



OS & AS Newsletter



2020 REUNION FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 26-30 APRIL 2020

A message from your president (and part time reunion planner):

Our planning for the 2020 Old Salts & Assorted Spies reunion is well underway. We will be gathering in Fredericksburg, Texas, the week of April 26-30, 2020.

But...where the heck is Fredericksburg, Texas, and why would a bunch of sailors want to go there? Fredericksburg is located in the heart of the Central Texas Hill Country 70 miles north of San Antonio and 85 miles west of Austin. It was originally settled by German immigrants in the 1850s (still on the frontier with frequent Comanche raids at that time). The town (pop. 10,530) has maintained much of its German charm and culture and is a popular tourist destination.

The main street has several blocks of restaurants, shops, breweries, and historical sites. The main attraction for us seafarers is the National Museum of the Pacific War. There are many other areas of interest highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter issue. Mark your calendars and make plans to visit Texas next spring. In the meantime polish up your favorite sea stories!

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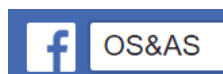
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A message from your Chairman:

Greetings OS&AS family and friends. Our plan for some years is to plan a reunion to occur about every 18 months. With the hurricane interruption last September and the reunion in Norfolk being postponed until April 2019 we are fortunate to be planning our next reunion to be held about 12 months from the last one.

Fredericksburg, TX is a very nice small town with an exceptional amount of military history. Since Bill Craig traded his Harley Sportster for a much more comfortable and newer Road King, he is like a kid with a new mission in life. His reunion planning trips to Fredericksburg have been an excuse for him to go for rides to the beautiful Texas Hill Country. April is typically a beautiful time of year to visit that area.

The pace of life in the Hill Country is very relaxing and will be beneficial for escaping larger city activities. It has worked very well to plan reunions in various places across the U.S. and there are always several people who attend that live near the host cities.

It would be very nice to see even more people attend who live near Texas. Jan and I have discussed our OS&AS reunions several times with friends and we always talk about how unique it is to have organizational activities that encourage spouses to attend and they realize how important they are to the overall success. Having mentioned that, if there are people who have not attended our reunions that may be concerned about spouses enjoying the time, please understand that we are all family and welcome everyone. Jan and I look forward to seeing you in Fredericksburg 26 – 30 April 2020.

Patrick H. Merrill



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 2019 — Jun. 30, 2019

OS&AS Operating Fund:

Beginning Balance:

(Jan. 1, 2019) **\$16,043.62**

DONATIONS/ INCOME:

Contributions \$375.00

Ship Store Sales \$283.00

2018-2019 Expenses*

Landing Zone Grace \$(2500.00)

Membership Expenses \$(384.12)

Ending Balance:

Jun. 30, 2019 **\$13,817.50**

***Treasurer's Comments:** In 2018, we transferred \$2,500.00 from our operating account to special reunion account. In summary, the combined reunion activity (2018 & 2019) generated about a \$2,500.00 loss, essentially depleting the special reunion account. If we add in the Landing Zone Grace donation, our Norfolk reunion amounted to a \$5,010.37 cost to our operating fund. There may be some minor adjustments to these figures during the third quarter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard P. Martinez, Treasurer



Many thanks to these OS&AS members for their donations:

- ⚓ Lester and Robbye Alfortish
- ⚓ Lance and Sarah Arnold
- ⚓ Michael and Robin Barnes
- ⚓ Peter Barsczeski
- ⚓ Richard Borden
- ⚓ Irwin "Chris" Christopher
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- ⚓ Thomas "Tucker" Coughlen
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The reunion details are under development. Check the Website for Updates: http://os-as.com/?page_id=1228

Here are some highlights of Fredericksburg:



The Inn on Barons Creek

Our base for the Fredericksburg reunion will be the lovely Inn on Barons Creek. This is an all king suite hotel with a special reunion rate of \$109 per night.

It is just two blocks from Main Street and the National Museum of the Pacific War.

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



LBJ Ranch and Texas White House

Lyndon Johnson, 36th President of the United States, grew up in the Texas Hill Country just east of Fredericksburg.

During the reunion we will have the opportunity to visit the LBJ Ranch and the Texas White House.

<https://www.nps.gov/lyjo/planyourvisit/basicinfo.htm>



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National Museum of the Pacific War

One of the main attractions to a naval reunion in Fredericksburg is the National Museum of the Pacific War which chronicles the campaigns of the Asiatic/Pacific theater of World War II. Covering six acres and more than 55,000 sq ft the Museum includes the Admiral Nimitz Gallery with exhibits covering the life of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, the George H. W. Bush Gallery which follows the chronology of the Pacific War, and the Pacific Combat Zone which is an outdoor re-creation of a Pacific island battlefield.

We have arranged for multiday passes for reunion attendees so that we may come and go to visit at our leisure.

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



Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor Chester Nimitz was appointed Commander in Chief, Pacific and oversaw the naval campaign to defeat the Japanese in World War II. Admiral Nimitz grew up in Fredericksburg and was a 1905 graduate of the US Naval Academy. His role model as a child was his grandfather who operated the famous steamboat shaped hotel on Fredericksburg's Main Street. Today that hotel is home to the Admiral Nimitz Gallery of the National Museum of the Pacific War.



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Texas Wine Country

The Texas Hill Country is home to over 50 wineries and vineyards...second only to the Napa Valley. Fredericksburg is the epicenter of Texas Wine Country. There are more than 40 wineries and tasting rooms located in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County. Our 2020 reunion will include the opportunity for a winery tour



Luckenbach, Texas

Let's go to Luckenbach Texas with Waylon and Willie and the boys! Only 10 miles from our hotel in Fredericksburg, we can drop down to Luckenbach (pop. 3) to sit under the oak trees and sip a cold brew while we listen to local artists pick out country tunes. "Everybody's somebody in Luckenbach!"

<http://www.luckenbachtexas.com/>



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Wildflowers

Whether you thank Mother Nature or Ladybird Johnson, the Texas Hill Country is the home of wildflowers. Our reunion in April will be at the peak of the spring wildflower season which is usually like a fireworks display on the ground — filled with bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, Mexican Hat and many others. Our activities will include a visit to Wildseed Farms, the nation's largest wildflower farm located just outside Fredericksburg. During the blooming season, it's a sea of red, blue or yellow along HWY 290. You can walk the pathways that wind through the magnificent fields, find a perfect selection of wildflower seeds in the gift shop to make your own display at home, or sit and enjoy lunch at the café. No green thumbs required. <https://www.wildseedfarms.com/>



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