

## From the Reunion Chair

### USS NAUTILUS CREW, FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

The 2024 USS Nautilus Reunion is 8 months away. The registration form is attached. Here are some things you need to know.

The dates are Friday, September 27, 2024 to October 1, 2024. The registration form pretty much has the agenda but here are the details.

The Hilton Garden Inn, Groton, 224 Gold Star Highway (Rt. 184) Groton Ct. is the host hotel. The Nautilus has “run of the house” which means we have reserved the entire hotel at a discounted price. Instructions on making those reservations is on the registration form. Make sure when you make those reservations that you get a confirmation email and the details are what you expected.

This year we are not getting a free breakfast with our reservations so exploring the area for unique venues will be fun. The Hilton has a nice restaurant and breakfast costs between \$8.00 to \$15.00. A credit card will be required to make your reservation with an expiration date that does not expire until after the event. Your card will not be charged until 5 days prior to the 27th so make sure if something happens that you have to cancel let them know beforehand.

Many of us arrive Thursday, September 26, 2024, a day early. The website has made it possible for you to reserve your room on that day also. We will not have bus transportation to the venues so let's plan on carpooling with our friends that do not have transportation. (Yes, some coming are coming by train, bus and Uber!!)

### Agenda

**Friday:** September 27, 2024. 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Arrive and check in at Hilton Hospitality Room. Each person will receive a welcome packet that will include your name tag, detailed agenda and other goodies. If you arrive later your packet will be at the Elks Lodge for the evening event.

**Friday:** September 27, 2024. 6:00 P.M. to 9:00P.M. *CHANNEL FEVER AT ELKS LODGE, GROTON CONNECTICUT.* Catered by Cyr BBQ. New England Clam Bake. Lobster (1 per person) clams, mussels, corn on the cob and red potatoes steamed in seaweed. Pig roast and bbq chicken. Pig roast, chicken, coleslaw, barbecue baked beans, corn bread and bbq sauce. We have used Cyr BBQ for two previous reunions. His food and service is excellent. He uses only the best food providers in the area. Cash bar.

**Saturday:** September 28, 2024 NAAI business meeting 9:00 A.M. to 11:00A.M.. Hilton Hospitality Room. Everyone is invited.

That afternoon we will gather at the Submarine Force Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus. More details to come.

**Sunday:** September 29, 2024. Free day to explore the area. Lots to see and do. More to come in other emails. If you want to take a tour up and down the Thames River in a water taxi now is your chance. Tours hourly from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. See Nautilus from the water side and other exciting and interesting sites. We took this tour at the August event. Absolutely awesome! My husband had never seen this because he was always below deck when Nautilus was coming and going! A real treat for quite a few of the guys that took the boat. Sign up for your preferred departure time—10 am, 11 am, 12 noon, or 1 pm—at Friday’s check-in. (First come, first served.)

6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. NAAI will be hosting a fun Sea Stories Evening in the Hilton Hospitality Room. Free food and drink. Come hear your fellow shipmates tell about their time on the boat. Jim (Jiggs) Kronenwetter will give a slide presentation about “The Owl”. We are working on other presentations. Let us know if you want to be a participant. This will be a great night to “hear it from the horses mouth”!

**Monday:** September 30, 2024 Navy Celebration of Nautilus’ 70th Anniversary at Submarine Force Museum and Library. More details as they come available.

5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P. M. Nautilus Reunion cocktail hour & banquet at Port & Starboard Pavilion, Ocean Beach, New London. This is a real cool place. We had our last reunion banquet there. From 5:00 P. M. To 6:00 P. M. come down to the Nautilus room facing the ocean. Cash bar just outside the room. There is a large painted mural of Nautilus on the wall. Then we will gather in the banquet room for a business casual dinner and celebration.

**Tuesday:** October 1, 2024 Come say your farewells in the Hilton Restaurant. No departure breakfast this year.

*Wanda Sells*

NAAI 2024

Reunion Chairperson

## NAUTILUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2024 REUNION



**September 27 - October 1, 2024  
Groton-New London, Connecticut**

### Registration Form

(Please complete a form for each individual attending)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Years Aboard \_\_\_\_\_ Rank While Aboard \_\_\_\_\_

Plank Owner? \_\_\_ PANOPO? \_\_\_ Decom Crew? \_\_\_ Historic Ship? \_\_\_

If non-crew, name of related crew member \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<b>Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)</b>	<b>\$20.00 (Mandatory)</b>
<b>Friday, September 27, 2024</b>	
9 am - 4 pm: Arrival & Check-in at Hilton Hospitality Room	<b>No Cost</b>
6 pm - 9 pm: Channel Fever at Groton Elks - BBQ & (Circle Choice if attending) Lobster Clambake	<b>\$30 BBQ \$65 Lobster</b>
<b>Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Circle those you are attending)</b>	
9 am - 11:30 am: NAAI Business Meeting Election of Officers - Hospitality Room	<b>No Cost</b>
5 pm - 7 pm: Tour Submarine Force Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus	<b>No Cost</b>
<b>Sunday, September 29, 2024</b>	
Visit Local Attractions and/or	
10 am - 2 pm (hourly) : Thames River Boat Tour, 35 pax per hour starting at 10 am	<b>\$15.00 (Circle if attending)</b>
6 pm - 9 pm Sea Story Evening at Hilton	<b>No Cost</b>
<b>Monday, September 30, 2024</b>	
Time TBD: Navy Celebration of Nautilus' 70th Anniversary at Submarine Force Museum	<b>No Cost</b>
5 pm - 9 pm: Nautilus Reunion Cocktail Hour & Banquet at Port & Starboard Pavilion, Ocean Beach, New London	<b>\$66.00 (Circle if Attending)</b>
<b>Total \$ _____</b>	

Make Hotel Reservations at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, 224 Gold Star Hwy (Rt. 184), Groton, CT, by calling **860-445-6800**. Use Code **NR2024** for Reunion Rates. Or make reservations online by typing this link into your browser window:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/nautilusreunion2024/>

**NOTE:** There is an extra "s" at the end of Nautilus. Don't forget to include it.



*Make Checks Payable to:  
NAAI  
Send this form and check to:*

**2024 NAAI Reunion  
Rick Faircloth, Treasurer  
PO Box 104  
Baconton, GA 31716  
Send Form & Check  
No Later Than Aug. 15, 2024**

## 2024 Nautilus Reunion Registration and Payment Methods

**Call Treasurer Rick Faircloth at (229) 869-6218 if you wish to provide credit card or check/bank information privately instead of sending it by mail, or to get Venmo or Zelle information.**

### Credit or Debit Card

Complete this short form and send it to the NAAI treasurer, Rick Faircloth, at PO Box 104 Baconton, GA 31716.

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Type of card (Visa, MC, AMEX, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

(BE SURE TO ALSO MAIL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RICK. Do not include any credit card info. on the registration form.)

### Pay by Check

Make your check payable to NAAI for the total amount, including registration fee and event attendance fee for each person attending, and send it to the NAAI treasurer, Rick Faircloth, at PO Box 104, Baconton, GA 31716. (BE SURE TO ALSO MAIL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RICK. Do not include any credit card info. on the registration form.)

### Pay with Venmo

Download the Venmo app on iOS or Android (not available on Windows). Create your Venmo account and connect it to your phone number, email address and to your bank account or credit card. Venmo charges a 3% fee if you use a credit card. No fee for payment from your bank account. Send total registration/event attendance payment for each member of your party to the NAAI treasurer, Rick Faircloth at phone # (229) 869-6218 or email at [rickfaircloth1025@gmail.com](mailto:rickfaircloth1025@gmail.com). (BE SURE TO ALSO MAIL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RICK. Do not include any credit card info. on the registration form.)

### Transfer payment with Zelle

Most banks have Zelle as a cash transfer option. Check your bank account to verify. If not, download the Zelle app on iOS or Android (no Windows availability). Call our treasurer, Rick Faircloth, at (229) 869-6218 for the NAAI bank account information you will need to add Rick to those whom Zelle can send money. Transfer the registration fee and related event fees to Rick. (BE SURE TO ALSO MAIL OR EMAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM TO RICK. Do not include any credit card info. on the registration form.)

The 2024 NAAI Reunion t-shirts and sweat shirts, both long- and short-sleeved, are ready for order. They will NOT be available for purchase at the reunion so order them now. The dark blue are for crew members. The lighter blue for legacy (family and friends). The shirts are produced in batches of 24 so be patient but diligent. There can be a wait until they have sufficient orders to run. So order now!!

Questions and concerns can be answered by Rich Young, bear6457@msn.com. Or Wanda Sells at wandals@icloud.com.

Reunion T-Shirts can also be ordered directly online by accessing the Nautilus Shop at the T-zers Shirt Shop. To access, type this URL into your web browser:  
<https://t-zers-shirt-shop-inc.printavo.com/merch/ussto>

Or Call T-zers Shirt Shop at (208) 888-5877

Both Styles Available in Short and Long Sleeves and in Both Light Blue (for Legacy Families and Friends) and Dark Blue for Crew



