

584 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

12/8/2017

SEADRAGON ALUMNI,

ALOHA TO ALL OF YOU. We hope you're having a good year and look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Seadragon Alumni Reunion. I am conveying this information for our president **John Schwab** who is our primary contact and has made arrangements with the hotel for this year's reunion. This year it will be held on August 30 – September 1 at the **Hotel Grand Victorian** at 2325 W 76 Country Blvd., Branson, MO 65616. **The business meeting and banquet will** be on Saturday the 1st of Sept. This looks like another great place! Our **hospitality room** will be a two bedroom suite on an upper floor. Find out exactly where that is when you check in. It will be open on Thursday morning August 30 and available to us until after the banquet. Snacks and beverages will be available. Sea stories are permitted and encouraged and **MUST** start with "And this is no s- -t!"

You may reserve a room and find out more about the Victorian by calling 1 (800) 324-8751 or contact them at www.hotelgrandvictorian.com. The room rate will be \$74.95 plus tax and parking will be free. That rate will remain in effect for us until July 30. Please indicate that you are a Seadragon reunion

attendee. You can find out about what there is all to do in Branson by contacting them directly at www.branson.com.

The USSVI Convention will **not** be held at the same time and place as our reunion this year. They are doing a cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale Florida Oct. 21-28. You can get more details at <http://ussvicruise.com>.

BANQUET DINNER

Our dinner this year will be a bit unique but sounds **delicious!** It is a hillbilly theme buffet and includes catfish, chicken and beef entrees served buffet style so we're provided choices. And we all like that!

BUSINESS MEETING

Ret. Captain Tom Jacobs has agreed to be our guest speaker this year. **Ret. Capt. Jacobs** was CO. of Seadragon 1972-1976. We look forward to hearing about his career experiences and those aboard Seadragon plus life in Hawaii! We are hopeful that he will join us. We will also review alumni agenda items and elect officers.

Another meeting agenda item we would like to invite this year, as always, is to hear some of **alumni's favorite short stories:**

- about life aboard Seadragon while you were there.
- Perhaps the nature of a certain shipmate
- A funny or dangerous situation,
- a favorite event, custom or celebration, food stories etc.
- Semi-true sea stories are also acceptable.

If you attend the reunion we would like you to share it with us at the banquet. If you don't attend, please write a note about it and mail it to the Sec./Treas. and we will share it with the group at the banquet.

REUNION REGISTRATION AND DUES

Please make sure all information on the SSN-584 roster is up-to-date. Roster information plus other alumni information is available at link <http://www.usseadragonssn584.org> If there are changes to your information please forward them directly to our webmaster Dennis D'ambrogio MM1(SS) 80-82 at ups-submariner@bcglobal.net If you become aware of an emergency or passing of a shipmate please also copy your Sec/treas at jgruenhagen@new.rr.com. Your roster information plus other Seadragon information is all available at this website.

People who have paid 2018 dues are: Malcolm Porter, John Jolls, Rick Locatelli and Isaasc Lopez. They owe **\$0 in dues** for

the 2018 reunion. All other alumni who wish to attend pay 2018 dues, or **\$20** for the 2018 reunion in addition to registration.

If you plan to attend please return the registration as soon as you can and no later than **July 29, 2018**. If you have any questions about the reunion please contact **President John Schwab (575) 791-5658** or schwabjb@yahoo.com or **Sec./Treas. Jerry Gruenhagen** at **(920) 469-0176** or jgruenhagen@new.rr.com

To register, please fill out the form below and **mail it to the Sec./Treas.** To register for this reunion your **2018 \$20/year annual dues** must be paid (members only). The price for the banquet dinner and reunion is **\$45 per person**. Please enclose a check payable to **Seadragon Alumni** for banquet registration, and dues (if necessary).

Please cut and mail -----

Name _____ Rate/rank _____

Yrs. Aboard Seadragon: 19 _____ to: 19 _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Guest name _____

Total attending banquet _____ X **\$40/person** = \$ _____

Annual dues @ **\$20/year** = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

POSTAL MAILING ALUMNI

I encourage you to utilize, and provide me, with the email of a friend to access information available at the **underlined links** provided in this letter. They are very informative.

Again, we (alumni officers, reunion committee members, and especially, your fellow Seadragon shipmates) look forward to seeing you at the 2018 reunion. It will be more fun and a better reunion if **you're** there!

Thanks and SEE YOU THERE!!

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