

USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN627) ASSOCIATION

A 501c Veterans Organization

DECEMBER 2017 Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a most prosperous New Year



Dear Shipmates and Friends,

As 2017 draws to a close, we hope this finds you prosperous and in good health.

There have been losses among our shipmates this year who will continue on in our hearts and in some of our best memories. They will be missed. We also recently learned of the likely loss of the Argentine submarine ARA San Juan and the loss of 44 fellow submariners.

In this newsletter, you'll find information on our 2019 Reunion which you voted to have in Rapid City, SD. As you look at the plans, I think you'll agree that this should be an excellent choice. I'm hoping to see many of you there. Don and Veronica have negotiated well on our behalf in costs and in planning worthwhile tours. South Dakota Tourism is also supporting our effort, so you'll be seeing a separate mailing with other things to do when you visit. If your schedule allows, I think you'll find allowing some time before and/or after for additional touring to be a worthwhile investment. If you haven't attended a Madison Reunion in the past, this would be a great one to start.

Finding Shipmates

It appears we're sending this newsletter to about 900 folks which is an increase over past years but still considerably less than all our shipmates. We need your help in getting the word out and helping us find our missing shipmates. There is a list of shipmates on the website showing some of the missing but we still know that there are still some that have not been identified.

Ship's Store

Russ Brentnell agreed to take over the inventory of our store as we wind down its operation. There are still some limited items that need to be cleared out at bargain prices: polo shirts, some t-shirts, some caps, patches and lapel pins. See the website and contact Russ about those items.

Membership Dues:

The Membership Form is enclosed. If you've already paid up through 2018, you can disregard. The date can be found on

your current membership card. Remember that first year dues are \$20 and any year after your first year, dues are \$10 per year, even if you miss a year. The dues help to support the association and the Reunions. If you're unsure about your status, please contact our secretary, Sam Walton at secretary@ussjamesmadison627.com.

Historian:

JD Walton is our ship's historian and continues to collect sea stories and memorabilia that have been saved. If you have things to share with him, please contact him at w1140@msn.com. These memories are available to share at our reunions.

Choosing Reunion Sites:

We choose our reunion sites by popular vote on the website. There is significant amount of work in choosing a location and making the arrangements for lodging, food and activities. To be considered for a reunion location, a site must have someone who is willing to sponsor that site. A sponsor is someone who agrees to take responsibility for making the arrangements, finances for deposits and so forth will be paid by the Association. Also considered this year was the Cape Canaveral/Cocoa Beach area. Hopefully, you'll consider sponsoring a site for the 2021 Reunion.

USSVI:

United States Submarine Veterans, Incorporated is a nationwide organization of Submarine Veterans. Visit their website at www.ussvi.org and "Find A Base" or "Join Us" for more information.

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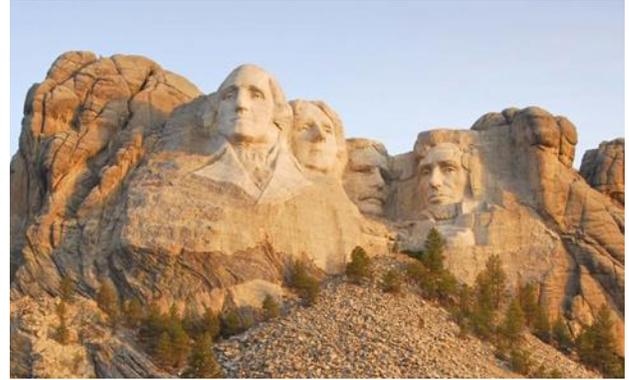
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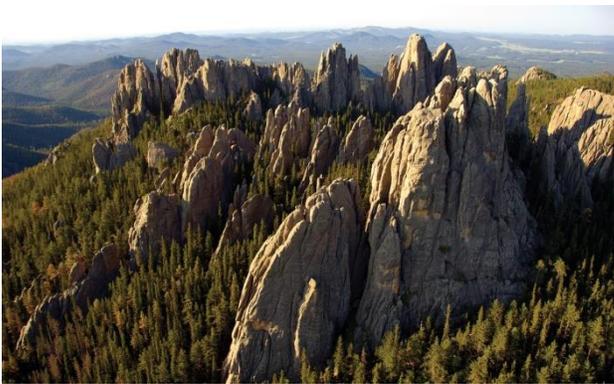
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Custer Park



Mount Rushmore



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ANNUAL MADISON ASSOCIATION DUES

Name _____

Wife's Name (for Assoc. Membership and/or our records) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Yrs. on Board 19__ to 19__ Crew _____ Rate/Dept. _____

Amount Paid \$ _____ Yr./Yrs/ Pd. For _____

If no dues have ever been paid, the first year is \$20. Thereafter, dues are \$10 per year. (If not sure, contact Secretary, at secretary@ussjamesmadison627.com, who maintains a current list.) Associate Members (Wives) are \$10 per yr. (We are limited by the IRS to 25% of our membership for Assoc. Members; therefore it is first come, first serve.) If you wish to be paid in advance, add \$10 for each year and note above. Make check payable to: USS JAMES MADISON ASSOCIATION, INC. Mail to: Don Hix, Treasurer: 4911 Albert Lane, Rapid City, SD 57703. PLEASE REMEMBER, by being a paid member of the Association, you are helping to finance the continuation of the USS James Madison SSBN627 Association and the reunions it sponsors.