

# USS BRADLEY ASSOCIATION

## 2024 REUNION PACKET BELOW

*OK you guys, pay attention*

**THIS IS IMPORTANT!!**

The hotel we'll be staying at for our 2024 reunion is called Graduate Hotel and is located in Annapolis MD. I'll just say this up front - the hotels online reservation process is challenging. Because of that, Wendy (our reunion vendor) has agreed to make reservations for us. You are *strongly* (**STRONGLY!!**) encouraged to CALL Wendy to make your hotel reservations. Her phone number is listed below.

As noted below, there is a \$28/per day self-parking charge (\$32/day for Valet Parking).

There is also a \$25/per day "amenity" fee charged (see below). We talked with the hotel several times to try and get them to waive this fee, but to no avail. If it's any consolation, this fee includes two free cocktails per room per night. In discussions with several shipmates we've noted that this "amenity" fee now seems to be a common thing for many hotels and resorts.

Also, please be aware that when checking in, the hotel will put a \$25/day "hold" on your credit card - this too is a common practice and is for "incidentals". For example, if there's a mini-bar in your room and you open any beverages from that mini-bar, that cost will be applied to your credit card hold and the balance will be put back on your credit card. If you do not use any incidentals at all, the entire hold amount will be put back on your credit card.

The full registration package is below.



# USS Bradley Reunion

May 3 – 6, 2024

Graduate Hotel Annapolis

126 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Name of Shipmate: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Shipmate's Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be staying at the hotel? ☐ Yes ☐ No, Staying at: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Room nights \_\_\_\_\_ x \$215.46 (includes tax) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room types: King/Double bed (1-2 people) for up to 2 people per room

Special Room/Dietary Request(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Info:

In case of an emergency during the reunion, list a family member we should contact that is not traveling with you. Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Admin Fee \$20 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, May 3, 2024

2:00 PM Hospitality room (Bob Planeta's suite) open for check-in and visiting

4:00 PM Check-in at hotel

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:00 - 9:30 AM Board Free Purple Shuttle (wheelchair and scooter accessible)

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Naval Academy Tour Begins (tentatively). Reunion participants will have the option of either the GEMS tour or the Historical Walking Tour

GEMS Tour	\$35.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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Historical Walking Tour	
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Active or Retired Military	\$10.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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Seniors (62+)	\$13.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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Adults (18 – 61)	\$14.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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Children (K – 12)	\$12.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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6:00 PM Buffet Dinner	\$71.50 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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Sunday, May 5, 2024

9:00 AM Hospitality room (Bob Planeta's suite) open for visiting

10:00 – 10:30 AM Board Free Purple Shuttle (wheelchair and scooter accessible)

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Chesapeake Bay Trio Boat Tour (optional lunch)	\$59.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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Optional Lunch	
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Tier 1: Selection (see page 7 for menu)	\$16.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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Tier 2: Selection (see page 7 for menu)	\$20.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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7:00 PM Buffet Dinner	\$71.50 per person x _____ = \$ _____
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4:00 PM Business Meeting	
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Reunion Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*The Buffet dinner costs are \$55 per person plus tax (6%) and service charge (24%) bringing the total to \$71.50 per person.**

Check out time is 11:00 AM

## Ride The Yard - GEMS Tour



See the Yard in style with our GEM tour in a comfortable, five-passenger electric vehicle, which highlights the “gems” of the Naval Academy. Leaves daily from the Visitor Center.

Tour Duration: 75 minutes



Visit all the historical and monumental highlights, get the inside scoop on admissions and learn about the midshipmen experience in our most popular tour. Leaves daily from the Visitors Center. The walk is approximately one mile.

Duration: 90 minutes.

# Chesapeake Bay Trio Water Cruise



Join our live interpreter for an enjoyable 3-hour cruise from Annapolis' historic harbor, up the scenic Severn River, then into the Chesapeake Bay, under the Bay Bridge, to Thomas Point Lighthouse.

## Optional Lunch Menu

### Tier 1 – Basic Lunch Options \$16 / box including non-alcoholic drink

- A. Chicken Caesar Wrap – Herb and garlic wrap  
Tender chicken, shaved parmesan, romaine lettuce, house Caesar dressing
- B. Pesto Turkey Sandwich – Sourdough bread  
House roasted turkey, provolone, romaine, pesto mayo on the side
- C. Italian Stuffed Ciabatta – Ciabatta loaf  
Ham, genoa salami, pepperoni, romaine, Italian dressing on the side
- D. Ham & Swiss – Multigrain bread  
Christmas pit style ham, Swiss cheese, romaine, mayo & mustard on the side
- E. Santa Fe Veggie – Tomato herb wrap (vegetarian – vegan w/o cheese)  
Corn, black beans, roasted red peppers, cheddar, scallions, lettuce, avocado salsa

### Tier 2 – Upscale Boxed Lunch Options \$20 / box including non-alcoholic drink

- A. Cranberry Pecan Salad w/ Chicken – Balsamic Vinaigrette  
Spring greens, romaine, dried cranberries, candied pecans, crumbled feta
- B. Bruschetta Chicken Wrap – Herb and garlic wrap  
Roasted chicken, fresh mozzarella, tomato, basil, romaine, balsamic dressing
- C. Smokehouse Turkey Club – Sourdough bread  
House roasted turkey, smoked bacon, smoked gouda, arugula, herb tomato mayo
- D. Orchard Chicken Sandwich - Multigrain bread  
Roasted chicken breast, granny smith apple, sharp cheddar, arugula, cranberry mayo
- E. Hawaiian Club – Multigrain bread  
House roasted turkey, pit ham, pineapple, roasted red pepper, Swiss cheese, sweet whole grain mustard
- F. Veggie Stuffed Ciabatta – Ciabatta loaf (vegetarian – vegan w/o cheese)  
Balsamic portabella, zucchini, yellow squash, roasted red pepper, pepper jack cheese, spring greens, hummus

All boxes include fresh baked cookie, butter mint, heavy weight cutlery with linen feel napkin in tamper proof boxes. Gluten Free Options available

To make your reservation, follow the link below or email me ([wendy@goelite.travel](mailto:wendy@goelite.travel)) or call me (Wendy) at 972-800-1647 and I will be happy to do it for you.

Booking Link: [USS Bradley Reunion](#)

Group Code: **3235474**

Dates when booking online can be adjusted at the top of the webpage by clicking **EDIT** - choosing dates outside of what was contracted will appear as **"Sold Out"** or **"Not Available"**. Please note, the booking link and our reservations team will only have contracted nights available. Booking pre or post nights: The best practice would be to book the reservation first to ensure you secure a spot within the block, then reach out to me with your confirmation numbers with requests for adjustments to expedite the process.

Any reservation cancelled after May 4, 2024, will be charged one night's room + tax and a \$25.00 service fee. Any room guaranteed for a late arrival that is not utilized will be charged one night's room plus tax.

Please make Reservations as soon as possible. Reservation cutoff date is April 12, 2024

Email this form to Elite Travel at [wendy@goelite.travel](mailto:wendy@goelite.travel) If you have any questions, please call 972-800-1647

#### PAYMENTS:

Make Checks Payable to: Elite Travel. Notate USS Bradley Reunion.

Mail to: Wendy Campbell 500 St Michael Dr, Box 64, Texarkana, TX 75503

Or Pay By Debit or Credit Card (Preferred) Fill out the below CC Auth on your computer and hit submit. It will come straight to me.

Please fill out this [Credit Card Authorization](#)

► Hotel Check-in policy: The Front Desk staff member that checks you in will ask for a credit card for incidentals, there will be a \$50.00 per day, hold placed on your credit card. This hold should be released between 5- 7 days after check-out based on your bank, provided you don't have any room charges or damages. **The hotel charges a \$25 per night amenity fee. This fee will be paid upon check-out. Amenities include WiFi, fitness area, bike rentals and coffee or 2 cocktails per evening per room.**

► Hotel Check-in Time: 4:00 PM Hotel Check-out Time: 11:00 AM

► Parking at the Hotel: Self-Parking is \$28 per day / Valet Parking is \$32 per day

► Hotel Guest Rooms: 100% of Guest rooms are non-smoking, should a guest smoke in their room the penalty is \$500.00; this is the responsibility of the individual to pay the penalty.

► EARLY DEPARTURE FEES: The Hotel will charge a \$95.50 and it will be charged to your credit card upon departure.

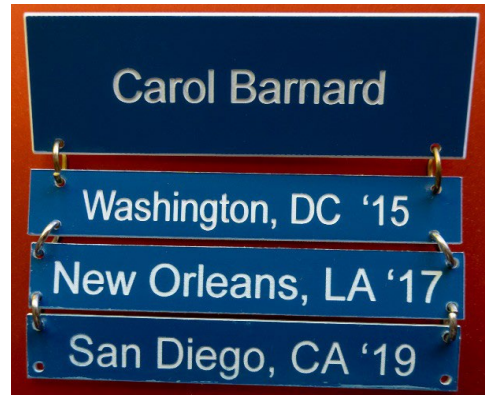
\*\*\*\*There is a ton of information included in this form. Please do not hesitate to call me (Wendy) should you have any questions. My cell is 972-800-1647 and my email address is [wendy@goelite.travel](mailto:wendy@goelite.travel).

Also, note that Purple buses run to and from the hotel every 20 minutes and accommodate handicap scooters. We will be using these busses to shuttle us to and from our tours.

## Name Tags

Once again our dedicated shipmate Bruce Gottsch has agreed to facilitate getting us our name tags. See below for instructions!

At previous reunions our blue name tags have looked like this for shipmates and their wives or guests:



Again this year we need to order these through a separate process (aka Bruce Gottsch).

If this is your first reunion or you've lost/misplaced your blue name tag, you can order one by completing the information below. **Cost for each name tag is \$8.75.** Your name, USS BRADLEY, years you were onboard, and your rate/rank is engraved into plastic as seen above. Wife or guest name tag have their name engraved on it.

☐ Option A - If you want the blue name tag, check this box.

Please fill in the information below for your name tag.

Your name tag name: \_\_\_\_\_

What years did you serve aboard? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your highest rate or rank while onboard? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Option B - If you want a Wife or guest blue name tag, check this box.

Wife or guest name on name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Option C - If you want the reunion city tag(s), check this box and tell us how many you want \_\_\_\_\_. **Cost for each reunion city tag is \$3.75.**

Total cost for all name tags and city tags: \_\_\_\_\_

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To order blue name tags, print and cut out the name tag form along dashed lines and send it with your check to Bruce Gottsch at: PO Box 23516, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307-3516. Bruce has found a vendor who will produce our name tags.

***You must have your blue name tag order to Bruce by 16 March 2024.***

## History of Annapolis

### Take a look at the rich history of Annapolis

From its earliest days as a colonial capital city, Annapolis was known as the "Athens of America." For here one could find a wealth of cultural activities, a glittering social season, gracious hospitality and intellectual stimulation. The small seaport brought visitors from around the world who shared the news of the day while enjoying the ambiance and exquisite tidewater cuisine of the local pubs.

You will find the same atmosphere today, drawing more than 4 million people a year to its shores. Annapolis has been welcoming visitors for more than 300 years, but it remains a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

### The Many Names of Annapolis

The capital of Maryland was originally called "Providence" when settled by the Puritans. It was later called "Anne Arundel's Towne" after the wife of Lord Baltimore, who owned the proprietary colony. It wasn't until a Royal Governor, Sir Francis Nicholson, moved the capital here from St. Mary's City that the small seaport received its present name. Sir Francis chose to honor Princess Anne, heir to the throne. In 1708, as Queen, she chartered her colonial namesake as a city. Her royal badge, with a crown over the entwined thistle of Scotland and Tudor rose of England, is depicted on the Annapolis flag.

### Unique Streets

Sir Francis designed a city worthy of a Queen. Instead of using a customary grid, he constructed a baroque plan similar to the magnificent capitals of Europe. He drew circles with radiating streets to create focal points and give importance to certain structures. In one circle is St Anne's, the Episcopal Church, regarded as the spiritual center of the city. As the Church of England, it was originally supported by taxpayers.

In the other circle, rising over the harbor, is the State House, the seat of government. This urban design was admired by frequent visitor George Washington, who later had Pierre L'Enfant incorporate it into the nation's capital.

### Becoming Prosperous

A thriving shipping industry brought great wealth to Annapolis, reflecting quality of life. Prosperous merchants and "planters" sought to duplicate the amenities of their homeland in the colonies, and built mansions that would rival any in England. These homes, which entertained



many of our Founding Fathers, had ballrooms and formal gardens where lavish social functions occurred.

Today, Annapolis has more of these original 18th century structures standing than any other city in the United States. Many are open to the public, where, their beauty and architectural style is a major attraction. Historic Annapolis Foundation operates the William Paca house as a museum, and also has a wealth of information about many of the other historical treasures.

## **United States Naval Academy**

For many, Annapolis is synonymous with the United States Naval Academy. However, this world famous institution isn't even the oldest college in town. That distinction belongs to St. John's College, founded in 1696 as King William's School. It is the third oldest college in the United States (after Harvard and William and Mary). Its liberal arts curriculum is based upon study of the Great Books. Every spring, the two schools engage in a spirited game of croquet on the front lawn of St. John's campus.

## **Historical Significance of Annapolis**

Government has always played a major part in the ongoing operations of Annapolis. The same State House where George Washington tendered his resignation as General of the Continental Army following the Revolutionary War is still charged with energy during the three months every year the Maryland General Assembly meets in its chambers. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor have their offices there, and it is used for a number of state functions throughout the year.

Annapolis has great historical significance for other reasons. The capital of Maryland was the country's capital when the Treaty of Paris, ending the Revolutionary War, was signed here. All four Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence had impressive homes in Annapolis, which still stand today.

## **Internationally Popular**

Annapolis is a very popular port of call for international sailors and its anchorage features transoms from all over the world. Four years ago, the Whitbread competitors stopped here, and this spring the Volvo fleet returned. An annual Maritime Heritage festival is held on the City Dock to celebrate this aspect of the Annapolis lifestyle.

## **Walking Tours**

As delightful as Annapolis is by water, its very human scale makes it a wonderful subject for a walking tour. Many of these attractions, including the Naval Academy and St. John's College, are right in the Historic District. Best of all, the Visitors Center, with its adjoining garage, is also located right at the entrance to town. A pleasant stroll along tree lined streets will take you to museums, restaurants and some wonderful shops.

## **So Much to See in Annapolis**



Whether you come for the history, the education, the water or the hospitality, there is always something going on in Annapolis for you to enjoy. Check out the events going on now, and look at our annual calendar to see what will be happening the rest of the year.