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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Officers, Board Members, et al:

It is with a heavy heart and deep regret that I tender my resignation as President of the USS Saratoga Association effective immediately.

Due to unforeseen personal and private family health issues, I am unable to provide the time and attention that the Association business requires and deserves. I deeply apologize for having to do this, but I am convinced that it is what is best for myself and my family.

With deepest heartfelt regret, **Bill Lack CV-60 1977-1980**

Hello Shipmates, Families, Friends and loyal supporters of the great ships named Saratoga!

The reunion we had in 2022 in Washington DC was a great success and a terrific time was had by all with many highlights to remember.

Right up front I want to extend a personal thank you to Mark Beecher and his wife Ann for putting their "heart and soul" into planning that reunion and making it one to remember. They have truly set the bar high for follow-on reunions. Since I'm supposed to be planning the reunion in Jacksonville, Fl. in 2024, I need to get moving now to make it even compare. The challenge is on!

I want to thank the membership for putting their faith in me to elect me as the Association Vice President at the past reunion. I was honored to accept that position. Bill Lack was elected as the Association President at that meeting and I was looking forward to working closely with him and the rest of the Board of Directors on Association matters. Unfortunately, Bill resigned suddenly in April due to family health reasons. Because of this, the Board has asked, and I have accepted the temporary position of President until our next election which is scheduled to be held at the 2024 reunion in Jacksonville, Fl. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill and his wife Linda and hope that they can get through these difficult times they are facing. I will do my very best to fill the large hole left by the loss of Bill's talents.

As your new President, I look forward to continuing the important work of fulfilling the mission of the USS Saratoga Association and continuing to promote the long and terrific legacy of this organization and the USS Saratoga.

I have had a couple of weeks now to look at the Association and the shape we are in. Others before me have worked tirelessly to build an organization that is well run and has stood the test of time now for over 70 years. Hats off to them for a job well done! As I look ahead, all I see are many sets of shoes to fill and examples of true dedication to duty to the Association that I need to emulate.

I believe the road ahead will be challenging for sure. You will hear more details from others on these subjects, but we have a few large issues that need to be resolved soon. We have positions that need volunteers to fill such as Storekeeper, Historian and now a Vice President. If we don't get volunteers for the first two positions, we will be forced to make big changes in how we do the business of the Association and Reunions. We also need to increase our membership to keep this a successful organization. So, we will move ahead smartly to attack these issues and with the help of the membership, I know we will come up with smart solutions for a successful future.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Reunion in Harrisburg in Oct 2023. Being at the "Home of Chocolate" should be heavenly and touring the Gettysburg Battlefields will be a moving experience. Dennis Steinour is working hard and knee deep into the planning details now and it looks like it will be a great time!

Mark Kikta CV-60 1991-1994



MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

April 29, 2023

We were recently notified that our President, William (Bill) Lack, voluntarily resigned his office due to personal reasons. As an organization, we sincerely thank Bill for his leadership, service and the innovative thinking he brought to the organization. We will miss Bill and wish him and his Family the very best.

Recently, a special meeting was called by the Executive Board, during which our current Vice President, Mark Kikta, agreed to fill the office of President until the next scheduled election in 2025. In concert with our Bylaws, the Executive Board thereby appointed Mark Kikta as President until the next scheduled election. This natural ascension was voted on by the quorum present and resulted in unanimous agreement.

Furthermore, the Executive Board discussed actively seeking a candidate(s) to assume the role of Vice President thereby backfilling Mark Kikta's previous role. This active effort coincides with the ongoing search for 2 members to assume the role of Historian and Storekeeper. Our organization relies on individuals who are willing to serve. Without volunteers we cannot exist.

Our reunions are enhanced by having the memorabilia room display. The role of Historian involves taking care of the artifacts and arranging transport of the crates to and from the reunion. The overall commitment is minimal and centered around *attending the reunion every year*. The Association provides all storage and transportation costs and there are no related out-of-pocket costs that are not reimbursable.

Storekeeper is another position that helps make both our Association and reunions unique. Yes, it's a serious commitment regarding time and effort, but for the right person it is also a rewarding experience. Currently we have the ships store shuttered. If we cannot find someone to take over, we will have to permanently disband the store.

The alternative to not having volunteers is the absence of services and features at the reunions. Ultimately, without volunteers, our 71-year history is in jeopardy. The greatest generation started the Association and was maintained throughout the next 7 decades by dedicated shipmates. There are few – if any – other ships that have a similar legacy. It's up to us to keep the Spirit of Saratoga alive.

A reminder from your Scholarship committee that the application time frame is open, and it will close on June 30, 2023. We thank each and every one who has donated to this wonderful program. Our ability to fund the program is 100 percent dependent on donations, which are tax deductible.

Also, please consider in your Estate planning and know that you can utilize that planning to donate to the Association and the Scholarship program.

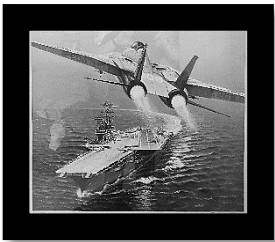
The Scholarship program was created in 2017 to enhance the legacy of the Association, as well as offering an additional benefit to being an Association member. It provides a tool to allow the name USS SARATOGA to continue in perpetuity. For detailed information, go to www.USS-Saratoga.com and open the scholarship link to learn the eligibility requirements and to apply online.

2023 Scholarships awarded to:

Kaitlyn Brezosky, Allison Coneglio, Jacie' Jacob, Zachary Katz, Meredith Turner and Kathrin Schulz.

Steve Katz

Chairman USS Saratoga
Scholarship Committee



The Association recently received a color print of the Saratoga from shipmate, John Britton. This 23 X 27 numbered print (31 X 35 counting frame) was done by Bert N. Petri and comes with a certificate of authenticity.

The print will be part of either the raffle or a door prize at the reunion in Harrisburg.

In the new directory on page 2, I had done some revision work on it and somehow the cutline was deleted from the bottom of the page. Cutline below. On the Port of Call page Port-au-Prince, Haiti was not listed.

Steve Medina
CV-3 Liaison

Steve Bird
Chaplin

Steven Katz
Scholarship Chairman

Jerry Church
Newsletter Editor

I sent the revision of that page without proofreading it. Sorry for my mistake.
Jerry: Newsletter Editor.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY:

Greetings Shipmates! With every directory produced there are many changes that are needed due to typos, change of address, new email, etc. Invariably, many of these changes get overlooked with the passage of time between publications. In some cases, mistakes are not caught initially so the mistake is compounded with a second occurrence. If we can keep up with these changes through newsletter updates, logically everyone will have a better chance of making contact accurately. To that end, here is a list showing all the mistakes and changes I have been notified about since the new directory hit the streets. If you have a change in address or email, please let me know so I can keep the record current. You might want to add this page in the back of the new directory as a reference. There is a notes page we've included in the directory for updates.

PAGE	LAST	FIRST	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	EMAIL	ACTION
21	ALLEN	Ruben G.	215 S Ocean Grande Dr #201	Ponte Vedra	FL	32082		ADDRESS CHANGE
23	BERNIER	Joseph E.						REMOVE FROM TAPS LIST
25	BYRD	Richard J.	3911 N. Indian River Dr.	Hernando	FL	34442		ADDRESS CHANGE
25	CAIN	Robert	2303 N 24th St	Lafayette	IN	47904	robert43cain@gmail.com	JOINED AS LM
25	CANAVAN	Stephen B.	33 Lumsden St.	Toms River	NJ	8757		ADDRESS CHANGE
25	CAPSTRAW	Thomas J.					capstraw1950@yahoo.com	EMAIL CHANGE
26	CAUBLE	Dannie					dcauble@sbcglobal.net	TAPS 2021
28	CONROY	Dennis J.					dencon1948@OUTLOOK.com	EMAIL CHANGE
30	EDLELMAN	Anthony J.					anthonyedelman@comcast.net	EMAIL CHANGE
30	EICHER	David A.					deicher02@gmail.com	EMAIL CHANGE
31	FALES	Carl	1051 Vail Road	Parsippany	NJ	7054	carlnbuffy@aol.com	JOINED AS LM
32	FORD	Thomas J.	883 W Calle Nicoya	Sahuarita	AZ	85629	chileholf@hotmail.com	FIX LISTING ERROR
32	FORD	Thomas A.	2711 Monnier Street	Portage	IN	46368	Fordx7@hotmail.com	FIX LISTING ERROR
34	GORHAM	Bob						UPGRADE TO LM
34	GRADY	Kenneth W	6400 NE Hwy 99, PMB 402	Vancouver	WA	98665	Wendypotay13@gmail.com	NEW MEMBER
36	HEMMELGARN	Kenneth J.					kenneth.hemmelgarn@yahoo.com	EMAIL CHANGE
36	HILL	Nancy F.	2000 Mallory Lane	Franklin	TN	37067		ADDRESS CHANGE
44	METHNER	John P.						TAPS 2020
45	MILLER	Gertrude						MOVE TO TAPS 2020
50	RAINER	William						UPGRADE TO LM
51	RINIER	Ronald E.					rerinier@gmail.com	EMAIL CHANGE
51	ROBERTSON	Robert	82 Ranch Road	Waverly	NY	14892	wefiv5@yahoo.com	NEW MEMBER
53	SELF	James	664 Old Hertford Highway	Elizabeth City	NC	27909	rainman177@live.com	NEW MEMBER
54	SMITH	Harry W.						MOVE SPOUSE to TAPS 2021
64(M)	STADELMAN	Michael E.	134 W. Bay Drive NW	Olympia	WA	98502		ADDRESS CHANGE
55	STEWART	Kevin	725 Cherry St.	Scranton	PA	18505	sgtkev05@verizon.net	NEW MEMBER
56	SYLVESTRE	Roland	2105 Scrub Jay Place	Ruskin	FL	33570	rcsylvestre@gmail.com	JOINED AS LM
59	WESTPHAL	Gary	535 Richview Ct.	Houston	TX	77060	g.westphal55@gmail.com	NEW MEMBER

Please check the envelope for your due's status. If you are a due's paying member, there is a natural expectation that you will honor the commitment you made and keep current. As a reminder, dues can be paid online using a credit card or you can use the form here and send it – or a copy – in with a check.

USS SARATOGA DUES & DONATION FORM			
Mail form to : USS Saratoga Association, 447 Land Or Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546			
Your Name:		Spouse/Relative Name:	
Address:		ST:	Zip:
Years on Board:		Plankowner:	
Email:		Phone:	
Enclosed: \$ _____	DUES	Make Check or Money Order payable to USS Saratoga Association	
Enclosed: \$ _____	DONATION	(Tax deductible) GENERAL FUND (May be combined with Dues amount)	
Enclosed: \$ _____	DONATION	(Tax deductible) SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Write separate check please. Make check or money order payable to USS Saratoga Scholarship Fund)	
ANNUAL DUES ARE \$25.00			
Life Membership Section:			
Age	Fee	Age	Fee
Up to 49	\$ 350.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	50-55	\$ 300.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
61-65	\$ 200.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	66-70	\$ 150.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
76-80	\$ 50.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	81 and up	\$ 15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
OPTIONAL: Spouses only have a 1-time <i>Lifetime</i> Membership Fee: \$25.00 ea. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Children and relatives can join as <i>Honorary Members</i> with standard annual dues <input type="checkbox"/>			



Chaplain's Corner:



Capt. Steve Bird CHC- CV-60 1983-1985

The Book of James concentrates on practical Christian living. Throughout life, we face many tests. In elementary, middle school, high school, college, we took various tests to evaluate what we have learned. In the Navy, we took a battery of educational and psychological tests to evaluate if we qualified to join the Navy or not.

Then there are the everyday tests of life of our faith, marriage, family, business relationships, even our own self-worth. James 1:2-4 begins with, *“Count it all joy when you fall into various trials.”* He doesn't say some, or a little but all. Turning a negative experience into a positive opportunity with the right attitude will result in steadfastness or endurance, I Peter 1:6-9.

Patience is endurance like running a long-distance race. One must have the stamina to compete and complete the race. Life is like a marathon race, it is not where you start but how you finish, Rom 5:1-5. The word-perfect means mature and complete. It does not mean one is complete without error. Trials are an opportunity to strengthen us, not weaken us. Some prime examples in the Old Testament of those who stood the test in their lives are:

Noah - who was obedient to the Lord but criticized in building the ark in the desert.

Moses – leading 600,000+ Israelites out of Egypt trusted God when the next meal would come.

Abraham – obedient to the Lord when asked to sacrifice his son.

David – being obedient to and in the name of the Lord to defeat Goliath.

In the New Testament, we read of:

Paul being whipped 5 times with 39 lashes; 3 times beaten with rods; stoned 1 time; shipwrecked 3 times and jailed 1 time. This all happened AFTER he became a Christian.

We get offended if someone curses us out for our faith!

Peter – the fisherman, the salty sailor – walked on water but denied the Lord three times! He repented and became a great spokesperson for the faith because of his determination.

Jesus – the Son of God – the one who was beaten, whipped, and crucified because of God's love for you me and the world that He rose again on the third day to give us eternal life.

Who did not stand the test:

Solomon - even thou his wisdom proceeded him– his heart was turned away in following other gods.

Judas – denied Christ, regretted what he had done and hung himself.

Ananias and Sapphires in Acts 5 lied to the Holy Spirit and were struck down.

Hymenaeus and Alexander – Shipwrecked their faith and were given over to Satan.

I Tim 1:20

What type of tests will we experience?

In our physical life we will or have experienced illness, pain, or physical injury. Emotionally we will be tested by the experience the death of a loved one or the serious illness of a child, spouse, or friend. Spiritually our faith can be tested by others who do not believe the way you do. You may begin in the valley and ascent to the mountain top or you may start on the mountain top and descend to the valley. Life can be a roller coaster. However, with the help in and fully trusting in the Lord, He will provide a way in providing the peace which we need in our life.

Chaplain, how do I handle the tests which come my way? Do you run from your situation, or do you stand tall and work them out? Do you blame someone or something else or do you accept the responsibility to work it through? Do you pray? Have a close friend you can speak to? Do you have a church family who you can draw strength from? Where does the value of scripture **read hold in your life? God is only a whisper away to hear the cry of your heart.**

I enjoy being your Chaplain! If I can be of assistance to you either by a word of prayer or encouragement, feel free to call, text or email me at **704-254-9271 or sbird516@gmail.com**

THE HISTORY CORNER...

Iwo Jima 1945

A donation has been made to the Association from Dana Marie Lorenz, the daughter of William James Knoll from Erie Pennsylvania that served on CV-3. These newspaper clippings are the damage to Saratoga at Iwo Jima in 1945.

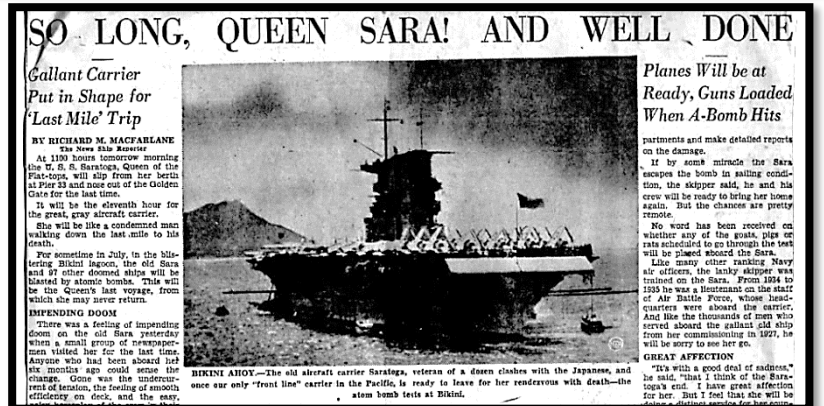
Storekeeper First Class William James Knoll USNR served in the U S Navy from 1943 thru 1946. These newspaper clippings and related items are a great addition to the Associations memorabilia. Items included were copies of his Honorable Discharge, Saratoga publications, letters from James Forrestal and President Harry Truman thanking him for his dedicated service to our country. On February 21, 1945, while Saratoga was operating off Iwo Jima with a light escort, she was attacked by six Japanese aircraft which scored five bomb hits in three minutes. Also, three of the enemy aircraft crashed on the flight deck. Saratoga suffered 123 dead, and 192 wounded.



USS SARATOGA CV-3 departing San Francisco for its final voyage May 1, 1946.

CV-3 was to sail to the Bikini Atoll for the Atomic bomb test in Operation Crossroads. Departing San Francisco pier 33 at 1100 that May morning heading to the Golden Gate and the Pacific Ocean for the last time.

Editor's Note: Thank you so much to Dana Knoll Lorenz for the donation of her dad's memorabilia to the Association.





USS SARATOGA 2023 REUNION

October 18-22, 2023, Harrisburg, PA

Welcome to Harrisburg/Hershey!

Harrisburg is the capital city of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, situated on the bank of the Susquehanna River. Harrisburg played a role in American history during the Westward Migration, the American Civil War, and the Industrial Revolution. During part of the 19th century, the building of the Pennsylvania Canal and later the Pennsylvania Railroad allowed Harrisburg to develop into one of the most industrialized cities in the Northeast. In the mid-to-late 20th century, the city's economic fortunes fluctuated with its major industries consisting of government, heavy manufacturing, agriculture, and food services. Nearby is famous Hershey, a community created as a model town for the workers at Milton Hershey's chocolate factory. Hersheypark opened in 1907 as a modest green space but grew to include rides and attractions, including a zoo. Hershey Gardens has a rose garden and butterfly house. Plan to arrive early enough to make this early bird tour to Chocolate World!

Hotel Information

We are holding group space from Tuesday, October 17 (for Early Birds) through Sunday, October 22, 2023. We will be staying at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, located at 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The hotel room rate is just **\$109.00** plus tax per night, for single or double occupancy. For those traveling alone and to keep room prices low breakfast is optional, with the hotel offering breakfast vouchers for \$13++ per person. There is a 10% discount for other meals in the hotel. For those who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available 3 days before and 3 days after the official reunion dates, based on availability.



The most reliable way to make your hotel reservation is to call the hotel at 717-939-7841 and reference **rate code SSS1016**. Reference that you are with the USS Saratoga and give them your dates of stay. If you have any difficulty getting a room at the group rate call MRP at 817-251-3551 for help.

The published hotel check-in time is 4pm. Make your reservations now; you can cancel up to 72 hours prior to arrival **without penalty**. The hotel is holding a limited number of rooms until the group block is full or **September 17, 2023, whichever comes first**. Do not delay! If you have any trouble getting rooms at the group rate even if they say the hotel is sold out, or have questions on the program, call MRP @ 817-251-3551 or email: RayCasey@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com

Airport Transportation & Parking

For those flying in, the closest airport is Harrisburg Airport (MDT). The hotel provides a free shuttle, but you must call the hotel front desk the day before your arrival, to get on their schedule. If you are driving, there is plenty of free parking including RV's call the hotel directly for information.

Travel safely and we will See you in HARRISBURG!

USS SARATOGA 2023 REUNION EVENTS

Harrisburg, PA / October 18-22, 2023

HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATETOWN EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, October 18: Noon-5pm

Surrounded by some of America's most productive dairy farms, Milton S. Hershey opened the world's first modern chocolate factory and built Chocolatetown - a "model town" for employees and their families. Hear about the inspirational journey spanning more than 150 years of how Hershey went from bankruptcy to brilliance, transforming chocolate from a luxury to an everyday treat. Your visit includes a *riding tour* of Hershey, the Chocolate Tour, time at Chocolate World, and of course the Hershey's store. For an additional cost, you may even create your own chocolate bar. Hershey is a unique experience unlike any other – don't miss a kiss!



GETTYSBURG MUSEUM OR TOWN VISIT AND GUIDED BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm

Four Score and Seven years before the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, (1776) there was thriving town much like today. We will have an exciting day with something for everyone. Our first stop will be at the Gettysburg Visitor's Center to see the film, "A New Birth of Freedom" narrated by Morgan Freeman, and the incredible Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama, and the amazing 12gallery, interactive Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War. Next, the tour takes



you over the battlefield and describes what

took place here during the three days. This tour offers the visitor a unique perspective into the struggles of the three days' battle. There is time for lunch on your own at the museum café before heading out for a narrated riding tour of the actual battlefields. Guests will have the option of skipping the museum to enjoy a couple of hours for some quick shopping and lunch on your own, in the charming town of Gettysburg, before the riding tour of the battlefield.

AUTHENTIC AMISH EXPERIENCE WITH LUNCH IN AN AMISH HOME Friday

8:30am-5:30pm



The Amish live in a whole different world and you'll have the rare opportunity to experience life through their eyes on this unique excursion to *Amish* country. Not much has changed along the backroads. Horses plow the fields, Amish buggies clip-clop down country roads, and traditionally clothed Pennsylvania Dutch dot the countryside. Start the day with a video of "The Amish Experience" followed by a narrated, riding tour of the area. We will spend time with real Amish in an authentic homestead environment. There will be time to explore the shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village in Intercourse, PA, famous for quilts and

baked goods like Shoofly Pie. The highlight of our day will be a stop at Judiah Lapp's farm to enjoy a traditional family-style lunch *in their home*. This is a unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the somewhat secret lifestyle of the Amish. Amazing!

USS SARATOGA REUNION RESERVATION FORM

Make your reunion reservations online or mail completed form with a check payable to:
MRP, Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
		Reunion Registration Fee (per person ~ non-refundable)	\$15 pp		
Wed 10/18	Noon-1700	Hershey's Chocolate World Experience	\$49 pp		
Wed 10/18	Noon-1700	Add-On: Make your own Chocolate Bar	\$25 pp		
Wed 10/18	1900	Group Welcome Buffet Dinner at the Hotel	\$59 pp		
Thu 10/19	0900-1630	Gettysburg Foundation Museum & Guided Battlefield Tour	\$75 pp		
Thu 10/19	0930-1700	OPTION: Explore town of Gettysburg on own (no museum)	\$55 pp		
Fri 10/20	0830-1730	Authentic Amish Experience incl. Lunch at Amish Home	\$99 pp		
Sat 10/21	Noon-1330	Ladies Luncheon at the Hotel: Salad, Quiche, Dessert & Tea	\$28 pp		
Sat 10/21	1800	Farewell Banquet Dinner – make selection below			
		Smoked Texas Brisket	\$55 pp		
		Baked Stuffed Chicken with Champagne Cream Sauce	\$48 pp		
		Grilled Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce	\$55 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after August 31.)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$20 pp		
				TOTAL	

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME (As you want it to appear on badge): _____	
SPOUSE: _____	GUEST(s): _____
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
CELL PHONE: _____	EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____
LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: WHEELCHAIR LIFT, DIETARY, ETC.: _____	
YEARS SERVED ON-BOARD SARA: 19__ to 19__ DIVISION/SQUADRON (ex. M Division): _____	
DO YOU NEED A WHEELCHAIR LIFT TO BOARD A TOUR BUS: _____ IS	
THIS YOUR FIRST SARA REUNION: YES ___ NO ___	

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUG 31, 2023

Reservation money is non-refundable after the due date unless Tour Cancellation insurance is purchased above.

Insurance holders are eligible for a refund less processing fee.

until Midnight before the 1st day of the reunion.

Watch for an email confirmation of your order and online roster update as your proof of payment.

There is a \$25 fee for making reservations over the telephone.

There is a \$15 per person refund processing fee and any credit card processing fees charged back. For more info or to cancel order call MRP at 817-251-3551 or email: Info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com