



USS Basilone Association



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## JACKSONVILLE HERE WE COME! October 6, 2025 – October 10, 2025

**Jacksonville, FL** is the most populous city proper in the U.S. and is located on the Atlantic coast and will be our next reunion city. We have tried to put together a fun time for everyone and we hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity.



The physical address is: Hyatt Place Jacksonville Airport 1465 Duval Rd, Jacksonville, FL Phone 904 741 4184 USS BASILONE REUNION GROUP

Although the reunion is scheduled for arrival on October 6, 2025 and departure on October 10, 2025, the hotel has blocked off from October 4 through October 12 to allow those individuals who wish to extend their stay to do so at the group rate.

We will have two planned diners during the reunion, a greeting dinner on Monday October 6 and the farewell banquet on Thursday October 9, 2025. On Monday our meal will be catered in our meeting room by Cheddars. On Thursday we will all meet at BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse in the River City Marketplace area. On Tuesday and Wednesday, members can take advantage of the hotel lounge for sandwiches, order out from local restaurants, or use the free shuttle to go to the River City Marketplace area restaurants.

We have arranged some pretty nice tours in Jacksonville. 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 Savannah reunion and the commissioning of the USS John Basilone DDG 122 in NYC, as well as joining in on the usual fun and games. Due to scheduling issues, I have asked Fred Gehrisch to be in charge of collecting the money for excursions. Please send your payments to him at the address below. We can allow you to split the payments, the <u>first due no later than June 30<sup>th</sup></u>. and the <u>final payment in full</u>) by August 15<sup>th</sup>. This is our cut-off date!

### Fred Gehrisch c/o USS Basilone Association 5640 Whistling Cove Rd Gainesville, GA 30504 (Make your check payable to: USS BASILONE ASSOCIATION)

In order to keep costs down and many of us are taking medications that prevent us from drinking, we are doing something a little different. This year we are asking those who drink hard liquor to B.Y.O.B. We will still provide soft drinks, chips and water. It is tough getting mature!

Room Rates - \$124 + 13.5% tax for a total of \$140.74 per room

What can you expect at the reunion? - I have provided a detailed description of our events for the week. You will also find an itinerary in your welcome package.

**How to sign up** - You will find a registration form attached for your convenience. \* You will also find a Government form that will allow you on the base and on the ship.

IMPORTANT FORM: We have attached a form to get on the base. You must have this form completed and return no later than <u>30th of June</u>. Everyone will get a background check and this takes a couple of weeks. If you do not complete this ahead of time, you will not be able to go on the base or the USS John Basilone.

Joe Fisher (jfishe@charter.net) 205 Cross Creek Dr., Bethalto, IL 62015 618 216 0465



## The Tours

**Welcome to Naval Station Mayport** - Since its commissioning in December 1942, Naval Station Mayport has grown to become the third largest Fleet Concentration Area in the United States. Mayport's operational composition is unique, with a busy harbor capable of accommodating 34 ships and an 8,000-foot runway capable of handling any aircraft in the Department of Defense inventory. The home of the USS John Basilone. Our tour of the ship will include conducting our Memorial Service aboard the USS John Basilone DDG 122 or another DDG if the John Basilone

is not in port. We will have lunch on the base at Bogey's on your own (menu attached) \$35.00



**St. Augustine's** archaeological heritage is unparalleled in the quantity and diversity of remains buried beneath its buildings, streets, and backyards. These deposits not only reflect the City's European origins since 1565, but also include a rich and varied Native American heritage that has been in existence for thousands of years. We will have a walking tour which will include the Fort, Flagler college, Casa Monica, Lightner Museum (Gilded Age furniture and glass) plus much more along the way.

\$46.00



**USS Orleck DD 886 Museum -** The USS Orleck (DD-886) is a Gearing-class destroyer that served in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1982. Named after Lieutenant Joseph Orleck, who was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for his actions during World War II, the ship has a rich history that spans multiple conflicts and eras. Also included is a Lunch (ship's canteen

provided buffet on deck). At the conclusion of the Orleck tour, we will be picked up at the ship by the St Johns River Taxi service \$55.00



#### St Johns River Taxi Tour

Get ready for an informative and inspiring journey along the St. Johns River as we cruise the river in Downtown Jacksonville. This is a 1-hour history tour arranged for us. **\$22.00** 



**Our Banquet Dinner - BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse** - They started in 1978 with a delicious California twist on deep dish pizza. Today they've grown to become the energized, welcoming getaway where craft beer is hero. And a remarkable menu offers something for everyone to love. Guests say we're their everyday escape — and prove it by coming back time and again. This is an updated buffet and they will have salad,

seafood, steak or ribs, and etc. It will also be a cash bar only event.

\$45.00



**River City Marketplace** – Restaurants and shops very close to the hotel. A complete list is on last page and the hotel shuttle will take you there. Great place for your dinner on your own or group.

## - RSVP -

In order to finalize the necessary contracts needed for this Reunion, it is important that we have your form as soon as possible. Any forms received after the **15th of August (except the Government guest list which is Jone 30<sup>th</sup>)** 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!

Joe Fisher





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### 2025 Jacksonville, Florida Reunion Reservation Form (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name	Guest							
	# Attending	Price/Person	Total					
Registration Fee		\$60						
Welcome Dinner Cheddars Buffet (10/6)		\$44						
Naval Station Mayport Tour(Bus)								
Tour of DDG122 and Memorial Service		\$35						
St Augustine Walking Tour (includes Fort)		\$46						
USS Orleck/with lunch		\$55						
St. John's Tour		\$22						
BJ's Banquet Dinner 10/9)		\$45						
Transportation (3 tours)		\$221						
Total Enclosed		\$528						
Payable to: USS Basilone Association.								
Mail this form along with your check to:								

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Dietary Restrictions\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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Name\_\_\_\_\_

## NAME TAGS

The USS Basilone Association has adopted a plastic name tag to identify shipmates (it's been many years since some of us have seen each other). The following is the format:



For the wives (significant other), the following tag has been adopted:



#### Prices for the tags are: \$18.00 (pin) or \$20.00 (magnet)

3 lines (name, rank/division, years onboard) (substitute nickname for 'DIV').

Wives (or significant other).

Please fill out the below form and include payment and mail to:

## USS BASILONE ASSOCIATION 537 EAST BETHANY DRIVE ALLEN, TEXAS 75002-4040

#### Please make checks payable to: USS BASILONE ASSOCIATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY									
Name:									
Div. (rate): Dates on Board:	<u>/</u>								
Nick Name (optional):									
Wife (significant other)									
Name tag(s) will be mailed to you or put in your welcome envelope.									
An additional \$3.50 is required for postage.									
Total for Name Tag(s): \$ Postage and Handling	g: \$3.50 Total Enclosed:	\$							

#### Store list - Stores in River City Marketplace - Regular stores:

- <u>A&D Buffalo's</u>
- <u>America's Best Contacts &</u>
  <u>Eyeglasses</u>
- Ashely Funiture Homestore
- <u>Ashley Stewart</u>
- Aspen Dental
- <u>AT&T</u>
- Barnett Jewelers
- Bed Bath & Beyond
- Best Buy
- BJ's Wholesale Club
- Blaze Pizza
- Boston's The Gourmet Pizza
- Brazils Waxing Center
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Burlington
- Buster the Barber
- <u>Carter's</u>
- <u>Chili's Grill & Bar</u>
- <u>Coldstone</u>
- <u>Comcast Xfinity</u>
- <u>Cracker Barrel</u>
- David's Bridal
- DNB Chocolates, Inc.
- Dollar Tree
- <u>DTLR</u>
- Duluth Trading Co.
- F45 Training
- Five Below
- Five Guys
- Florida Blue
- Foot Locker
- <u>Fujiyama Japanese Steakhouse</u>
- <u>GameStop</u>
- <u>Gentlemen's Cutts Barbershop</u>
- <u>GNC</u>
- Green Papaya Pan Asian Cuisine

- Hair Cuttery
- <u>Hardee's</u>
- Integration Spa
- Jackson Hewitt Tax Service
- Kay Jewelers
- Lane Bryant
- Lowe's
- Mattress Firm
- <u>Michael's</u>
- Million Nails and Spa
- <u>Mr. Potato Spread</u>
- <u>Nail Studio</u>
- OfficeMax
- Old Navy
- Olive Garden
- Once Upon A Child
- OneMain Financial
- <u>Panera</u>
- <u>PetSmart</u>
- PF Chang's
- Rack Room Shoes
- <u>Randstad</u>
- Red Lobster
- <u>Ritzy Nail Spa</u>
- <u>River City Nails & Day Spa</u>
- Ross Dress for Less
- <u>rue21</u>
- Sally Beauty Supply
- <u>Salsas Mexican Restaurant</u>
- <u>Smallcakes Cupcakery and</u>
  <u>Creamery</u>
- <u>SmartStyle Hair Salon</u>
- <u>Sportsman's Warehouse</u>
- <u>Starbucks</u>
- <u>Supercuts</u>
- <u>T-Mobile</u>
- <u>Texas Roadhouse</u>

- The Bronze Effect Tanning Salon
- The Juicy Crab
- The Men's Warehouse
- <u>Tijuana Flats</u>
- <u>Torrid</u>
- <u>Tropical Smoothie</u>
- <u>Tsaocaa Tea</u>
- <u>uBreakiFix</u>
- <u>Uniform T</u>
- <u>VisionWorks</u>
- <u>Walmart</u>
- Wasabi Sushi & Bento

## **RIVER CITY MARKETPLACE**

- Located 2 miles away
- Shuttle based on availability
- Bar Service\*

#### Grocery / Convenience

- Aldi
- Walmart
- Walmart Liquors
- Ulta Beauty
- Sally Beauty
- Five Below
- Dollar Tree
- GNC

#### Full Service Restaurants

- BJ's Brewhouse\*
- Mellow Mushroom\*
- Carrabbas\*
- Outback\*
- Cracker Barrell
- Boston's Gourmet Pizza & Bar\*
- Buffalo Wild Wings\*
- Olive Garden\*
- Red Lobster\*
- Chilis\*
- Texas Roadhouse\*

#### **Local Restaurants**

- Green Papaya Asian Fusion\*
- La Nopalera Mexican\*
- The Juicy Crab Low Country\*
- Salsas Concina Mexican\*

### **Fast Casual Dining**

- Newk's Eatery
- Panera
- Tijuana Flats
- Panda Express
- PF Chang's To-Go
- Pollo Tropical
- Moe's Southwest
- Chipotle
- Blaze Pizza
- Five Guys
- Firehouse Subs
- Jimmy Johns
  Subway

#### **Fast Food**

- Hardee's
- Arby's
- Wendv's
- McDonald's 24/7
- Chick-fil-A
- Taco Bell
- Panda Express
- Pollo Tropical
- Tropical Smoothie
- Starbucks

#### Fujiyama - Japanese / Hibachi\*

- Wasabi Sushi & Bento\*
  - Mr. Potato Spread



Torrid

Lane Bryant

Sally Beauty

Michaels

OfficeMax

Foot Locker

GameStop

Hair Cuttery

**Jacksonville Attractions** 

Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens

and entertainment:

Riverside

Avondale

San Marco

St. Johns Town Center

Historic Amelia Island

Historic St. Augustine

Jacksonville Beach

Jacksonville Riverwalk, Downtown

Historic Districts with local dining

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Lowes

Ashley Stewart

Bed Bath & Beyond

Rack Room Shoes

#### Shopping

- Ulta Beauty
- Old Navy
- Marshalls
- Burlington
- Ross
- Best Buy
- · Dick's Sporting Goods
- Five Below
- Dollar Tree
- · Carter's
- Rue 21

#### Amusement

- Regal Cinemas
- Integration Spa Massage
- Ritzy Nail Spa
- River City Nails
- Mayday Ice Cream
- Cold Stone
- Smallcakes Cupcakes
- Peterbrooke Chocolate

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- Smoothie King
- · Tropical Smoothie
- Starbucks

#### Health + Medical

In an emergency, dial 911

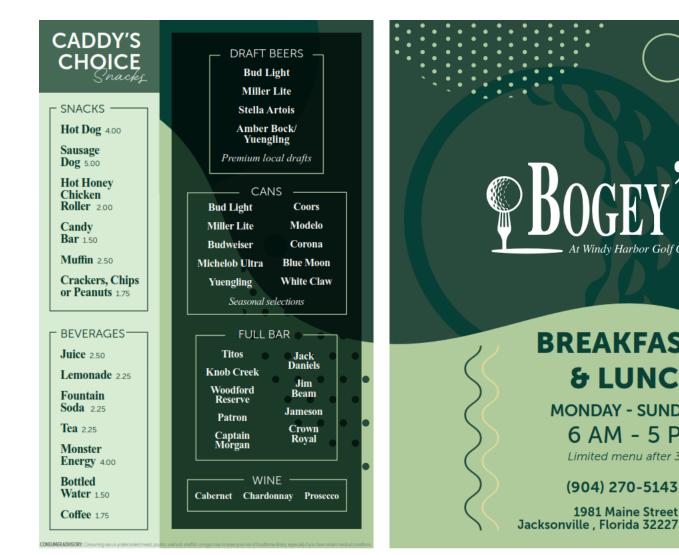
- 24-HR Emergency Room: 24/7
  - UF Health North: 15255 Max Leggett Pkwy (3 mi)
- Urgent Care:
  Amelia Urgent Care: 510 Airport Center Dr (3 mi)
- CVS Duval Station (4 mi)
- CVS Dunn Avenue (6.5 mi) 24/7
- Walgreens Airport Center Drive

## **Also Nearby**

- CVS Duval Station
- CVS Dunn Avenue 24/7
- Walgreens
- Waffle House 24/7
- Denny's 24/7
- Gate Gas & Market 24/7
- Zaxby's
- Long Horn
- Ruby Tuesday

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**Dunkin Donuts** 





## TEE OFF SERVING BREAKFAST MON-FRI 06:00 AM - 10:30 AM SAT-SUN 06:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Bogey's Choice | 8.5 Two eggs with choice of bacon, ham, or sausage and choice of bread, grits, or home fries. SUB PANCAKE OR BAGEL +1.50 |

Bogey's Jr. 6 One egg, American cheese, and choice of bacon, ham, or sausage served on your choice of bread. SUB BAGEL +1.50

French Toast | 7.5 Texas toast dipped in sweet custard with butter and syrup.

Pancakes | 6.5 Two large pancakes with butter and syrup. ADD BLUEBERRIES OR CHOCOLATE CHIPS +1.50 |

Biscuits & Gravy | 6.5 Two biscuits smothered in sausage gravy. HALF ORDER 3.75

Cheese Omelet | 7.5 American, Swiss, and cheddar cheese with grits or home fries, and your choice of bread. SUB PANCAKE OR BAGEL +1.50 ADD MEAT +1.50

Western Omelet 9 Cheddar cheese, bacon or sausage, onions, green peppers, and mushrooms with grits or home fries and your choice of bread. SUB PANCAKE OR BAGEL +1.50

#### PAR-FECT SIDES Breakfast Sides

Egg (1) 1.00 Grits 2.25 Eggs (2) 2.00 Home Fries 2.50 Side Bacon 3.50

Side

Sm Pancake or 1/2 French Toast 2.50 Bogey's Burger | 9.5 Quarter-pound Angus beef burger with lettuce, tomato, onion, and mayo on a Kaiser bun.

Bacon Cheddar Burger | 11.5 Quarter-pound Angus beef burger topped with bacon, cheddar, letuce, tomato, onion, and mayo on a Kaiser bun.

FAIRWAY FAVORITES

SERVING LUNCH MON-FRI 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM \*LIMITED MENU AFTER 3:00 PM

Mushroom Swiss Burger | 10 Quarter-pound Angus beef burger topped with sauteed mushrooms and Swiss cheese on a Kaiser bun.

Black Bean Burger | 9.5 Vegetarian burger with lettuce, tomato, and onion on a Kaiser bun.

Chicken Sandwich | 10 Grilled or fried chicken, topped with lettuce, tomato, and mayo. ADD BACON +2.00 ADD SWISS CHEESE +1.50

Cuban Sandwich | 10 Seasoned pork with ham. Swiss cheese, mustard, and pickles on a Cuban roll.

Club Sandwich | 9.75 Double-decker sandwich with ham, turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato, and mayo.

Reuben Sandwich | 11 Sliced corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, and Thousand Island dressing on rye bread.

Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich | 11 Thinly sliced steak, caramelized onions, and peppers with Provolone or American cheese on a hoagie.

Grilled Cheese Sandwich | 7 American cheese on grilled Texas toast with fries. Shrimn Backet | 125

BIRDIE BITES Appetizers

t Windy Harbor Golf Club

BREAKFAST

**& LUNCH** 

6 AM - 5 PM

Limited menu after 3 PM

(904) 270-5143 📞

1981 Maine Street

**MONDAY - SUNDAY** 

Mozzarella Fried Pork Sticks (6) 7.50 Belly 10.00 **Onion Rings** 5.00 Wings (8) 10.00

unch

#### **BACK NINE BITES**<sup>2</sup> Side

Coleslaw 200 Potato Chips 2.00

French Fries 3.00 Tater Tots 3.00

**Onion Rings** 5.00

# IN THE ROUGH

Caesar Salad | 7.5 Romaine lettuce homemade croutons parmesan cheese

Salad 8.5

Romaine lettuce, cucumbers,

tomatoes, carrots,

cheddar cheese,

Salad | 10

Romaine lettuce, ham,

turkey, hardboiled egg

cheese, and croutons

carrots, cucumbers,

tomatoes, cheddar

and croutons.

Chef

House

or Chili Cup 3.50 Bowl 4.75

**Daily Soup** 

FAIRWAY Salad FIXINS Estrat Bacon 3.00

Ham/Turkey 2.75

Egg 1.00 Grilled/Fried

Chicken 3.00 Salmon 7.00

Extra

JUNIOR GOI FER'S MENU

Cheese 1.50 Extra Sauce

or Dressing .75

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		USS Basilone Association Reunion	USS Basilone Association Reunion	CIVIL RIGHTS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	SPECIAL EVENT	provide the belo later than 10 BU x.mwr-special-eo
		07 October 2025/1000 - 1600	07 October 2025/1000 - 1600	02 JUL 1964 / 1000 - 1400 OCEAN BREEZE	EVENT DATE / START-END TIME LOCATION	All personnel ages 10+ requesting access to Naval Station Mayport are required to provide the below information. <u>Guest list must be in alphabetical order by last name.</u> All requests <u>must be submitted no later than 10 BUSINESS DAYS prior to</u> the event to the Special Events Coordinator at usn.mayport.comnavregsejaxfl.mbx.mwr-special-events@us.navy.mil