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10TH ANNUAL 2020 REUNION FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 26-30 APRIL 2020

The reunion planning is complete and Registration is open! The registration form, hotel reservation info, schedule of events and more are all on the website:

http://os-as.com/?page_id=1228

Registration form & funds must be received by Bill Craig on or before March 27, 2020.

<http://os-as.com/>





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Old Salts & Assorted Spies
10th National Reunion
Fredericksburg, Texas
APRIL 26-30, 2020



REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration instructions:

1. Complete registration and event forms
2. Make check for total amount due payable to: OldSalts2020
3. Mail Registration to: Bill Craig, 15610 Robin Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78248

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 27, 2020

Name _____ Rank/Rate _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Email Address _____

Phone/Cell _____

Names of Spouse/Companion/Guests: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

INN ON BARONS CREEK HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

OS&AS has negotiated a special room rate of \$109/night plus tax (currently 13%) with the Inn on Barons Creek, 308 S. Washington St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624. This is an all-suite hotel (king or double queen) with parking, hot breakfast buffet, internet access, exercise facility, and heated salt water pool included in the room rate.

You must call the hotel at 830-990-9202 to make reservations requesting the "Old Salts 2020" reunion rate. **The reunion rate is not available online.** Make your hotel reservation prior to **March 27, 2020** for this group rate. Reunion room rates may not be available after the March 27 cutoff date. Pre- and Post-Reunion room rates are \$189 per night with two night minimum.



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EVENT REGISTRATION AND FEES

Notes:

- (1) Each individual attending the reunion must pay the registration fee. The registration fee covers reunion incidental costs. **NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 27, 2028.**
- (2) Each person attending the Wednesday business meeting must pay for the meeting breakfast.
- (3) Registration packet, reunion program, name badge and promotional items may be picked up at OS&AS desk near the Hospitality Suite.
- (4) Dinner sign-up sheets for each evening will be located at the OS&AS desk and the Hospitality Room.
- (5) All bus tours will depart from the Inn on Barrow Creek front entrance.

DAY	EVENT	COST/PERSON	#PEOPLE	TOTAL
SUN 26 APR	Registration & Hospitality Suite	\$40/ea		
SUN 26 APR	President's Reception – Presidential Suite	No Charge		
MON 27 APR 9:00 AM	Docent tour of Nimitz Gallery at National Museum of the Pacific War – Includes 3 day pass to Museum	\$12 ea.		
MON 27 APR 2:00-5:00 PM	Winery Tour with tastings at two wineries	\$88 ea.		
TUE 28 APR 9:30AM – 1:30PM	Wildflower Tour with lunch at Wildseed Farms	\$88 ea.		
Wed 29 APR	Breakfast - Business & Directors Meeting	\$28 ea.		
WED 29 APR 1:00-5:00 PM	LBJ Ranch and Texas White House Tour with stop at Luckenbach	\$58 ea.		
WED EVENING 29 APR	BANQUET*	\$58 ea.		
Donation to the General Fund				
TOTAL				\$

*Texas BBQ Buffet with Pulled Pork, Smoked Brisket, and Beef & Pork Sausage plus tomato cucumber salad with cilantro lime dressing, borracho pinto beans, creamy coleslaw, potato salad, and jalapeno cornbread. Choice of cobbler or pecan pie for dessert. Includes OPEN BAR!

Note: Meal prices include city & state taxes and gratuity.



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A message from your Chairman:

Happy New Year to all. As we begin the year 2020, I expect that many of us are considering how to make this year better and more fruitful than 2019. As I think of that I find it somewhat difficult to realize how that will be possible since 2019 was such a wonderful year. Jan and I had two granddaughters graduate from college, had two granddaughters playing on the Oklahoma 5A championship basketball team (one was the MVP), had two grandsons enjoying success during their senior year in high school (one is planning to attend Oklahoma State University), one grandson attending his Junior year at University of Texas Arlington, one granddaughter playing on a winning select softball team, and several opportunities to be with our family. We were also very fortunate to have had opportunities to be with friends and shipmates at the OS&AS reunion in Norfolk and the Admiral Dickey DNRIP/CNRIC dinner in Austin in November. However, due to Bill Craig's extensive efforts to plan and coordinate the OS&AS reunion in Fredericksburg, TX during the week of 26-30 April 2020 I anticipate an even more successful reunion and expanded opportunities to enjoy the camaraderie with our military friends and families. In the usual Bill Craig fashion he has taken on the challenge of being the President as well as planning the reunion so that everyone will benefit from his impeccable and seamless efforts. Thank you, Bill, for everything. Registration for the reunion can be done at the OS&AS website <http://os-as.com>

Fredericksburg is well known for its wineries, rugged hills, caverns and rivers. Its German heritage is on display at the Pioneer Museum featuring settlers' homesteads. The town square Marktplatz, the Vereinskirche, is a replica of a 19th century German church that once stood in the city. The National Museum of the Pacific War is vast and features WWII exhibits and a recreated combat zone.

Many thanks to Suzanne Brannon for assuming your role as Newsletter Editor and to Gary Powers for your coordination and assistance.

Patrick H. Merrill



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TREASURER'S REPORT December 31, 2019 OS&AS Operating Fund:

2018 Financial Activity

Beginning Balance 1-1-2018	\$17,333.99
Donations	\$1,220.00
2018/2019 Reunion Expenses	\$(2,510.37)
Ending Balance 12-31-2018	\$16,043.62

2019 Year To Date

Financial Activity

Beginning Balance 1-1-2019	\$16,043.62
Donations	\$825.00
Ship Store Sales	\$258.00
2018/2019 Reunion Revenue	\$18.36
Landing Zone Grace Donation	\$(2,500.00)
2020 Reunion Expense	\$(2,500.00)
Administrative Expenses	\$(70.52)
Membership Expenses	\$(384.12)
Ending Balance 12/31/2019	\$11,690.34



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

- ⚓ James Nicholson
- ⚓ Normand Lussier
- ⚓ Russ & Carol Dyer
- ⚓ Lester & Robbye Alfortish
- ⚓ Merlyn & Pamela Moore
- ⚓ Ralph & Nina Ross
- ⚓ Don & Ana Maria McLeod
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- ⚓ William & Bonnie Anderson



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OS&AS Members 'Forward Presence' in the community



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, (Central Texas Region) awarded Ronda McCauley the Martha Washington Medal in grateful recognition of her outstanding service to the Sons of the American Revolution. This award is presented to the person who has promoted patriotism and supported the men and women who defend freedom and liberty.

Field of Honor is a celebration recognizing and remembering active military members, reservists, veterans and first-responders with a week of activities. Bill Kelberlau (far right) represented the Navy element in the presentations to just under 1000 middle school children who came through on daily school sponsored learning sessions. All military services were represented and the teens got to ask some "engaging" questions of the veterans.



This year 1600 flags were on display during the Field of Honor week. Bill Kelberlau and Ronda McCauley worked the week of honor participating in all the activities and having fun. Ronda McCauley is the Daughters of the American Revolution associate representative for the Field of Honor. The DAR group prepared over 200 flags used for the Boy Scout evening flag retirement ceremonies. "Taking a pair of scissors to an American flag is tougher than you might think," Ronda states. Also, she was privileged to march in the opening ceremonies Parade of Colors with the DAR flag.



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Suggested reading recommended by
CAPT Chris Christopher, USN Ret
via Tucker Coughlin



THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE SECRET MISSION TO SEIZE NAZI MAP DATA

How a covert U.S. Army intelligence unit canvassed war-torn Europe, capturing intelligence with incalculable strategic value

BY [GREG MILLER](#), SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE, November 2019.

Entering German cities within days of their capture by Allied forces, the special Army-led team slipped into bomb-ravaged Cologne in early March 1945. (The National Archives; Bettman Archives)

The fighting for Aachen was fierce. American planes and artillery pounded the Nazi defenses for days. Tanks then rolled into the narrow streets of the ancient city, the imperial seat of Charlemagne, which Hitler had ordered defended at all costs. Bloody building-to-building combat ensued until, finally, on October 21, 1944, Aachen became the first German city to fall into Allied hands.

Read the full Article: https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/untold-story-secret-mission-seize-nazi-map-data-180973317/?utm_source=pocket-newtab



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Do you wonder what happened to the Naval Reserve Intelligence program? Well, it has a new name but is a vital program with real world engagement. Take a look at CAPT Kirk Luker's briefing (posted on the OS&AS Website: http://os-as.com/?page_id=1067)



TOTAL FORCE
INFORMATION WARFARE COMMUNITY



Navy Reserve Intelligence 1999-2019
That Was Then, This Is Now



CAPT Kirk Luker
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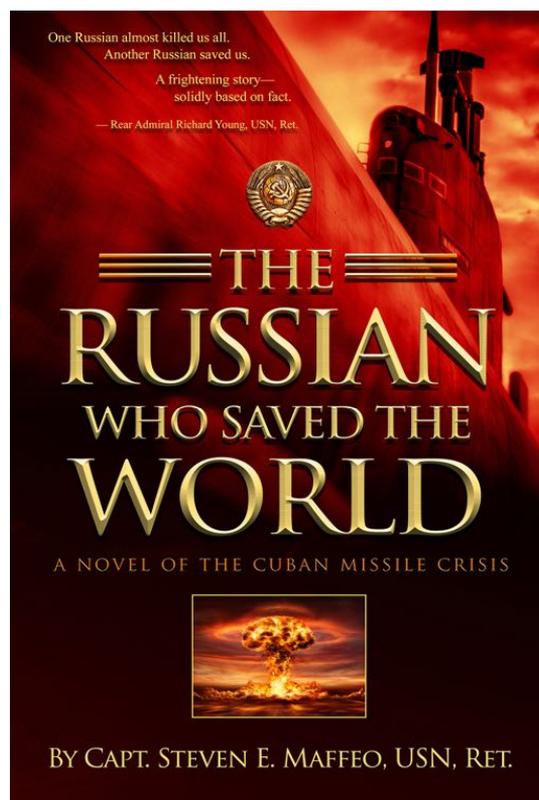
Hot off the Press!

NRIP retiree publishes historical novel about the Cuban Missile Crisis

"The Russian Who Saved the World" is a fictionalized undersea thriller dramatically inspired by true historical events. In 1962 the USSR established a significant military presence in Cuba -- including bombers and missiles armed with nuclear weapons. The world remembers this is the amazing "eyeball-to-eyeball" confrontation between President John F. Kennedy and Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The Soviets also intended to establish a large naval presence in Cuba, beginning with the sending of four diesel submarines. Unknown to the United States -- and it remained unknown for almost forty years -- each submarine had been equipped with a torpedo having a nuclear warhead.

And, incredibly, each boat's commander had been given independent authority to fire this torpedo under certain circumstances. One captain breaks down under terrible physical and mental pressure and decides to shoot. But that captain is transporting another officer to Cuba as a passenger, and that officer argues for a different decision. This is a frightening story -- solidly based on fact.

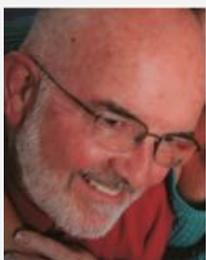


Steve Maffeo retired in 2008 after 31 years of service US Army National Guard (Signal Corps), the US Navy, and the US Naval Reserve Intelligence Program. His final assignment was as an instructor, and the director of part-time programs, at the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington. Twice the citizen, he also retired as the associate director of the academic library at the US Air Force Academy.



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Final Orders



CPO Thomas L. Richey,
U.S. Navy, (Ret.)

September 22, 1945 - January 21, 2019

Thomas L. Richey, 73, died unexpectedly on January 21, 2019 at his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was born September 22, 1945 in Greeley, Colorado, the son of Gerald S. and Leona (Atkins) Richey.

Tom graduated from Coronado High School in Coronado, California in the Class of 1963. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and then retired from active duty in 1970. Tom affiliated with the U.S. Navy Reserve Intelligence Program in Reserve Intelligence Area 5 until he retired as a Chief Petty Officer in 1996. He also had a career with Public Service Company of Colorado and worked there for more than twenty-five years and later at Western Sling.

He was an active member of several churches, enjoyed jogging, watching sports, camping, jazz and blues concerts and spending time in their home near the beach in San Felipe, Mexico. He is remembered as a loyal friend, loving father and grandfather and an engaging conversationalist.

Tom is survived by his son, Mathew and wife (Penny Kelso) , Michelle (Powell) of Arvada, Colorado and grandchildren, Liam, Brandy, Kellen, and Amelia; his son, Micah of Lakewood, Colorado and grandchildren, Logan and Ashlyn; his son, Seth and wife, Heather (Utecht) of Highlands Ranch, Colorado and grandson, Ezekiel. Tom is also survived by his sister, Roslyn.



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MAIL ADDRESS AND INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

New Member _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____ () Check if preferred mailing address

City, State, Zip: _____

Spouse's First Name: _____ Email: _____

Bus Address _____ () Check if preferred mailing address Fax: () _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: Home () _____ Business () _____

RIA/NRIC of Retirement: _____ Year: _____ Rank/Rate: _____

*I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Operating Fund for the Association for Old Salts & Assorted Spies.
A yearly donation of \$25.00 is suggested for the Operating Fund. More or less is appreciated, too.*

**Make checks payable to OS&AS and send to: Richard P. Martinez
248 Palomino Court
The Woodlands, Texas 77382-1812**

The information requested on this form is used to keep the OS&AS mailing directory correct. Please fill in the information on the updating form when submitting a change of address, adding other information or making a donation to the Operating Fund.

Updated information can be emailed to osasnews@os-as.com

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item for the next newsletter,
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