



Old Salts & Assorted Spies Newsletter, 2nd Quarter 2026

President's Message: Words from Michael Barnes

First, SCAM/PHISHING email – we want to be sure that we have gotten the word out on the hack job that used our OS&AS newsletter contact list to send a phishing email to all. First, we observed it within hours of its transmittal, and we worked quickly to get the word out to all members. Now we are including our warning email as an insert to this newsletter, so please review it to be sure you have gotten the word and disposed of the scam email. We worked closely with Gary Powers and his IT consultant to be sure we had done what we needed to do to protect our members, our website and our emails. Thanks, Gary!

NOTE: We have additional information for your protection, so please read the email scam article

On a more pleasant note, the Sierras are absolutely beautiful this morning, and we are looking at a current reunion attendance of about 35+/- . While we reduce our initial hotel commitments, there are still rooms available at our great rate and we hope to see the hesitant step up soon so we can get the event properly planned!

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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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We have got to get the registration package before 15 August to be sure we get everyone cleared with NAS Fallon security. Pretty sure the gas prices and air fare are not going to do down significantly before then because the Naval aviators trained at Fallon are continuing their attacks on Iran after President Trump indicated the cease fire was over on 7 July and ordered bombing of Iran to resume! There should be some very interesting stories during our tour in September. We are working with the hotel for catering plans and with NAS Fallon for gate clearances. All is progressing nicely! **See reunion articles following and get registered!**

Finally, for our expected personal tour news, Robin will report on our pilgrimage to the nation's capital over the 4th to honor the 250th anniversary of this great nation. There will be pictures!

LOOKING FORWARD TO GREETING THESE SHIPMATES IN RENO!

Bill & Bonnie	Anderson
Michael & Robin	Barnes
Anna	Clark
Bill & Laura	Craig
Robert & Connie	Johnson
Timothy	Kathka
Bill Ronda	Kelberlau McCauley
Timothy & Janet	Manning
Paul & Judy	Pappenheim
George & Susan	Snyder
Andrew Cynthia	Wallach Faschini
Dale & Suzie	Willey

These are those who have submitted their registration to us. Some members have hotel rooms booked and we're eagerly waiting for their registration package!

Chairman's Message:Greetings from Bill Craig



As I write this column in late June 2026 Laura and I are in St. Anthony Newfoundland on a motorhome journey through the Eastern Canadian provinces. We left home in San Antonio on April 26 and have covered over 7000 miles so far. Our plan is to make it back home in time to fly out for the OS&AS reunion in Reno in September.

St. Anthony is at the most northwestern tip of Newfoundland at the end of the Great Northern Peninsula. It juts out into the



North Atlantic Ocean and is the site where the Vikings landed in 1000AD. The currents from the Labrador Sea through the Strait of



Belle Isle into the Gulf of St. Lawrence carry icebergs through "iceberg alley". While folks back home are enjoying typical



South Texas summer weather we are experiencing daily high temperatures around 50 degrees and overnight lows in the 40s with strong winds and frequent rain. We did not bring enough warm clothes and of course the locals think this is summer weather so the stores are stocking shorts and t-shirts! Best we can do is layer up with everything we have. The harsh living conditions have bred a hardy people who are so gracious and welcoming. We have enjoyed experiencing the local culture, food, and music which is a blend of English, French, and Irish with a little Viking vibe thrown in.



We are looking forward to joining our shipmates in Reno in just a few months. Hopefully, we will have enough turnaround time between trips to do laundry and arrive with clean clothes! Mike Barnes and Team Reno have done a spectacular job of putting together a very attractive agenda for the reunion. The deadline for registration is quickly approaching so send in your paperwork ASAP. We need to get a final head count for some of the events.

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Speaking of reunions...we need to be thinking about where we might go for our next gathering. If you have suggestions or, more importantly, if you are willing to host a reunion please share your thoughts with me (capnbilly46@gmail.com or 210-861-4932) or Mike Barnes (mab172@aol.com or 817-320-0262). Our organization survives through the participation of our members. Please be willing to step up and volunteer for the working party.

See you in Reno!

A REQUEST FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR.....Tim Kathka

I have assumed the duty of Membership Chair, relieving Chuck McClain as of the Annapolis Reunion. I am now maintaining the membership rolls, which is challenging without assistance from you, our members. While we are reasonably efficient at adding new members, especially as we gain members during our reunions, the larger challenge is when one of our shipmates passes away. We are now making a special effort to recognize the service of each of our shipmates, regardless of whether or not they ever became a member of the Old Salts and Assorted Spies organization.

At each of our reunions we include a Remembrance Table and read the names of all of our fallen comrades since the previous reunion.

That is where you come in. We are counting on you in the field to help us by reporting the death of any shipmates in your circle of friends or area of the country. YOU are our best source for this info.

Please email any names, and obituaries or news clippings if possible, to tkathka@aol.com. I will ensure that your shipmates are recognized at next reunion.



OS&AS Newsletter hack and Phishing Scam

On 24 June we became aware of a phishing scam transmitted to our Newsletter email contact list, bearing our names and logo similar to our real email transmission. We detected it quickly and immediately transmitted a warning message to our members. We worked with Gary Powers and his IT consultant to be sure we were doing all we could to protect our members, our email and our website.

IMAGE OF SCAM OS&AS EMAIL AND OUR RESPOSE TO MEMBERS:

An image of our warning message is below, for your information, in case you have not dealt with this yet.

THE HACK: *"It looked pretty real, but NO!"*

On Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 01:58:50 PM CDT,
Robin Barnes <osasnewsletter@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi all,

Please note this Anniversary document is being sent to you for your review as part of Events..

[Please confirm your name with Desktop and Laptop to receive the details..](#)

[Confirm/View your name.](#)

Thank you,
ROBIN
Regards -

Robin Barnes
Newsletter Editor



OUR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

Robin Barnes <osasnewsletter@gmail.com>
Jun 24, 2026, 1:33 PM PDT

Dear friends,

My OSASNEWSLETTER email has been hacked. Do not open anything mentioning Anniversary. No such thing. I encourage you to change your password. Next communication will be the 2nd Q Newsletter in early July. Contact Michael by phone to verify if you have any questions.

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Regards -

Robin Barnes
Newsletter Editor



It should be further advised that scammers are now able to create realistic images copies of real documents, emails, etc. because they utilize AI. Be on the alert for any following scam emails possibly from the same source.

For current information on scams and internet threats, go to:

[Home Page - Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#)

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	\$300.00	
2026 Reunion Advance	(\$5,000.00)	
Ending Balance 6-30-26		\$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 \$570 as of 6-30-26 are still in the Chase Bank Reunion account-balance as of 06-30-26 \$10,197.05, contributors' names from Reunion registration are included in 2026.

OLD SALTS & ASSORTED SPIES 2025 & 2026 Contributors

2026

Andy Wallach-
 Cynthia Faschini
 Anna Mae Clark
 Bill & Bonnie Anderson
 Bill & Laura Craig
 Dale & Suzie Willey
 Jeff & Stephanie Johnson
 Ken & Lynn Newton
 Michael & Robin Barnes
 Paul & Judy Pappenheim
 Rick & Bea Martinez
 Tim & Janet Manning
 Tim Kathka
 Tucker Coughlen

Intelligence Officers' Quiz.....Tim Kathka

SPECIAL NOTE: Tim had a winner who was unable to attend the reunion. Take a chance for a comped drink from Tim.

NAS Fallon has a nice static display of aircraft which will be part of our tour at the base. Last fall I had the opportunity to preview NAS Fallon and took photos at the static display. Many of us, in our intel briefing duties, had to ensure that our shipmates were current in their knowledge of aircraft that they might encounter, friend or foe. Below are photos of 10 aircraft, admittedly spanning many years, which I challenge you to identify including number and the NATO name or the US name for each. I will purchase a drink during the reunion for the first person who names all aircraft photos by their designated name and number. The winner will be determined by the first correct answer emailed to me with the email title of INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS' QUIZ at my email address: tkathka@aol.com



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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 a 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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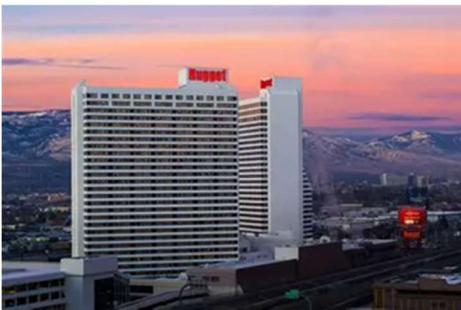
Air travel to Reno:

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:

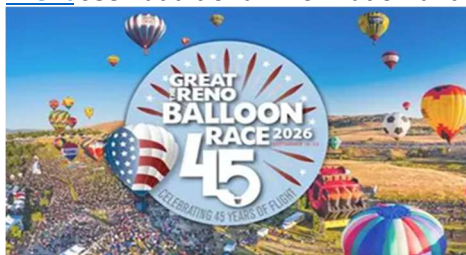
We have a first-class hospitality suite, on the top floor of the hotel tower, included. We will have some great get-togethers, I’m sure. We will have snacks, beer and wine available, feel free to BYOB. This is where you will check in for the reunion, following your hotel check-in.

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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Added note: If you are coming in on Saturday, there are a few room slots left. AND, there is a really fun, G-rated Vegas-style magic show “Magique” playing at the Celebrity Theatre in the hotel. Check it out on their website: [Magique at the Nugget](#)

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

Optional for early arrivals-MAGIQUE Saturday, 12 SEP 26: If you are coming in on Saturday, there are a few room slots left. AND, there is a really fun, G-rated Vegas-style magic show "Magique" playing at the Celebrity Theatre in the hotel. Check it out on their website: [Magique at the Nugget](#)

Optional for early arrivals-"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

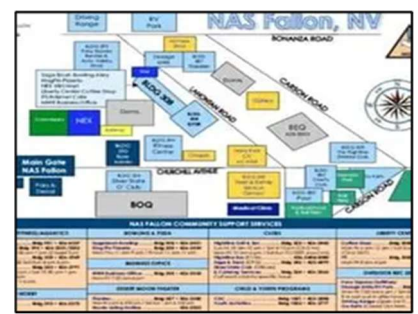
PAO Gavin Graham is our POC. See web site for details on NAS Fallon [Naval Air Station Fallon](#)

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 44 persons (with ADA access) 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 during our 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](#)

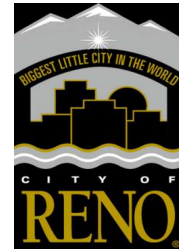
Reno Hot Air Balloon Races

[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.

USA 250-Washington DC..... Robin & Mike Barnes

On July 1st, 2026 we traveled from Reno NV to Washington DC to celebrate America's 250th birthday. We arrived on 2 July and were greeted by a flyover of the USAF Thunderbirds.



Our 1st stop on 2 July was the International Spy Museum:

The International Spy Museum (SPY) is an independent nonprofit museum which documents the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage. It holds the largest collection of international espionage artifacts on public display. The Museum opened in 2002 in the Penn Quarter neighborhood of Washington, DC, and relocated to a new, expanded building with all-new exhibitions at L'Enfant Plaza in 2019.

Every nation considers intelligence essential to its national security. The Museum lifts the veil of secrecy on the hidden world of intelligence, exploring its successes and failures, challenges, and controversies.

The International Spy Museum creates compelling exhibitions and other learning experiences that shed light on the shadow world of espionage and intelligence, educating and challenging each of us to engage critically with the complex world around us.

The Museum aims to provide an objective and nonpartisan forum for exploring important topics such as the impact of secrecy on civil liberties, the changing role of technology in intelligence work, and the challenges of disinformation in a social media environment.



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On 3 July we relaxed and enjoyed a very special gala event that evening. As many of you know, Robin is very active in the Order of the Eastern Star, a masonic family organization. The International Headquarters are located at The Perry Belmont House just steps off Dupont Circle in Washington DC. We attended a gala fundraising dinner and saw several special rooms in the house.

On New Hampshire Avenue NW in Washington, D.C., sits the magnificent International Headquarters building, one of the pride and joy possessions of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Formerly the Perry Belmont Mansion, it was started in 1906 and completed in 1909, at the then-extravagant cost of \$1.5 million.



On 4 July we enjoyed a visit to Nationals Ballpark to watch the Pittsburgh Pirates destroy the Washington Nationals 7-1. The weather was very hot. The game started at 11am so almost all the seats were in the sun. We stood under cover for the 1st 3 innings.



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The evening of 4 July there were amazing fireworks scheduled for 10:30pm EDT but were delayed due to an evacuation on the National Mall due to thunderstorms. These are stock photos. We were watching in the comfort of our air-conditioned hotel room but fell asleep.



We had some wonderful meals on our trip including a tasty French Bistro Brunch on 5 July. We then traveled on the Metro to the National Mall to visit the Great American State Fair. Again, a very hot, humid day.



God Bless America!

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



CDR David Pounds, USNR (Ret.), Navy Reserve Intelligence Command RIA- Four veteran, born on 1 August 1936 and passed away on 28 May 2026. Dave was a great intelligence officer and a good personal friend. Though not an OS&AS member, he will be known to several who receive this newsletter. In RIA Four he was a rock of leadership and always seemed to be the wisest and calmest person in the room. He was a great mentor to junior personnel, officers, and enlisted alike. He had a fun sense of humor, which he shared consistently with all he encountered. And, last but not least, he hosted a number of terrific morale-building parties for his fellow intelligence professionals in his Whittier, CA home!

He had an extensive enlisted career before commissioning as an intelligence officer in the reserves. As an officer, he served in a variety of CNRIC billets, including FIRSTPAC and NCIS. And I served alongside him in a number of those units. He was a Parole Officer for the California Youth Authority in his civilian occupation. He was also a licensed psychologist with a counseling practice, and for many years worked under contract for California corrections agencies. He also had a significant private clientele at his home office in Oakhurst, CA near the entrance to Yosemite. His clients were well-served therapy patients from all walks of life.

I spoke briefly to his professional intelligence career at his well-attended memorial service on 11 July at Sierra Vista Presbyterian in Oakhurst, CA. In that congregation he was highly regarded for his Christian leadership and support for the church and their members. His memorial service, including his personal history, is posted online so you can see more of what a great sailor, intelligence officer and personal friend he was to many:

[7/11/2026 Dave Pounds Celebration of Life - YouTube](#)

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