



# NEWSLETTER

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**From the President:** What a month! Joy and I put the house up for sale for a downsize thing. A week after we put it on the market, we went to Ireland for nine days. Ireland was beautiful and yes, there were millions of castles so the term ABC came to being: Another Bloody Castle!

We had to partake of Irish coffee, Guinness, Southwick's Killarney whiskey, Jameson, also food and entertainment. Do you see where this is going? Half ways through the trip, we get an E-mail: "Your home has a buyer." After the 16th of June, we will have a new address!

Everything is moving along for the reunion which I will cover in a different article. Think about whom you want for officers next year and if you would like to host the 2019 reunion. If you feel uneasy about doing a reunion, there are several of us who will help direct you on how to do it. It really is not that hard. Most Convention & Visitor Bureaus in that city will help out a lot.

That's it for me!

**New finds:** John W. Marryott, '68  
William E. Miller, SH2, '67 - '70

### Jim Dunno, President

### Vice President's Words of Wisdom:

Greetings all!

As Membership Chairman, I'm reporting 89 paid members. Any changes to home/E-mail addresses and/or phone numbers have been reflected in the name and address master list. All Award pins have been sent. I wish everyone a peaceful Memorial Day!

### Tom Stachelski, Vice President

**Secretary Report:** Let's begin looking forward to connecting again in Buffalo, NY for our 25th USS Great Sitkin reunion. Many activities are planned for the reunion which begins on Wednesday, September 6 and ends with breakfast on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

**Nominations for Officers:** Nominations for the Executive Board positions are now open. All positions are up for reelection every year. Present officers may be reelected. Only active

members who have annual dues current are eligible to serve. All nominations for office must be received by the Association's Secretary (me), no later than August 19, 2017.

Nominations must be in writing and sent by either postal service or E-mail. Nominees will be contacted by the Secretary to insure their acceptance of the nomination and their willingness to serve. If you have any questions concerning nominations or serving, please contact me.

### Joe Rios, Secretary

**Greetings from Repair 3:** DC3 Kaiser, with the eight o'clock reports:

April kind of fell apart real fast here in the George O'Sphere. My dad passed away on April 2nd. No regrets, as he lived a long, fulfilling life of 90 years. Dad was a member of the Greatest Generation serving as a U.S. Navy Sailor in WWII. He left me many memories I'll live with forever.

Another April highlight was my being able to go to Panama as part of a team teaching shipboard firefighting to "bomberos" with the Canal de Panama Fire Department. This Great Sitkin story is the topic of the June issue.

Have you ever gone somewhere to search out a memory? Where did a family member live; maybe in Europe? Looked for the motel you stayed at on your honeymoon? Went to your first high school reunion after being out of school for 40 years?

As part of my prep for the Panama visit, I did some research on the Great Sitkin trip through the canal on her way to WESTPAC in 1968. There are a number of good pictures on our website of her transit, a couple of which are in this edition. I've asked Dorothy to also put a picture in of her husband, Mike, looking dapper as an ME3 in his whites, ashore at the canal. While a ship's visit to the canal is listed for fall, 1950, there is no record of a visit when Mike was aboard her, but pictures don't lie, right?

With those memories in tow and with the pictures stored on my I-Phone, off I went to Panama. Our first day there, we got a comprehensive six-hour tour of the canal locks on the Pacific side. It was then I had my memory moment. Looking at the

locks, it occurred to me that this was the exact place the ship went through in 1968. It was kind of like the experience we had at the former MOTBY in Bayonne last September. The old ship is gone, but our memories live on.

When the Great Sitkin made her canal passage, the locks were part of the U.S. Canal Zone. The territory was actually U.S. property of sorts. But an agreement fostered by President Carter in 1977 led to the eventual transfer of the whole operation to the Panamanians in 2000.

A new, set of locks were built, opening in 2016. All traces of U.S. involvement are gone, at least from a military standpoint. And that, Shipmates, is your history lesson for this issue!



Speaking of memories and history, I really hope to see you in Buffalo this September. Jim & Joy have a great trip lined up. We'll be able to relive more Great Sitkin memories on the two U.S. Navy

museum ships there, both of which we provided ammo for. Enjoy your summer!

**George Kaiser, Treasurer**

### **The Chaplain's Corner: "Good Day to all of you."**

Well, the gardens are planted and starting to grow. I can't wait for some fresh cucumbers and tomatoes.

We are celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Association this year. I remember my first reunion which was in Mobile, AL. We were excited about coming, making new friends, and seeing old ones. We got up that morning to go to the airport and heard from our daughter that one of the World Trade Center towers was hit by an airplane. We turned our TV on and after a few minutes we watched the other tower being hit. We couldn't believe what we just saw!

We finished loading up to go to the airport. When we arrived, they told us "all planes were ordered out of the sky and we were not going anywhere by plane." We returned home, loaded our SUV and drove down to Mobile. All day long we listened to the radio and the news reports. I had a terrible feeling of what was going to happen next.

We made it to Mobile and met up with others who made it there. It was a solemn time that week, but it was one of the best reunions we ever had!

God has truly blessed our nation through all of this and continues to watch over us.

If you haven't been to a reunion you need to try and come. You won't regret it, nor will you forget it!

It's time to say good-bye for now. See you all in Buffalo in September.

### **Honor Roll Update:**

None to report

May the Lord Bless and Keep You.

**Mark Rucker, Chaplain**

### **Bayonne to Bermuda Cruise Update:**

Several shipmates and spouses have expressed interest in this cruise, so I coordinated with Celebrity to establish the group. Final per person rates are:

\$ 894 for an inside cabin;  
\$1,113 for an ocean view cabin; and  
\$1,413 for a veranda (balcony).

Each cabin will automatically receive a \$50 shipboard credit. Ocean view and balcony cabins also receive their choice

of an alcoholic beverage package for 2 guests which includes tips (valued at \$454 per person), paid tips for 2 guests (valued at up to \$98 per person), unlimited Internet for 2 guests (valued at \$264 per person), or extra onboard credit for 2 guests (valued at \$150 per person).

We have 5 interior cabins, 3 ocean view cabins, and 2 veranda (balcony) cabins on hold until early June; so if you are interested, I suggest making reservations as soon as possible. After that, rates may change. There are only 5 interior cabins available throughout the ship. If more people are interested in ocean view or veranda cabins, we can probably get them at the same price.

The \$500 deposit per cabin is fully refundable through January 29, 2018, when final payment is due. After that, the refundable amount decreases every month. I made my deposit last week.

To see more about the cruise on the Celebrity website, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/z8docvt>, then search for the "April 29, 2018 cruise from Bayonne to Bermuda."

To make a reservation, contact Celebrity directly at 888-727-4907. Tell them the group number is **7678010 for the "Great Sitkin Bermuda Sailaway"** departing April 29 aboard the Celebrity Summit.

If you are interested in sharing a cabin, please contact me or post on the Great Sitkin Facebook page. I will try to coordinate any singles.

If you have any questions, please contact me via E-mail or phone. I am on an RV tour of the national parks, so it may take a day or two to respond.

**Mike Kleinbeck, Cruise Coordinator**

[mike.kleinbeck@gmail.com](mailto:mike.kleinbeck@gmail.com)

Mobile: 301.904.4122

PO Box 296

Dowell, MD 20629

**Comments from the Editor:** Since the Association will celebrate its 25th reunion in Buffalo, NY, I thought it would be "nifty" to highlight the past 24 reunions. We've celebrated our reunions in many cities & states through the years. Some of our Shipmates are no longer with us; some are unable to attend anymore, but the memories of all will last us a lifetime!

**Dorothy Hodnichak, Editor**

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

**The Executive Board**



## Joseph A. Rios, SN

Date Entered Service: 20 June, 1963 - Date Discharged from active duty:  
19 June, 1967, From the Reserve 20 June, 1969  
Aboard the USS Great Sitkin '64 - '67



### My Story of Meeting Pope Paul VI



**"If you want peace, work for justice." Quote from Pope Paul VI**

On my second Mediterranean cruise in 1966, while in Italy, I had the privilege of going with a group of Sailors from other ships to see many fine churches and other special sites in Rome. As part of this trip, a group of us had the privilege of meeting Pope Paul VI. On that particular day at St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope met multiple groups, and he spoke in many languages.

In life as a Roman Catholic, you meet Cardinals, Monsignors, Bishops, Priests and the like. Coming from New York, I have met two Cardinals. To meet the person who is the highest-ranking member in the Roman Catholic religion was quite an honor.

I also had the privilege to kiss the ring of the Pope. He spoke to us in English; he was very funny, and he also blessed whatever special articles we had with us. I brought a Rosary I purchased for my mother, and he blessed it. When I came back home, I gave that Rosary to my mother, Angelina.

As part of this Naval group, some people who visited the Pope were not Catholic. They might have been Protestant or members of another branch of Christianity. Despite these differences, we all felt good about just being "a person" who was acceptable as we were. In today's society, people have many religions, and I especially appreciate when people share positivity and happiness instead of judgment.

This was a great honor in my life, and I count meeting Pope Paul VI as a real blessing.



Joseph A. Rios, SN 1965 - 1966



1965 During rearming  
Carrier in background



1965 Supply



1965 The Island of Rhodes, Greece



1966 The Colosseum in  
Rome, Italy

## USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association - Ship's Store Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ball Caps - \$15 each All Blue** Note: Where sizes are indicated, please circle the size/sizes you want.

USS Great Sitkin Ball Caps (solid back)

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

USS Great Sitkin AE17 Ball Caps (solid back)

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

### Shirts: **Sizes**

USS Great Sitkin Polo Shirts - Blue - \$25 M L XL XXL

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

USS Great Sitkin Polo Shirts - Gray - \$25 M L XL XXL

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

USS Great Sitkin Polo Shirts - Pink - \$25 S M L XL

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

USS Great Sitkin Ship's Picture T-Shirt - \$18 S M L XL XXL

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

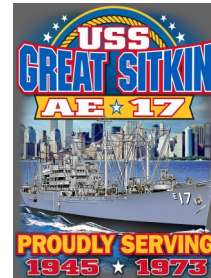
USS Great Sitkin Ship's Picture Sweatshirt \$25 L XL XXL

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_



### Polo Shirts

Men's and Ladies  
Navy blue, Grey, Pink **\$25 each**  
(Navy blue not shown)



### Ship's Picture Shirts

**T-Shirts \$18 each**

**Sweat Shirts \$25 each**

Back of shirt has picture,  
Front has Ship's patch design

### Jacket/Hoodie:

USS Great Sitkin All Weather Hooded Zip-Front Jacket - Blue

(Note: Jackets are on special order) \$45 M L XL XXL

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Aluminum water bottles:** \$10

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

All prices include postage.

Please make check or money order out to **USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association**

All orders should be sent to: **USS Great Sitkin Association**

c/o George Kaiser

311 Oak Lane

Glenolden, PA 19036

Note: **DO NOT** include your "Dues" payment in with your Ship Store Order  
They need to be separate checks or money orders.

Questions about Ship's Store items can be E-mailed to: [ae17dc3@verizon.net](mailto:ae17dc3@verizon.net)



**All Weather Jacket**  
Navy Blue, \$45 each  
(Jackets are Special Order)



**Aluminum Water Bottle**  
\$10 each

**USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association Active Membership:** Active Member status in the USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association is open to all crew members. Dues are \$20.00 per year and are used to cover the cost of the newsletters, website hosting, domain name, administrative and other expenses. The membership year is 1 January through 31 December. Membership cards will be issued to all crew members paying dues and will identify the individual by name, expiration date and number of years of Active Membership.

Payment of dues is not required to participate in any official function of the Association but is required for being an Active Member. Notices pertaining to dues will be posted on the website and in the newsletters. Active Members must have their dues paid prior to the annual meeting each year in order to retain their status and eligibility to vote.

To become an Active Member of the USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association, please complete the application form below and send it along with a check made payable to:

**USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association, c/o George Kaiser, 311 W. Oak Lane, Glenolden, PA 19036**

## USS Great Sitkin (AE1-17) Association Active Member Application & Renewal Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Served Aboard: \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] New [ ] Renewal

Amount Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] 2017 YR (\$20.00) [ ] 2018 YR (\$20.00) [ ] 2019 YR (\$20.00)

[ ] Please send me a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Memories of 24 USS Great Sitkin Reunions



1993 1st Reunion, Mineola, Long Island, NY



Sitkin Shipmates



G. Schnyer - D. Indelicato



1994 2nd Reunion, Norfolk, VA



USS Estocin (FFG-15)



1995 3rd Reunion, Branson, MO



Kenny Roger's Branson Belle



Sitkin Shipmates - Branson, MO



Glenn & Norma Frankenbach



Bobby Vinton



1996 4th Reunion, New London, CT



USS Groton (SSN-694)



Mystic Seaport



1997 5th Reunion, Orlando, FL



Del & John Shadgett



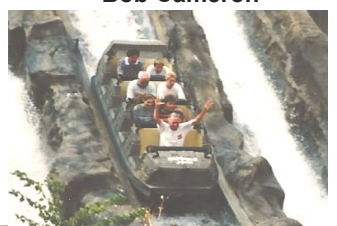
Bob Cameron



1998 6th Reunion, Gatlinburg, TN



Bill Donath, Engineer at Dollywood



1999 7th Reunion, Las Vegas, NV



Great Sitkin Ladies



D. Hauser's - R. Berg's J. Kelly Grandsons







USS Cod Submarine



Wm. G. Mather Steamship



Chief Wahoo



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame



Kay & Adelmo Costantini

2000 8th Reunion, Cleveland, OH



2001 9th Reunion, Mobile, AL



USS Alabama Tour



Mary & George Kaiser



C. W. Ross



Memorial Ceremony on Ship



Theresa & Ed Unterseher



2002 10th Reunion, Omaha, NE



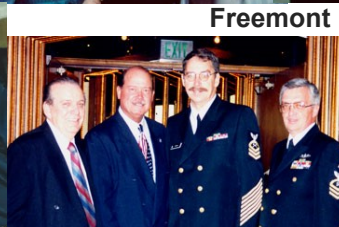
Freemont Dinner Train



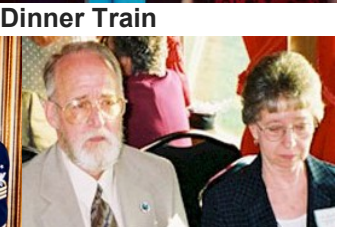
Strategic Air Command Museum



Carlson, Kelly, Hodnichak, Carlson



Hauser - McClane,  
Kaiser - Zimmerman



Robert & Bertrice Pratt

2003 11th Reunion, Virginia Beach, VA - Williamsburg Tour, Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, Naval Station Tour, Banquet



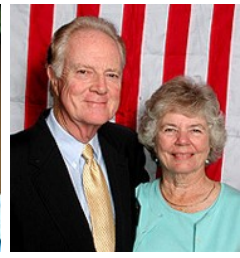




USS Wisconsin



Mike LaFauci



Robert Buchwald's



Ted Clausen's



Joe Theisen's



USS Ronald Reagan  
(We saw from afar)



2004 12th Reunion,  
Corpus Christi, TX  
Don & Patti McClane



King Ranch



USS Lexington Tour



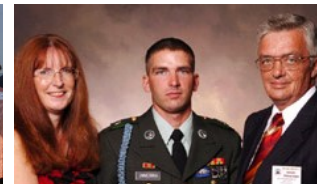
Our famous bus rides



Kathie Marsan & Patti McClane



2005 13th Reunion, Charleston, SC - Patriot's Point, Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Starlight Dinner Cruise



Sally, Jason, Ron  
Zimmerman  
Jenn Hauser  
Sam Carolluzzi



2006 14th Reunion,  
Kissimmee, FL



Pat & Jack Norton



Michele & Fred  
Kiesel



Ann & Jerry Nelson



Ed O'Brien



Ann/George Mitchell



Dixie Stampede

NASA Tour, Dixie Stampede Show/Dinner, BBQ, Titanic & Ripley's Believe It or Not, and Banquet



2007 15th Reunion,  
Baton Rouge, LA



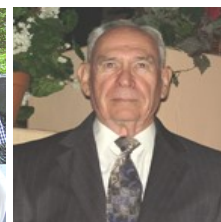
"I request permission  
to come aboard, Sir"



WWII  
Museum



John Cornwall,  
Mike Epperson



Richard Hatfield



Jason Zimmerman  
Family



Jim & Joy Dunno

2008 16th Reunion,  
Cincinnati, OH



Air Force Museum  
Dayton, OH



Patsy Rucker, 3-Generation Karadeema's, The Whitford's



Hofbrauhaus



Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Base Chapel for Memorial Service, Stern Wheeler Paddle Board Dinner Cruise and Show, City Tour, Saturday night banquet. So much fun!



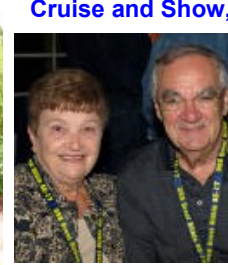
USS Constitution



Battleship Cove



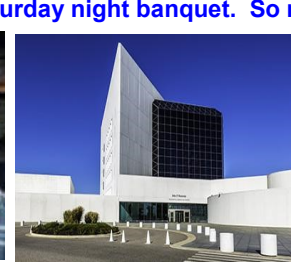
Pina & Vince Albanese



Ed Hart



JFK Library



USS Joseph P. Kennedy

2009 17th Reunion, Boston, MA - USS Constitution & Boston Tour, Battleship Cove, Concrete Picnic, JFK Library, Banquet



Graduation ceremonies,  
Great Lakes Naval Station  
Navy's ONLY Boot Camp

2010 18th Reunion, Naperville, IL - Downtown Chicago, Soldier Field, Cantigny Museum, Navy Pier & Cruise



Kathie & Paul Marsan



Diane & Carl Peck



Jay Bryant



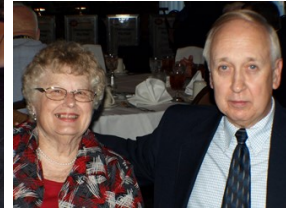
Connie & Pat  
Pasquarella



Wayne Agee Family  
at Lookout Mountain



Marie & Fred Gallagher



Mary & Neil Pumphrey



Carl Franke Family

2011 19th Reunion, Chattanooga, TN - Train Station, Chickamauga Battlefield, National Cemetery & Museum, Rock City, BBQ!



2012 20th Reunion,  
Baltimore, MD



Korean Memorial  
Washington, DC



USS Great Sitkin  
Dedication Ceremony



Officers Kaiser, Zimmerman, Dunno,  
Chaplain Rucker, Navy Memorial



Joe Theisen



2013 21st Reunion, Mobile, AL



Joe Rios



Jim & Gerry Perko



Pensacola Naval Air Sta.



John Snyder



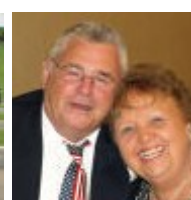
G. Mitchell, Walt Dodson



Gene & Nora McNeill



Ed Herbst, Joyce & Alex Paszly



John & Betsy Kelly



Kathy & Doug Hauser



Jim & Mary Connallon

2014 22nd Reunion, Nashville, TN - Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry, Nashville Nightlife  
Theatre, Farmer's Market, City Tour, Lane Motor Museum, Banquet. Whew! We had a great time!



2015 23rd Reunion,  
Tampa, FL  
American Victory Ship



Jim Connallon, Mark Rucker



Chris/David/Linda Blansett



The Applegate's

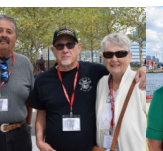


Bill Swiecicki



The Huzinec's

Ybor City & H.B. Plant Museums, Barbeque at the pool, Tampa Tour, Salvador Dali Museum



2016 24th Reunion, NJ - 9/11 Memorial Museum & WTC Grounds, MOTBY, Grief Memorial, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Banquet



Ken Carlson's



Dennis Ripple's



Tom Stachelski



Bob Veit's



Art Bjorkner's



Mike Kleinbeck's





**USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association**  
**25th Annual Reunion Itinerary - September 6 - 10, 2017**  
**Buffalo, NY**

**Headquarters:** Millennium Hotel  
2040 Walden Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14225  
Phone: 716-681-2400



**Reservations: 1-800-323-3331** Mention “USS Great Sitkin Reunion”

**Room Rates: \$125.00 per night + tax.** (If you wish to upgrade to a courtyard room, add \$10 per night)  
Special room rate will apply 3 days before & 3 days after. Check in: 4:00 p.m. Check out: 11:00 a.m.  
10% off breakfast and anything purchased through the restaurant or lounge. (Mention Sitkin)  
Complimentary on-site parking. The hotel also offers a courtesy shuttle service within the area  
**Last day to book special hotel rate is: August 7, 2017.**

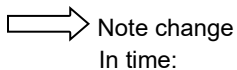
**Airport:** Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF) is close by. Car rental available at the airport. Courtesy shuttle service: There is a phone in the baggage area titled, “Millennium.” Pick up the phone; pushing the button will connect you to the front desk of the hotel. Ask for pick-up.  
Amtrak: Get off at the Depew Station & look for phone titled, “Millennium.” Same setup.

**Reunion Package:** (1 Person - \$185.00) (2 People - \$370.00) (3 People - \$555.00) (See registration form)

**Wednesday: 9/6** Hospitality room is the (PTC) Preferred Traveler’s Club Room on the 1st floor

**6:00 p.m.** A **Welcome Reception** will be held in the Courtyard. The following food will be provided during the first hour: Hors D’oeuvres, Wine and Beer. Cash bar after 1st hour.

**Thursday: 9/7** **9:00 a.m.** Load buses for a tour of the **Buffalo Naval & Military Park**. The **Memorial Service** will be held on the Cruiser USS Little Rock. (**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for park & museum**)  
Lunch - There is a place to eat in the main building.



Note change  
In time:

**5:00 p.m. Picnic Lunch & Pool Party** at the hotel!  
Buffalo’s specialties: Chicken Wings & Beef on Weck Buns

**Friday: 9/8** **9:00 a.m.** Load buses for **Old Fort Niagara** for a tour of the fort and have a box lunch before loading the buses again for Niagara Falls and a ride on the **“Maid of the Mist.”** We will arrive back at the hotel around 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday: 9/9** **9:00 a.m.** The annual business meeting will be held in the PTC Hospitality Room.  
**Free time** after the business meeting until the Banquet.  
**6:00 p.m.** Cocktails - Cash Bar  
**7:00 p.m. Annual Banquet Buffet** of Seasonal Fruit Display, Antipasto Display w/Tomato & Mozzarella Display w/Basil Vinaigrette, Sliced Roast Top Round of Beef, Lemon Glazed Chicken Breast, Penne Pasta w/Marinara, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley and Dessert.  
Music provided by a DJ from 6 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Sunday: 9/10** **Farewell Breakfast** in the Courtyard



USS Croaker (SS-246)

USS Little Rock (CG-4)

USS The Sullivans (DD-537)



# Naval & Military Park

Thursday, Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. Museum hours: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



The Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park is a museum on the shore of Lake Erie, in Buffalo, NY. It is home to several decommissioned US Naval vessels, including the Cleveland-class cruiser USS Little Rock, the Fletcher-class destroyer, USS The Sullivans, and the submarine USS Croaker.



Sub Sail of the USS Boston



Rotocycle, "Hog" M41 light tank in service from '53 to present, mfg. by GM



UH-1 Huey-Vietnam



McDonnell F-101A Voodoo

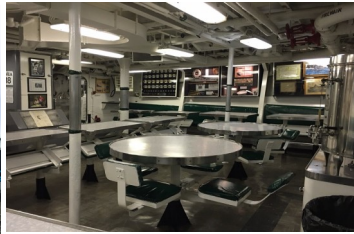
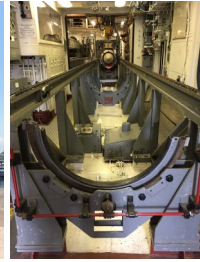


Nasty Class Fast Patrol Boat (PTF)



USAAF P39 Aircobra - WWII

There are a variety of smaller vehicles, vessels, & aircraft on display at the park. Included is the Gyrodyne X-Ron 1 Rotocycle, one-man helicopter used by the US Marine Corps in the 50s/60s, an Army M41 Walker Bulldog tank used in the Korean War, a UH-1 Huey flown in Vietnam, an Air Force F-101A Voodoo flown by the NY Air National Guard's 136th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, a Nasty class Fast Patrol Boat (PTF) used by the Navy in Vietnam, a USAAF P-39 Aircobra manufactured at Bell Aircraft/ Buffalo which saw service in WWII & other aircraft.



## Other attractions in Buffalo, NY:



Albright-Knox Art Gallery



Larkin Market

Buffalo Zoo



Buffalo Botanical Gardens



Frank Lloyd Wright Darwin Martin House

SHOPPING

Remember: To see attractions in Niagara Falls, Canada, YOU MUST HAVE A PASSPORT!



Casino Niagara



Fallsview Casino



Bird Kingdom



Niagara Falls at Night



Midway w/Ripley's Believe It Or Not



Whirlpool Aero Car



Floral Clock



Butterfly Conservatory & Gardens

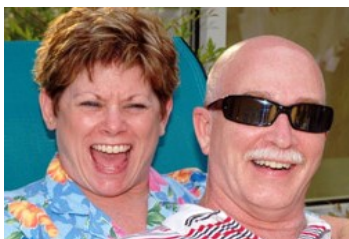


Minolta Tower



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## Reunion Update

This is the last newsletter before the September reunion. If you haven't already, please make your hotel reservations and submit your reunion registration form by the deadline:

**DEADLINE is Monday, August 7, 2017**

All the information is in this newsletter and on the USS Great Sitkin Website.

A change has been made for Thursday when we go to the Naval and Military Park. We will be at the park from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. so we will have time to tour and have the Honor Ceremony. There is a bar/grill place to grab a bite while we are there.

The picnic has been moved to 5:00 p.m. at the hotel.

Again, if in your spare time you want to go to Canada to see the Falls, Fort Erie, the Whirlpool, Niagara Zip Line or another tourist trap, you need a passport.

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Reunion registration form - Reverse side



**USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association**  
**BUFFALO, NEW YORK**  
**September 6th thru 10th, 2017**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Crew Member's Name and Age at Reunion Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Years Served Aboard the Sitkin

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone and/or Cell Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (s) of Others Attending Reunion

\_\_\_\_\_  
# Adults (under 65 yrs.)

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# Seniors (65 yrs. and over)

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**"Reunion Package"**

**Welcome Reception, Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park, Picnic by the pool, Old Fort Niagara with lunch at the Park, "Maid of the Mist" Boat Ride, Free time, Annual Banquet, w/DJ providing music from the 40's thru the 70's, Sunday Farewell Breakfast**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Person    \$185.00      \_\_\_\_\_ 2 People    \$370.00      \_\_\_\_\_ 3 People    \$555.00

**Box lunches at Old Fort Niagara: *Please select one for each person going.* All include chips & drinks**

1) Hot Dog \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Cheeseburger \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Make checks payable to: USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) Association**

Mail Registration form and payment to:

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Please do not include membership dues payment in with your reunion payment. Thank you!

**Deadline for submission of Reunion Registration: Monday, August 7, 2017**

Please note: The tours and events are booked and paid in advance. Any cancellations before the deadline will be refunded.