



USS Providence (CL82-CLG6) Association Newsletter

"A Tradition of Honor"

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Dear Shipmate:

I am sending this letter as an announcement for the upcoming reunion activities. I have been involved in Church activities and the Cruiser Sailor Association, and am somewhat delayed in sending a newsletter. I am still attempting to issue the newsletter as a magazine, however, the layout issues and distribution are causing delay. The following is vital reunion info.

Wednesday, Oct 9 – Sunday, Oct 13

Reunion central will be:

Wyndham San Antonio, Riverwalk

111 Pecan St. East

San Antonio, TX 78205

Direct reservation # 210-354-2800, Ext 7236

MAKE CERTAIN YOU INFORM THE RESERVATIONIST THAT YOU ARE WITH THE USS PROVIDENCE REUNION

Cost per room night is \$119 + applicable taxes. Price includes buffet breakfast for two. The room charges will apply for three days on either side on the reunion dates.

The Wyndham, as most hotels on the Riverwalk, does not have an airport shuttle, however there are a few options: Taxi – about \$20-\$25; Uber – about \$20; or Super Shuttle \$20, which makes various stops on way to hotel. The ride is about 20 minutes.

San Antonio Airport is served by all the major airlines and the schedules are timely.

Attached is the Plan of the Week and information regarding the various activities. The reunion registration form can be mailed to me along with a check. At this time we do not accept credit cards, however we are working on that and will have a credit card square in place for purchases at the ship's store during the reunion.

Reunion News (continued)

Below are a few items for discussion and consideration during the General Business Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, Oct 12:

- When and where to conduct the next reunion.
- We need to determine if we want to join with the USS OKLAHOMA CITY Association for future reunions. I attended their reunion in Norfolk last September and was graciously accepted as a fellow cruiser sailor and a WESTPAC sailor. They schedule reunions yearly in October and rotate venues throughout the 4 time zones. Their next reunion is Oct 2019 in Bremerton, WA. The 2020 reunion is schedule for the Mountain Time Zone, and then the East Coast in 2021 (Buffalo)
- Election of Officers. We are always looking for volunteers, such as: Future Reunion Coordinators, newsletter input (stories), Ship's Store Coordinator.

We have added a few items for the ship's store such as the new hat design, PROVIDENCE mugs and PROVIDENCE lapel pins. We now have a jacket patches for PROVIDENCE, COMFIRSTFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT and Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club. These items will be available in San Antonio.

Please refer to the attached picture of the USS PROVIDENCE CLG-6, 2-foot model. This is hand-made, to exacting detail, including a helo. The model will be available as a raffle item at the reunion and is valued at \$2,000. Tickets will be one for \$25 or two for \$40. I have included 2 tickets with each letter, and if you require more please contact me. Please return the one portion of the ticket(s), along with your payment to my home address. You do not have to attend the reunion or be present to win the ship model. David and Anna Adbouch, have donated this model to the PROVIDENCE Association as a fund raiser for the Association. Thank you, David and Anna, for your generosity.

Enclosed with this letter is a membership form, which should be completed (print) so we may have accurate information in our database. You may also want to consider updating your membership dues. Currently you are paid thru _____. Membership dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. Please forward any dues payments to David Abdouch, 127 Amberwood Dr., Walnut, CA 91789-2463, along with the membership form. You may also elect to make a donation for the Memorial Plaque to be dedicated at the Memorial Service at the Museum of the Pacific War.

Please contact me if you have any questions: jchryst@embargmail.com or home 717-284-6996 or cell 973-222-5499

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REUNION OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS **October 9 to 13, 2019**

Wednesday, October 9

1200 – 1800 Check in

1800 – 2000 Welcome and opening reception in San Antonio Ballroom Raffle of items donated by the crew. Featured item is a 2 ft. model of the USS PROVIDENCE CLG-6 worth \$2,000. Final drawing will be held at the end of the Saturday Banquet. Tickets are \$30 each or 2 for \$50.

2000 – 2200 Hospitality suite open

Thursday, October 10

Breakfast on own

- 0800 - Buses depart for Fredericksburg, TX. This unique town is a gem of living history and a busy tourist attraction. The town was founded by German Immigrants and retains much of the old world charm. There are three museums here of great interest which include the Museum of the Pacific War, the Admiral Nimitz Museum and the Pacific Combat Zone.
- 1000 - Memorial Service in Memorial Garden of the Museum of the Pacific War. Upon completion of the Memorial Service we will unveil a USS PROVIDENCE plaque to honor all Sailors and Marines who served on board the USS PROVIDENCE from 1945 to 1973.
- 1100 – 1500 Tour Pacific War Museum, USS PROVIDENCE Pilot house is intact in the Leyte Gulf/Cruiser Exhibit. Other original PROVIDENCE ship assets, salvaged from the scrapper, will be on display.
Lunch on own. Visit the many German restaurants, bakeries, breweries and western shops on Main St in Fredericksburg.
- 1500 Bus 1 departs for Luckenbach, TX. Home of Country Music. Every Country and Western singer has at one time or another played on the small stage in this town that has a population of 3 permanent residents. Refreshments, shopping, and live country music in the grove area.

Bus 2 departs for the Wyndham Hotel and will not go to Luckenbach. Arrive at Wyndam Hotel at 1630
- 1615 Bus 1 departs Luckenbach to return to Wyndham Hotel at 1730.
- 1800 Hospitality Suite open.
Dinner on own.

Friday, October 11

Breakfast on own.

- 0845 Bus departs for Mission Tour and Alamo Tour
Tour of all four San Antonio missions located on the mission trail. Start at Mission Espada which is the oldest mission, built in 1690. Then, head to Mission San Juan Capistrano which was originally built in East Texas and moved to San Antonio in 1716. Next, Mission Concepción, which is the best preserved of all the missions. And last, Mission San Jose, the biggest of all the missions, which was built in 1720.
After our tour of the four missions along Mission Trail, we'll stop at the Historic Menger Hotel for a seafood buffet lunch and then it's on to the Alamo with either a docent tour or an audio wand self-guided tour.
- 1500 Mission Tour returns to hotel.
- 1700 Hospitality suite open. Movie night. Several DVDs of the PROVIDENCE (CL-82 and CLG-6) in action

Dinner on own.

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Saturday, Oct 12

Breakfast on own.

- 0900 Ship's company business meeting.
- 1030 Free day to enjoy San Antonio. Stroll the Riverwalk. Barge tour of Riverwalk. A complete listing of the places to visit are listed below.
- 1730 Individual and group photos. Reunion Photographers will be on hand to take photos and produce a commercial grade picture book for the USS PROVIDENCE shipmates.

Cash bar

1830 Banquet doors open.

1845 Banquet introduction, Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

1900 Banquet – Guest speaker will be Mr. Geoffrey Beaumont. He will conduct a slide presentation and review his father's love of art, various assignments and meetings with top government officials. He will also show a great selection of paintings that are held in private collections and the Irvine Museum in California. His father, Arthur Beaumont visited PROVIDENCE on two occasions: during the fall of 1965 and the summer of 1969, when he spent the month of July and August completing many sketches of the daily, shipboard routine in port and at sea. Mr. Beaumont will offer his book "Arthur Beaumont – Art of the Sea" for sale and provide signed copies.

Hospitality suite open till Shore Patrol closes.

Sunday, Oct 13

Breakfast on own

0800 Hospitality suite open till noon.

Depart for safe trip home.

PLACES TO VISIT IN SAN ANTONIO

- VFW post 76, The oldest post in Texas, #10, 10th St, Very unique Victorian-Style home.
- Alamo Brewery, 202 Lamar, SA.
- Riverwalk path and restaurants. Take a barge ride down the river and stop for a lunch or an adult beverage.
- The Buckhorn Saloon and Museum. The Texas Ranger Museum, 218 E. Houston St, SA.
- San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, founded in 1731 and the oldest continuously functioning church in TX. Also the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the U.S. Mass 7 days a week.
- Market Square-EL Mercado, 514 W. Commerce St. Restaurants, music, and shopping.
- Shops at the Alamo
- Shops at the River Center Mall, 849 Commerce St
- Augie's BBQ Restaurant, 909 Broadway St
- Historic Arts Village, 418 Villita St #9
- On the Bend Oyster Bar, 123 Losoya St
- The County Line, 111 W. Crockett St
- Tower of the Americans (space needle) 739 E Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.
- Alamo double decker buses.
- Sea World
- San Antonio Botanical garden
- Double decker bus tours
- River Taxi Go-Rio

REUNION 2019 OCTOBER 9 – 13, SAN ANTONIO, TX

NAME _____ Cell or
land _____

ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____

DATES ON
PROVIDENCE/DIVISION/RANK _____

EVENTS LISTING ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON

COST # PERSONS TOTAL

REGISTRATION FEE \$50 _____

FEE INCLUDES HOSPITALITY, SNACKS, ENTERTAINMENT, ADMIN,
BEER, WINE, AND OTHER REUNION EXPENSES

WEDNESDAY, OCT 9 - HOSPITALITY RECEPTION N/C _____

THURSDAY, OCT 10 – MUSEUM OF PACIFIC WAR \$45 _____

MEMORIAL SERVICE, PLAQUE UNVEILING, GENERAL TOUR

FRIDAY, OCT 11 – MISSION BUS TOUR AND \$66 _____

ALAMO, MISSION SAN JOSE, SAN JUAN,
ESPADA, CONCEPCION,
LUNCH AT HISTORIC MENDER HOTEL (ALAMO)

SATURDAY, OCT 12 - BANQUET/GROUP PHOTOS
STRIP STEAK, CHICKEN BREAST, SALMON \$69 _____

Salad, seasonal vegetables, roll, dessert
CASH BAR MEAL CHOICE _____
SPECIAL MEAL REQUEST (VEGETARIAN STRUDEL) _____

SHIP MODEL RAFFLE \$25 ea or \$40 2 tickets

Return ½ ticket with name and phone number

TOTAL FOR REUNION _____

Emergency contact info _____

Existing medical issues _____

Do you wish to donate any memorabilia Raffle () or display case on USS LITTLE ROCK CLG-4 ()

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USS PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION
MAIL TO: JIM CHRYST 34 SNYDER HOLLOW RD, NEW PROVIDENCE, PA 17560
717-284-6996 CELL; 973-222-5499

**USS PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

(please print)

NAME _____

MAILING
ADDRESS _____

CELL PHONE _____
LAND LINE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

YEARS ON BOARD _____

RATE AND DIVISION _____

YEARLY DUES (\$25) _____
\$45 for two years of dues in one single payment.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION

WEBSITE/DISPLAY CASES _____

MEMORIAL PLAQUE for Museum of Pacific War _____

TOTAL CHECK _____

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: USS PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION
C/O DAVID ABDOUCH
127 AMBERWOOD DR.
CA 91789**

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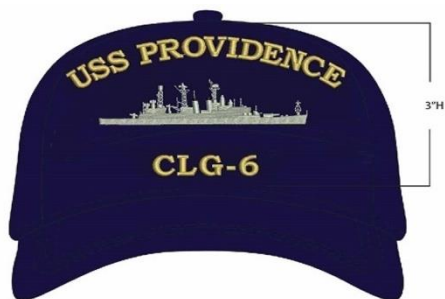
Your yearly dues provide maintenance for our website (ussprovidence.org); our two memorial display cases located on board USS LITTLE ROCK CLG-4 in Buffalo, NY and the USS SALEM CA-139 in Quincy, MA; and our twice per year newsletter. Through your generous support, we continue to expand our memorabilia items and rotate the displays yearly, additionally, many items are brought to the regularly scheduled reunions. The cost to maintain our website continues to rise, as we expand our offerings of information, which includes; pictures, news articles, web links, cruise books and other PROVIDENCE periodicals. Sam Villa, our webmaster, has invested a considerable amount of time to bring you the most complete website of any Navy organization on the web. We also maintain a social media page on Facebook. Currently there are 246 members who share pictures and sea stories, so you may wish to consider signing on to that social media page (USS PROVIDENCE CLG-6).



This 2 foot PROVIDENCE ship model will be raffled off at the upcoming San Antonio Reunion in October 2019. This very detailed model is valued at \$2,000, and is made in the Philippines from wood. If you desire to see more detailed pictures, please google USS PROVIDENCE model. There are about 15 pictures.

SHIP'S STORE

Recently we have increased our items at the Ship's Store. The items below are now offered and can be purchased by contacting David Abdouch for the shirts and Jim Chryst for all other items.



New hat with great profile detail – available in 2 wks. \$16.99 plus shipping. Marine red \$17.99



50 cal. Pen \$10
Navy or Marine seal.

Lighter \$9.
CLG-6 and CL-82



Challenge coin. 2 sided. \$7 including shipping.



1st FLT 4 inches. Others 5 inches. \$10 each
Shipping included. Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club soon.

20" X 20" plaque to be dedicated upon completion of the Memorial Service at the Museum of
the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, Texas, October 10, 2018



Two Lives of THE USS PROVIDENCE “The Fighting Flag Ship”



CL-82 World War II

Awards:

American Campaign
European-African-Middle East Campaign
World War II Victory
World War II Occupation (Europe)



CLG-6 Vietnam

Awards:

Combat Action Ribbon (2 Awards)
Navy Unit Commendation (2 Awards)
National Defense Service
Armed Forces Expeditionary (2 Awards)
Vietnam Service (8 Awards)
Korean Defense Service (Vietnam Era)
Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
Vietnam Campaign Ribbon

Dedicated to all who served aboard USS PROVIDENCE
Memorial Presented with Pride by the USS Providence Association October 2019

