

USS Fulton Association (UFA)

2025 Reunion Information Packet



20-24 August 2025 ~~~~ New London-Groton CT

We are pleased to present this Reunion Registration Packet (RRP) for our 2025 reunion. All veterans of the ship, associate members, and their guests are invited to attend our 21st Biennial Reunion in the New London / Groton area. The reunion starts with checking in on Wed and ends after our Banquet on Saturday evening.

The host hotel is the **Norwich Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Boulevard, Norwich, CT**. The hotel is 55 miles from the *Bradley International Airport*, Hartford CT, and 45 miles from the *Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport*, Providence RI. Amtrak and Busses also have service to the New London area.

NOTE: Pets are NOT permitted in the hotel.

If you have relatives/friends in or near the Norwich area, these non-members of the UFA can take advantage of our reduced guest room cost and participate in any group activities and our Hospitality Space where photos, scrapbooks, and other memorabilia will help your guests develop a deeper appreciation of your military service. The telling of sea stories will also let them know what your Navy life was *really* like!

This information packet details the activities of the reunion and includes the Reunion Registration Form (RRF) that must be completed and mailed with your payment. The Reunion Committee must **receive your completed RRF and payment no later than Friday 41-July August 1**. You must complete one form for each guest room reservation made with the host hotel. Include all individuals who will be associated with a guest room reservation. If you will not be staying at the host hotel you must complete one form that includes everyone in your group.

Registrations for the "reunion" and reservations for "hotel guest rooms" are independent processes; you must make your own guest room reservations by contacting the hotel as described herein. Reserve your room before completing the RRF, as that form requests that you include your Hotel Reservation Confirmation number.

The Cutoff Date for REUNION REGISTRATION is Friday 41-July August 1, 2025. Send your completed RRF with full payment by check or money order payable to "USS Fulton Association" to the designated member of the Reunion Committee.

- Full refunds for cancellation of reunion registrations will be made if cancelled by 1 August 2025.
- Full refund of hotel cancellation if cancelled before 6pm Aug 20.
- The **Reunion Registration Fee** applies to each person included on the RRF.

The Host Hotel:

- Use this link to make a reservation <https://hinorwich.info/USSFulton> (preferred method). If that is not possible you may call the hotel at 860-889-5201 to make your room reservation. Mention that your reservation is for the USS Fulton Reunion. Do NOT use any other method such as a national reservation system, or 3rd-party booking websites as the contracted room rate may not be honored.
- The contracted guest room rate is \$171 including taxes and fees.
- Your guest room reservation includes a hot breakfast buffet for each person registered in a guest room.
- The hotel is extending the contracted guest room rate for 3 days before and 3 days after our reunion.
- If you plan to attend the tour on Thursday 21 August, you might wish to reserve a guest room for Wednesday evening as the tour bus will board early on Thursday morning.
- Parking at the hotel is free and can accommodate dead parking for motor homes.
- **Call the hotel at 860-889-5201** if you wish to mail a package to the hotel ahead of your arrival. Mailing a heavy/bulky item or numerous small ones for the auction might be a convenient means for getting those items to the hotel.

The Hospitality Space at the hotel will be set up by late afternoon on Wednesday 20 August. After you have arrived at the hotel come to the Hospitality Space to receive your Welcome Packet and socialize with others.

Reunion Notes:

- **Walk-ins for the reunion MAY NOT be accepted for group meals and tours (Exception @ Note 1).**
- Most tour venues involve walking, but probably not excessively. Most venues will be ADA-Compliant/Handicapped-Accessible except for certain types of equipment (i.e. Submarines ;-).
- The attire during all reunion activities is casual (shorts, T-shirts are OK) except for the taking of professional portraits before the Banquet and attending the Banquet Saturday evening 23 August. “Business casual” or better is requested for the banquet. Wear your uniform if you have it - and it fits!

Your First Mate/partner and other guests are encouraged to attend the reunion activities. If you choose not to participate in any group activity you may “do you own thing.” You can hang out in the Hospitality Space, enjoy a meal at a nearby restaurant, tour and shop the area on your own, visit relatives and friends in the area, etc.

Non-food Activities:

Hospitality Space (07:00 - 23:00 daily)

This is our “room to mingle” and will be available during most active hours of the reunion - even during tours for those who will not be participating in such. Sodas, bottled water, snacks, and candies will be available along with displays of memorabilia, items for auction/raffle, and items for sale. Bring your memorabilia and an item for our auction. Avoid items that might be too large. Consider shipping large/heavy items to the hotel for convenience. **Call the hotel for instructions 860-889-5201.**

The UFA does not authorize the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages in the Hospitality Space by any reunion attendee. Reunion registrants may purchase alcoholic beverages from the restaurant/lounge or service bars at the hotel for consumption in the Hospitality Space or in rooms during group events.

Hospitality suites that reunion registrants might establish elsewhere in the hotel are neither endorsed by the UFA nor affiliated with it. Therefore, the UFA, its officials, and members of the Reunion Committee accept no responsibility or liability for incidents stemming from the use or abuse of alcohol by reunion attendees participating in such hospitality suites.

Executive Committee Meeting (Saturday 09:00 - 10:00)

This is a meeting of UFA officials and others specifically invited. It precedes the Business Meeting of the veterans of the ship to preview topics to be presented at the Business Meeting and other matters related to the management of the UFA.

During this meeting, and the subsequent Business Meeting, might be an ideal time for your First Mate/partner and/or guests to take advantage of visiting local businesses/attractions.

Business Meeting (Saturday 10:15 - 11:45)

This is a meeting for all veterans of the ship who are paid-up Life or Annual members. This meeting concerns business matters of the UFA. It includes, but is not limited to, elections of the Board of Directors and the selection of potential host cities for future reunions.

Meals

- All group meals are included in your registration fee. (Walk-ins may not be allowed, see Note 1)
- If you have special dietary requirements, please specify such in the appropriate location on page 2 of the RRF. The Catering Department at the hotel will provide food items suitable to the diet/dietary restrictions that you specify.
- Our contract with the hotel requires the EXCLUSION of nuts and MSG from all food served to our group.

Hot Dinner Buffets

Italian Buffet (Friday 17:15 - 19:00)

♦ Meat Lasagna ♦ Penne Pasta with Chicken & Broccoli ♦ Cookies & Brownies

Banquet Buffet (Saturday 18:15 - 21:30)

♦ Chicken Marsala with Portabella Mushrooms ♦ Beef Tenderloin Tips ♦ Baked Salmon
♦ Dessert: Monogrammed Sheet Cake

TOURS & EVENTS

- PARTICIPATION IN TOURS MIGHT BE LIMITED TO THE CAPACITY OF A TOUR BUS (56 PEOPLE). IF WE HAVE MANY MORE THAN 56 ATTENDEES WE WILL HIRE AN ADDITIONAL BUS (PLEASE REGISTER EARLY SO WE GET AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT). WITH JUST A FEW OVER 56, SOME ATTENDEES WILL HAVE CARS AND HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO TRANSPORT ANY OVERFLOW. THE LAST REUNION HAD 57 ATTENDEES.

Group Tour Thursday 09:00 - 17:00

- **Mystic Aquarium**
- **Lunch on your own at the Olde Mistick Village**

Mystic Aquarium: <https://www.mysticaquarium.org/>

See Beluga Whales, African Penguins, California Sea Lions, Tiger Sharks, etc.

Olde Mistick Village: <http://oldemistickvillage.com/>

Shopping, dining, salon, etc. Lunch on your own here.

Group Tour Friday 09:00 - 17:00

- **USS Nautilus**
- **Lunch at the US Submarine Veterans**
- **Thames River Boat Tour**

USS Nautilus: <https://ussnautilus.org/>

The Submarine Force Library & Museum. It all started in 1951. We will hold our memorial service there.

US Submarine Veterans Groton Base: <https://www.ussvigroton.org/>

The USSVI moto: "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates..."

Thames River Boat Tour: <https://www.thamesriverheritagepark.org/>

We have a private chartered, one hour boat tour scheduled. See our famous State Pier!

Auction Friday 19:00 - 22:00

Your donated items make for a fun auction. Please be generous with some Fulton/Navy related or just plain cool items for auction. Proceeds keep the USS Fulton Association going strong.

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(Please print legibly. Show names as you want them to appear on your Reunion Name Badges.)

Member/Registrant's Name (first, middle initial, last): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Land-Line Phone: _____ Mobile Number While at the Reunion: _____

Year(s) Aboard the Ship (i.e. 1969-1972): _____ Division(s): _____

Highest Rank/Rating on board: _____

Emergency Contact (provide a name and phone): _____

Guest 1 Name:

Guest 2 Name:

Guest 3 Name:

Guest 4 Name:

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**Registration Fee: \$165/person**

Number of persons being registered..... Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$165 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED..... \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form and check to Richard Hartman as shown on page 2.

Note 1: the hotel has provided an option for walk-in dinner attendees for the Saturday evening banquet meal. Pre-paid pricing will be calculated after we have a total headcount for the reunion. If interested contact Jim Hoey 941-323-5184

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Make your Guest Room Reservation directly with the Norwich Holiday Inn at this link:

<http://hinorwich.info/USSFulton>

Or, if you call the hotel at 860-889-5201 be sure to ask for the *USS Fulton Reunion* rate.

Record Hotel Reservation Confirmation # \_\_\_\_\_

I will check in at the host hotel on August \_\_\_\_\_ and check out on August \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your First USS Fulton Reunion? **Yes** **No** (Circle one)

Will you have a vehicle available to transport any overflow persons to the tour venues?

**YES** **NO** (Circle one)



Do you and/or your guests have any disability or dietary restrictions that require special attention at the hotel or on tours? If so, please specify below. (Examples: wheelchair/scooter; vegetarian, vegan, keto diets, etc.).

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If you require an ADA/Accessible Guest Room or other special arrangements at the hotel, reserve early and inform the hotel as it may have a limited number of ADA/Accessible Rooms.

Your completed RRF with a check or money order payable to "USS Fulton Association" must be **RECEIVED** by the Reunion Planner no later than 1 August 2025. Allow 5 business days for delivery by USPS First-Class Mail. One form must be completed for each hotel guest room reservation or for each group that is not staying at the host hotel.

**Mail the completed form with payment to:**

**USS Fulton Association**  
**c/o Richard Hartman**  
**25 Greenleaves Drive #510**  
**Amherst, MA 01002-2852**

**If you have questions about the reunion, or need to cancel your reunion registration, please email the Reunion Planner Jim Hoey at [jim@jimhoey.com](mailto:jim@jimhoey.com)  
Or call 941-323-5184 and leave a message.**