

Reunion 2022

The Plan So Far



P O D (Tentative)

Wednesday Oct 26th	8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Early Registration) Evening Free
Thursday Oct 27th	8:00 am to 1:00 pm (continue registration) Hospitality Room (Afternoon and evening free to visit)
Friday Oct 28th	9:00 am to Noon (Visit Submarine Museum) (Submarine Base Tour if we are allowed into the base) Hope to get on base and have lunch in the Cafeteria
Friday Evening Friday 28th	5:00-9:00 p.m (Banquet and Opening Ceremonies) (Guest Speaker to be announced at a later date)
Saturday Morning Oct 29th	9:00-11:00 (Business Meeting) (After Business Meeting travel to Groton Subvets for lunch and tour)
Saturday Evening Oct 29th	6:00 p.m Last night event at Hotel. (To be announced)
Sunday October 30th	Leave for home

Reminder ** It is early yet.

Still working to fill out the schedule.

Fees and Dues

(Please see last page)

Reunion Registration

\$100.00 per person attending reunion (This money is used to pay for expenses including Banquet)

Association Dues

To attend you must be paid up as a Member of the Association. (Contact Joe or Dale if you are not sure if you have paid your annual dues of \$10.00)

Hilton Garden Inn Mystic/Groton



Address: 224 Gold Star Highway Groton, CT 06340
Phone Number: (860) 445-6800

Group Name: Robert E. Lee Association Reunion
Group Booking Code: LEE

Arrival Date: 26. October 2022
Departure Date: 30. October 2022
Group Cut-Off Date: 26. September 2022

Hilton Garden Inn Mystic/Groton offers its guests an indoor pool and a fitness center. Along with a restaurant and a coffee shop/cafe, there's a snack bar/deli on site. You can enjoy a drink at the bar/lounge. A computer station is on site, and both WiFi and wired Internet are free in public spaces. There's an onsite 24-hour business center. The business-friendly Hilton Garden Inn Mystic/Groton also features complimentary newspapers in the lobby, laundry facilities, and dry cleaning/laundry services. Self parking is free. This 3-star Groton hotel is smoke free.

128 accommodations with safes and coffee/tea makers. Refrigerators and microwaves are provided. Guests can surf the web using the complimentary wired and wireless Internet access. LCD televisions come with cable channels and pay movies. Additionally, rooms include hair dryers and irons/ironing boards. Housekeeping is provided daily.



Sub Base Groton



Naval Submarine Base New London stretches along the east side of the Thames River, straddling the communities of Groton and Ledyard. While Groton is often referred to as the “Submarine Capital of the World,” the Base proudly bears the title - “Home of the Submarine Force.”

Occupying more than 680 acres, with more than 160 major facilities and 15 nuclear submarines, Naval Submarine Base New London supports fleet readiness by providing quality service and facilities to our Fleet, Fighters, and Families. The Base mission is twofold: to homeport and put Submarines to sea; and to support the Submarine Center of Excellence that trains Sailors to take Submarines to sea.

Of course, y'all didn't know all that right?

Our plan is to gain access to the base on the same day we have reserved for visiting the Submarine Museum. Efforts are being made to arrange a tour or tours of the base and selected facilities. It's a long shot, but a boat visitation is hoped for.

Submarine Musuem



Winter Hours

October 1 - April 30
9am - 4pm Wed - Mon
Closed Tuesdays

Location And Parking

One Crystal Lake Road
Groton, Connecticut 06340
(The old main gate off base parking lot)

Admission and Parking are FREE!

For those who have not been to the museum, it is a very well done presentation of US sub service history. USSN 571 Nautilus is tied up at the on-site pier and is open to self guided tours.

Some of you may remember the two "war prize" miniature submarines that use to be located in front of the base gedunk. They are now front and center flanking the museum entrance. Resting under the bluff is the USS Washington SSBN 598 sail. There is even a Polaris A-1 Bird standing near the sail.

Some Area Attractions



Mystic Seaport

75 Greenmanville Ave
Mystic, CT 06355
860-572-0711

<https://www.mysticseaport.org/>

Hours

March 31-October 30

Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Grounds close at 6 p.m.



Donna and I have visited Mystic Seaport I think every time we have been in the area. We always have an enjoyable day and always learn something new and interesting. I might be a little biased as I grew up reading about sailing ships and adventures on the high seas. I have had a serious case of love for wooden boats most all my life. I highly encourage those who have not visited the seaport to do so. It will be time well spent.



Mohegan Sun

1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard
Uncasville, CT 06382

General Information: 1.888.226.7711

Golf Club: 860.862.9235

<https://mohegansun.com/>

45 Dining Options
More Than 300 Table Games
Nearly 5000 Slot Machines



We have driven by it a few times, but I guess i'm not much of a risk taker since the days of going to test depth. After the Laughlin reunion, the thing I like best about this place is we are not holding the reunion in their hotel. We have the option of going to their attractions, but don't have to be among them 24/7!



Foxwoods Resort Casino

350 Trolley Line Blvd 1-800-369-9663
Mashantucket, CT 06338 <http://www.foxwoods.com>
information@foxwoods.com

An ultimate entertainment destination with six casinos, AAA Four-Diamond hotels, restaurants that span from five star gourmet to grab and go, world-renowned spas, award-winning golf, state-of-the-art theaters, to exclusive retailers and more.



266 Bridge Street
Groton, CT 06340
(475) 201-9972

Our family-friendly tap room offers pints, tastings, can sales and growler fills to go. We encourage you to bring or order in food from our local establishments and come relax with us.



Seeing that tap room on the previous page reminded me of when the "off" crew was assigned to the top floor of a barracks on the Air Force base. This was while we were in Canaveral for missile test shots after the Valleo, California retrofit.

We would bring back six packs from the local liquor stores, wrap them in a towel and hit them with a shot from the CO2 fire extinguishers for that instant chill! Hid them in the A/C vents in the four man cubicals. Submariners are, if nothing else, improvisers.

The young Air Force barracks security guard came topside one afternoon and informed us one of our "gentlemen" was sprawled out in the middle of the lower deck passageway. He told us he was wearing a bright purple sweatshirt. A detail mustered and laid below to retrieve our shipmate. Seems he had consumed an extreme excess of the CO2 fired libations. Will wonders never cease?

Anyhow, right then I declared I was certainly glad I had not enlisted in the Air Force. I mean they can't even identify a drunk! Thank goodness they must have never been confronted by a threat to the "Free World"!

RV Info

For all the RV 'er crew members, this seems to be the least plentiful camping options for any area I have previously researched. The Navy apparently has no dedicated facilities for RV camping in the area. There is a marina, but no mention of RV capabilities. Here's a couple of camp grounds I did find. Also as I undersand it, both area Casinos do provide RV facilities.

Sun Outdoors Mystic

45 Campground Rd,
Old Mystic, CT 06372
(860) 536 4044

<https://www.sunoutdoors.com/>



These convenience pull-through water and electric RV sites offer 30-amp or 50-amp electric service with bathhouses nearby for your comfort and convenience. Each site includes a charcoal or wood grill, plus cable and WiFi services, picnic table, and fire pit for the ultimate camping experience.

Mystic KOA

Reserve: 800-562-3451
Info: 860-599-5101
118 Pendleton Hill Road
North Stonington, CT 06359

50 Max Amp
80' Max Length
Wi-Fi
Cable TV

Pool (5/15 - 10/15)
Propane
Fishing
Mini Golf

Firewood
Pavilion
Bike Rentals
KampK9®



<https://koa.com/campgrounds/mystic/>

USSVI Groton Base

Current Club Hours

Monday & Tuesday 11 am to 2 pm
Wednesday 11 am to 5 pm
Thursday & Friday 11 am to 7 pm

40 School Street
Groton, CT 06340

Land line: 860-445-5262

USSVI Groton Base Website: <https://www.ussvigroton.org/>



The club serves lunch and brunch. Please check the website for latest menu selections and hours. I know some crew members may be interested to know there is a full service bar in the basement. Open to all sub veterans. And I'm betting the drink prices will be much cheaper than the hotel bar. Just say'en.

I seem to remember that you can order from the club menus in the bar. I'm sure someone told me about the bar when I did a Patrick Henry reunion several years ago. Y'all know I would not let the "Demon Rum" pass my lips! - Fred



Registration Form R E Lee Reunion 2022

Badge Names		Amount
Crew Member	Name/Nick name	100.00 *
	19 - 19	
	Years on Board	Rank/Rate
		100.00 *

Guest Name

Association Dues
(Must be current member to attend)

Years Paying

Cost/YR

10.00

Mail To: (Check payable to)

USS Robert E Lee Association
C/O Dale Thompson
1011 S. Blue Bonnet Dr
Deming, NM 88030-4415

TOTAL: _____

*** \$120 After 8/10/2022**

