

# USS Lafayette SSBN-616 Association

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## USS Lafayette SSBN-616 Shipmates:

We are only weeks away from the 2019 Reunion in Austin, Texas. On August 13<sup>th</sup> our in-house sign-in will begin. We should have a (hospitality) room available to us sometime around 1600 (4:00 PM) or sooner, that's check in time. Until then our Sign-In will be at the Hotel Sign-In booth adjacent to the USSVI's Sign-In booth located in the Lobby area, downstairs opposite of the Hotel Entry/Registration Desk.

The cutoff date for booking your rooms at the Renaissance Austin Hotel is Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>; reason, the room-block for *US Submariners* ends on the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't done so, please make your reservations ASAP. After this date the room-rates go back up to standard rates \$200+ per night.

Also we have asked that your 2019 Reunion Registration form at [http://ssbn616.homestead.com/Lafayette 2019 Reunion Registration Form.pdf](http://ssbn616.homestead.com/Lafayette%202019%20Reunion%20Registration%20Form.pdf) be sent in by July 15<sup>th</sup> to allow time for our Treasurer to receive, record, and forward information as needed.

If you would like to take advantage of any of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. (USSVI) activities, please go to the convention website <http://www.ussviconvention.org/2019/> and register. However, there may be space available for some of the events they have planned after you get checked in.

Shipmates, although this is our Reunion and most of us will be gathering in our hospitality room visiting with Lafayette shipmates, lots of us served on more than one boat. I do encourage you to visit the USSVI Hospitality Room, where you will probably meet one or more of your shipmates of the past or make a new friend, and also visit the Vendors area for submarine memorabilia.

I also encourage you to attend the USSVI Welcome Aboard Party on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1900 (7:00 PM). Registration at the door is, I believe, \$35.00 per person at the Grand Ball Room "A" and "B". *Bobby Reed* will be performing some great Submarine Music. The *Walburg Boys* are also scheduled to perform at the Welcome Aboard Party. They do a unique mix of German country R&B reggae rock polka waltz zydeco disco party blues music (WOW!). Make sure you come join us and them there.

Our Tolling of the Bell Ceremony will begin at 1000 (10:00 AM) on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our Treasurer must give the USSVI a headcount and meal type of those registered for the banquet no later than August 12<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, due to needing to have the final counts in for banquet food prior to 72 hours, last minutes registrations for this event cannot be made at the hotel, nor can we honor refunds for the banquet.

## Parking Rates at the Hotel

Parking Rates at the Hotel (Prevailing Rates apply) currently at:

- Self-Parking: \$10 Daily / Disabled parking is Free
- Valet: \$18 Daily
- Overnight \$25
- Hotel will honor 50% off standard pricing for the group

**Note from the USSVI Convention Committee:** We recommend if you are flying in to consider not renting a car; use the Super Shuttle to get to/from airport or use local options such as Uber, Lyft, cabs and public transportation. There are many things to do in walking distance and many tours to go on. You may not need a car. Additionally, if you are an RVer or local there are plenty of places to park that should not cost you any money during the daytime.

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## USS Lafayette SSBN-616 Association Plan of the Week

Day	Time	Event	
Tuesday Aug 13	1200-2300	Registration/Sign In at Hotel Convention Area Registration Booth and in USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Hospitality Hotel Room once available.	
Wednesday Aug 14	1200-2300	Continue Registration/Sign In - USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Hospitality Rm	
Thursday Aug 15	1200-2300	Continue Registration/Sign In – USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Hospitality Room	USSVI Convention Starts
	1700- ~~~	USSVI Welcome Aboard Party (\$25 pre-registered with USSVI; Lafayette or USSVI \$35 at door)	
Friday Aug 16	1200-1600	Registration/Sign In – USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Hospitality Room. (USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Hospitality Room will be closed during Tolling, Meetings, and banquet period)	
	1000-????	USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Tolling of the Bell Service for Our Brothers on Eternal Patrol since last reunion	
	1300-`1400	USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Board Meeting followed by Members Meeting & Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer Election.	
	1800-~????	Photographs in Banquet Meeting Area; House Cash Bar Open (4 hours) starting at 1800 (6:00 PM) to 2200 (10:00 PM).	
	1900-2100	USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Banquet – Buffet Style	
Saturday Aug 17	<b>Departure for 2021</b>		

### Comments

USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Members determine their own activities, meals and location except the Banquet.

USSVI Convention Hospitality/Vendor Area (includes a Hotel cash bar) will be open each day 0900-1700 except Church Service and Boat Tolling Ceremony. The USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Hospitality Room will be closed 1 hour at 1200 and 1700 each day except as noted.

The *Sons of American Revolution Color Guard* will be doing the Flag ceremony at our Tolling Service

USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Meetings:

- The Board will select the 2021 Reunion location in the East U.S.
- USS Lafayette Association Officer Election for Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

Photographer available at 1800 before Banquet for individual and group photos.

Silent auction for special items at Banquet and Banquet 50/50 drawing.

Your USS Lafayette (SSBN 616) Association Officers and Board Members hope that you enjoy your reunion time in Austin, TX, and we are looking forward to seeing you in 2021.