

You're Invited!

USS Indianapolis (CA-35) 2022 REUNION

with special thanks to

The National Museum of the Pacific War
311 E Austin Street, Fredericksburg, Texas

What: A Denim and Diamond Celebration in honor of
USS *Indianapolis* (CA-35)
When: Tuesday, May 17 to Friday, May 20, 2022
Where: Fredericksburg, Texas
Cost: All events including BBQ Banquet: \$100/adult;
\$40/child (3-12 years)
[Optional 2-Day Pass (**NO** BBQ banquet):
\$50/adult; \$20/child]



Pre-registration is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Registration form is included in this packet.

Join us in Texas Hill Country in Spring 2022 as we gather in person to honor USS *Indianapolis* (CA-35) in the hometown of Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander of the Fifth Fleet in World War II. The event brings focus to the 1,195 men who sailed on the fatal voyage, including the 316 who survived and the 879 who perished. We will also honor the nine crewmen who were killed by a kamikaze attack just prior to the Battle of Okinawa on March 31, 1945. The devastating attack damaged Indy so severely that she ultimately returned to Mare Island for repairs, setting in motion the chain of events that would lead to her role in delivering the components of the first atomic bomb to Tinian, and ultimately to her tragic demise.

Explore more of Indy's legacy at the National Museum of the Pacific War. Learn about the pivotal role USS *Indianapolis* played as flagship of the Fifth Fleet and the final sailing crew's role in bringing an end to WWII. Fredericksburg's world class museum offers us a chance to step back in time and appreciate what the men of *Indianapolis* accomplished.

All are welcome... Bring the family! Activities for all ages!

An educational opportunity you won't want to miss!

Casual attire, boots, and hats welcome!

Legacy Organization Board of Officers (2021-22)

Chairperson – Lynn Vincent
Vice Chairperson – Richard (Dick) Macke
Treasurer – Bonnie Buckett
Secretary – Brian Fruits
Member at Large – Karen Thelen Corby

Please direct your questions to the
Reunion Co-chairs at
admin@ussindianapolis.com with the
subject line "REUNION".

2022 Reunion Highlights Include:

- **Tuesday, May 17:** Informal Welcome Reception (late afternoon)
- **Wednesday, May 18:** VIP 2-day museum pass (valid Wednesday and Thursday); a special re-enactment at the Museum's Combat Zone of the Battle at Okinawa; Finish off a great day with a special Dessert Get-together
- **Thursday, May 19:** Featured rescue presentation at the Memorial Wall; "A Denim and Diamond Celebration" themed Texas-style BBQ with Games, Music & Dancing
- **Thursday, May 19:** Special pre-BBQ event for Legacy Organization current members
- **Friday, May 20** – Morning gathering; Close of event.
- **Throughout the reunion we will offer:**
 - Informative World War II displays
 - Featured presentations of the Legacy Organization's current activities including:
 - Student membership projects
 - "Project 888" and the quest to compile the stories of the 879 Lost-at-Sea crew members and the 9 crew members killed in action in Okinawa on March 31, 1945
 - "Heroes in the Shadows": the untold story of the 28 African American members of Indy's final sailing crew
 - Educational offerings for all ages
 - USS Indy merchandise store
 - Lots of opportunities to reconnect with each other and build new friendships!
 - Plus, free time for exploring Fredericksburg's unique opportunities in a group or on your own
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To register for the 2022 reunion, please complete and return the Registration Form or visit www.ussindianapolis.com to register online.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2022. (The last hotel block closes April 17!)
LATE REGISTRATIONS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

A Note About the Fees

The registration fee includes scheduled reunion programs, VIP museum fees, a set of two keepsake personalized dog tags, and the BBQ banquet dinner and entertainment. All participants must register and pay in advance. For those who wish to attend the daytime programs and skip the BBQ, there is a reduced fee.

Please note that hotel reservations are separate from event registration. Breakfasts are included at the very convenient hotels we have selected. The hotels are located across the street from each other and are a short walk to the museum where most of the activities will take place. Lunch on Wednesday and Thursday are on your own, as is dinner on Wednesday. A dessert buffet will be held on Wednesday evening.

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For Those Coming by Air

Fredericksburg is located about 70 miles from the major airports in Austin and San Antonio. For many, San Antonio Airport is preferred because it is simply easier to get in and out of from an on-ground transportation viewpoint. There are several transportation options from the airport, including rental car, private shuttle, group shuttle and public transportation. A list of options will be posted on our website for you to consider and contact directly to meet your needs.

CONVENIENT HOTELS – AFFORDABLE RATES

Hotel accommodations are the attendee's responsibility.

IMPORTANT: Call the hotels directly for reservations.
The group rate is not available online.

Stay close to all the action! We have secured room blocks for our group for a limited time. Reserve your room at one of the following convenient hotels, located across the street from each other and just a short walk to the Nimitz Museum. Currently we have both hotels completely blocked for our group. Don't delay! Our blocks may decrease on February 1, 2022, depending on interest.

Lodging is in **high demand** in Fredericksburg. These hotels are the **CLOSEST** hotels to the National Museum of the Pacific War. The hotel block at Fredericksburg Inn and Suites expires March 17, 2022. The block at the Inn on Barons Creek expires on April 17, 2022. ***ONCE THE HOTEL BLOCKS EXPIRE, THE HOTELS WILL OPEN RESERVATIONS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. MISSING THESE DEADLINES MAY CAUSE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING ACCOMMODATIONS AT THIS PRICE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES.***

★ **Inn on Barons Creek** **(92 Rooms available)**



The Inn on Barons Creek is a 3-story hotel, with an elevator and rooms accessible from indoor corridors. Standard room rates **start** at \$139/night (plus 13% state & local tax). Complimentary breakfast bar is included. Many of the rooms can accommodate up to 4 persons in a room. There are several options available on a first call/first-served basis, ranging from double queens, single king, upgraded rooms, and ADA accessible rooms. The hotel is located at 308 W. Washington Street, Fredericksburg, TX.

**Call directly at (830) 990-9202 and ask for the
“USS Indianapolis” Block.**

★ **Fredericksburg Inn and Suites** **(100 rooms available)**



Fredericksburg Inn and Suites is a 2-story open-air inn. Room rates start at \$139/night (plus 13% state & local tax). A free self-serve breakfast is included. Many of the rooms can accommodate up to 4 persons in a room. Rooms are a mixture of first and second floor rooms. ***PLEASE NOTE THAT SECOND STORY ROOMS ARE ACCESSIBLE BY STAIRS ONLY.*** The hotel is located at 201 S. Washington Street, Fredericksburg, TX.

**Call directly at (830) 997-0202 and ask for the
“USS Indianapolis Reunion 2022” Block.**

REMEMBERING USS INDIANAPOLIS CA-35

Brick Legacy

Our friends at the National Museum of the Pacific War have invited us to make a lasting impression and be a part of their Brick Legacy. As part of our celebration, they are offering a 20% discount. Each commemorative brick will be placed on the Museum's Walk of Honor.

Consider leaving your permanent mark. Three lines can tell a story and are a lasting tribute to any one person, group, unit, or ship. The fee for the Brick Legacy is reduced to \$160. It includes three lines of text/20 spaces in each line (including blank spaces). Price includes brick engraving and a mailed certificate once the brick has been laid.



For more information, call (830) 997-8600, ext. 220, or email tributes@nimitzfoundation.org. The Admiral Nimitz Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Tribute donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

In Memoriam

Sadly, in 2021, we said farewell to Survivors James Smith, Edgar Harrell, and Richard (Dick) Thelen, as well as Survivor spouses Dorothy (Dottie) Buckett, Mary O'Donnell, Dorothy Riggins, and Joan Lebow. We hold these beloved members of the USS *Indianapolis* CA-35 Survivors Organization dear in our hearts. Rest in Peace. Your story will not be forgotten.

Remembering Our Rescuers

Rescue Ships

USS *Bassett* APD-73
USS *Cecil J Doyle* DE-368.
USS *Dufilho* DE-423
USS *Madison* DD-425
USS *Ralph Talbot* DD-390

Recovery Ships

USS *Aylwin* DD-355
USS *Cockrell* DE-366
USS *French* DE-367
USS *Helm* DD-388

Aircraft

PV-1 Ventura-Pilot Lt. Chuck Gwinn
PBYPilot Lt. Adrian Marks
PBYPilot R. Alcorn
PBM Pilot S. Worthington
B17s – 3rd ER Squadron

Medical

USS *Hollandia*
USS *Tranquility* AH-14
Samar Medical
Peleliu Medical
Guam Medical Unit 18

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM (part 1 of 2)
USS INDIANAPOLIS (CA-35) LEGACY ORGANIZATION
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Your First Name: _____ Your Last Name: _____

Please check the group you are most associated with:

☐ Survivor (Navy) ☐ Survivor (Marine) ☐ Lost-at-Sea ☐ Rescue ☐ Former Crew ☐ Other/Friend

If crew member, please provide his name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please list guests:

Name	Relationship	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Add a separate page if you have additional guests, seating requests, or questions.

Fees and Payment Calculator

All-inclusive event ticket (Includes BBQ banquet dinner, personalized dog tags* (fill out form on reverse), VIP museum 2-day pass & re-enactment admission, other scheduled events)

	# of Tickets	Total \$
\$100/adult	_____	_____
\$40/child (Ages 3-12)	_____	_____
\$ 0/Survivor	_____	_____

Dietary Special Requests: None ☐

☐ Vegetarian/Vegan ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Dairy Free ☐ Other _____

Event Pass without BBQ (Does not include BBQ banquet. Includes personalized dog tags* (fill out form on reverse), VIP museum 2-day pass & re-enactment admission, other scheduled general events)

	# of Tickets	Total \$
\$50/adult	_____	_____
\$20/child (Ages 3-12)	_____	_____

Optional: I'd like to make an additional tax-deductible donation: _____

Totals _____

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***PRE-ORDER YOUR DOG TAGS** – Two keepsake personalized “dog tags” are included in your registration fees. One dog tag will memorialize the event and will be the same for everyone. The other can be personalized to your specific request. (See sample below.) This is a fun way for you to express your connection to Indy’s story and her crew. **To make sure you can enjoy wearing it at the reunion, the form below must be filled out and sent in advance with your registration.** Each dog tag has 5 lines, maximum 13 spaces per line. Create your special message using letters, numbers, blank space, or punctuation. Spell out your message giving each letter/number/blank space/punctuation its own space. Dog tag will be printed exactly as shown, so please **PRINT NEATLY**.

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Line 4: _____

Line 5: _____



NOTE: FILL OUT ONE DOG TAG ORDER PER REGISTERED ATTENDEE IN YOUR GROUP (USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY). IF YOU PREFER TO HAVE THE SAME PERSONALIZED DOG TAG FOR EACH OF THE PERSONS YOU ARE REGISTERING, JUST FILL OUT THE ONE FORM. WE MUST RECEIVE THE COMPLETED DOG TAG FORM WITH THE REGISTRATION. OTHERWISE, YOU WILL RECEIVE TWO GENERIC EVENT TAGS.

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS TO DO IN FREDERICKSBURG!

We have purposefully scheduled free time to allow you to explore Fredericksburg and its unique draw. Below are some recommendations which can be done on your own or with a group. These experiences are NOT included in the cost of the reunion event. Please check the box(es) below for the excursions you are interested in. Our team will work with you prior to your arrival to finalize the details for your reservation.

- ☐ Wildseed Farms ~ Walk on trails through fields of wildflowers, enjoy a bite to eat, grab a drink at the beer garden or winery, plus shopping!
- ☐ Check out two or three wineries on a chartered winery tour.
- ☐ Take a tour of LBJ’s ranch and museum.
- ☐ Learn the history of Fredericksburg on a trolley tour.
- ☐ Relax and enjoy a Music and Brew tour
- ☐ Other (tell us what interests you) _____

To assist us in our planning efforts, please register by April 15, 2022. If you are paying by check, make it payable to **USS Indianapolis (CA-35) Legacy Organization**. Send form and payment to:

USS Indianapolis (CA-35) Legacy Organization
P.O. Box 16042
Chattanooga, TN 37416

Or if you prefer, registration is available online at **www.ussindianapolis.com**.