



USS Claude V. Ricketts / (formerly) USS Biddle DDG-5

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2024 DDG-5 Reunion

The 2024 DDG-5 Reunion is just a little over a month away. It's happening from Sunday, July 28, 2024, to Friday August 2, 2024, at the East Wind, Long Island hotel in Wading River, Long Island, New York. If you are planning on attending and haven't yet gotten your reunion registration form into Glenn Johnson, you'd best get going on it, especially if you would like to be included in the drawings for a free dinner or free tour your registration form needs to be into Glenn by July 1. You can find the registration form at the end of this newsletter or on the website. The agenda for the reunion is also attached at the end of this newsletter. (Update: John has found a sponsor for the Pizza Party and as a result, there is no charge for that. The online registration form has been updated to reflect this change. However, the registration found at the end of this and the previous newsletter do not reflect this change. So, if you print the form at the end of this or the prior newsletter, please just enter the number of people attending the pizza party, but don't add in the cost on the form.)

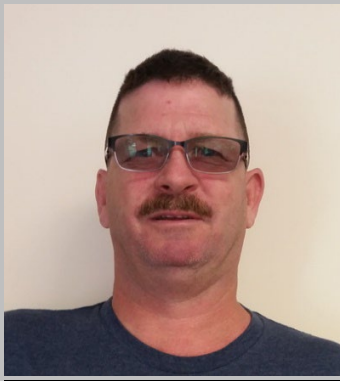
Additionally, attached at the end of this newsletter is the lunch menu for the Intrepid Museum tour. Our reunion coordinator (John Cubells) needs to pre-order the lunches and needs to know how many lunches he needs to place orders for. So if you are planning on going on the Intrepid Museum tour, please let him know how many lunches and what kind you will need. You can reach John at this email address: 63jcubells@gmail.com.

We have received special room rates at the hotel for the duration of the reunion (\$179/night plus taxes). To make your room reservations you'll need to call the hotel and get the front desk. All information can be found on the website.

If you are absolutely attending the reunion or thinking about it, please take time to fill out the 2024 Reunion Survey found on the 2024 Reunion page on the website. This really helps the reunion coordinator (John Cubells) with his planning.

There will be supplies from the Ship's Store available for purchase at the reunion. Items that will be available are denim shirts, polo shirts, hats, coffee mugs, challenge coins, and ship's patches (for both Biddle and Ricketts). Unfortunately, since the Ship's Storekeeper (Kirk Neuman) won't be able to attend this year's reunion, purchases will have to be cash only.

President



ET3 John Cubells (85 – 88): 63jcubells@gmail.com

Shipmates,

The months turned into weeks, and now we are days away from the 2024 DDG-5 Reunion.

We will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Claude V. Ricketts as well as the Mixed Manning Demonstration (MMD), at the East Wind, in Wading River, Long Island NY, from Sunday, July 28th departing Friday, August 2nd.

We're excited to announce that 'Spider' (Patrick Raines, Royal Navy) and Deiter Wutke Federal German Navy, members of the MMD will be joining us for the 2024 reunion, from across the Pond!

We have some exciting events planned, including a Pizza Party at the Car Show at the Shoppes at East Wind, and a Charter Bus Day Trip into NYC to visit the USS Intrepid with lunch on board. The hospitality room at the East Wind will be open daily.

Feel free to bring memorabilia such as cruise books, photos, etc., to our 2024 Reunion! The DDG-5 Banquet Dinner and auction will be on Thursday, August 1st from 6pm to 11pm. If you are planning on attending the reunion, please bring something for the auction.

Further 2024 Reunion updates will be published on the website and on the DDG-5 Facebook Group. If you're a member of Facebook, but not a member of the DDG-5 group, please contact [Kirk Neuman](#) to get an invitation since the group is private due to way too many garbage requests to join.

We are looking forward to seeing our shipmates, we always have a great time.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,

John Cubells ET3 85-89

The Amen Corner

BM3 Wayne Miller (65 – 68): Choicemedtrans@optonline.net

We have received notification of the passing of the following shipmates and family members since the last newsletter:

- [FTM2 Robert K. Hopkins](#) (1971 - 1974) April 10, 2015. You can view his obituary [here](#).
- OSCM Emory Loyld Cambell (1977 - 1979) July 23, 2018. You can view his obituary [here](#).
- [EM2 Hans Gunther Behr](#) (1964 - 1965) March 22, 2024. Hans was a German member of the MMD.
- FTM2 James Potter (1975 - 1976 [approx]) April 4, 2024. You can view his obituary [here](#).
- MS1 Earvin M. Chafin (1983-1984) November 2, 2003. You can view his obituary [here](#).
- MSC Robert C. (Bob) Ouellette (1983-1986) July 8, 2014. You can view his obituary [here](#).
- MS2 Edmund L. Pauig (1982-1986) February 2, 2019. You can view his obituary [here](#).
- SM1 Leon Brock (1987 - 1989) (date of passing unknown at this time).
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GMM1 Robert Fred Bettoney (1979 – 1982, 1984 - 1988) June 4, 2024. You can view his obituary [here](#).

If you have further information on any of the above or know of any other shipmate who has passed or information about any shipmate in the Taps List, please contact me [here](#).

2024 PRELIMINARY Reunion schedule

(This schedule is subject to change)

Sunday, July 28, 2024

1700 - 2200: Hospitality room, when manned
1700 - 2200: Early check-in, pre-registration, setup

Monday, July 29, 2024

0800 - 2300: Hospitality room, when manned
0800 - 2200: Check-in, registration and getting reacquainted
1800 - 2100: 2024 Reunion Reception

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

0800 - 2200: Hospitality room, when manned
0800 - 2200: Check-in and registration (when manned)
0900 - 1800: Day Tour - USS Intrepid/Crew Memorial

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

0800 - 2200: Hospitality room, when manned
0800 - 2200: Check-in and registration (when manned)
1700 - 2100: Classic Car Show at the Shoppes
1800: Pizza Party

Thursday, August 1, 2024

0800 - 2200: Hospitality room, when manned
0800 - 0900: Executive Council Meeting
0900: Crew Meeting
1800: 2024 Reunion Dinner (w/raffle)

Friday, August 2, 2024

0800 - 1300: Hospitality room, when manned
Possible Brunch (TBD)
Checkout

East Wind Long Island

on-line Reunion Survey

2024 Reunion Information



PREMIUM MENU

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School / Group Name: _____

Phone: _____

Order ID Number: _____

Sales Rep: _____

Date of Visit: _____

Email: _____

All cold cuts & cheeses are gluten free.
All sandwiches served with chips, cookie, Honest Kids' organic juice, canned
soda or bottled water.

#	ITEM SELECTION	QUANTITIES		
1	Bold Chipotle Chicken Chipotle Chicken, Chipotle Gouda Cheese, Fried Onions, Lettuce, Savory Remoulade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ciabatta	Tortilla Wrap	Lettuce Wrap
2	Deluxe Pepper Mill Club Deluxe Ham, Cracked Pepper Mill, Turkey, Bacon, Monterey Jack Cheese, Tomato and Onions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ciabatta	Tortilla Wrap	Lettuce Wrap
3	Veggie Grilled Vegetables, Roasted Peppers, Fresh Mozzarella and Pesto Mayo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ciabatta	Tortilla Wrap	Lettuce Wrap
4	Traditional Roast Beef Deluxe Roast Beef, American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Onions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ciabatta	Tortilla Wrap	Lettuce Wrap
5	Italian Cappy Ham, Genoa Salami, Pepperoni, Provolone, Lettuce, Red Onions, Tomato and Balsamic Vinaigrette	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ciabatta	Tortilla Wrap	Lettuce Wrap
6	Roast Chicken Sandwich Golden Classic Chicken, Mozzarella Cheese, Basil, Tomato and Deli Dressing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ciabatta	Tortilla Wrap	Lettuce Wrap
7	Chef Salad Romaine Lettuce, Spinach, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Olives, Tomatoes, Ovingold Turkey, Deluxe Ham, Provolone Cheese and Golden Italian Dressing	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Salad		
8	Chicken Caesar Salad Grilled Chicken, Lettuce, Croutons, Parmesan Cheese, and Creamy Caesar Dressing	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Salad		