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## Welcome to Nashville “Music City USA”

Our 2020 reunion is to be held in the Best Western Plus, 2401 Brick Church Pike May 3 to May 6, 2020 at a room rate of \$125.90 per night

Initially 40 rooms have been blocked and the same room rates will be applicable 3 days before the arrival of the group and 3 days after the departure of the group.

The Sumner/Moale will be allowed to get food and alcohol from outside.

The hotel shall only provide tables and chairs. Everything else will be provided by us.

The hotel shall provide the ice to us in the coolers that will be supplied by us.

Lodging includes a free downtown shuttle (2.5 miles).

Please contact the hotel at 1-615-226-4600 (800) 528-1234 and specify that you are a part of the USS Allen M Sumner/USS Moale Reunion Group. Rates are reserved until April 25th, 2020.

The Group will visit the War Memorial for a quick memorial service to their fallen members.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .**

Greetings to All,

Hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for Nashville.



**Frank DiBello**

It is quickly approaching us.

This will be our first reunion with the Moale in our joint ventures. This was decided

by both ships to help defray the costs of our Reunions each year. As we lose more members and costs keep rising we are hoping that this will help us continue to be able to have our reunions each year.

I want to thank everyone involved with this joint venture to make this

Nashville Reunion a great success. We are so lucky to have great shipmates from both ships to pitch in to make our reunions successful.

When we all work together for a common goal we make great things happen.

I am sure as we work out the bugs we will encounter in this venture, both parties will put their thinking caps on together and make it smooth sailing for all. I look at this as a new adventure in our lives that will make our reunions better.

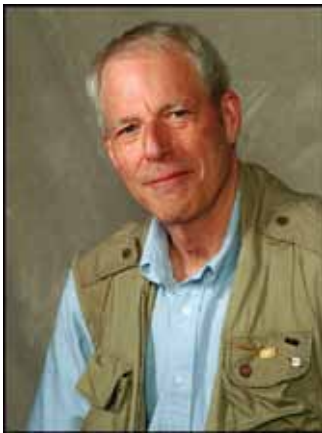
If anyone from either ship has any suggestions for things to do, or things to make the reunion go smoother, please come forward and let us know.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone in Nashville and getting to meet our Moale Shipmates.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to All!

Frank DiBello, President

USS Allen M. Sumner, DD 692



By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

the USS Oklahoma - the first to bear name since the battleship was sunk at Pearl Harbor in 1941.

In a news release, Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Modly announced the submarine hull designation SSN-802, will be the first boat to bear the name since the battleship USS Oklahoma was sunk.

The battleship USS Arizona was also recognized.

“I am honored and humbled to name the next two Virginia-class nuclear fast-attack to be built as the USS Oklahoma (SSN-802) and the USS Arizona (SSN-803),” Modley

said in a release.

“It is my fondest wish that the citizens of the great states of Arizona and Oklahoma will understand and celebrate our Navy’s desire to memorialize the 1,177 heroes . . . on Dec. 7, 1941.”

The new USS Oklahoma will be the first of the Block V Virginia-class nuclear attack submarines and the 29th submarine in the class.

The USS Tulsa is currently home-ported in San Diego and a Los Angeles-class submarine - the USS Oklahoma City, was commissioned in 1988 and is based in Guam.

**Wow!** This Sumner sailor has some things to be humbled for.

First there is a destroyer named for the city in which he lives and now there is a submarine named for the state in which he lives.

On Feb. 16 the USS Tulsa (LCS 16) - an Independence-class Littoral combat ship designed to patrol coastlines - was commissioned in San Francisco, Calif.

The event was shown on television and streamed at the local American Legion post.

All the local news stations captured the commissioning and following it interviewed veterans who had gathered to watch.

I was one of the lucky ones - identified as the Sumner Sentinel editor.

Now it was announced on Christmas Day 2019 the US Navy will name an attack sub



USS Allen M. Sumner/USS Moale Reunion  
REGISTRATION FORM

Nashville, Tenn. 03-06 May, 2020 (Sunday-Wednesday)

Print names as they are to appear on nametags. Include Middle Names!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Served on Sumner from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on Moale from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Rate or Rank on Sumner \_\_\_\_\_ Rate or Rank on Moale \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people attending reunion. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$120= \_\_\_\_\_

2020 (or more) Dues (specify year(s)) \_\_\_\_\_ + \$15@ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made out to: USS A. M. Sumner Association and Mail to:

Pete Dromms, Treasurer  
301 Park Ln.  
North Syracuse, NY 13212-2143

or Checks made out to: USS Moale Association and Mail to:

Richie Dedovich  
1012 Avery Meadows Way  
Deland, FL 32724

Food allergies or special dietary requirements?

List here \_\_\_\_\_

# Membership Renewal Form

Due to changes in the structure of our organization shipmates need to be aware of whether or not they have renewed membership. Our membership year is based on a regular calendar year. If the year "20, 21 or greater or L, etc. after your name on the newsletter mailing label does not reflect the upcoming **Reunion** year, you need to renew your membership.

This form will appear in the November-December and January-February issues of this newsletter and note that you need to renew your membership in the USS Allen M. Sumner Reunion Association/USS Moale Reunions Association. If you cannot afford the \$15, send what you can (if anything) as we will not deny a shipmate membership because of a hardship. And no one else needs to know.

For Sumner renewals, send to Pete Dromms, Reunion Association Treasurer at 301 Park Ln., North Syracuse, NY 13212-2143 and for Moale renewals send to Richie Dedcovich, 1012 Avery Meadows Way, Deland, FL 32724

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| Name_____ Spouse_____   |
| Address_____  |
| City_____ State_____ Zip_____ - _____   |
| (A/C)_____ Primary Phone_____ Other Phone_____ Fax_____   |
| E-Mail Address_____   |
| Years on Sumner - From_____ To_____   |
| Rate/Rank on Sumner_____  |
| Retired from Navy (Yes/No)_____   |
| Retired Rate or Rank _____  |
| Other info you wish to share _____  |
| Make Checks Payable either to USS A.M. Sumner Association, 301 Park Ln., North Syracuse, NY 13212-2143 or USS Moale Association, 1012 Avery Meadows Way, Deland, FL 32724 |

## Nashville

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After the memorial service, your group will proceed into a

Highlights City Tour of Nashville.



**War Memorial**

This will be a fully-narrated city tour going to by such landmarks as Riverfront Park, “Honky Tonk

Row,” Ryman

Auditorium, Tennessee State Capitol Building, Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park and WWII Memorial (excellent group photo opportunity), The Parthenon (photo op), at Centennial Park, Vanderbilt University, and Music Row to go by the Historic RCA Studio B where over 35,000 songs were brought to life.

### What to Expect Itinerary

Stop At: Gray Line Tours, Nashville, TN 37201

The New Nashville City Tour offered through Gray Line Nashville. Experience Music City in just one hour on this new Nashville City Tour.

From the comfort of an open-air double-decker bus, you will see over 100 points of interest throughout the city from a fun, local guide. This must-do tour is great for guests on a short visit to Nashville offering four different times to choose from.

Some of the sights you will see during this hour long tour include the Ryman Auditorium, Nissan Stadium on Titans Way, the Country Music Hall of Fame, Music City Center, the State Capital, Parthenon at Centennial Park, Vanderbilt University, Riverfront Train Station, and Historic Lower Broadway.

**Pass By:** Centennial Park, 2500 W End Ave,

Nashville, TN 37232-0030

This downtown park has jogging paths, grassy spots for picnics and a small lake for paddle boating. Home to Nashville’s The Parthenon.

**Pass By:** Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, 222 Fifth Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203-4206

The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is the home of this popular American art form, safeguarding over 2.5 million artifacts, with two expansive floors of gallery space featuring permanent- and limited- engagement exhibits.

**Pass By:** Ryman Auditorium, 116 Fifth Ave N, Nashville, TN 37219-2309

Best known as the home of the Grand Ole Opry. This is the exact spot where bluegrass was born— where Johnny Cash met June Carter, where souls were saved and a slice of history was nearly lost

**Pass By:** The Parthenon, 2600 W End Ave Centennial Park, Nashville, TN 37203

The Parthenon is a full scale replica of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece.

**Pass By:** Tennessee State Capitol, 600 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37243-9034



The grounds around this majestic neo-classical building offer statues of many historic figures, plus the graves of President Polk and his wife.

**Pass By:** Nissan Stadium, 1 Titans Way, Nashville, TN 37213-1234 Nashville football stadium and home of the NFL team, Tennessee Titans.

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**Pass By:** Vanderbilt University, 2201 W End Ave, Nashville, TN 37235-0001

Founded in 1873, it was named in honor of New York shipping and rail magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt.

**Pass By** First Art Museum, 919 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203-3822

Since opening in 2001, the First Center for Visual Arts has hosted a spectacular array of art from around the world.

Not only an important cultural focal point for the city of Nashville, it is also a significant architectural structure, occupying one of Nashville's great historic landmarks, the former main post office.

**Pass By:** Music City Convention Center, 201 5th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203-4205

The Music City Center is a convention complex located in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, United States

**Pass By:** Riverfront Park, 100 1st Ave N, Nashville, TN 37201-1904

This park features concerts, a popular carousel and an ice-skating rink.

**Pass By:** Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum, 401 Gay St, Nashville, TN 37201-2000 Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum honors musicians from stars to studio players, from all genres of music.

**Pass By:** Printer's Alley, Between 3rd Ave N & 4th Ave N An alley from Union St to Commerce St, Nashville, TN 37201

Small, gritty street lined with some of Nashville's best bars and restaurants.

## Some Other Stuff to do in Nashville

### HONKY TONK HIGHWAY

Free Live Music Venues: Acme Feed & Seed, Hard Rock Cafe, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, Nashville Underground, Tequila Cowboy, Tin Roof Broadway, The Valentine, and Bailey's Sports Grille.

### 2ND AVENUE

Around the corner of Broadway is 2nd Avenue playing every genre of music from blues to rock 'n' roll. It's a street prepared for whatever the night might throw at it. They have the tunes, the dance floors, and they promise to keep the party going until the early morning.

Free Music Venues: B.B. King's Blues Club & Restaurant, Famous Saloon, The George Jones, Wildhorse Saloon, Big Shotz, and Dick's Last Resort.

### SOBRO

Behind the busy streets of Nashville's Broadway is the SoBro district with a handful of places that are all about FREE music. From a listening room with outstanding acoustics to a Nashville craft beer taproom that hosts rocking bands each weekend. The SoBro district is one of the best places to get a taste of what Nashville offers.

Free Music Venues: 6th and Peabody, Barlines, FGL House, The Listening Room Cafe, Nashville Southern Spoon & Saloon, and Tennessee Brew Works.

### THE GULCH

Some of Nashville's oldest venues can be found in The Gulch. Inside this neighborhood is one awesome clothing store with a guitar room and stage plus eclectic restaurants hosting live music on a nightly basis. The Gulch is a full music experience with the added extras Nashville has come to love like fashion, food, and good times.

Free Music Venues: 12th and Porter, Party Fowl, Sambuca, Station Inn, and Two Old Hippies.

### MIDTOWN

Extending up Broadway is a neighborhood known as Midtown. This place is filled with FREE music joints just waiting to be discovered. Multiple bars with stages filled with artists aching to play a tune. A person can spend an entire day traveling from one place to the next and never have to worry about hearing a bad song.



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