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San Antonio Here We Come!

Our 2022 Reunion will happen 12-15 May, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas! Although we lost a few Shipmates and guests due to other plans, we still have 181 registered to attend. We had 182 in Nashville in 2017 and 186 in Jacksonville in 2019; therefore, I believe we will shatter the previous record and be well over 200 when it is all said and done. Our next port remains the Holiday Inn Riverwalk, in the heart of all heart things to do and only two blocks from the Alamo! The hotel staff has assured us that they will take all the necessary precautions, so we have a safe environment to gather and tell sea stories. Our guest speaker, CAPT (Sel) Andrew Koy (9th CO of DDG-104) has confirmed being in attendance and the Reunion Committee led by Ed Garcia (FC3, 88-91) is working hard to ensure we have a memorable experience. And that when we leave, we leave with the desire to visit Texas once again. This newsletter is primarily dedicated on the reunion in hopes that you will decide to join us.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, our Bylaws dictate that election of officers take place during our general assembly (business meeting). **This event will take place Saturday morning and it is for Association members only**; therefore, this is a great opportunity to mention that all elected positions will be open for nominations – President, Vice-President, Treasurer/Secretary, and three (3) Officer at Large positions. We have grown so much over the last two years that we need to have the Treasurer/Secretary position become two separate ones. A motion will be put on the floor in San Antonio to revise our Bylaws and add a position of Secretary. The positions of Chaplain, Reunion Coordinator, Ship's Historian and Ship's Store Custodian are all appointed positions. All positions are voluntary; so, plenty of opportunities to lead and serve our Association!!!

We will vote on our next reunion site that historically have been held in the odd years, but due to having to reschedule to 2022 it through that rotation is off. We will discuss having a reunion in 2023 reunion especially if we will be bringing the reunion out west near the newest STERETT, hopefully to catch her in port San Diego. Please be prepared to "sell" your city if you wish to have it in your backyard and discuss the year. **See you all in San Antonio!!!**

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings STERETT Family, 2022 is here! The Bond abode continues to stay healthy, and we hope you are as well. The reunion is 80 days away! Where does time go? Gerlie and I are excited to be amid you all in San Antonio. Unfortunately, since the last newsletter we have lost a few great Shipmates to include my Captain from my time on STERETT – CAPT Richard P. Genet (86-88). His celebration of life is 23 March in Gig Harbor, WA. Please let me know if interested in attending. Life is too short, and this continues to propel me to attend as many reunions as possible and gather with members of the STERETT Family every opportunity I get. I wish I could travel more, but my job and gas prices have made it more difficult now.



We expect to have a spring newsletter released in April with last minute reunion communications but want to take the opportunity to begin expressing my gratitude for making my deployment as your president a huge success. I have been able to lead the Association only because of all the corps of officers that help me lead this awesome Association. Vice-President Burton Dietz (YN3, 70-72) has been by my side from day one, aware of all internal and external issues, which has ensured that if something would have or could still happen to me while in office, he was/is ready to jump in and take over. Burton's support has been stellar, often guiding me back when I have drifted off course. Burton, you are a great leader and hope to see you at the helm one day soon!

It has been almost 8 months since we lost longtime Treasurer/Secretary Don Hageman (GMM1, 74-76). We continue to discover just how much Don did for us; therefore, it has been a blessing to have found Shannon Crawford (FC2, 90-94) to replace him. Shannon quickly started to act upon what Don had built since 2009. Our financial health continues to prosper, ensuring we have 100% accountability of the operating funds you have invested, keeping the Association afloat for many, many years to come. Thank you, Shannon!

Our Officers-at-Large Frank Ames (BT2, 84-88), Joe Gaughan (STG2/STGC, 81-83 & 86-89), and Tom Updike (JO3, 86-89) have been fantastic in meeting their responsibilities as members of the Board of Directors. Having three Shipmates who I served with has helped in passing much needed changes, building the Association in so many ways that included having 100% growth in membership! They are a huge reason why today we have 342 members on our rolls (stated at 171 in JAX). That number could be higher if 31 Shipmates had chosen to remain as members (dropped for non-payment of dues). I know we can't satisfy everyone, but those 31 Shipmates have continued to propel us to work hard and harder to make our Association "the command that everyone wishes to be a part of." We all remember the ships that had the reputation of being the ones that value their greatest asset, often a Battle "E" ship. Bravo Zulu to our Association appointed officers – Deacon Glenn Jackson (OS2, 81-83), Tom Jacobsmeyer (RD3, 69-71) and Duffy Groener (RD2, 68-71). Wow, what an awesome three-some you have been – thank you for your hard work and dedication! Lastly, our reunion Committee – Ed Garcia (FC3, 88-91), James "JJ" Jennings (SM3, 87-90) and Don Zimbelman (ISCS, 86-89) – they have been so super active, supporting and patiently working with those of us from afar in making San Antonio a great port-of-call. Can't wait to get there...I am sure it will be a fantastic reunion!!!

We remain steady on course and speed towards San Antonio. Our hotel contract allocated 280 rooms nights at the \$139 rate and as of today, 142 room nights have been reserved, so 138 are left. Please call today and make your hotel reservations as the hotel is firm that they will not allocate additional rooms once the daily room limit is reached. From previous experience, you want to stay in the hotel venue to enjoy every moment possible with your Shipmates and friends.

As I tell everyone that has asked me how I have the time and energy to do all that we have accomplished, my answer has always been that "serving you has been truly a labor of love." After almost three years at the helm, I understand why our immediate past and late Association President Steve Hayes called the association his "hobby" for it has become mine too!

Enjoy the rest of the Winter Season, stay warm and see you all in Texas! Chuck Bond (HM2, 86-89)

Our 2022 Reunion Guest Speaker



Captain (select) Andrew Koy hails from Bellville, Texas. He is a 2001 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, earning a bachelor's degree in computer science. He is also a 2002 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, earning a master's in information systems and operations.

At sea, he has served as Auxiliaries Officer and First Lieutenant aboard USS RUSSELL (DDG 59); Navigator and Weapons Officer aboard USS ANZIO (CG 68); and Operations Officer aboard USS HALSEY (DDG 97) and USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53). Commander Koy most recently was the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of USS STERETT (DDG 104), completing a deployment to the Middle East, Africa, and Western Pacific.

Ashore, he served at the U.S. Naval Academy as a Seamanship and Navigation Instructor, Flag Secretary for the Superintendent, and Executive Secretary for the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors. He also served as

Deputy Executive Assistant to Commander, Naval Surface Forces, and as Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Officer at U.S. Pacific Command. He is currently serving as the Surface Warfare Weapons Branch Head on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon.



His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various other campaign and unit awards.



CDR Andrew B. Koy (right) is relieved by CDR Shaun E. Dennis (left) becoming DDG-104's tenth and current Commanding Officer.

Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk

www.hiriverwalk.com



217 North St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

- The room rate for the reunion is \$139.00 (plus taxes and fees) per night.
- To make reservations, please call (210) 224-2500 and mention the "USS STERETT" or the group code "STE."
- Reservations made after April 22, 2022, will be provided on a space available basis at the Hotel's current selling price.
- A Full American breakfast buffet for the price of \$15.00 per person (tax and gratuity not included) is available (normally \$22.00).
- Overnight self-service parking is available for \$19.00 per night (normally \$27.00).
- As long as the Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk has availability, they will honor the room rate three days before and three days after the reunion dates of 12-15 May (15 May the departure date for most).

Current pick-up report of rooms available

USS STERETT Association 5/11/2022 to 5/15/2022					
	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Dates:	5/11/2022	5/12/2022	5/13/2022	5/14/2022	5/15/2022
Blocked	20	80	80	80	20
Picked UP	12	40	42	42	6
Available	8	40	38	38	14

Call today and don't miss getting a room...

Reunion Plan of the Day (POD)

Thursday, 12 May 2022 – early arrival date (discover San Antonio and Texas)



Friday 13, May 2022 – arrival date, wine tour, golf tourney, audit & Board of Directors meeting, and group gatherings



Saturday, 14 May 2022 – General meeting (Committee Reports, election of officers and next reunion site/year), explore the Riverwalk (the Alamo only two blocks away) and attend the banquet



Sunday, 19 May 2022 – Memorial ceremony and departure

USS STERETT Association visits DDG-104



Left to right - President Chuck Bond (HM2, 86-89), LS1 Whitney Moss, BM2 Ryan Brantley, Wayne Wright (OSC, 83-86), CMC Alfredo "Al" Alonso, Captain Shaun Dennis, Robert "Bob" Stephens (Associate), BM3 Rick Sanders, GSE2 Taylor Guyant, Eugene "Gene" Bailey (LCDR, 70-72) and OS2 Brendon Williams.

Binnacle List

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Binnacle is defined as the stand or housing for the ship's compass located on the bridge. The term binnacle list, in lieu of sick list, originated years ago when ship's Hospital Corpsmen used to place a list of the sick on the binnacle each morning to inform the captain about the crew's health. Please keep the following Shipmates in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery:

Thomas Allen (RD3, 67-68)	Kenny Marshall (EW2, 85-89)
Frank Ames (BT2, 84-88)	Ray Miem (ET2, 88-91)
Brian Bon (YN1, 86-89)	Jessica Morera (CDR, 2019-2020)
Ron Burch (HT2, 86-89)	Richard Seghers (BM3, 87-91)
Charlie Edwards (MM2, 86-92)	Virgil Siler (LT, 69-72)
Eric Groetz (HM3, 87-89)	Patrick "Peanut" Stallworth (EN3, 86-90)
Jeff Grooms (BT2, 86-89)	Jeffery "Jeff" Winkler (BMCS, 2008-2011)
Charlie "CJ" Johnson (RM2, 85-89)	

If anyone is missing off the list, please contact Chaplain Jackson at glennjackson27@gmail.com – thank you!