



# USS BLUE DD 744 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Shipmates and Friends,

As you may know, Our 2015 reunion will be in San Antonio, TX. The dates are Sept 24-27. There are a lot of crew members who live in Texas. This should be a good time to join us. We are not going to get any closer to you. So, please try to come.

The hotel we will be at is the Holiday Inn San Antonio downtown- Market Square. The address is 318 Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. Our rate is \$95 per night including a hot breakfast. The rate is good for 4 nights before and 4 nights after the reunion. To make reservations call 888-615-0725. Make sure you tell them that you are with the USS Blue. To get the free airport shuttle, call 210-225-3211. We do have a shuttle. Don't let them tell you we don't. If there is a problem call my cell, 914-213-1842 or Pattie's cell at 914-213-0585.

Our trips this year will include a visit to Fredricksburg. That is the home of the WW2 Pacific War Museum, The Admiral Nimitz Museum, and the George H.W. Bush Gallery. The town has a lot of shops for those who would rather do that. There are wine tasting shops there, too. Lunch is on your own there. Our other trip will be a tour of San Antonio, with a visit to the Alamo and other attractions including lunch. We will also stop at Market Square. I have tried to shorten the trips so we will have more time to rest at the hotel. Face it, we are all getting older. I have also arranged for tickets to the River Walk boat tour. Our price is \$6 per person; the ticket is good for any day. The hotel will supply a shuttle to get you there. We took that ride last year at night and it was wonderful. There are several restaurants in the area for dinner.

We are still putting new information on our website. Glenn Harvey, along with our webmaster Gary Albaugh, are still working hard on it. A big thanks goes out to both of them. Our web address is: <http://www.ussbluedd744.com>. If you want to add anything please get in touch with Glenn. His email address is [Sailtheblue744@gmail.com](mailto:Sailtheblue744@gmail.com). Glenn's phone number is 608-838-4703. A few years ago, my father-in-law wrote down his WW2 stories. It is something that gives a firsthand account of what it was like for him. I would suggest that we do something like that for our families and our ship. There are a lot of stories that have never been "officially" told. I have heard about the submarine that was captured during WW2 and the Blue going into Toyko Bay. Our ship was the second one out from the USS Missouri when the treaty was signed. I have also heard about a jeep being smuggled onto the ship back in the early 60's. We don't need to know about the bar fights, etc. Firsthand accounts of battles would be great to have.

I want to thank everyone in advance for the donations for our reunion. This is how we keep things going year after year. I hope to see you all in San Antonio.

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