

VP-44 REUNION FLYER INFORMATION

You are invited to the reunion of former shipmates of VP-44. Spouses and children of former VP-44 sailors are welcome.

- Where: At NAS Brunswick, Maine. Yes, it will still be open although there are no longer any operational squadrons based there.
- When: The weekend of June 3rd through 6th, 2010.
- Lodging: The Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (on BNAS) or in town at either the Econo Lodge in Freeport (207) 865-3777 or the Comfort Inn in Brunswick (207) 729-1129. The Gateway has limited availability so it is suggested to make reservations early. If you wish to arrive earlier or stay later please arrange lodging requests with the Navy Gateway Inns and Suites. We have reserved a block of 25 double occupancy rooms for the VP-44 Reunion for the nights of 3, 4 and 5 June 2010. Guests may request earlier/later arrival and departure dates not to exceed a total of 7 nights when calling to make reservations under this group block. The double occupancy rooms are \$56.00 a night and have 2 twin beds in them. They comfortably accommodate 1 to 2 adults. Attendees who wish to reserve one of these rooms should call 201-921-2386/2394 / DSN 476-2386/2394 (phones manned 24/7) to provide individual details including credit or debit card information. They accept VISA and Master Card. When calling, callers should reference:
Group Name: VP-44 Reunion
Group Reservation #: 30920102146
Group Sponsor: Mr. Ed Avis

There is no RV parking on the base, however, the Wal-Mart about one mile from base allows overnight parking for R/Vs.

Proposed schedule:

- **Thursday 3 JUN:**
 - Attendees arrive
 - Check in at NGIS or local hotel
 - Golf, shopping, sightseeing, etc. "on your own"
 - Dinner "on your own" - probably in small groups as people become reacquainted
- **Friday 04 JUN (afternoon/evening):**
 - "Meet and Greet"
The Meet and Greet will be at the Bowling Alley/Recreation Mall on base (across from the NEX). It will commence at 1600 and will feature pizza and finger food. A full service cash bar will be available as well.
- **Saturday 05 JUN:**
 - **VP-44 Reunion including:**
Get together at the NAS picnic grounds anytime after noon. We have the area reserved from 1200-1900. There will be sports equipment available and there are restrooms on site.

Lobster/Clam bake at the picnic grounds starts at 1600.
Along with dinner will be remembrances, guest speakers and an opportunity to tell (short) sea stories.

We have signed a contract [no cost] that we will have alcohol and be responsible. They have requested NO GLASS BOTTLES

- **Sunday 06 JUN:**
 - No formal events planned
 - There some excellent options for brunch at local restaurants. We will provide more information at the reunion.
- **Registration Fee:** A registration fee of **\$40.00 per person** will cover the food at the Friday %Meet and Greet+, the use of the picnic area and equipment, the lobster dinner and the beer on Saturday. Lodging and other items are not included in the registration fee.
- **Mail registration fee to Captain Ed Avis,**
252 Upper Pond Road
Litchfield, ME 04350
207-921-2230 / 207-737-8258
ed@avisfamily.com
- **Deadline for registration: MAY 1ST! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM EARLY SO THAT WE CAN PROPERLY PLAN A QUALITY REUNION.** If you find that you can attend after the deadline please send in your money ASAP and we will accommodate you. We certainly would like to keep the last minute crisis management to a minimum.

NOTES

1. We hope to have a slide show at the meet and greet. To do this we need all of you to dig into those old boxes and come up with some photos of your time in VP-44. Please email or send photos to Captain Ed Avis at 252 Upper Pond Road, Litchfield, ME 04350
 2. There will be a retrospective of fallen shipmates. If you have any information or materials related to a fallen VP-44 shipmate please send to Ed Avis at the addresses above.
 3. There will be a %Reunion Central+ house in Cundy\$ Harbor hosted by Brown and Nancy Word. Everyone is invited and encouraged to use this as a central meeting place for attendees. The Address is : (Brown, I need the address)
 4. We would love it if someone had an 8-10 passenger van to transport folks around the base after the drinking events.
 5. Point of Contact cell phones are:
 - a. Captain Brown Word: bword@austin.rr.com (512-327-1439)
 - b. Captain Ed Avis: Ed@avisfamily.com (207-921-2230)
 - c. Captain Dewey Harris:harris58@hughes.net (207)522-4877
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