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Ship Visit, Wreath Laying Ceremony to Highlight San Diego *Keep the Memories Alive*



San Diego Activities



Friday – San Diego – La Jolla Trip Drive up Highway 5, past Mission Bay to La Jolla-Del Mar Heights exit. Follow Torrey Pines Road, Torrey Pines Reserve & Beach, Biotech community and University California, San Diego in La Jolla, Scripps Institute of Oceanography La Jolla-Drive along Coast Blvd and see the La Jolla Caves, Shell Beach, Seal Rock and the Village of La Jolla. Then on to Old Town San Diego.

Old Town San Diego was home to the Spanish soldiers after they left the Presido. The old Flagpole (originally from a Spanish galleon) has flown flags from Spain, Mexico and America. The area is full of souvenir shops, restaurants and historic buildings. The guide will also offer a tour of La Casa de Estudillo-vintage 1830, Spanish adobe Hacienda. We will stop here for lunch (on your own) There are a lot of restaurants that offer everything from soup, salad and sandwiches to steak, seafood and of course Mexican food.

After lunch we will drive by the Harbor/Maritime Museum and along Harbor Drive and San Diego Bay Drive through Gas Lamp District (a great place to think about for dinner Saturday night). Drive through Balboa Park. We will be returning to the Radisson at approximately 2-2:30PM.

Friday evening: USS Nitro Association Dinner, raffle, auction and photo session. Buffet will start at approximately 7 PM. Menu, at this time, is in the process of being finalized but will contain two entrees, salads, dessert and beverage. Visit our web site for updates.

Saturday: Ship Tour, Memorial Service, Luncheon, Harbor Excursion. Depart at 0930 and proceed to 32nd. St. Naval Station for a tour of the ship. During that time, a memorial service (wreath laying ceremony) will be observed. Lunch will be at another top quality harbor side restaurant. Dessert and coffee included. At 1400, the group will enjoy a narrated two hour harbor excursion passing by four military bases, including 32nd. St. Naval Station, North Island Air Station, home of San Diego's U. S. Naval aircraft carriers, the Amphib-Base (home of the Navy Seals) and the Navy sub base. Dozens of points of interest will be narrated on both land and sea tours.

Last Call for Reunion Auction Items

The Second Annual Nitro Association Raffle and Auction will be held following Friday night's dinner. The auction raises additional funds for the Nitro Association, which are then used to offset Association expenses and/or are donated to worthwhile Navy related organizations. Any inexpensive item you would like to donate would be appreciated.



Association 5 Year Award

As of this writing, the following people have been members of the Nitro Association for 5 years and will receive their "star" pins at the reunion or by mail if unable to attend the reunion: Frank Alley, James Andross, Wallace Carey, Robert Eberlein, Brian Evans, John Foley, Russell Garbutt, Ulric Grigsby, Jr., James Herron, Jr., John Holland, Morris Holman, Dave Holtzbauer, Dick Leipfert, William Lewis, J. Andrews Livingston, James Musumeci, Walter Newsome, The Nystrom Family, Robert Peiffer, Oscar Santiago, Jerrol

Saterfield, Frank Schenck, Sr., Don Skillman, Barry Smith, Richard Steinreich, Bob Theirrien, James Timmons, Philip Wise, Larry Young; Christine Crites, George Gregory, III, and David Lesso.

Nitro Membership Update

CONGRATULATIONS – William Flynn, III has become the 200th. member of the USS Nitro Association

USS Nitro (AE-2/AE-23) Association membership continues to grow. Our membership roll now stands at 201. The following shipmates (Nitro tour dates) have signed on as members during the month indicated:

March 2002 (contd.) – Richard Menzel (74-76)

Reunion Notice For Your Local Newspaper

Bob Eberlein, Assn. Pres. has requested that the following reunion information be placed in your local newspaper, if not done so already:

The USS Nitro (AE-2/AE-23) Association's 2002 reunion will be at the Radisson Harbor View Hotel, San Diego, CA from 20 – 23 June. For more details see Nitro Assn. web site:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/nalc820/ussnitro.htm>

or contact Bob Eberlein at 574-277-3128

USS Nitro (AE-23) Ship's Plaques



We have been hard at work trying to make reproductions of the AE-23 ship's plaque and should have one of them at the San Diego reunion. Once we have firmly established our supply line, the

plaques will be available for purchase through the Nitro ship's store. Stay

(Plaque Centerpiece) tuned for details.

The Nitro Sage - B. Gregory

There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

The Crow's Nest

Best year for the Nitro Association, so far. As of this writing, we have had One Hundred Twenty-four persons send in memberships for 2002. This is fantastic because the best year previously (Jan-Dec) was last year – 117 members. We have a number of new members (26), but can always use more. Pass the word along to any former crew members you might know. Let's try for 175 members by the end of the year.



A Final Thought



WOW !!! 124 active members this year. It's good to see ex-crew members are still interested in the old ship and wanting to get together to relive old times.

For those of you who will attend this year's reunion, try to hunt up your photographs and other articles of interest and share with the other attendees. Especially the jacket patches, tee-shirts and what ever else "your" crew had made when you were aboard.

Hope to see you all at the San Diego Reunion. Room reservations can now be made and be sure to identify your self as being with the Nitro group.

Fair winds and following seas,

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USS Nitro Web Site



The place for frequent updates on the Nitro reunion, association and other related activities:

**[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/
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