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2022 REUNION RECAP

The 28th Reunion of the USS Springfield Bluejackets was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Suites in North Charleston South Carolina on November 13 - 16, 2022. (Sun - Wed).



Two tours were offered. The first was on Monday to Patriots Point followed by a nice lunch at the Shem Creek Restaurant on Shem Creek. On Tuesday we took a tour of Historic Charleston, known as the Holy City, for its many spires that dot the skyline and its religious tolerance, journey through Charleston's 350 years of living history from 1670, through the Civil War, and on

to the present day, with a great tour guide who told us all about the Aiken Rhett House, circa 1820, a well-preserved townhouse and part of the Governor Aiken's family for 142 years, Marion Square, College of Charleston, Colonial Lake and the Four Corners of Law, followed by stop at the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina.

On Sunday and Monday nights, we enjoyed each other's company and got caught up on happenings

since our last reunion in 2018. A business meeting was held on Monday where an election of officers took place with David Schantz being elected as President, Robert Kosick, Vice President, Keith Rivard, Treasurer and Mario Lombardi Secretary.

For a look at the 2022 Memory Book visit our web page at usspringfield.org. Links to the memory books are under the REUNION menu option.



BLUEJACKETS ORGANIZATION DUES

A reminder, annual dues of \$20.00 (or \$100.00 lifetime) are due as of January 1, 2023

Your dues are always appreciated whether or not you attend a reunion as they help our organization pay for the many expenses associated with communicating with shipmates, maintaining our Ship Store, organizing and running reunions, maintaining our web page as well as the newsletter mailings. Please make your checks payable to: USS Springfield Bluejackets Inc. and mail to:

Treasurer Keith Rivard, 160 Tommotley Dr, Loudon, TN 37774-2120. . You can also pay via our web page: www.usspringfield.org and click on Ships Store (<https://store16038547.ecwid.com/>)

SHIP STORE

Many USS Springfield items are available in the Ship Store, including Coffee Mugs, Ball Caps, Men's and Ladies Polo Shirts, Ship Patches, and more.

The Ship Store is available on-line at <https://www.usspringfield.org> under the Ship Store menu item or directly at <https://store16038547.company.site/>

If you don't have access to the internet, and wish to purchase an item, call Keith Rivard, Treasurer at (865) 388-2478.



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2023 REUNION PLANNED

This year we are trying something different. We have booked a number of cabins on a 4 day Carnival Cruise out of Miami starting on Oct 23, 2023

Itinerary:

Mon Oct 23 Miami, FL Departs 3:30pm

Tue Oct 24 Key West, FL

Wed Oct 25 Cozumel, Mexico

Thu Oct 26 At Sea

Fri Oct 27 Miami, FL Arrives 8:00am



Group Name: USS Springfield Bluejackets

Group Booking # : L2D9D7

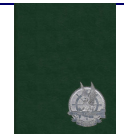
Ship Name: Conquest

We have been able to get discounted cabin fares of just \$337 PP for Interior, \$409 PP for Ocean view and \$507 PP for a Balcony (taxes and fees included) The number of cabins that we were able to hold at these prices are limited, so if you wish to join us, call the Cruise Planning Dept at 866-721-3225 and book your reservation today. (calling early in the day i.e. 9AM ET is best!)

Those who have sailed on Carnival before should check with the booking agent as some additional promotions may apply.



CRUISE BOOKS NOW ON-LINE



CRUISE BOOKS for the years 60-62, 65-67, 70-71 and 72-73 are now on line and available on our web page at <https://www.ussspringfield.org>

under the Ship Publication menu option.

Special thanks to Dave Schantz SK3, 60-62 who made his 60-62 Cruise Book available and Ted Saffer MT2, 60-63 who contributed the cost for having it scanned, to Keith Rivard RD2, 66-68 for making his

65-67 Cruise Book available, to Jim Robson LT, 69-72 for contributing his 70-71 Cruise Book and to Jack Parrino LTJG, 72-74 for contributing his 72-73 Cruise Book and paying for having it scanned and initially put into flip book form.

...and thanks to our Webmaster & President, Dave Schantz, for his work in getting these Cruise Books in a form that

allows them to be shared with all shipmates.

Is there a Cruise Book for the years 63-65 or 68-69 available that we can digitize and add to these? If so and if you have one that you are willing to contribute, please call Dave at 585 723-0760 or send him an email daveschantz@yahoo.com

USS SPRINGFIELD WEB PAGE

It's surprising how many of our USS Springfield Shipmates aren't aware of our web page. On it you will find a wealth of information about the ship, it's history, the flagship command, the marine detachment, memory books of past reunions, copies of the "Springfield Rifle", Ports of Call, the Cruise Books mentioned earlier in this newsletter, and a roster of all of the Shipmates who have become members over the years. Our President and Webmaster keeps it as up to date as he can including indicating in the roster the status of our Shipmates.

New Members in 2022

We are always looking to add more Shipmates to our Roster, and especially welcome Thomas Linley, G-Div 63-65, Anthony Militello B-Div 72-74, John Johnson Fox-Div, 65-67, Jake Fitzgerald G-Div 68-72 and Dale Prince M-Div 68-70 aboard. If you know of Shipmates, who aren't on our Roster, please tell them about us, and ask them to visit our web page at <https://www.ussspringfield.org> and fill out the Member Form.

