find the reunion activity registration form. All shipmates, family and friends are invited to attend the reunion.

The reunion will be held at the Radisson Corpus Christi Beach located at 3200 E. Surfside Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78402. The Association reserved a block of rooms with a nightly rate starting at \$85 for street view, \$95 for partial ocean view, and \$115 for full ocean view with balcony (plus tax). The hotel overlooks the beautiful Corpus Christi Bay and offers a full service restaurant and bar, outdoor pool and cabana bar, and miles of sandy beach!

To make your room reservations please call the hotel: 1-361-883-9700.

To receive the special room rate be sure to mention you are attending the:

USS WEST VIRGINIA REUNION —Block number 101619

Please consider registering early as a limited number of rooms are available at the discounted rate. The cutoff date is October 1, 2019.

If you have any questions or issues reserving a room please call your reunion coordinator – Tom Reiter – at 612-670-1539 or email tomreiter@me.com

Several airports service Corpus Christi, TX. Travelers may find it convenient to fly into San Antonio, rent a car, and drive the approximately 2 hours to Corpus Christi.

AGENDA

THURSDAY 10/17 Pizza party reception. Free and open to all to attend.

FRIDAY 10/18 Private tour of the USS Lexington. The main parts of the ship are wheelchair accessible. This National Historic Landmark is located 2 blocks from the hotel. A hotel shuttle will be available. The private tour includes a 30 minute movie and box lunch.

SATURDAY 10/19 We will **tour the Texas State Aquarium** located just down the beach from the hotel. The aquarium, dedicated in 1990 by President Bush, offers a fascinating display of marine species found in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

Our memorial service will be held at the hotel followed by a hosted social hour and a plated three-course dinner.

Highlights from the 2018 Reunion in Colorado Springs



Crew members pictured (L-R): Joe Variot, George Gackle, Aubrey Pridgen, Herbert Crask, Tony Reiter, Eldon Willander, John C. Brown

The turnout for the 2018 reunion in Colorado Springs was great!

During the three days in Colorado Springs, the following events were enjoyed:

- Welcome aboard pizza party
- Tour of the Garden of the Gods and Glen Eyrie Castle
- National Museum of World War II Aviation
- Banquet dinner where it was decided that we will have a reunion in 2019 in Corpus Christi, Texas
- Memorial service for crew members who have passed since the last reunion

At the 2018 reunion, taps was played for the following crew members and friends who passed since our last meeting.

Howard Ehle
George Hefner
James Downing
Robert Halley
Russell Umbenhour

William Keith
Edwin Hammond
Benjamin Lichtman
Richard A. Nelson

Samuel Chutka
Robert Lasher
James Burns
William Roseboom

2019 Reunion Activity Registration Form

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and the total amount. Send that amount payable to **USS West Virginia Association** in the form of a **check or money order** (no credit cards or phone reservations) to: USS West Virginia Association, c/o Mike Mullins, 21397 Springwell Drive, Ashburn, VA 20148. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **October 1, 2019**.

DATE	PRICE (\$/PP)	QUANTITY	TOTAL (\$)
10/17/2019 Thursday Welcome Aboard! Pizza Party in the Hospitality Room at 6:00PM	\$ FREE		
10/18/2019 Friday Tour USS Lexington Box lunch included Hospitality Room open on return	\$ 20.00 pp		
10/19/2019 Saturday Texas State Aquarium Hospitality Room open on return	\$30.00 pp		
10/19/2019 Saturday Banquet Dinner Hospitality Room open following the banquet	\$30.00 pp	Please mark dinner selections on attached sheet	
Registration	\$25.00 pp		
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For hotel reservations at the Radisson Corpus Christi Beach, call (361) 883-9700. In order to obtain your special group rate, guests need to ask for the **USS WEST VIRGINIA REUNION, Block #101619**.

ATTENDEES (For name tags)

NAME _____

DIVISION _____ YEARS ABOARD 19 ____ to 19 ____

GUEST NAME(S) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME & PHONE _____

INDEMNITY CLAUSE (Must be signed regardless of payment method)

I, the undersigned, hereby assume liability for and shall indemnify, defend, protect, save and hold harmless the USS West Virginia Association and the Radisson Corpus Christi Beach, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, and their officers, agents, subcontractors, and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, judgments, damages, losses, including all costs, fees, and expenses incidental there to caused by or arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct on my behalf and which are in any way related to the services or goods contemplated by this agreement.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PRINTED NAME _____ PHONE _____

2019 Reunion Banquet Dinner Selections

Please mark your dinner selections below

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Southwest Grilled Chicken Salad	
Vegetarian	
Pan Seared Pork Chop	
Seared Scallops	
Beef Tenderloin	
Prime Rib of Beef with Au Jus	