



USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN627)

ASSOCIATION

A 501c Veterans Organization

December 2020

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and
A most prosperous New Year

Dear Shipmates and Friends,

2021 USS James Madison Reunion Galveston, TX:

2020 has thrown many curves at us and they impacted the reunion planning as well as individual levels of comfort to travel and assemble. Some of the concerns are mask mandates, prohibited gatherings of size and of course shut downs. The majority of the responses we received indicated that most were not planning to attend the reunion. Therefore, we are cancelling plans for March, 2021.

If you have made hotel reservations at Four Points Sheraton for March 2021, you may cancel them without penalty. Four Points Sheraton has also said they will continue to honor the reunion pricing should you wish to visit Galveston in March 2021. You must decide one way or the other, Four Points Sheraton will not automatically alter your reservation. If you do not cancel and do not show up, expect to be charged for one night. The hotels phone number is 409-974-4796.

We are working to reschedule the reunion. Right now, it appears that the new dates will be March, 2022. We will keep you informed as we move forward. Thank you for your patience.

Board positions:

Don Hix, our association treasurer, has indicated that he would like to be replaced at the next election cycle. We are looking for a good candidate that can/will do the job. If you are interested, please contact Don for an overview of the Treasurers responsibilities.

Contact information:

We keep a database of shipmates for our mailings and need to ask that if you have moved please send Sam Walton secretary@ussjamesmadison627.com your new information so that we can update our spreadsheet and keep you informed. We sometimes share information by email so it is appreciated if you keep us advised when you change/update your email addresses also.

Missing shipmates:

An on-going issue for us is to locate and reach our shipmates. Thanks to the generous donation of time from a

stranger online, we've been able to connect with 70+ more of our shipmates since the last reunion. We're estimating 3500+ crew over the years and we'll mail this newsletter to around 1000. Any help in identifying and locating remaining shipmates is appreciated. 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.

Membership Dues: The Membership Form is enclosed. If you've already paid up through 2021, you can disregard. The date can be found on your current membership card. 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 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.

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.

We hope this finds you and yours healthy and happy. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and a brighter and happier 2021.

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ANNUAL MADISON ASSOCIATION DUES

Name _____

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

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

What Years on Board? 19____ to 19____ Crew _____ Rate/Dept. _____

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

Dues are \$10 per year. (If not sure, contact the Secretary, at **secretary@ussjamesmadison627.com**, who maintains a current list.) Associate Members (Wives) are \$10 per yr. If you wish to pay in advance, add \$10 for each year and note above. Make check payable to: **USS JAMES MADISON ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Mail to:

Don Hix, Treasurer
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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.