



Old Salts & Assorted Spies Newsletter, 1st Quarter 2026

President's Message: Words from Michael Barnes



As I write this article, our nation is experiencing some amazing, turbulent and uncertain times. We have just launched the Artemis II Orion

vehicle into space, enroute to explore the backside of the moon (but not ON the moon). While at the same time, we are anticipating the evening televised live speech by President Trump about the progress of the war against our long-time deadly enemy, Iran. What is certain is that we, the members of Old Salts and Assorted Spies, had the opportunity to contribute mightily to the nations safety, and in so contributing have formed a bond with our fellow intelligence professionals that is a joy and a wonder to experience.

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Editor's Corner:

I am enjoying the work on each newsletter. The articles submitted have been great.

Keeping sending them in to osasnewsletter@gmail.com. I plan to issue 4 newsletters per year.

Robin Barnes

President's Message-continued:

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Our reunion in September 2026 will give us one of those unique opportunities to share our thoughts and emotions, and to learn up close what our Navy aviators have been doing to protect our nation in the war, and we will experience the joys of nature in the Sierras. SO, get your registration in **ASAP** so that you have a certainty of **experiencing the full camaraderie and visions of nature that we experience at our reunions. The time to make important strategic decision about finalizing reservations and commitments will be upon us soon enough. See the detailed reunion registration info and get signed up!!**

FYI: **This is why we need you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.** The Nugget Hotel and Resort is working on all our plans. Per our contact, we have a window to adjust our room guarantee up or down by July 31, 2026. We really need you to consider your plans and book your rooms as soon as you can before July 31, 2026. **Final date for hotel reservations is 12 August 26.**

Based on initial registrations (7 rooms, 12 guests), **we have added availability of rooms for Saturday night, September 12th**, to assist those who will experience cross-country travel and want to make it in time for the events on Sunday (including possibly attending the Reno Balloon Festival). We must decide about hotel and catering commitments by 07-31-26. (Be aware that this resort is one that charges a deposit when you make your reservation, subject to refund 48 hours before arrival.)

On a more somber note, we have posted final orders for some of our fellow professionals. Among those is CAPT Harry Lee Smith, a legend in his time. I had the honor and pleasure of serving with him, including as his student at MG-1 and under his command when he was the CO ONI-0166. I still have some of his Navy merchandise sitting around my office! I have some interesting stories of those times to share over a cocktail or 2, as I am sure many of you do, so get signed up for the reunion!!

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday, July 4, 2026!

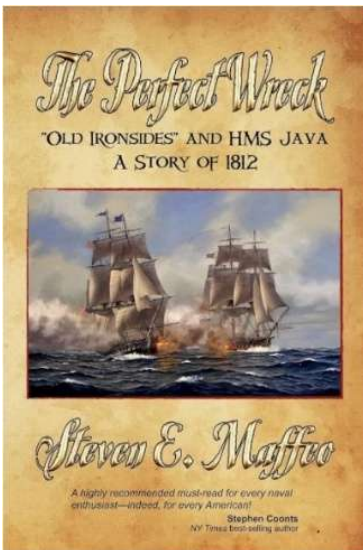
Robin and I will be attending America 250th festivities in Washington, D.C. this July 3-4. On July 3, we are attending a black-tie event organized by the Order of Eastern Star (a Masonic organization) in a national heritage building - the "Perry Belmont House" which is the International OES headquarters. On the 4th, we will be at a baseball game at Nationals ballpark, to celebrate the national pastime. We will also be tracking the fireworks on the night of the 4th!

Chairman's Message:Greetings from Bill Craig

As I write this in early March we have had glorious spring like weather in South Texas with temperatures in the mid-80s. The mountain laurel, redbud, and ornamental pear trees are in full bloom all over town. We even saw a few bluebonnets alongside the highway yesterday. We have had over an inch of rain this weekend, so all is well. I am hoping that winter is officially over!



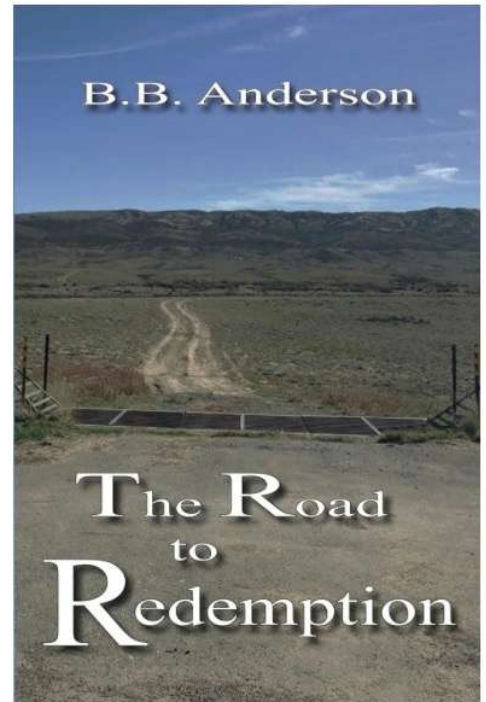
Mike Barnes and Team Reno have made remarkable progress in planning our next Old Salts reunion in Reno NV this coming fall. Registration is underway (see info elsewhere in this newsletter). I am ready to go now!



The incredible talents of our Old Salts crew never cease to amaze me. I have recently read entertaining books written by two of our members. Steve Maffeo has published a number of books with a naval history theme. The Perfect Wreck tells the story of the events leading up to and including the sea battle between the USS *Constitution* and the HMS *Java* during the War of 1812. Written in the Creative Nonfiction style it reads like a fast-paced novel including passages of character dialog and ships' movements based on extensive research of ship's logs and other historical records. The description of the ultimate sea battle is especially exciting (Spoiler Alert – The good guys win!). If you are a fan of Patrick O'Brien's naval novels this book should be on your "must read" list.

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Bonnie Anderson (spouse of Bill Anderson) has published The Road to Redemption, a Christian romance novel set in rural Wyoming horse country. The main characters, Hannah and Shane, are brought together unwillingly by circumstances. The character development of these two headstrong individuals is delightfully done. Hannah seeks to follow a God based purpose driven life as she searches for a new start after a devastating life changing crisis. Shane is focused on maintaining and expanding the sprawling ranch that has been in his family for generations (including a passion for acquisition of Hannah's land). Their connection slowly develops into an incompatible love/hate roller coaster relationship. You know that they must be destined to get together in the end, but conflicting circumstances and personalities seem to make that impossible. Ultimately, by seeking and submitting to God's will in their lives the obstacles disappear. A very delightful and heartwarming story.



See you in Reno! Can't come soon enough for me.

Iran War "Epic Fury" OPS trackingreported by Michael Barnes

One of our retired intelligence professionals has identified an interesting website that tracks the combat operations of CENTCOM (unclass): <https://bamqam.com> The internet identifies bamqam as follows: "BAMQAM is a community-powered, open-source, real-time intelligence dashboard and interactive map that tracks global military forces, ships, aircraft, and strategic assets, with a focus on CENTCOM and U.S.-Iran tensions. It provides AI-powered OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence), news aggregation, and infrastructure monitoring for situational awareness." (NOTE: You will be best served with patience and the ability to manage complex websites.)

Treasurer's Reports.....Richard Martinez

OLD SALTS & ASSORTED SPIES Financial Report Wells Fargo Operating Account

2025 Financial Activity

Beginning Balance 1-1-2025		\$18,553.09
Donations	\$795.00	
2025 Reunion Proceeds	\$747.72	
Membership Expenses	(\$1,109.12)	
Administrative Expenses	(\$48.98)	
Ending Balance 12-31-2025		\$18,937.71

2026 Financial Activity

Beginning Balance 1-1-26		\$18,937.71
Donations	\$250.00	
2026 Reunion Advance	(\$5,000.00)	
Ending Balance 3-31-26		\$14,187.71

Treasurer's Note: We also maintain a \$100.00 balance at Navy Federal Credit Union for reunion proceeds and expenses. 2026

Reunion Team Notes: Reunion contributions of \$507 as of 3-31-26 are still in the Chase Bank Reunion account-balance as of 4-2-26 \$9,404.11, contributors names from Reunion registration are included in 2026.

OLD SALTS & ASSORTED SPIES 2025 & 2026 Contributors

2025	2026
Albert Baxter	Andy Wallach-
Anna Mae Clark	Cynthia Faschini
Belton Jenning	Anna Mae Clark
Ben & Katherine Crew	Bill & Bonnie Anderson
Bill & Bonnie Anderson	Dale & Suzie Willey
Bill & Laura Craig	Jeff & Stephanie Johnson
Carrie McCutchen	Ken & Lynn Newton
Don & Ana Maria McLeod	Michael & Robin Barnes
Doug & Pamela Newton	Rick & Bea Martinez
Drew Jones	Tim & Janet Manning
George & Jo Nelson	Tim Kathka
George & Peggy Sugars	Tucker Coughlen
George & Susan Snyder	
Jeff & Stephanie Johnson	
Jerry & Cynthia Wiens	
Jodi & Ben Gittes	
Joe Maggiore	
John & Cathleen Geist	
Michael & Robin Barnes	
Mike & Shirley Winkler	
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Norman & Peggy Lussier	
Paul & Judy Pappenheim	
Ralph & Nina Ross	
Richard Juda	
Rick & Bea Martinez	
Tim Kathka	
Timothy & Anne Lockhart	

OS&AS 2026 Reunion, Reno NV.....Michael Barnes**OS&AS RENO/TAHOE REUNION 13 – 17 SEP 26****REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!****UPDATED 4-1-26**

The 2026 Reno/Tahoe reunion is now in the registration process. We are meeting in the weeks after summer crowds, so we should have the most fun with the least effort and better weather! We have secured a **great hotel, The Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV, at a great rate!** Reservations are made for the buses to NAS Fallon and Lake Tahoe, the lunch cruise awaits us, and the Reno Balloon Festival is available for those who are so inclined. The PAO at NAS Fallon has some great plans for our visit! So, let's get going. Some of our plans, the lake cruise and the optional balloon festival are subject to selling out, **so let's get those registrations in ASAP.**

We want you to have all the information you need to get your reunion registration completed and your reservations done where necessary. So, in this special edition we are providing you with details about every segment of our reunion, **the proposed schedule, and a comprehensive registration form.**

Planning Team:

We have team of volunteers who will be, or who are already, assisting in the planning for this reunion:

Bill & Laura Craig	Paul & Judy Pappenheim
Tim Kathka	Bill Anderson
Anna Mae Clark	Dale & Suzie Willey
Pam Harlin	Bill Kelberlau
Rick Martinez	Ronda McCauley
Michael & Robin Barnes	

Communication: Contact the reunion planning team via this email address, which has been established exclusively for the management of reunion correspondence.

Oldsalts26@gmail.com **PLEASE** use this email, it will be closely monitored.

So, here we go!

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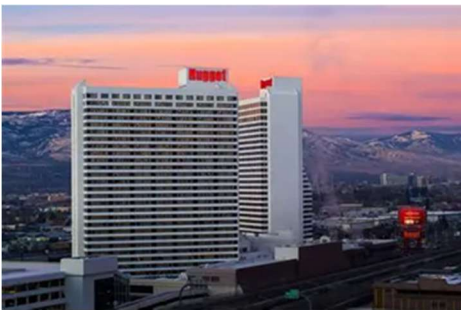
Air travel to Reno:

All major domestic airlines serve Reno/Tahoe(RNO), in case you were thinking we were in the Sierra mountain wilderness. Southwest probably has the most flights but will probably serve through a connection city or 2 (they have also gone to a pretty much standard reservation and seating process.) American will come through Dallas or Phoenix, most likely. United, through Denver. Delta will likely bring you through Salt lake City. But it's your choice, **just get your airline tix now!!** Reno-Tahoe Airport has on-going construction, mostly affecting North & South pick-up zones. Watch for signs. [Passenger Information - Reno-Tahoe International Airport](#)



Hotel - The Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks NV:

This is a classic, traditional Reno/Tahoe style resort, and a great convention hotel that has been in business with one of the greatest histories and reputations in Reno/Tahoe. In fact, they advise that they were the first hotel to host "Tailhook" when it left Las Vegas.



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Transportation:

Reno Airport to/from hotel The Nugget provides a free shuttle every hour on the half hour from the Reno Airport (north end, follow signs, construction) to the Hotel. Airport return every hour on the hour. Shuttle runs from 0600-2330. Trip is about 5 miles, 9 minutes.

Hotel to downtown Reno - Trip is about 6 minutes, taxi is about \$14-18 dollars. Uber/Lift should be similar.

To NAS Fallon and Lake Tahoe: Reasonably priced buses have been reserved. See registration form.

Rental Car: All brands are available at Reno Airport.

Parking: Free in The Nugget parking garage. Optional Valet parking is \$10/day. (NOTE: there is an elevator from the free parking garage up into the “Casino Tower” where our rooms are located.)

Hospitality Suite:

We have a first-class hospitality suite, on the top floor of the hotel tower, included. We will have some great get-togethers, I’m sure. We will have snacks, beer and wine available, feel free to BYOB. This is where you will check in for the reunion, following your hotel check-in.

President’s Reception:

In compliance with the hotel’s policy, the reception will be in a terrific separate meeting room designated by the hotel (where we will also have our business breakfast and our banquet.) **The reception will have hosted heavy hors d’oeuvres and a hosted bar! It’s gonna be great!**

Optional “Great Reno Balloon Race”:

Optional “Great Reno Balloon Race” We are providing information for those who might want to attend the Balloon Race on its last day, Sunday, September 13. You will be on your own for plans to attend this race, and we don’t want you to miss the President’s Reception the evening of the 13th. Robin and I have been to the race, and it is a terrific experience! We will help you coordinate your plans, as necessary. [The Great Reno Balloon Race – World's Largest FREE Hot-Air Ballooning Event](#) seen additional information under “EVENTS”.



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The Nugget Casino Resort Hotel, Sparks NV Details: 13-17 SEP 26 (and optional)

We selected this hotel because it has terrific food and restaurants, and my wife and I eat there often. Some of you have been to their famous annual national “Rib Cook-off”. Some 25+ rib cookers come from all over the country on Labor Day weekend to compete. **NOTE: It also has a free airport shuttle service to the hotel from the airport from 0600 to 2330 hrs., every hour on the half hour.**

The Nugget has been just terrific in accommodating our reunion requirements. The hotel has great amenities including an indoor pool AND a free shuttle from/to the hotel from the airport, which is just ---minutes away (9 mins/5.2mi). For a great description of the hotel, see this link: [Nugget Casino Resort - Best Casino Resort in Reno-Sparks!](#)

ROOM RATE: “The Nugget” has given us the **great rate of approx. \$76.97 per night, all inclusive of fees and taxes plus a \$5.95 per night surcharge for credit card use. TOTAL \$82.92 per night ALL IN.** Double Queen or King bedrooms are available. **The hotel will charge a deposit at booking. Room reservations are refundable if canceled 48 hours before arrival.**

AVAILABILITY: We have **added 6 rooms available** at that great rate for Saturday night, September 12th for those who want to get up early the 13th and go to **the Great Reno Balloon race**. We also have 3 rooms available at the same rate for Thursday night following the reunion, for those who might want to stay.

RESORT FEE: What’s included

- Daily wireless internet
- Free bottled water (2 per day)
- In-room safe
- Free airport shuttle
- Access to fitness center and indoor atrium pool
- Free Self-parking in secure covered parking structure

Hotel restaurants: The hotel has a 4-star steak house “Anthony’s Chop House”, a tremendous Oyster Bar/Seafood restaurant and a decent 24-hr. coffee shop. Robin and I dine here frequently. There is also a gift shop with gifts, sundries, beverages and snacks.

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RESERVATION PROCESS: (specifically for our reunion:) See OSAS Registration Form below for more details. There is a specific link to line you up with our exact deal, so it should say **"GOSALT6"** AS OUR GROUP CODE AND WILL INDICATE A RATE OF \$76.97 PER NITE. THE CREDIT CARD SURCHARGE OF \$5.95 PER NIGHT WILL BE ADDED AT THE END, SO AN ACTUAL TOTAL OF \$82.92 PER NOTE. **A CREDIT CARD IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM.** A HECK OF A DEAL!!!
DUE NO LATER THAN 12 AUGUST 26 TO GET THE DEALS & COVER REUNION COSTS

NEARBY AMENITIES:

There are a number of restaurants and a movie theatre in the immediate neighborhood, including an "In-N-Out Burger" for those so inclined. More on this in later editions, and in your registration/welcome package.

Downtown Reno is a cheap cab/uber ride from the hotel. In later editions We will provide current information on events and sights to visit in your available free time. NOTE : For more information visit web sites such as [Reno Events & Things to Do | Reno Tahoe Events Calendar](#)

I can personally recommend visiting the National Car Museum if you are interested in an amazing and magnificent collection of historical automobiles from a collection formerly established by casino magnate Bill Harrah. See: [Home | National Automobile Museum](#)

EVENTS

"Great Balloon Race Reno" Sunday, 13 SEP 26

For those who plan to attend, please go to the below website and get information about the event and related requirements. [The Great Reno Balloon Race – World's Largest FREE Hot-Air Ballooning Event](#)

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Related information:

1. We have commitment from The Nugget hotel for 6 additional rooms on Saturday, 12 SEP 26 at our special rate. (See hotel registration process to include this night in your hotel stay.) **Reserve your hotel as soon as possible to secure a room for Saturday.**
2. The balloon race itself is “free”. That means when you arrive at the San Rafael Park where it is taking place, you get to find a place on the grass/grounds to sit or stand for free. **NOTE:** THE BALLOON RACE STARTS AT 0500 HOURS, SO THE TRUE BEAUTY OF THE RISING LIT BALLOONS CAN BE TRULY APPRECIATED.
3. **TRANSPORTATION:** Getting to the park for the balloon race is the tricky part. Consult the web site for the best ideas, and we (Robin and I) will work with you to get there and back, based on what you determine. (Hotel does not offer a shuttle to the event.)
4. If you are serious about going, **get your room registered as soon as possible, and QUICKLY DETERMINE HOW YOU WANT TO GET THERE/BACK SO WE CAN HELP WITH THAT. THERE MAY BE LIMITATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT LEVEL YOU CHOOSE, SO GET ON THIS ASAP!!!!**
5. **NOTE: THERE ARE “CLOUD 9 VIP CLUB” TIXS AVAILABLE AT SOME COST. THESE WOULD INCLUDE A NICE BRUNCH, ACCESS TO WARM TENTS, AND SEATING. SEE WEB SITE FOR DETAILS. SEE “TRAVEL INFO” FOR TRANSPORTATION IDEAS. (FEEL FREE TO CONSULT WITH MICHAEL AND ROBIN ON THIS.)**

NAS FALLON - Monday, September 14, 2026

PAO Gavin Graham is our POC. See web site for details on NAS Fallon [Naval Air Station Fallon](#) (PICS here)

From NAS Fallon Web site:

Home to the Fighting Saints of VFC-13, the Desert Outlaws of Strike Fighter Wing Pacific and the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center. NAS Fallon serves as the Navy’s premier tactical air warfare training center. **NOTE:** Includes “Top Gun”- “Train the way you fight; fight the way you train.”

Known throughout the Navy as the only facility in existence where an entire carrier air wing can conduct comprehensive training while integrating every element of the wing into realistic battle scenarios. Fallon enjoys more than 300 clear flying days per year and gets the most out of each of those days with its four bombing ranges, the electronic warfare range and all of its other excellent training facilities. The 14,000-foot runway remains the longest in the Navy, making Fallon a one-stop training facility unequalled throughout the service.

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DETAILS:

Transport: A bus for 55 persons is reserved for the trip. We will load up 0730-0800 to arrive at NAS Fallon at 0915 or so. Return approximately 1400 hrs. The bus line is Amador Stage Lines, a very respected and reputable line. Return from Fallon is tentatively planned for 1530.

Refreshments: Deluxe snacks and water on return to The Nugget, due to "The O Club" being closed during the week and lack of seating capability in local restaurants. SO, PLAN A HEARTY BREAKFAST AND AN EARLY DINNER, ON YOUR OWN.

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Access: PAO advises the following: (SEE REGISTRATION FORM PART OF OUR REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR DATA SUBMITTAL) PAO WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR = 12 AUGUST (SO THAT IS OUR CUTOFF FOR REGISTRATION.)

Military ID holders (including dependents) must provide their military ID # and a valid email (separate one for each person, unless husband and wife indicated on our registration form.

Non-military ID must provide FULL NAME AND DOB AND A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS. Once the information is compiled by 12 August, it will go to NAS Fallon PAO and then to base security. NAS Fallon base security will contact via email those people without DOD ID to do further clearance for base access.

ACCESS NOTE: Complete the access forms and details as part of the registration process on the forms provided.

TOURS & BRIEFS: NAS FALLON

Per PAO Graham: "I'd like to get the tour started at 0900 to 1000 hours at the south gate on Berney Rd. east of Pasture Rd. I will meet the bus(es) at the south gate, and they will follow me onto base.

TOWER TOUR: As of now the tour will commence in the observation deck of the tower, there is an elevator so I can accommodate wheelchairs and scooters for those who have mobility issues. For those who want a workout or just don't like elevators, there are 170 steps that await them for the "Fallon climb" to the observation deck for the base overview and a discussion on the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

FLIGHTLINE TOUR: From there we will proceed to the flightline and hangars 4 and 5 to look up close at an F-18/EA-18/F-16. I will hope to have an F-18/F-16 pilot or two and a helicopter pilot along for the tour as well to answer questions about aircraft and today's naval aviation.

MISR Brief: After this or at some point I need to fit in the MISR (Maritime Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance briefing IF IT CAN BE STAFFED by MISR. I would hope to conduct this in a theatre setting in our Fleet Training Building. More to come on that as I mentioned earlier in this email.
NOTE: We will be working closely with the PAO to maximize our briefings and touring time as we progress. All is subject to change due to operational requirements. Other briefings are being considered, more information and schedule as we get closer to our visit to NAS Fallon.

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STATIC DISPLAYS: After all this you can relocate the bus(es) over to Air Power Park and get out and walk around the static displays for a while. These include older Naval Air and some Russian aircraft.

If all goes according to plan, I would be done with you all by 1:30 – 2:00 at the latest. Maybe earlier if there is no brief.

If the tour group is large like 50 or more, we sometimes break the tour up into two parts. One does the tower and the other does the flightline. Then we flip-flop them. Then group up and would do the brief in the FTB if we get that.”

LAKE TAHOE LUNCH CRUISE – TUESDAY, 15 SEP 26

On Tuesday, 15 Sep we will travel to North Lake Tahoe with a Palisades Tahoe stop on the way to our Lake Tahoe cruise on board the Tahoe Gal from Tahoe City, CA. On this day we bus toward Lake Tahoe traveling alongside the scenic Truckee River to briefly visit “Palisades Tahoe” ski and mountain resort (formerly Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Winter Olympic games) . Then proceed to a very scenic 3.5 hr. boat ride aboard the “Tahoe Gal”. Boat will be traveling the west shore of Lake Tahoe and enjoying a cruise in and out of Emerald Bay. (near the South-west shore.) We have managed a 10% military discount, and the bus ride is reasonable aboard a top charter company “Amador Stage Lines”. The total event time should be from boarding bus by 0800 until return at approx.1730 hrs. See lunch menu on the “Tahoe Gal” web site for your available lunch and drink purchases: [Tahoe Gal | Lake Tahoe Cruise | Lake Tahoe Boat Tour and Rides](#)



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Finances: A separate personal checking account has been established to manage the funding for the reunion. This will be maintained for the purposes of keeping the reunion funds completely separate from all other personal accounts. Make all checks payable to Michael A. Barnes with memo line to read OSAS 2026 Reunion. Rick Martinez has advanced an OS&AS check for \$5,000 for advance financial requirements, and this is in the account. See payment details on registration form and pages.

Link to NAS Fallon and tourist and entertainment in the Reno/Tahoe regions, Etc.

NAS Fallon:

[Naval Air Station Fallon](#)

Reno-Tahoe Tourism:

[Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority | Visit Reno Tahoe Home | National Automobile Museum](#)

Tahoe Gal

[Tahoe Gal | Lake Tahoe Cruise | Lake Tahoe Boat Tour and Rides](#)

Palisades Tahoe

[Best Ski Resort Lake Tahoe | Palisades Tahoe](#)

Tahoe Resources

[Plan Your Lake Tahoe Trip and Reno Trip | Visit Reno Tahoe](#)

[Only Have 3 Days in Lake Tahoe? This Itinerary Hits All the Best Spots](#)

[HGTV names Nevada's most charming small town — here's the pick](#)

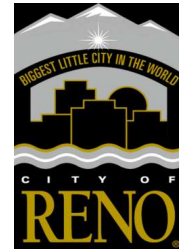
Reno Hot Air Balloon Races

[The Great Reno Balloon Race – World's Largest FREE Hot-Air Ballooning Event](#)

2026 OS&AS Reunion-Registration Form.....Robin & Michael Barnes

Old Salts & Assorted Spies
RENO/TAHOE 2026 OS&AS REUNION

13th National OS&AS Reunion
 Reno, Nevada
13-17 September 2026

**PLANNING YOUR REUNION...**

1. Book Hotel no later than **12 AUG 26**-(SEE ACCOMMODATIONS below)
2. Arrange travel arrangements to Reno, NV (RNO). Most major airlines fly into Reno, NV. Hotel provides complimentary shuttle every hour on the half-hour between (0600-2330). Taxi, Uber & Lift also available. Due to airport parking construction, pick-up location may vary.
3. Complete Registration Form, including NAS Fallon ID requirements, and send payment no later than **12 AUG 26**.
4. For assistance or questions email: oldsalts26@gmail.com

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**Registration Instructions:**

1. **ALL REGISTRANTS COMPLETE ALL PAGES, AS NEEDED**
2. **Mail Registration forms and check payable to Michael A. Barnes w/ memo OSAS Reunion 2026:**
 Old Salts 2026 Reunion C/O Barnes
 5245 Vista Blvd, Ste F3, PMB 306
 Sparks NV 89436

REUNION REGISTRATION, ID REQUIREMENTS & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12 AUG 26.

NAME:				RATE/RANK:		
ADDRESS:						
CITY:				STATE:		ZIP CODE:
EMAIL:						
PHONE/CELL:				ARRIVAL DATE		
GUEST 1:				TITLE:		
GUEST 2:				TITLE:		
GUEST 3:				TITLE:		

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ACCOMODATIONS: **NUGGET CASINO RESORT**, 1100 Nugget Ave., Sparks NV 89431
(a very near suburb of Reno)

Special Room Rate: \$82.92/night (includes discounted Resort Fee, taxes and credit card/merchant surcharge.) **Deposit**
collected at time of booking, refundable if cancelled 48 hours before arrival.

Parking Rate: Self-parking - Free, or Valet – Available \$10/day.

Hotel registration deadline: No later than **08/12/26** in order to qualify for the group rate, code **GOSALT6**. For best results register on-line using live link in cover email(<https://nuggetcasinoresort.book.pegasbe.com/promo?offerCode=GOSALT6&hotel=NCR>), or call 1-800-868-4438 using code GOSALT6.

OPTIONAL: A few additional rooms may be booked early (12 SEP 26) at the contract rate to attend The Great Reno Balloon Race and after the Reunion at the Reunion rate on (17 SEP 26) if you want extra time to explore Northern Nevada.

RENO/TAHOE REUNION, 13-17 SEP 2026

SPECIAL ID REQUIREMENTS FOR NAS FALLON

WITH MILITARY ID				
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	MILITARY ID #	

WITHOUT MILITARY ID				
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	EMAIL ADDRESS (1 per person)

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*****WE CAN ACCOMMODATE YOUR SPECIAL DIETARY AND
MOBILITY NEEDS, ON REQUEST*****

PLEASE LIST YOUR DIETARY NEEDS:

EXAMPLES: Vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free, etc.

PLEASE LIST YOUR MOBILITY ISSUES:

Please use the space below to inform us any needs or limitations such as need a place to sit during tour stops, cannot walk on uneven ground, cannot walk uphill or downhill, have wheelchair, cannot walk up and down stairs, etc. PLEASE BE SPECIFIC SO WE CAN FULLY MEET YOUR NEEDS.

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Registration Notes:

- ⇒ Each person attending the reunion must pay the registration fee, which covers incidental costs, including the Hospitality Suite.
- ⇒ For guests arriving on 13 SEP 26, registration packet, reunion program, name badge and promotional items may be picked up at the HOSPITALITY SUITE (1300-1700). For other arrival dates, ask Front Desk to connect you to the Barnes suite or Mike Barnes 817-320-0262 for pick up location.
- ⇒ Each person attending the 16 SEP 26 business meeting must pay for the meeting breakfast.

DAY	EVENT	COST / PERSON	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
SUN, SEP 13 1300 – 1700	Registration & Hospitality Suite - 29th Floor Other open times will be in your program and welcome package	\$45		
SUN, SEP 13 1800 – 2000	OS&AS President's Reception – Hot & Cold hors d'oeuvres, Open-hosted Bar – 3 rd floor Casino Tower, Southern Pacific D-F (per resort reqs.)	Included		\$0
MON, SEP 14 0800 – 1500	Bus trip to NAS Fallon – meet bus at 0800 – tour 0900-1300 – return bus trip - generous snacks and water inc. Bus fee \$44 per person.	\$44		
TUES, SEP 15 0900 - 1500	Bus tour to Palisades (formerly known as Squaw Valley, 1960 Olympic site) then on to Tahoe City, CA to board the Tahoe Gal for 3.5hr R/T Lake Tahoe cruise to Emerald Bay. Food and bar service available for purchase. Cruise \$93 (inc. 10% military discount) + bus \$44	\$137		
WED, SEP 16 0730 – 0900	Business Meeting with Continental breakfast buffet. 3 rd floor Casino Tower, Southern Pacific D-F	\$25		
WED, SEP 16 1700 - 1800	Banquet Cocktail Hour, 3 rd Floor, Casino Tower, Southern Pacific D-F	Cash Bar		Pay at bar
WED, SEP 16 1800 - 2030	Banquet buffet dinner, guest Speaker, Awards Presentation.	\$80		
Donation to OS&AS General Fund				
NO REFUNDS AFTER 31 AUG 26				TOTAL
SAT, SEP 12	A few rooms will be available at the contract rate to check into the hotel early for those wishing to attend the final day of The Great Reno Balloon Race: https://renoballoon.com			
SUN, SEP 13	OPTIONAL-SELF PAY EVENT: The balloon races start at 0500, parking opens at 0330. The event is FREE, but other VIP options are available with heated seating, buffet breakfast, beverages for @\$131/PP. Travel to San Rafael Park via, Taxi or Uber. Depending # interested a bus may be able to be arranged @ PP cost TBD			# OF PEOPLE

Planning Notes:

- The tours on 14 and 15 Sep will include walking and standing, so be sure to bring comfortable shoes. Weather at Palisades and on Lake Tahoe can become cold, bring a jacket.
- The Nugget Casino Resort is located within walking distance of several restaurants, shops, and galleries. Travel to nearby Reno by Taxi, Uber or Lift. See registration/welcome materials for additional options.
- The Hospitality Suite will be open every afternoon and evening when there are no other scheduled events. Schedule will be in welcome package.

OS&AS Ship's Store.....ISCM Benjamin Crew

The OS&AS challenge coins originally sold at the 2024 reunion in Annapolis MD and advertised in the 1st Quarter Newsletter are now available for purchase. They can be ordered by emailing shipping information to ISCM Crew at iscmben@aol.com with the subject line COIN. Coin cost; \$10.00 each plus shipping, usually about \$5.50 depending on number and location, *to be paid for by personal check via return mail upon receipt*. Profits (\$4.75 each) will be contributed to the designated charity for the next reunion. In addition, OS&AS shipmates who served in Reserve Intelligence Area 19, or are otherwise interested, can also order RIA 19 challenge coins the same way.

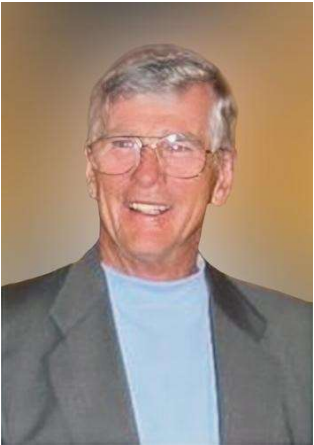


But enough about challenge coins for now! Is there interest in a bigger Ship's Store, a Digital Ship's Store perhaps? A physical store, with significant inventory, shipping and bookkeeping requirements can be a challenge, even a financial risk for a "senior" operator. But what if we can identify providers willing to accept orders, and direct payment, and ship OS&AS logo products? Or some variation thereof? Would you be interested?

To begin, we would have to identify desired products, the level of interest in each, and desired artwork (if any beyond our logo). With that information in hand a search for appropriate providers can begin. Please email your interest and suggestions to ISCM Crew with the subject line STORE.

Returning briefly to challenge coins; in addition to RIA 19 there were other RIAs that had logos or patches etc. Coins commemorating your RIA can also be produced for \$500 for an initial order of 50 if there is sufficient interest. If you have an image of your RIA logo please send a picture to ISCM Crew with the subject line LOGO regardless of whether there would be interest in ordering coins.

FINAL ORDERS



CAPT Thomas "Tom" H. Campbell from the Detroit area passed away July 20, 2025. Among other CO positions, he had been CO of FIRST 1673 & FIRST 1773. He was most likely the RIAC at one time or another.

Beloved husband of Jill. Loving father of Andrew (Kris), Julie, Diane (Edward) Shuler, Jeff (Jodi Lavarney) and Jenny (Tim Murphy). Dearest grandfather of Stephen (Sara), Keith (Kristen), Megan (Travis) Tam, Daniel (Ryanne) Shuler, Jessica (Chris) Schneider and Meredith (Trevor) Schettler. Also survived by 8 great grandchildren and siblings, Bill (Joanne) and Judy Starrs.

In civilian life after a short career with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn Michigan, he was the Manager of Organizational Development for DFCU Financial for many years. DFCU was the 17th largest Federal Credit Union at that time, and we teamed up to provide Debit Cards, Credit Cards, Brokerage Services, Mortgage Lending, Personal Financial Planning , Home Banking and other Credit Union Member Services from 1981-1983. As his Systems Analyst, he turned me loose to research, develop and launch those and other services to our members. He was an avid golfer and a great guy to work for both on drill weekends and in our civilian positions. Truly, "Twice a Citizen".

Tom loved his family and friends. He enjoyed going to Florida in the winter and the family cottage during the summer. He was an avid golfer and spent as much time as he could on the golf course. He was a veteran of the US Navy and retired as a captain after 30 years. After being discharged from active duty he started his career at Ford Motor Company in 1964. He then went to Dearborn Federal Credit Union and retired as Vice President in 1996.

Memorial contributions are greatly appreciated to [Wounded Warrior Project](#).

FINAL ORDERS



CAPT. Harry Lee Smith passed away on December 22, 2025, in Fredericksburg, Va. Harry Lee's 40-plus year Navy career was mostly a part of RIA-19 starting in the 1960's including tours in VP-68 and VFP-62. The former Chief Petty Officer was both CO and XO in several Washington area Reserve Units. He will be buried at Quantico National Cemetery.

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FINAL ORDERS



Funeral services for CAPT Mack Merritt Cox, age 88 of Hideaway, Texas, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale, Texas with Pastor Kevin Diggs and Pastor Louis Mizell officiating. Family received friends from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. prior to the service. An interment was scheduled for 10:15 a.m. ~ Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the DFW National Cemetery.

CAPT Mack passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in Tyler, Texas. He was born on June 18, 1937, in Dallas, Texas to the late William McKinley and Helen (Merritt) Cox. Mack has lived in Hideaway for the past 16 years where he was a member of the Hideaway Lake Community Church. He was previously a longtime resident of both Dallas and San Benito, Texas. After many years of service, Mack retired from the United States Navy, specializing in Intelligence details. In his spare time Mack enjoyed playing tennis, reading, traveling, and watching Baylor Football. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sarah Williamson.

Mack is survived by his wife, Linda Cox of Hideaway; children, Heather Gandy and husband, Anthony of Warrenville, Illinois, Aimee Diggs and husband, Kevin of Eddy, Texas, and Bradley Kerrigan and wife, Cheryl of Durant, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Gracie Diggs and Brooke Kirhofer and husband, Jake; and numerous other loving family members and friends. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Hideaway Lake Community Church's missions program.

<https://www.caudle-rutledge.com/obituaries/mack-cox/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/TributeVideo>

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