

**February, 2023
Baton Rouge, LA
Reunion**



Lake Charles Times

The 2023 USS Savage Reunion Baton Rouge, LA!



September 24-28, 2023

Great news! We have the opportunity to once again come together as shipmates and friends. We are pleased to provide you with a summary of events for our 2023 USS Savage Reunion in Baton Rouge, LA. In this issue of the Lake Charles Times, you will find the events schedule as well as contact information for the hotel and an events reservation document that must be completed and return to Tom Hendricks no later than July 31st. We hope to see you in Louisiana!

Embassy Suites by Hilton Baton Rouge



It is time to reserve your room at Embassy Suites, Baton Rouge, LA, for our 2023 reunion. This all-suite hotel offers a separate living room, microwave and refrigerator in every suite. The Embassy Suites Baton Rouge serves a cooked breakfast every morning and guests can also enjoy a free cocktail and light snack at the nightly Manager's Reception. The hotel's Zydeco Bar and Grill serves seafood and regional cuisine. Recreational amenities to consider at the Baton Rouge Embassy Suites include an indoor swimming pool, a gym and 3-hole putting green. The Belle of Baton Rouge Casino is within a 10-minute drive of the Embassy Suites and make for a great night out. The Bayou Waterpark is 10 miles away, and there are numerous opportunities to experience an amazing Louisiana-style meal nearby, including The Baton Rouge Kitchen and Bar, City Pork Jefferson, Parrain's Seafood and Elsie's Plate and Pie. Nearby attractions include the LSU Museum of Art, Mike The Tiger Habitat, Baton Rouge Zoo and visiting the Pentagon Barracks Museum.

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved for the USS Savage Reunion. If calling the hotel directly to make your reservation, please reference "**SSR**" to assure you get the appropriate rates. The negotiated rate is \$125.00 to \$135.00 per night depending the number of beds in the room **for your stay between 9/24/22 and 9/28/22**. The rate for rooms outside of this date range, up to three days prior or three days after, will remain the same. Rooms must be reserved under the code "SSR" **no later than September 1, 2023**. Any special accommodations needed for your room must be made at the time of reservation. Hotel parking is complementary for self-parking throughout the duration of your stay. If you have any questions about reserving the hotel, you can call Mike Burkhart at 520-248-6337.

The Embassy Suites Baton Rouge is located at 4914 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Contact the Embassy Suites at (225) 924-6566 and reference group **SSR** to make your reservations and assure all your hotel benefits. Or log on to this website to make reservations and use Code SSR:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/7ae8cd56/pKur79g5x0W-fumHqgCIgg?u=https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/btrcses-ssr-8389e888-58c0-4680-ba53-01208376179c/>

The last day to cancel a hotel reservation is 48-hours prior to your arrival.

Reunion Agenda

A. Sunday Sept. 24 - ARRIVAL DAY-Registration starting at 3:00 PM

1. Attendees can pay USS Savage Reunion Association dues and any unpaid fees that are part of the 2023 USS Savage Reunion's planned activities.
2. Receive local Baton Rouge information packet as you arrive.
3. 'Open House' gathering for all in the Congress Hospitality Room (Adult beverages and other light refreshments)
4. Dinner is on your own!

B. Monday Sept. 25 -USS SAVAGE (DE/DER 386) MEMORIAL SERVICE DAY (\$16.50 pp)

1. Depart Hotel @ **9:30 am** – Arrive at USS Kidd Veteran's Memorial for the USS Savage Memorial Service and a self-guided USS Kidd. Numerous restaurants for a lunch are nearby the USS Kidd site.
2. Transportation via private car or Uber/Lyft.
3. Return to hotel via private car or Uber/Lyft.
4. Meeting and auction will start @ 2:00 pm in the Congress Hospitality Room.
5. Dinner is on your own!
6. 'Open House' – Congress Hospitality Room.

C. Tuesday Sept. 26–SWAMP TOUR (\$72.50 pp)

1. Depart for Swamp Tour @ **10:30 am**, – Transportation by bus.
2. ***Consider eating a hearty breakfast at the hotel as no lunch is provided.*** We will bring snacks on the trip
3. Afternoon and Dinner on your own.
4. 'Open House' – Congress Hospitality Room.

D. Wednesday Sept. 27– FREE DAY AND BANQUET DINNER (\$55.00 pp)

1. Free Day so you can explore and enjoy Baton Rouge.
2. 'Open House' – Congress Hospitality Room.
3. Banquet starts @ 6:00 pm, featuring a Barbeque Dinner in the Senate Banquet Room at the hotel with dinner provided. Vegan and Vegetarian meal options are available (Please indicate your preference on the Registration form). Alcohol is not provided, but you can bring in drinks purchased from the Zydeco Bar.

E. Thursday Sept. 28– FAREWELLS & CHECK OUT of HOTEL

USS Kidd (DD-661) Veterans Memorial



Monday Business Meeting and Auction and a Wednesday Banquet Dinner

Monday morning will be a memorable time at the USS Kidd Veterans Memorial, followed by our USS Savage Reunion Association Business Meeting and Auction. The business meeting and auction (Please bring something to auction that is easy to transport home) will start at 2:00 pm in the Congress Hospitality Room.

Wednesday can either be a time relaxing by the indoor pool, the spa tub, working out in the 24-hour fitness center, visiting with friends in the hospitality suite or exploring the sights that Baton Rouge and the surrounding area has to offer. Transportation can be coordinated with others at the reunion or easily obtained via taxi, Lyft or Uber. The Banquet Dinner, in the Senate Hospitality Room will start at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a nightcap after the banquet if you like in the Congress Hospitality Room or at the Zydeco Bar in the hotel, or a local watering hole nearby the hotel.

Reunion Event Transportation

Baton Rouge is about an hour's drive from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, should you choose to fly into the New Orleans Airport and rent a car. If you are planning to fly directly into the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (Ryan Field), the primary airlines are American, Delta or United Airlines. The hotel is about a 20-minute drive from the Baton Rouge Airport.

Reunion Event and Cost Details

Enclosed on the registration form in this newsletter is a list of events with the accompanying costs. Instructions for calculating the total expense and submitting payment is noted on the document. **Please be sure to make your indicate all intentions of attending an event or not, and the number of attendees when completing the form.**

Dues Payment

The annual dues for the USS Savage Reunion Association, in the amount of \$20.00 should be submitted to Tom Hendriks when submitting your reservation form. This can be calculated into the payment amount as you complete the reservation form below and by including the amount in the check you send to: **Tom Hendricks, Treasurer, 5217 35th Street, S.W., Great Falls, MT 59404.** If you have already paid your 2023 dues, thank you!

Baton Rouge Weather in September

Daily high temperatures range from $90^{\circ}F$ to $84^{\circ}F$, rarely falling below $77^{\circ}F$ or exceeding $94^{\circ}F$.

Daily low temperatures range from $72^{\circ}F$ to $65^{\circ}F$, rarely falling below $54^{\circ}F$ or exceeding $76^{\circ}F$.

Attending, Possibly Attending or Not This Year?

If you are you not planning to attend the reunion this year, please know that we will be thinking of you and honoring your service. We hope you will take a moment and share a photo of yourself and your family so we can share with those in attendance what you are up to these days. We hope to see you at a future reunion! Photos can be sent to mburkhart@watermarkcommunities.com. Let's tell those stories one more time!

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

USS Savage (DE/DER-386) Baton Rouge, LA Reunion – 2023

Listed below are all the registration and tour costs for the Baton Rouge, LA reunion. Please enter how many people in your group will be participating in each event, and then the total amount due for each item; which would equal the event cost **X** the number of attendees in your party. Sum each item for your total due and then submit that amount in the form of a check or money order, payable to USS Savage Reunion Association, along with a copy of this completed form, to **Tom Hendricks, Treasurer, 5217 35th Street, S.W., Great Falls, MT 59404**. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Note that the all-in cost per person is \$144.00 (not including Annual Dues), including the tours and meal expenses.

All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before July 31, 2023.

	Price Per	# of People	Total
USS Kidd Veterans Memorial (DD-661)	\$16.50		\$
Swamp Tour	\$72.50		\$
Banquet: Barbeque Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>	\$55.00		\$
Annual Dues (Please include if not already paid for 2023)	\$20.00	1	\$
Total Amount Payable to USS Savage Reunion Association			\$

Name of Reunion Association Member: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

For any questions, contact Mike Burkhart at (C) 520-248-6337 or via email at mburkhart@watermarkcommunities.com.

Please let us know if you have any dietary requests or restrictions, or any other special requests for your attendance at the reunion. Use additional paper as needed.

We look forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge!