


## **2023 SEADRAGON ALUMNI REUNION AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 3**

I write this notice a bit tardily but hoping that as many alumni as possible can join us at the [El Conquistador Tucson, A Hilton Resort 10000 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704](#). We are currently looking for a speaker for the Alumni Dinner on Saturday night.

### **NATIONAL CONVENTION SIGN UP AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

To sign up for the National Convention and to reserve a room go to the [ussvi.org](https://ussvi.org) website and log in. Under the Members tab, click on the [2023 Convention link](#), which will take you to the [National Convention Homepage](#). Under the [Convention](#) tab are two registration options and an option to register for the hotel:

- **ONLINE LINK**—the online registration can be paid via a credit card. Each line item carries an upcharge to account for the credit card fee that will be charged for this convenience.
- **MANUAL REGISTRATION**—a fillable pdf form that can be completed, downloaded, and mailed with your check or money order to the PO Box for registering for the convention. Please check your math and make your form legible to avoid mistakes that will cause delays in finalizing your registration.
- **HOTEL RESERVATION**—Click this link to a special page for the Hilton El Conquistador, where the room rate is \$99 per night.
- **HOTEL RESERVATION** —If you require a special needs room, call Elicia Robles, Group Registration Coordinator, at 520.544.1155.
- The resort fee will be waived at checkout.

There are also excursions on some of the days that are sponsored by USSVI. Check them out where you register for the National Convention.

### **REUNION REGISTRATION AND DUES**

The hospitality room will be a Casita suite having a sitting area and small balcony. You may ask where that is when you check in. It will be open on Wednesday when you check in and available to us until after the banquet Saturday. As always, sea stories are encouraged in the hospitality room but **MUST** begin with “And this is no s-t!-t!

The banquet dinner will be held on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Four Bells on the Evening Watch (1800 hours) in a room to be determined. A brief business meeting will be held after the banquet dinner. At this point our speaker for this is uncertain. However, as always, short stories from shipmates are welcome about:

- life aboard the Seadragon
- Nature of a certain shipmate
- A funny or dangerous situation
- A favorite event, custom or celebration, food stories etc.
- Semi-true sea stories are also acceptable

If you do attend the reunion, we would like you to share the experience with us. If you don't attend, please write a note about that and send it to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Please make sure all your information on the SSN-584 roster is up to date. Access the Seadragon Alumni Homepage via USS Seadragon SSN 584. If there are changes to your information or to the information for any alumni that you know of, please forward it directly to our webmaster Dennis D'Ambrogio. His email address is [ups-submariner@bcglobal.net](mailto:ups-submariner@bcglobal.net)

**PLEASE DO REMAIN ACTIVE ON E-MAIL. IT IS WHAT TIES THIS GROUP TOGETHER!!**

The cost for each attendee is \$75.00. Also, each alumnus must pay their \$20 annual dues for 2023. As noted in an earlier communique, we will now conduct our reunions during odd numbered years. If you plan to attend, please return the registration by as soon as you can. To register, please fill out the form below and prepare a check to John J Wheeler Jr with USS Seadragon Alumni on the Memo Line of the check, for the registration and dues. Please mail the registration form plus a check for the registration and dues to the Secretary/Treasurer. Please mail this to:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
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Guest name(first&last) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total attending banquet \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75/ person=\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Annual dues@ \$20 for 2023 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

This letter is not sent directly from my computer so instead of replying to it **PLEASE** email me with your response to this message **ASAP** to [jackwheeler68@gmail.com](mailto:jackwheeler68@gmail.com) You may mail your registration later we just need to know how many alumni, including guests, will be attending.

Thank you and we hope to see you in Tucson!

Jack (Wheels) Wheeler, Secretary/Treasurer