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### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Mike Graham, CEO*



Hello, Shipmates! I hope this Summer 2021 edition of our association Newsletter finds everyone doing well and enjoying the summer. For us, it feels like we've really turned the corner on the pandemic and are returning to normal. I hope

it's the same in your area as well. The past year has felt like 5 years!

By this time everyone should have all the information for our 2021 Reunion in Philadelphia in October. This year's event is once again being planned by Ruth and Joe Py. For those who attended the reunion in Lancaster, PA in 2018, you know Ruth and Joe did an awesome job in setting up all of the tours, accommodations, and banquet. What a great time we all had and I'm sure this year's reunion will be just as nice

Mary Lou and I are already looking forward to seeing all of our old friends and making new ones. I hope everyone can make it this year. The years seem to fly by, and the reunions bring back some fond memories. If you haven't been to a reunion in the past or if it's been a while, please consider coming this year. Be sure to get your registrations in and reserve your hotel rooms soon as having a good head count makes finalizing arrangements much easier for everyone – thanks!

For everyone coming to Philly, I wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you. If you can't make this year, I hope you have a healthy and enjoyable summer.

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The following SG Veterans have joined the proud ranks of our active membership since our last Newsletter.



### NEW MEMBER

None

Joined after the cutoff date for this Newsletter, so not mentioned elsewhere:

Paul Hoebing, BM3 (1971) Deck Division.

### PREVIOUS / RETURNING

Ernest Wroblewski, BM2 (73-77) Deck Division.

Dick Schult, LT (63-65) Navigator

Steven Wroblewski, FN (73-75) Machine Shop



### LOST CONTACT

None

(Also refer to Obits and Transfers.)



### FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

*Pastor Charlie Smith*

#### **Come Before Winter**



In 2 Timothy 4:21 we find the following short phrase from Paul: “Do thy diligence to come before winter.” When we were on the Grove most of us were in the summer of our lives and since then we have progressed into autumn. The next step is to follow the path

that many of our fellow shipmates have already taken, winter. God’s Word states, “And as it is appointed,

unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” Hebrews 9:27.

I have been a Pastor now for 24 years most of that time in Argentina. Yet there is one task that has never been easy and that is conveying to a surviving spouse that we care and are hurting with her or him. I have the same responsibility as chaplain of the Spiegel Grove Association. I had to write the second such letter not too long ago to Mrs. Jim (Nancy) Garfield. I do not know why but writing a note to Mrs. Garfield was harder than many others whom I have had the privilege to try to comfort. I have asked myself why since I have never had the blessing of meeting Jim Garfield DC2 as he left the ship years before I stepped foot on the deck of the Spiegel Grove. But he was known by those whom I had. Why? He and his wife, Nancy, came before winter and attended some reunions of the Grove where I did not. I was out of the country until this last year and could not attend. October might be your last opportunity to scuttlebutt with others who have the same thing in common: we kept our responsibility to this country and for a few years we were able to share some experiences that others will never completely understand as they were not on the same ship. Please don’t miss the one coming up in October.

As I mentioned above none of us know how long we will be on this earth until we see God, but one day we shall. Where will you be for all eternity? God gives us His Word in how to escape Hell in the Gospel of John among many other places. Jesus said, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Put your trust completely in Jesus Christ, ask Him to forgive you of the sins you’ve committed and be your Saviour. According to God, not man, you will have eternal life instead of being separated from God for all eternity. God loves you and Jim was among the many who put their trust in Christ. Won’t you? If I can help you in any way please write me at [charlieyjoann@yahoo.com](mailto:charlieyjoann@yahoo.com). And I hope to see you in October where we can “remember” before winter.

## VICE PRESIDENT SAYS

*Gary Miller*



Hello Shipmates! With the pandemic behind us, we are looking forward to seeing old shipmates & meeting many new ones. We always enjoy ourselves so much, so we're excited to share another great time as Joe & Ruth Py are excellent coordinators.

You won't want to miss it!! We're excited about seeing our Navy family in Philly.

Great reunions & great times. Gary

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## SECRETARY'S NOTES

*Jim Yoder, Secretary/NL Editor*

### *Membership*



Since the last Newsletter reporting, 25 have returned (3), renewed (17) or extended (5) their membership. One returned as a life member. Unfortunately one died and we lost seven for non-payment (listed on the last page of this Newsletter) dropping our active membership to 110.

To remain on the 'active' roster, one's membership dues must be up to date. Dues cover January thru December. If overdue, a reminder will be sent in February, but if not paid within six months in arrears (June 30), that shipmate is transferred to the inactive list and receives no summer Newsletter, albeit the latest is now available on the internet. If still not paid by the following year (18 months overdue), even after another reminder, that shipmate will receive no more reminders.

Generally speaking, no more hard copies of the Newsletters are sent, except to members without email, since the latest one is now available on our website.

In any case, all are invited to our reunions, member or not.

*Note.* If you were 80 years old January 1st, you qualify to become a Life member (no

annual dues required). Just notify me and we'll make it happen. Seven members became eligible this year. We now have 35 life members.

FYI, there are 29 members whose membership expires this year (2021). If you are not sure if you are paid up, or in doubt as to what year you are paid through, contact me.

An important reminder is to notify the Association (me, as the secretary) if you have a change of contact, i.e., snail mail, electronic mail, address and/or phone number. If I have no current contact for you, that will result in removal from the 'active' roster and placed in the archives.

Whatever the reason, to renew or extend your membership, join, return, or change of contact, you can use the Membership form, the last page of this Newsletter, the last attachment.

Another FYI: Our 'active' roster is not the same as any you may find on the internet, including our website. If you want your name on our website's *Contact List*, you must contact the webmaster.

### *Newsletter*

I am also your Newsletter Editor, so if you have any comments, likes, dislikes or suggestions, including format, and/or would like to contribute a short article for an upcoming Newsletter, please let me know. We **need** and enjoy the personal articles of interesting memories/experiences related to your adventures before, while, or after being stationed aboard the Spiegel Grove, including reunions.

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## SHIP'S STORE

*Len Baldassi, Logistic Specialist*



Hi! I hope everyone is well and feeling fine after the year of the pandemic. As usual your ship's store will be attending our reunion in Philadelphia in October. As prior reunion attendees know, our store carries a variety of items: caps, polo shirts, pink tees, belt buckles, ship's patches old and new in different sizes, and also old and new ship's patch pins. Hope to see you all there.



## PHILADELPHIA

### OUR 2021 REUNION

Joe and Ruth Py, Reunion Coordinators



Full speed ahead. **No masks required.** The Hotel is patiently waiting for our Reunion.

Reservations have already been made by a few

members. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great time.

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, the City of Brotherly Love, America's sixth-largest city, is filled with a rich history, diverse neighborhoods, beautiful parks, interesting museums, fabulous shopping, and world-renowned restaurants.

Our accommodations for this year's reunion are at the Crowne Plaza, in King of Prussia, close to Valley Forge National Park about 25 minutes North of Philadelphia near the Pennsylvania turnpike.

It is about half hour from the airport (PHL), but the hotel does provide limited shuttle to and from the airport as well as to other local areas.

The hotel features first class hotel accommodations, complimentary access to fitness center and award-winning cuisine at The Forager Restaurant and Lounge plus free wired and wireless internet access. There are stylish guest rooms with MP3 docking stations and LCD televisions, of which we have a block of 35 set aside for us for \$119/night plus state and local occupancy taxes.

This rate will also be available for two days prior to and two days after the reunion if rooms are available. *This rate includes a hot, buffet breakfast for each person each morning.* Be sure to get your breakfast buffet chits when you arrive. The official check-in time is 3 PM. Parking is free.

#### *The Hospitality Suite / Reunion Check-in*



The Hospitality Suite is our gathering place or home port. It will be open all day every day (except during tours) until taps. Here is your first stop,

checking in (includes picking up name tags, tour tickets, etc.). Then on to meet all the old (literally) and new members and get in on the latest scuttlebutt and, of course, to share some new and interesting sea stories. It will be stocked with a plethora of snacks/finger foods and cold drinks (soda, beer, wine, and water) – maybe even some coffee. Old Newsletters, pictures from previous reunions and cruise books are among the many things on display for your enjoyment. If you have something that you would like to share – pictures, stories, cruise books, etc., please feel free to bring them along. You can also view all the prizes for the raffles. Our Ship's Store's items are all on display and sold here.

#### *Activities / Tours*

Refer to Attachment #1 for the description of the several activities and tours scheduled. Attachment #2 is your Registration Form with costs. Payment in full must be received prior to September 15th. You do not need to attend or pay for everything; only pay for the activities you plan to join in with the rest of us.

#### *Some On-Your-Own-Time Tours Info*

Lotta Uber available. Just minutes away in a car is Valley Forge National Park. You can just drive over to see where Washington camped during the Revolutionary War. It is beautiful. Also the Visitors Center is a popular touristy venue. Available in the Hospitality Suite will be some brochures from several local sights and tours you may be interested in for your spare time of another day.

There are also several other venues nearby, a Cheesecake Factory, a Tiffany & Co. Jewelry Store (maybe you might wanna try breakfast there) and even a Casino close by. Here is a link to those and more.

#### [Cheesecake Factory](#) (Restaurant)

Center City  
1430 Walnut St. Philly 19102  
(267) 457-2203

#### [Tiffany and Co.](#)

1715 Walnut St. Philly 19103  
(215) 735 1919

#### [Valley Forge Casino.](#) (610) 354-8118

1160 First Ave in King Of Prussia.  
six minutes from hotel (2.2 miles).

*More activities for on-your-own-time*

Shopping:

<https://www.visitphilly.com/shopping/>

Food and Drink

<https://www.visitphilly.com/food-drink/>

Cheesesteaks:

<https://www.visitphilly.com/tag/cheesesteaks/>

USS New Jersey (BB-62):

Suggested by Lt. Chris Moriarty. Aboard 1972-75

<https://www.battleshipnewjersey.org>

### *Raffles*

We will have several raffles/drawings during the reunion. One is a 50/50; the other raffles and silent auction are items that you and other shipmates are encouraged to bring and donate. The more prizes, and buying lots of tickets, the bigger our celebration. Suggested items for this raffle include something from the area where you live or something you have made. Or you can purchase something in the Philadelphia area and donate it to the raffle. Rule of thumb is \$20ish. Ruth is making some items and getting things donated from the Philadelphia area. Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Hospitality Suite throughout the reunion except during tours. We hope that everyone will participate as we always have oodles of fun!!!



### *The Annual Business Meeting*

Our Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for 1000 Saturday morning in the Hospitality Suite. Please note that the currently scheduled times are subject to change.

### *The Grand Banquet*

Our final evening, our encore, is an all hands-on-deck, with guests, Grand Banquet (Buffet). Business casual is suggested. We do have a speaker this year, our shipmate Roger Pence HMC(SW), aboard 1987-89. He will enlighten/entertain us with some of his experiences with the “Decommissioning Tour.” Following that, we will retire to the Hospitality Suite for the raffles.

Again, you don’t have to attend all days or events. You can, for example, join us only for the Grand Banquet. No requirement to attend all activities.

Even if you’d like to just stop by the Hospitality Suite for a couple hours of sea stories that is okay. But even for a short visit, **please** submit the free registration, not only for a head count for planning and a name tag, but just to let us know you are coming for any part of our calendar.

Whatever your pleasure, please stop in!

Any question? Contact Joe or Ruth Py at [hbpysknk@ptd.net](mailto:hbpysknk@ptd.net) or (717) 471-5924 or (717) 587-5193 or Jim Yoder at [lsd32usn@gmail.com](mailto:lsd32usn@gmail.com) or (623) 853-9913.



## TREASURER’S REPORT

*Jim Yoder, Treasurer*



The Association actually did about as expected for this reporting period, since a lot of shipmates paid dues during the grace period and most were for multiple years, and since COVID-19 is still winding down, we probably would have taken more reunion registrations. Plan A is in July and August, 20 more members will register. Besides the few registrations, the only real down was several shipmates did not renew. (See the Secretary’s report for more detail on them.) The numbers shown below are to the nearest dollar – since the last Newsletter report (January 31).

### *Receipts.*

\$588 Membership dues – 24 members, 49 years.  
\$0 Dividends. (0.42) Interest rate in the gutter.  
\$306 Donations.  
\$2277 Reunion Registrations – 5 members (9 total)

### *Expenses.*

\$242 NL printing, envelopes, postage, and ink.

The current account balance is \$12,143. The reunion receipts will disappear during the reunion.

A summary of all receipts, expenses, and balances for the year (October to October) will be given at the annual business meeting with details available at that time.

## A NAVY OFFICER'S GREAT STORY

*Submitted by Bob Knight  
Chief Engineer aboard 1960-62*



The Navy used to require officers to foot their total moving expenses out of pocket and file for reimbursement at their new duty station and they *might* be reimbursed several months later.

In August of 1870, LCDR J.P. Fyffe had orders to be CO of a frigate out of San Francisco. His current duty station was in New London, Connecticut. He did not think it right that his moving expenses should be out of pocket. The following is what happened.

LCDR Fyffe sent a message to the Secretary of the Navy requesting that the Navy either lay out the money or supply him with railroad tickets or transportation via naval vessel.

The reply came from the Chief of Bureau of Navigation:

“To: Lieutenant Commander J.P. Fyffe

“In reply to your letter of the 18th: Your request is contrary to Navy regulations. Carry out your orders.” The orders also stated: “While carrying out these orders, you will keep the Bureau informed of your whereabouts.” There was nothing which stated when he was supposed to arrive in San Francisco or by what means.

LCDR Fyffe donned his best uniform and strapped his sword to his small travel kit. At sunrise on the 25th, he walked out of New London and headed westward for San Francisco. By sundown he reached East Haddam where he sent the following telegram to the Chief:

25 August – Compliance orders number 1998. LCDR Fyffe en route New London to San Francisco on foot. This telegram to keep Bureau informed my whereabouts. Made good 22 miles this date. Spending evening in hayloft in Mount Parnassus. Very respectfully, Fyffe.

Every evening for the next few days he sent a telegram.

26 August – En route on foot. Made good 31 miles this date. By gracious consent, Mayor of Bristol, am appending the night in Mayor's stables. Have noticed he has hybrid mules specially bred for tropics. Suggest Navy investigate.

27 August – En route on foot. Made good only 1-1/2 miles this date. Rained all day. Staying overnight at Litchfield with my father's friend, General Holmes. I find standard boot worn by naval officer inadequate for prolonged walking. Suggest Surgeon General investigate.

28 August – Spending night in Lakeville. Lovely country. Expect to buy home here as soon as I get reimbursed travel voucher submitted by me to Navy three years ago. Tomorrow I enter New York State.

29 August – En route on foot. Make 28 miles this date despite badly worn boots. People not familiar with Navy uniforms in this area. Great crowd walked part way with me. I sang them sea chanties. Populace thinks it a great sign of democracy for commanding officer of his ship to walk 3000 miles to new station. Police Chief, Hudson, New York, has given me best cell in jail for overnight.

30 August – Fyffe received the following message:

“I strike my colors. Secretary of the Navy authorized Recruiting Officer, Albany issue you boots and provide quickest transportation from Albany to San Francisco. Even Chief of Bureau of Navigation can laugh when outsmarted!”

Question: Do you think the last sentence is part of the message?



**WEBMASTER'S CORNER**

*Kevin Flatley*



Our home page website is [www.kevinflatley.com](http://www.kevinflatley.com). It contains links to a plethora of SG information and USS Spiegel Grove history. SG Association information available is officers, how to join, upcoming reunion, past reunions, and shipmates' contact information.

Anyone not listed on the website's contact page that wishes to be listed, please contact me via email <flatleyk@yahoo.com> and let me know. I list name/rate-rank, years aboard and your email. We are looking for memories and the dates of ports of call visited– a written list or email is great!

On-line sales of LSD 32 related items have been suspended while I am moving. If you want something, say before the reunion, I refer you to contact Len Baldassi, our Ship's Store Logistic Specialist.

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*The SGA Newsletter* is published semi-annually by and for the USS Spiegel Grove Association members – former shipmates and other embarked personnel who served aboard USS Spiegel Grove (LSD 32). Feedback is welcomed; send to: [lsd32usn@gmail.com](mailto:lsd32usn@gmail.com).

The SG Association is a nonprofit organization, therefore, membership fees (dues), donations, and contributions are all tax-deductible as provided by law.

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**WE ARE IN NEED FOR SOMEONE – MAYBE**



Election time. The President, Vice President and Chaplain's current 2-year terms expire this year, so elections, or maybe re-elections, will be held at our annual membership meeting this year. We ask that you take a look at these positions.

The duties of the positions are explained in the bylaws.

Contact the Secretary, Jim Yoder, if you want a copy of the bylaws. Contact President Mike Graham if you would like to campaign for one of the positions.

**WE NEED PERSONAL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTERS. PLEASE SUBMIT TO THE EDITOR.** ! ●

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## MEMBERS TRANSFERRED TO THE NON-ACTIVE ROSTER

Note. If your name is on this list, we welcome you to renew your membership.

If anyone would like to contact them again, here is their contact information. Bug 'em enough just might get them back on the active roster or maybe just drop in and chat with us at the next reunion.



Bist, Jim (Nancy)  
BM3, 1964-68  
Clinton Township, Michigan  
(586) 216-0328

Churchill, William (Monica)  
BM3, 1967-68  
Punta Gorda, Florida  
(941) 916-9893

Fecher, Don (Ann Walling)  
GMG2, 1981-83  
Brick, New Jersey  
(732) 262-1413

Killion, Mike (Paula)  
SN, 1972-75  
Westminster, Massachusetts  
(978) 874-2282 / c: (978) 868-4409

Marshall, Rick (Jackie)  
FTG2, 1971-74  
Spencer, New York  
(607) 589-4216 / c: (607) 351-6917

Mawn, Paul (June)  
ENS/LTJG, 1963-65  
Sudbury, Massachusetts  
(978) 443-2565 / c: (978) 869-5250

Pankow, Ken  
MM3, 1980-82  
Norfolk, Nebraska  
c: (563) 880-0026

**NOTE.** Linda Gordon, wife of Bill "Flash" Gordon, SGA's first president, passed away June 27th.

## TAPS

### IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our Shipmates who have received the call from The Supreme Commander.



James Dale Garfield, 78, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday, May 16, 2021

Jim came aboard the Grove in 1963 and served until his discharge as a DC2 in 1967. He married Nancy Gregory October 14, 1967. Jim and Nancy last attended our reunions in

2018 in Lancaster.

He was a union carpenter and member of local 556. Additionally, he was a self-employed carpenter and subsequently worked as a facility engineer at Meadville Medical Center for 17 years.

Jim was of the Baptist faith and a former member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He enjoyed golfing, hunting, railroads, and trains where he was a member of the French Creek Valley Railroad Historical Society, and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.



Gary Wilkinson (02/05/21) Center Point, Oregon. A retired RMC, he served aboard the Spiegel Grove 1968-1970 as RMI. He was a long time Association, but due to his health (cancer) he let his membership expire in 2019. He also had lost his wife Peggy in 2019 after 55 years.

After his naval career, Gary was hired in October 1978 by Pacific Telatronics, Inc., Medford, Oregon, later in its last years under the parent company of Charter Communications, he held the position of Senior Technician and Technical Manager when retiring in June of 2008 with nearly 30 years' service.

Richard Ruth (1/24/21) Clarkston, Michigan, EN2. He served aboard 1968-72 but was never a member of SGA.

*"We, who remain to carry on, should not think of our shipmates as departed from us, but rather as having been transferred to a celestial ship or station where we hope all of us may be shipmates again."*



## USS Spiegel Grove Association Reunion October 20-24, 2021

**NOTE:** Underlined venue title means that is a link to it for more detailed information.

### Wednesday, October 20

**Noonish Hospitality Suite Opens — Berwyn Room**  
Check into the reunion here.



**1500 Check in to the Crown Plaza Hotel.**  
Early check-ins will be accommodated on an individual basis.



**1730 Welcome Reception** in Hospitality Suite  
Enjoy FOOD, drinks and share sea stories in our Hospitality Suite.



### Thursday, October 21

**Breakfast Buffet** in the Forager Restaurant.

**0830 Meet in the Lobby.** Board the bus.

**0845 Underway.** Depart the hotel and head to the **Historic Area of Philadelphia.**

**1000** Your tour will start at the [National Constitution Center](#), the country's first museum dedicated to telling the story of the Constitution through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits. Here you will see the 19-minute show "Freedom Rising" and have time to experience the exhibits.

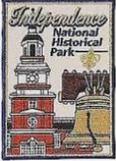


**1115** Next, we visit the [Reading Terminal Market](#), Philly's famous farmer's market! One of America's largest and oldest public markets and boasts more than 80 diverse merchants.

You have two hours on your own to shop and eat at your leisure. We have a private space reserved for the whole time so there will be no worry about seating.

Thursday, October 21 (Cont'd)

1315 After lunch, you will be greeted by a **Professional Tour Guide** dressed in **Colonial garb**. The guide will lead our group on a walking and driving tour of **Downtown Philadelphia**.



You will explore [Independence National Historical Park](#), “America’s most historic square mile”, where you’ll visit the **Liberty Bell Center** and tour **Independence Hall**, where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were written.

We will continue to tour the historic area with stops at other historical locations, such as [Carpenter’s Hall](#), [Elfreth’s Alley](#), and [Christ Church & Burial Grounds](#), where Benjamin Franklin and his wife are buried.



You will also explore the other unique neighborhoods of Philadelphia. We will head down the [Benjamin Franklin Parkway](#), home to many of Philadelphia’s cultural gems, including a stop at the [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#) where the **Rocky steps** are located. Great photo op – on the steps or by the Rocky statue!

1600 Depart the city and head back to hotel.

1645 Arrive at hotel.

Evening on your own.

Friday, October 22

**Breakfast Buffet** in the Forager Restaurant.

0845 **Meet in the Lobby.** Board the bus.

0900 Underway. Depart the hotel and head to Philadelphia.

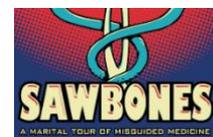
1000 **Your day will begin with a guided tour at the [Museum of the American Revolution](#), one of Philadelphia’s newest museums.** Located in the heart of **Historic Philadelphia**, the museum explores the dramatic and surprising story of the *American Revolution* and its enduring legacy.



The museum should have a special exhibition by the time we get there that you might find particularly interesting. It is called *Liberty or Death: Don Troiani’s Paintings of the Revolutionary War*. Trioani is a contemporary historical artist who is renowned for painting extraordinarily accurate depictions of major events of the Revolution. This special exhibition is free with admission.

1200 **We head to [Chinatown](#). Lunch on your own while there. Restaurant is TBD.**

1345 After lunch, we will get a tour of one of Philadelphia’s most unique and interesting museums, the [Mutter Museum](#). Are you ready to be disturbingly informed? **Ruth can't wait to go to the Mutter Museum. It's truly a unique place.**



1515 Depart the city and head back to hotel.

1600 Arrive at hotel.  
Evening on your own.

Saturday, October 23

Breakfast Buffet in the Forager Restaurant.

1000 Annual SGA Business Meeting in the Hospitality Suite.



1130 Lunch and afternoon on your own.

Use today to gather in the Hospitality Suite and share stories or explore some local favorites!

1830 ‘Valley Forge’ Dinner Buffet Banquet at Hotel in the Independence North Ball Room. The dinner will be “Build Your Own” with a selection of Seared Salmon, Grilled Chicken Breasts and Peppercorn Crusted Tri Tip Beef, Garden Salad, Roasted Acorn Squash & Vegetable Medley, Roasted Red Potatoes, and Desert.



2000 Raffles and 50/50.



2200 Secure Hospitality Suite.



Sunday, October 24

Breakfast Buffet in the Forager Restaurant.  
Say final good-byes.

< 1100 Check out of hotel.



On-your-own/underway to wherever.

Thank you, Joe and Ruth Py, for planning another wonderful reunion!



THE USS SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD 32) ASSOCIATION  
2021 REUNION REGISTRATION  
October 20-24 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank or Rate/Rating When Aboard \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest(s)/Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Stationed Aboard \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_  
Wheelchair Bound? \_\_\_\_\_

**REUNION ACTIVITY**

Registering (Name tags, etc. needed) ..... No. of persons \_\_\_\_ (Free)  
Wed ..... Welcome Aboard (Need head count) ..... No. of persons \_\_\_\_ (Free)  
**Thu.....**National Constitution Center, Reading Terminal Market  
(lunch on your own) and a Tour of Philadelphia..... No. of persons \_\_\_\_ x \$77 = \$ \_\_\_\_  
Fri .....American Revolution Museum, Chinatown (lunch on your  
own) and the Mutter Museum..... No. of persons \_\_\_\_ x \$118 = \$ \_\_\_\_  
Sat.....Grand Banquet (Buffet) ..... No. of persons \_\_\_\_ x \$58 = \$ \_\_\_\_  
If new or renewing membership..... No. of years \_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_  
Registration, with payment in full, must be submitted and received  
by September 5th. If a tour is included, by September 1st. My Total Package = \$ \_\_\_\_

Make check payable to “USS Spiegel Grove Association.”

Mail check with this registration form to:

Jim Yoder, SGA Sec.-Treasurer  
19132 W. McDowell Rd.  
Buckeye, AZ 85396-5700



(OPTIONAL) CUT ALONG DASHED LINE AND DISCARD.

**HOST HOTEL**

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For reservations, use this link <[CP Room](#)> or call (610) 265-7500. When calling, reference ‘LSD 32 USS Spiegel Grove Reunion’ to obtain our room rate of \$119/night (one king or two queens as available) (1-4 adults) PLUS the prevailing state and local occupancy taxes. Check in time is 3:00 PM. Check out time is 11:00 AM. That includes a hot, buffet breakfast for each person each morning, internet and parking. These prices are also good for two days before and two days after the reunion. Drop dead date for reservation at this rate is Friday, September 24, 2021.



## THE USS SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD 32) ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL

Dues are \$12.00 per calendar year. Pay for as many years as you like at the current rate.  
Note: If you are not sure if you are paid up call Jim Yoder at (623) 853-9913 or email him.

Make check payable to ‘USS Spiegel Grove Association’

Mail to: Jim Yoder, SGA Sec.-Treasurer  
19132 W. McDowell Rd.  
Buckeye, AZ 85396-5700

Question(s): Jim at (623) 853-9913 or  
lsd32usn@gmail.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wife/Significant other \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Rate/Rating when aboard \_\_\_\_\_ Dates aboard \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ Division/Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

If retired from Military, please,  
your Rank/Rate/Rating at retirement \_\_\_\_\_

New member  Renewing/Returning  Life

(Optional) The year you turn 80. 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Paying dues for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) x \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

I only mention year turning 80 because the year after you turn 80 you can become a life member (no dues required). It can't happen unless you tell me.
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Please send this form in with your check.

Thank you!

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