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Might Want to Book Rooms Early

Even though the next Sumner reunion in Cleveland, Ohio is 10 months away, it would be advantageous to reserve a room in the hotel now.

The hotel - Cleveland Airport Marriott - is already in the process of reserving accommodations for the Republican National Convention to be held in that city in July 2016.

And while the actual stated cutoff to guarantee rooms for us is April 15 (2016), many of us (the editor included) have already made our reservations.

While a credit card is need to book rooms, it won't be charged until next year.

There's good news for those flying in: the hotel has a free shuttle from the airport!

Our special room rate is \$107 per night plus state and local taxes (16.5 percent). These rates are good for the nights from April 28 to May 6, 2016.

The a free shuttle service from/to the airport is also available anywhere within five miles of the hotel. They have a courtesy phone for their free shuttle in the baggage claim area of the airport,

just call (216) 252-5333 and they will come get you.

While you can make reservations online at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cleap-cleveland-airport-marriott/> or toll-free at (800) 228-9290 we have a dedicated reservation specialist who knows all about us, call Teresa Crowley at (216) 706-8725 (Mon-Fri 1000-1400 EST).

For those driving, the address is 4277 West 150th Street, Cleveland, OH 44135.

Directions (according to webmaster Fred Willshaw):

From South: Ohio Turnpike to Exit 10. Take 71 North to W. 150th Street. Turn right off exit and left into hotel.

From East: Take I-90 West to I-71 South. Exit at W. 150th St. South. Turn Right off exit and right again at the 2nd traffic light. Hotel is ¼ mile on the left side of W. 150th St.

From West: Take I-90 East to Warren Road. Turn right off exit. Warren Road becomes W. 150th Street. Hotel is 3 miles from exit. OR Take I-480 East to I-71 North. Exit W. 150th Street. Turn right off exit and left into hotel.

Direct any questions concerning the Reunion to our Local Coordinator Scotty Kopfstein at kopy4554@zoominternet.net.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Hello Shipmates,

Hope this greeting finds everybody doing well. Seems like just last week we were in Annapolis and here it's been three months!



Frank DiBello

I'm just looking forward to getting through these dog days of Summer, getting past this extremely HOT summer and "fall into FALL"!

Scotty and Linda Kopfstein, our Cleveland hosts, have been doing an excellent job of arranging our 2016 Reunion, setting up transportation, things to do and places to see. Bravo Zulu to Scotty and Linda!

As per the Website, please be advised to make your reservations ASAP, due to the scarcity of rooms in May of 2016. It doesn't cost you anything to reserve the

room, and if in the event you cannot attend, you can cancel your reservations within 48 hours of your check-in time, with no charge. If you wait too long to reserve your room, there might not be one available!

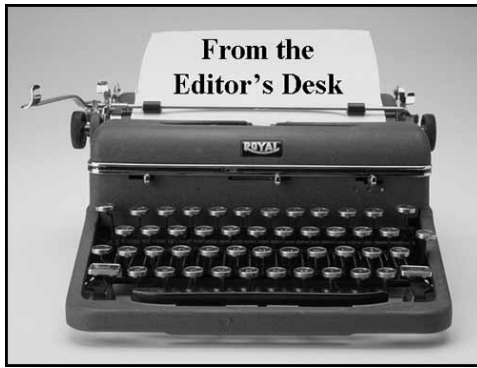
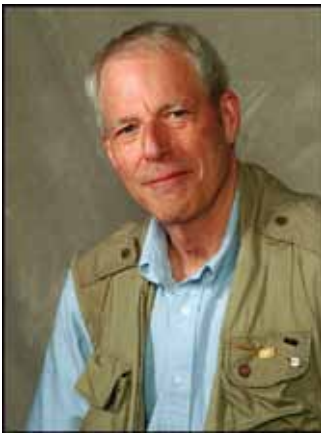
Please remember all of our shipmates on the Binnacle List and keep them in your prayers.

Also check out our website on a regular basis, especially under the "What's New" tab.

And, when the Sumner Sentinel is posted online it will be accessible under the "Reunions" tab.

Connie and I are looking forward to seeing everybody in May, in Cleveland!





By Don Hayden TM3 (1961-62)

drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran's military service to his or her country.

The Veterans Administration will furnish a burial flag for an other than dishonorably discharged:

- Veteran who served during wartime

- Veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941

- Veteran who served after January 31, 1955
- peacetime Veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950

- certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951

- certain former members of the Selected Reserves

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service.

When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of Veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays.

The proper way to display the flag depends upon whether the casket is open or closed. VA Form 27-2008 provides the correct method for displaying and folding the flag.

The burial flag is not suitable for outside display because of its size and fabric. It is made of cotton and can easily be damaged by weather.

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I can't say for sure where I'll be next week or next year, but I do know I have a room reserved for the hereafter.

In a National Cemetery.

Since I have no relatives interred in local cemeteries, I explored other options winding up with pre-planning with a local funeral home.

A representative from it had contacted me to see if I wanted to know the benefits that could be afforded to me as a veteran.

While veterans who want to be buried in local cemeteries do have certain benefits, they pale beside those who choose national cemeteries.

(Burial benefits available for Veterans buried in a private cemetery may include a Government headstone, marker or medallion, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances.

There are not any VA benefits available to spouses and dependents buried in a private cemetery.)

Burial benefits available for veterans include a gravesite in any of our 131 national cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to

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	Scrambled Egg patches <u>for Officers only</u> /with hat purchase	Free
	Sumner Cuban Missile Crisis Ball Cap	\$ 5.00
	White Golf Shirt Embroidered w/Ship Patch (Circle Size - S, M, L, XL) Add \$10 for 2XL/3XL	\$25.00
	White T-Shirt w/Ship on Front (Circle Size - S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)	\$20.00
	All Sweatshirts Circle Size - S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL	\$25.00
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Total Enclosed		

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Do You Want to Continue Receiving the Sentinel

Note to those with an “L” designation on their address label:

We know that the “L” means Life member and usually is associated with widows of Sumner shipmates.

What we don’t know is if you really want to keep receiving the ship newsletter - the Sumner Sentinel.

If you do want to keep receiving it and you have an e-mail address, please use it to contact the editor (address on the top of the back page).

If you don’t want to keep receiving it and you don’t have an e-mail address, please contact the editor with a post card or other stationery (return address on the back page).

Thanks, The Editor

Don’t Throw Away Your Digital Memories

(NAPSA)-How many photos, music files and video clips are languishing on your cell phone, PDA or digital camera?

Today’s tech devices mean we have lots of personal photos and casual videos of life’s big and little moments, yet few of us ever use or share them.

In fact, it is estimated that 90 percent of people who have multimedia content on their smart-phones don’t edit, share or even take it off their devices.

Technology is becoming more powerful every day-and more complicated to use. Thanks to a new computer software application, saving and sharing those memories is easier than ever.

Nero, a leading software company, is offering the perfect 3-in-1 Multimedia Suite 10 for editing, backup and burning, allowing people to:

- edit photos and videos
- burn and publish content to share with family, friends and colleagues
- back up photos, videos, music and even entire hard drives.

Nero offers the following tips for preserving and maximizing your multimedia content. Consolidate and organize. Gather all your devices and transfer your video clips, photos and music files to your computer. Save files in easy-to-find folders. Use very specific names.

Back up your files.

There’s nothing worse than discovering your personal photos, music, videos or documents have been lost or damaged because of a system failure or virus attack.

Create multiple backups in different forms-perhaps on both a DVD and an external hard drive, or online storage and a flash drive-so you can recover your files.

Nero BackItUp & Burn, one part of the suite, provides one-click backup to multiple devices at once and makes it easy to restore personal data. Get creative.

This is the fun part-make the most of your digital content by creating your own custom videos or slide shows.

With today’s cutting-edge editing software, like Nero Vision Xtra, another part of the suite, you can create professional-looking presentations with special effects, music and personal touches.

Share your masterpieces with family and friends. Nero Burning ROM, the final part of the suite, lets you drag and drop files to burn and copy CDs, DVDs and even Blu-ray Discs. In addition, you can quickly and easily publish your videos to social media sites, including Facebook, YouTube, MySpace, Flickr and the My Nero community.

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A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased Veterans.



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the current President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of

the Veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased Veterans. More than one certificate may be provided.

Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail or toll-free fax. Requests cannot be sent via email. Please be sure to enclose a copy of the Veteran's discharge and death certificate to verify eligibility, as we cannot process any request without proof of honorable military service. Please submit copies only, as we will not return original documents.

Some Veterans may also be eligible for burial allowances. Cremated remains are buried or inurned in national cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national cemetery include burial with the Veteran, perpetual care, and the spouse

or dependents name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they predecease the Veteran.

Here are some cost comparisons:

Private Cemetery Expenses for veteran

Liner/Grave Box	\$1,500
Cemetery Lot	\$2,500
Opening and Closing of Grave	\$1,500
Headstone/Marker	\$2,000

Private Cemetery Expenses for spouse

Liner/Grave Box	\$1,500
Cemetery Lot \$	2,500
Opening and Closing of Grave	\$1,500
Headstone/Marker	\$2,000

You Pay \$15,000

National Cemetery Expenses for veteran

Liner/Grave Box	\$0
Cemetery Lot	\$0
Opening and Closing of Grave	\$0
Headstone/Marker	\$0

National Cemetery Expenses for spouse

Liner/Grave Box	\$0
Cemetery Lot \$0	\$0
Opening and Closing of Grave	\$0
Headstone/Marker	\$0

You Pay \$0

Granted, services are not included, but even those carry discounts.

The Veterans family should make funeral or cremation arrangements with a funeral provider or cremation office. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home or cremation office will be at the family's expense.

I have selected the national cemetery at Fort Gibson, Okla. as my final stop, but I could have elected for it to be in Arlington, Va.

I hope the day is a long way off, but when it comes there will be a lot less pressure and stress upon those who remain.

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