

NMCB FOURTEEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

THE 15TH ANNUAL REUNION OCTOBER 8 -11, 2020 – ORANGE PARK, FL



Alumni Members, NMCB-14 Members and Friends: -- We hope to see you all at the NMCB-14 Alumni Association 15th Annual Reunion at the Courtyard by Marriott in Orange Park, FL, located at 610 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073. <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/jaxco-courtyard-jacksonville-orange-park/> It is a wonderful time of year and a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new friends.

Registration Form, Fees and Check-in:

Use the attached Registration Form to complete your registration.

The Early Registration Fee is **\$90** for NMCB-14 Alumni Association Life Members and 2020 Annual Members – and their Spouse or Guest - that register before 11 September 2020. Late Registration is **\$100**.

The Early Registration Fee for persons that are NOT members of the NMCB-14 Alumni Association [including past ANNUAL Members who have not renewed their **2020** Membership] but wish to attend the Reunion – and their Spouse or Guest - will be **\$100** per person and must be received by **11 September 2020**. The Late Registration FEE is **\$110** per person.

The Registration Fees include the Saturday Annual Alumni Banquet and the Sunday Breakfast and Memorial Ceremony.

The Saturday night Dinner Fee for current NMCB-14 Officers and Seabees is **\$40**.

The registration form with payment must be received by September 11, 2020. Registration after this date will be assessed LATE Fee Rates as noted above. Mail the form and payment to Brandi Anderson at the address indicated on the registration form. Late Registration after **11 September 2020** can be mailed as noted above or done at the Reunion Registration Desk which will be across from the hotel's check-in/reception desk.

NOTE - Non-Members that apply and pay for membership (either Life or 2020 Annual) during the late registration period will be credited \$20 towards their respective membership fees. [You are reminded that Annual Membership now runs for one calendar year from the date on which you apply.]

Reunion Check-In. The Hotel Check-In is to the left when you come through the front entry. After checking into the hotel, you will see the Reunion Check-In desk to the right. This is where you will pick up your pre-registration packages.

Dress for the Reunion: Dress choice will be Casual as in the past.

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Hotel Reservations: Courtyard by Marriott, Telephone **1-904-854-1500**. Ask for the NMCB-14 Alumni Association (Seabees) Group Rate of **\$99.00** (for 2 queen beds or 1 king bed – based on availability) **Plus Tax, per night**. Be sure your reservation is being credited to our organization.

Hotel will provide booking link for online reservations. We have contracted for a certain number of rooms for each night. **Cutoff date for reservations is September 8, 2020. Our group rate will no longer be in effect after that date and rooms may not be available.** These rates are honored until the cutoff date of September 8, 2020, or until all guestrooms in the requested block are consumed. Reservation requests made after the reservation due date of September 8, 2020, will be accepted on a space available basis at the prevailing rate. After September 8, all unused rooms will be automatically released for general sale.

No Pets Allowed (except service animals).

Parking: There is sufficient complimentary parking at the several room entry locations.

Directions to the Hotel

Go to <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/jaxco-courtyard-jacksonville-orange-park/> and use their map and directions to get you to the hotel.

Activities and Events

Hospitality Room - The Courtyard by Marriott is providing us with a nice Hospitality Room. It has a refrigerator, cupboards, and a sink. Chairs and tables for snack food, cold drinks, beer, and other beverages will be available. Members are encouraged to bring snack food (cookies, candy, chips, dips, drinks, etc.). A sign-up sheet will be available for volunteers to man the hospitality room through-out the weekend.

Silent Auction and Raffle – The Silent Auction and Raffle(s) will include a major prize, craft items donated by the Officers and Board members, additional craft items donated by the general membership, a 50/50 drawing and a door prize. The proceeds from these events will benefit the fund for aiding the families of those KIAs and WIAs from NMCB 14 as well as current and past members of NMCB-14 and their families who need financial assistance. **All members are asked to solicit and/or provide items for the Silent Auction.** Please contact Joe Leahy at capt1952@gmail.com with details on any items you can bring to the Reunion for the auction. And, of course, cash \$\$\$ donations are always welcome!!

Local Attractions: *Visit Jacksonville* has created a personalized website for our group which has information on all that the Jacksonville area has to offer. This will certainly keep you busy!

www.visitjacksonville.com/NMCB14

You can also check the Courtyard website for ideas: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/local-things-to-do/jaxco-courtyard-jacksonville-orange-park/>

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The following websites offer listings of recreation, dining, and shopping menus in the area:

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

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

<https://www.simon.com/mall/st-johns-town-center>

<https://orangeparkmall.com/>

<https://www.simon.com/mall/the-avenues>

Hours of operation of many facilities have been curtailed and may differ from those posted on websites, so calling in advance is advisable.

Here is the latest information on visits to NAS JAX:

- Some of the base facilities at NAS JAX have been temporarily closed or curtailed due to COVID-19.
- The Commissary requires patrons to show their ID at the entrance.
- Exchange and Commissary facilities require the wearing of face covering and observance of social distancing guidelines. Arrows are displayed on the floor to direct one-way foot traffic within some areas of the stores to limit face-to-face traffic within the aisles.
- MWR facilities are curtailed, as follows:
 - The golf course is open, but golfers are limited to one person per golf cart.
 - Mulligans is open for take-out service only. Building access for Mulligan's is limited to the rear entrance from the veranda. Orders can be placed on-line or at the bar. Though the indoor dining area is closed, tables are available on the veranda overlooking the golf course.
 - The Golf Pro Shop is open and is accessible through the clubhouse main entrance from the Veranda.
 - Dewey's and the CPO Club are closed until further notice.
 - Marina: Boat rentals are unavailable. The Marina store hours are limited.
 - Other MWR facilities, such as ITT (tickets and travel office), indoor and outdoor pools, recreation equipment, gym and fitness center, etc. are closed until further notice.
 - For the most current information about MWR, go to:
<https://www.navymwrjacksonville.com/>

There will not be any group transportation offered to St. Augustine or downtown Jacksonville. Those wanting to car-pool to these or other locations, come to the Hospitality Suite and we will try to coordinate this.

Entertainment – Entertainment at the Saturday night dinner will be provided by the “Salt Driven Ride” band from the St. Augustine area.

Courtyard by Marriott Entertainment Amenities

Swimming Pools - An outdoor pool and spa are available.

Fitness Center - Maintain your fitness between meals at the complimentary fitness center.

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Other Activities / Events

Shirts, Hats, & Jackets – NMCB 14 Alumni Association polo shirts, ball hats, cowboy hats, and jackets will be available on site for sale in our Hospitality Room.

Vice President's Luncheon with Spouses - Spouses please join Joe and Bina Leahy for a luncheon at NOON on Saturday to discuss furthering the spouses' roles in the Alumni Association and ways in which we can enhance our assistance to our current and past Seabees and/or their families. We need your ideas and participation. Please indicate your desire to attend on the Registration Form so we can better plan the luncheon.

SPEAKING OF FOOD - Here is a preview of this year's menus that will be served.

Saturday Banquet Buffet

Choice of Cesar Salad or House Salad

Iced Tea and Water Service

Rolls and Butter

Chef's choice of dessert

Entrée Selections:

- Vegetable Baked Pasta
- Classic Roast Beef
- Chicken Parmesan
- Prime Rib

Accompaniments

- Vegetable Medley
- Brown Rice
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes

[Note: You must make your Entrée selection via the Registration Form]

Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Scrambled Eggs

Bacon and Sausage

Breakfast Potatoes

Choice of Classic Oatmeal or Southern Style Grits

Artisan and Whole Grain Toast

Orange Juice

Coffee, Hot Tea

Saturday Spouse's Luncheon (Optional)

Entrée:

- Chicken Caesar Wrap
- Ham and Cheese on Rustic Bread
- Salad

Potato Chips

Sliced Fresh fruit

Iced Tea and Water Service

Fresh Baked Cookies

[Note: You must make your Entrée selection via the Registration Form]

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2020 Reunion Courtyard by Marriott, Jacksonville, FL PROGRAM

Thursday, 8 October 2020

1500 to 1800 Members Arrive. Check-in at Hotel Lobby
1800 to 2200 Hospitality Room Open

Friday, 9 October 2020

0900 to-2200 Members Arrive. Check-in at Hospitality Room
0900 to 1130 Board of Directors Meeting -Boardroom
1400 to 1530 Board of Directors Meeting - Boardroom
0900 to 2200 Hospitality Room Open

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Your Own

Saturday, 10 October 2020

1200 to 1330 Spouse Luncheon with Vice President
1400 to 1600 General Membership Meeting - Kingsley Room
1730 to 1830 Reception – cash bar - Ballroom
1830 to 2130 Annual Alumni Banquet - Ballroom
Guest Speaker: **TBD**
Entertainment by Salt Driven Ride Band

Breakfast& Lunch on Your Own

Sunday, 11 October 2020

0730 to 0830 Board of Directors Meeting – Election of Officers: Boardroom
0830 to 1100 Breakfast and Memorial Ceremony - Kingsley Room
1100 Adjourn
Reunion Ends- - Stay around Jacksonville and Enjoy!

Hospitality Room Hours

The Hospitality Room will have available beverages and snacks and NMCB 14 articles for sale. After the registration tables are closed on Thursday, late-comers can register in the Hospitality Room. The silent auction displays will also be in the room for examination and bid submittal. The room is intended as a meeting place for members to gather and enjoy the company of other alumni. Enjoy it!

Thursday, 8 OCT	1800 to 2200
Friday, 9 OCT	0900 to 1200 1300 to 2200
Saturday, 10 OCT	1000 to 1400 2200 to 2400