



USS SARATOGA ASSOCIATION 73rd ANNUAL REUNION

Nashville, TN | October 2025



The 73rd USS Saratoga Association reunion in Nashville from October 8-12, 2025, brought together former Saratoga crew members, families, and friends to celebrate our shared history and commemorate our time aboard the Saratoga. Nashville offered a vibrant backdrop for several days of camaraderie, remembrance, and connection.

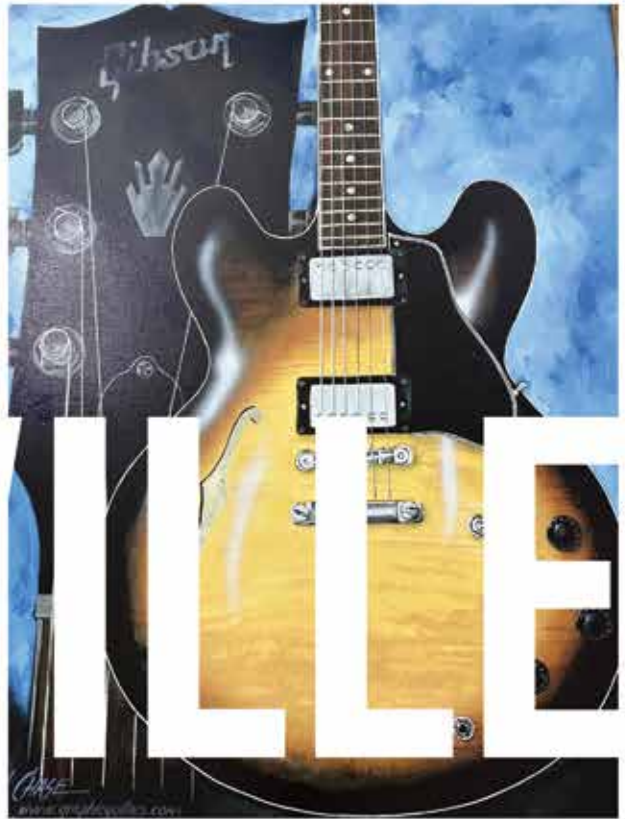
Activities:

- Our reunion began with an opening reception, allowing attendees to reconnect, meet new members, and share stories about their experiences on the USS Saratoga.
- Guided tours and group outings explored Nashville's cultural spots, including visits to the Grand Old Opry, the Country Music Hall of Fame, a fantastic excursion aboard the General Jackson Riverboat as well as other music venues, and landmarks.
- As usual, our Hospitality Suite was a favorite gathering spot and featured one of the biggest Silent Auctions ever. Many thanks to Fran Green for once again heading up this effort. The highlight was a brand-new Gibson Les Paul guitar donated by Ted Sutherland's son Jon, that was won by Charlotte Burton. Congrats Charlotte!
- Association members participated in the annual association meeting, discussing organizational updates and initiatives to support the USS Saratoga community. Details on next year's event in San Antonio were discussed and Providence Rhode Island was voted on as the 2027 venue.
- A poignant memorial service honoring our shipmates who passed in the last year reflecting on their legacy and contributions was held immediately preceding the banquet.
- For our banquet, Association President Captain Mark Kikta orchestrated the production of a special 250th Navy Birthday cake that was ceremoniously cut with his personal sword and shared by all attendees. The event concluded with recognition of the Vietnam era shipmates, awards, and entertainment.

Throughout the reunion, members shared photographs, memorabilia, and personal anecdotes, reinforcing the sense of pride and unity within the USS Saratoga Association. The event provided opportunities for both reflection and celebration, ensuring that the legacy of the USS Saratoga continues to inspire future generations. The Nashville reunion was a meaningful occasion that strengthened the ties among Association members and honored the history of the USS Saratoga.

See you in San Antonio!

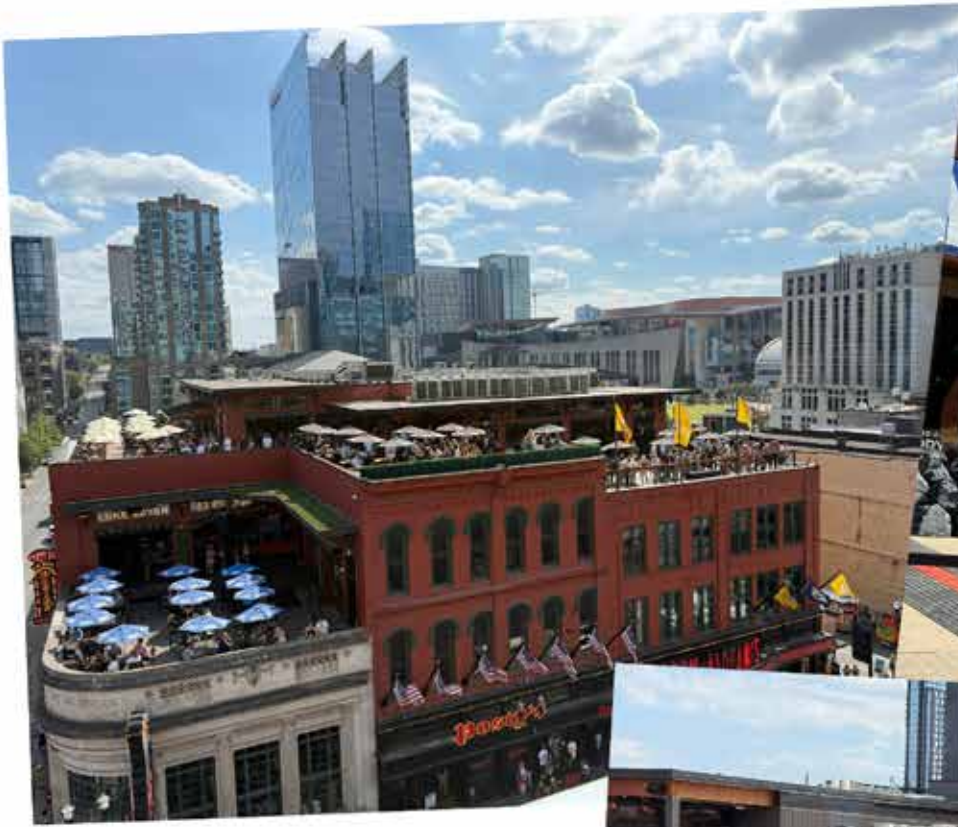






BRADLEY STUDIOS
In 1955, brothers Owen and Harold Bradley built a recording studio in the basement of a house on this site. They added another studio here in an army Quonset Hut, producing hits by Patsy Cline, Red Foley, Brenda Lee, Marty Robbins, Sonny James, and others. Columbia Records purchased the studios in 1962. The studio established its reputation in the music industry with hits by stars including Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Roger Miller, George Jones, and Tammy Wynette.





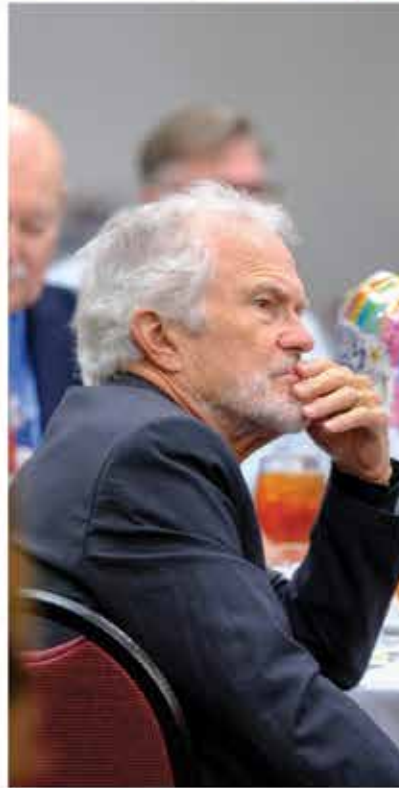


DO SAY DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE...





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13 October 1775



“Resolved, That a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruize eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct.

That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare an estimate of the expence, and lay the same before the Congress, and to contract with proper persons to fit out the vessel.

Resolved, that another vessel be fitted out for the same purposes, and that the said committee report their opinion of a proper vessel, and also an estimate of the expence.”

For 250 years, the United States Navy has carried its mission across every horizon, guided by values that have outlasted changing seas and changing times. Honor, Courage, Commitment, simple words, but lived each day by you, the men and women who stepped forward to serve. These principles formed the backbone of a force that has protected the nation and the world since its earliest days, and they continue to shape every sailor who wears the uniform.

You who served aboard the USS Saratoga are part of this enduring legacy. Your work, your discipline, and your resolve reflect the very best of what the Navy stands for. On flight decks and in engine rooms, in ready rooms and quiet corridors, service is more than a duty. It is how you carrying yourself, a standard set high and met.

Across two and a half centuries, the tools of the trade have evolved, but the heart of the Navy has remained constant. Semper Fortis, always strong, is the lived experience of every sailor who stood a watch, made the tough call, and upheld the mission with steady hands and a clear sense of purpose. It is a strength built through shared work, shared sacrifice, and an unwavering responsibility to something greater.

This anniversary offers a moment to honor the captains who led, the chiefs who steadied the course, the flight crews who braved the wind and noise, and the countless sailors whose daily efforts made the extraordinary possible. These lives tell stories in a line that stretches back 250 years and continues forward through every new generation that chooses the sea. Your service stands as a testament to the Navy’s enduring spirit.

Honor.
Courage.
Commitment.
Semper Fortis.











Adrien Aube



Mark and Ann
Beecher



Steve Bird



Tracy Blake



K.C. Boles



Bob and Kassie
Brennan



Gary Brown and Holly
Keller



Charlotte Burton



Rob Butler



Mary Lou Caldwell



Tom Capstraw and
Gail Kulaga



Don and Sue Carty



Frank and Debbi
Cawley



Kim Chantrenne



Anthony and Debbie
Cifone



David and Betty
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Harry Smith



Grace Coryell



Mike Curry



Kelly Cutsinger



David and Carole
Davidson



Len Ducouer



Jim Dudley



Craig Jones and
Jane Dunham



Mark Duran



Steve Ellison



Joe and Vickie
Fazio



Daniel Fugason and
Holly Keller



Jose and Valerie
Gonzalez



Fran Gower



Terry and Emma
Greer



Art Griffith



Len Hansen



Jerry Heikkinen



Bruce Heisey



John Herzler



Nanny Hill



Steve and Monica
Hufford



Mark and Kathy
Kikta



Bill Krieger and
Lynn Heidotten



John and Nancy
Land



John and Pat
Lipscomb



Ted Lukeman



Ted and Marsha
Lyman



Jerry and Cathy
Mask



Lee Martin



Ed and Sherry
McCready



Mike Medina



Paul Medina



Stephen Medina



Chris O'Dell



David and Patty
Patton



Mike Ridgway



Carl Sales



John and Cindi
Schneider



Mark Schultz



James Shayka



Dennis and Susan
Steinour



Steve and Lucy
Struckman



Doug and Dawn
Swenson



Jim Landres



Brian Turner



James Cilo and
Elaine Rapiejko



Joel O'Quinn



James and Lynne
Stafford



John Herzler



Thomas Wickersham



Ben and Kellee
Wright



Bill Krieger and
Lynn Heidotten



Ted and Linda
Zalewski





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