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LET'S GO TO SAVANNAH!

Remember how things were going so well before everything hit the fan? After two attempts to visit Providence and one try for Nashville, we're going to go with "Plan C". This year's reunion will be held in Savannah, Georgia! The reunion will start on Sunday, September 11th. (Travel day, check-in (3:00 PM) & Welcome Meeting) and end on September 15th. (Farewell Banquet) with Check-out (12:00 PM) on the 16th. Our hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn at the Savannah Airport. Everyone MUST make their own reservations with the hotel. The room rate (including all taxes) will be \$162.07 per night. As always, these prices are good for an earlier check-in (3 days) or a later check-out (3 days). The physical address is:

**HILTON GARDEN INN SAVANNAH AIRPORT
80 CLYDE E. MARTIN DRIVE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31408
(912) 964-5550
USS BASILONE REUNION GROUP**

We're going on some pretty exciting tours in Savannah. I've listed them below along with the pricing. The actual dates will be published in the P.O.D. in your "Welcome Package". After the excursions, everyone is welcome to gather in our Meeting Room to get caught up on what's been going on in our lives since the Atlanta Reunion (2019) as well as joining in on the fun and games. We are not using a reunion company this year. Being the Host, I will be in charge of collecting the money for excursions! Please send your payments to me at the address below. I will allow you to split the payments, the first due no later than June 30th, and the final payment (or payment in full) by August 15th. This is our cut-off date!

**Frank J Stepka Sr
c/o USS Basilone Association
537 East Bethany Drive
Allen, Texas 75002-4040**

(Make your check payable to: USS BASILONE ASSOCIATION)

The Tours:



Historic Savannah Trolley Tour - This 90-minute trolley bus tour is one of the most entertaining ways to get to know the beautiful city of Savannah. Get a fully narrated sightseeing tour, by costumed guides, of one of the largest National Urban Historic Landmarked Districts in the United States.

Be guided through more than 270 years of American history, as you journey through Savannah's historic districts. Ride along cobblestone streets, beneath moss-draped oaks, and experience the Old South with her stately mansions, beautiful squares, romantic riverfront, and abundance of artifacts.



Wormsloe/Bonaventure Tour - Your day begins with a tour of **Bonaventure Cemetery** to learn about the lives of notable inhabitants like Academy Award-winning songwriter Johnny Mercer, Georgia's first governor Edward Telfair, philanthropist Mary Telfair, as well as the tragic tales of poet Conrad Aiken and Gracie Watson. The Cemetery walking tour meanders under moss-draped oaks and along the bluff of the Wilmington River. Bonaventure Cemetery, dating back to 1846, is one of the most beautiful cemeteries.

Your visit to **Wormsloe** includes a breathtaking drive down the famous live oak tree-lined drive. You will take a short walk to see the Plantation Tabby Ruins that date to the 18th Century and visit the museum. **\$50/Person**



Tybee Island Dolphin Tour - See wild bottlenose dolphins playing in the waves around Tybee Island on this half-day dolphin watching cruise. Head out to the Tybee Island waterways to see scenic wildlife and historic lighthouses. Take the opportunity to chow down on crab, shrimp, and oysters at the Crab Shack on Tybee Island where the Elite Eat in their bare feet. While you dine, take in the spectacular scenery of this local fishing hotspot. Be sure to check out the Alligator Pond which houses over a hundred gators of various sizes. Board the boat for your dolphin cruise through Tybee Island's waterways in search of local bottlenose dolphins playing in their natural habitat. Your captain points out birdlife and the estuaries and marshes that provide delicious

shrimp, fish, and crab. Then, swing by the historic Fort Pulaski and the smallest lighthouse in Georgia. Enjoy a full day at Tybee Island while experiencing all of the best stops along the way. **\$55/Person**



Fort Pulaski Tour - A Turning Point in Military History. **For much of the 19th century, masonry fortifications were the United States' main defense against overseas enemies. However, during the Civil War, new technology proved its superiority to these forts. The Union army used rifled cannon and compelled the Confederate garrison inside Fort Pulaski to surrender. The siege was a landmark experiment in the history of military science and invention.**

Just a reminder...

The Association collects its funds from 1) Donations, 2) Annual Dues and 3) Raffles. It's the Raffle Tables that keep us going from year to year. By bringing an item (or two) to the reunion, you're giving us a head start toward next year. Without these funds makes it harder to plan which may cause the association to skip a year. Your help is needed.

NAMETAGS

Do you need a nametag? It's been more than a few years since we've seen each other and some of you look a lot older. Go to the ship's website, download the form and order yours now. I can mail it to you or have it in your welcome envelope.

RSVP

In order to finalize the necessary contracts needed for this Reunion, it is important that I have your form as soon as possible. Any forms received after the 15th of August may cause the member to miss some tours as some resources such as buses and other facilities may not be available after this date. **Time is of the essence.**

See you soon!

Frank J Stepka Sr

FAREWELL DINNER AT THE HILTON

Name _____ Guest _____

MENU ITEM

CREWMEMBER

GUEST

Entrée (choose one)

Roast Beef

Sliced Roast Beef w/ Merlot Demi Glaze

Salmon

Baked Marinated Salmon Filet
with Lemon Tarragon Sauce

Chicken Breast Pulaski

Just like mom used to make

Each entrée is served with: Chefs Selection market fresh vegetable, Dessert, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea & Dinner Rolls w/ Butter

Salads (choose one)

Apple Cheddar Salad Strawberries

Caesar Salad Garden Salad

Dessert (choose one)

Chocolate Lover's Cake Chocolate Mousse

Peach Cobbler

Mixed Berry Cobbler

NY Cheesecake

PLEASE RETURN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK!!!!



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2022 Savannah, Georgia Reunion Reservation Form (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name _____ Guest _____

	# Attending	Price/Person	Total
Registration Fee	_____	\$50	_____
Welcome Dinner (9/11)	_____	\$35	_____
Historic Savannah Trolley Tour	_____	\$35	_____
Wormsloe/Bonaventure Tour	_____	\$50	_____
Tybee Island Dolphin Tour	_____	\$55	_____
Fort Pulaski Tour/Memorial Service	_____	\$70	_____
Farewell Dinner (9/15)	_____	\$45	_____
Transportation	_____	\$25	_____
Total Enclosed		\$365	_____

Payable to: USS Basilone Association.

Mail this form along with your check to:

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