



USS RANGER CVA/ CV-61 Reunion Association Newsletter June 2025



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A Message from the President

Greetings Fellow Shipmates and Rangerettes!

I hope you are all doing well and you all had an enjoyable Memorial Day. It is difficult to believe we are already into our summer season. Our reunion is quickly approaching, and we have a full agenda with 2 exciting tours planned which you will find a full description of in this newsletter. Thanks again to Brian Forrester for organizing these. If you are still planning to attend, please make your hotel reservation before 20 July 2025 as this is the hotel cutoff date to guarantee you our USS Ranger group contracted room rate.

A new Reunion Association Membership form is also included. We voted on the changes to our membership at our last Reunion, Thank You Tim Schwartz for your hard work; also a new Ships Store price list is included.

I am Happy (HOORRAY) to announce we have a new Newsletter Editor. Formal announcement and turnover will be made at the Reunion.

Al Teran, President

A Message from Mary Schmuhl

Hi Rangers and Rangerettes,

We are having our 2025 Ranger Reunion August 20-24 in Washington, DC. A lot of newcomers came to our reunion last year in Dayton, Ohio. I hope you had a good time and come to Washington, DC this year. We enjoy meeting new people each year. Hopefully to have a nice time with us and return each year to a different reunion place. We have a lot of friendly people in our Ranger reunion group.

I always like to set up for Auction/Raffle on Friday night. Brian reserves the room for us but sometimes the hotel will use the room for a different group on Friday night, night, so Brian must wait to find out when it will be available for us. That is why I don't know for sure the time we can start setting up items for auction/raffle in the room. When the hotel lets Brian know, then he tells me when we can be in the room. We are thankful we don't have to wait until early Saturday morning before breakfast! Some years, the set up was early Saturday morning!

Ranger friends, you all know what we do for our auction/raffle. Hope you have been looking for items to donate. Each year the items you have donated are really nice! Newcomers, we have an auction/raffle on Saturday morning after our breakfast. Ladies have the auction/raffle, and the Guys go to their meeting. If you would like to donate to the auction or raffle, some items are books, t-shirts, jewelry, blankets, Navy items, souvenirs, or different items.

Both ladies and guys can buy tickets. Tickets need to be put in the cups before breakfast on Saturday. Auction tickets are 25 for \$20. Put your (Badge #) on the tickets! We will have cups on the tables with a number next to item with same #. Put your tickets in the cups of items you would hope to win. The raffle items use different tickets. Raffle tickets are 6 for \$5. Put your (Badge #) on Raffle tickets also! Guys, **please** stay out of the auction/raffle until it is OVER. If you win an item, your Badge # is on your ticket, so you can come get your item AFTER the raffle is over.

Stay safe and healthy! Hope to see you at the reunion in Washington, DC in August!

Mary Schmuhl

Rest in Peace

Shipmate – you have received your final orders. The seas have been calmed. You have had smooth sailing on your cruise to hallowed grounds. Your anchor has been dropped, and here you will remain for eternity. May you rest in peace.

Conrad Skjong(Shong)

Feb 2025

Jerry Olsen Mar 2025

Message from our Treasurer

Members:

At the 2024 Dayton reunion, a new dues policy was voted on by the board at their meeting and ratified by the members at the business meeting.

Previously the membership dues were \$20 annually due from all members except members who had paid for a lifetime membership when they originally joined the association. Lifetime memberships were discontinued several years ago but were grandfathered for those that chose that path originally.

The new policy is to eliminate the annual dues requirement for all members. To replace the revenue from dues with an enhanced registration fee will be calculated and charged only to members attending reunions.

New members will be charged a one-time fee of \$25 for those subscribing to e-mailed newsletters and \$50 for those who chose the snail-mail option to defray costs of postage and printing.

Please see and read the new Membership form attached.

Lifetime members will continue to be grandfathered if any changes are made to the dues policy in the future.

This policy will become effective in 2025.

Tim Schwartz, Treasurer”

A Message from Brian Forrester

USS Ranger Members,

AHOY all Shipmates and Friends – please see the Hotel/Room information below for our 2025 Reunion being held at the Hyatt Regency Dulles, Washington, DC, from Wednesday August 20th to Sunday August 24th. Our room rate is \$149 + taxes which includes a hot breakfast for 2. The room rate is good for the 3 days pre-August 20th and the 3 days post August 24th based on availability.

Please click on the link below for your 2025 Hyatt Regency Dulles room reservation. Once the page opens up, you will see on the top right corner of the page “Edit Stay Details”. Click on that and then put in the dates you want to make your room reservation on. <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DULLE/G-BBB7>

If you cannot book your reservation online, or need assistance with an ADA accessible room, you can call Rachel Park who looks after Group reservations. Her direct # is 703-793-6820 and mention our USS Ranger Block Code G-BBB7. If you need an ADA accessible room, please call ASAP as there are only a limited # of these rooms available.

Hyatt Regency Dulles

2300 Dulles Corner Blvd.

Herndon, Virginia 20171 United States

Phone: 703 713 1234

Hotel Website: <https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/dulle-hyatt-regency-dulles>

Please call Brian Forrester @ 480-332 7294 if you have any issues.



USS Ranger CVA/CV-61
37th Annual Reunion
Washington DC
Wednesday 20 August thru Saturday 23 August

REUNION AND TOUR REGISTRATION

Please mail this registration form with your check payable to:

USS Ranger Reunion Association (2025)
c/o Tim Schwartz, 5837 Morgan Place #87, Stockton, CA 95219

Please send your registration **ASAP**. Cancellations will be accepted less a **\$10.00** processing fee, if written notice is received **PRIOR** to 20 July 2025. **No refunds after the cutoff date.**

Name(s) (Please Print) _____ First timer? Yes No

Address: _____ email: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

INFORMATION FOR NAME TAGS (If you already have a Ranger name tag, please wear it)

Your Name _____ Have Name Tag? Yes No

Dates served on Ranger _____ to _____ Div/Dept. _____ (please fill out)

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Wednesday, 20 Aug - 6-7pm **Welcome Reception** **Complimentary**

Thursday, 21 Aug - **12:30-4:30pm Manassas Battlefield & Bull Run Winery Tour**.....@ \$85 pp \$ _____

(Lunch on your own at hotel prior to the tour)

Friday, 22 Aug - 9:00 - 3 pm **Washington City, Capital National Cathedral**.....@ \$95pp \$ _____

(Box lunch included in tour)

Saturday, 23 Aug - 8-11am **Shipmate/Rangerettes Breakfast** Included
Ranger Business Meeting & Rangerette Silent Auction immediately following breakfast

Saturday, 23 Aug - 6-11pm **Farewell Banquet** with Entertainment
Dinner Choices (includes Salad, Starch, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee, Tea)

Grilled Chicken Breast with Herb Demi Sauce.....@ \$50 pp \$ _____

Baked White Fish in Lemon Sauce.....@ \$50 pp \$ _____

Herb Crusted Pork Loin..... @ \$50 pp \$ _____

Vegetarian Vegetable Lasagna.....@ \$50 pp \$ _____

Registration Fee (Required for Shipmate Only) @ \$40 \$ _____

Membership Fee for First Timers @ \$25 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Hotel Registration - Hyatt Regency Dulles 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd Herndon, Virginia 20171

Phone: **Rachael Park 703 793 6820** / use USS **Ranger Reunion Block Code G-BBB7**. Room rates are \$149.00 per night + taxes based on double occupancy. **(Includes hot breakfast buffet for 2).**

Rates are applicable for 3 days pre and post official contracted dates **based on availability**.

Reservations must be made before 20 July 2025. Complimentary parking.

Contact Brian Forrester with any hotel issues: 480-332-7294

Tour Descriptions

Manassas Battlefield and Bull Run Winery Tour

Manassas: We will explore the exhibits in the Manassas Visitor's Center and discuss artillery's importance. Walk Henry Hill, where Stonewall Jackson received his nickname and where the Confederate Army won the first major battle of the Civil War. A stop at the Stone House will be made to discuss Tavern life in the 19th century as well as medical care of Civil War Soldiers.

We will then proceed to the Bull Run Winery Tour for wine tasting and our guides will be also available to answer any other questions you may have regarding Manassas Bull Run Winery Tour: The Winery at Bull Run is located adjacent to the charming Stone Bridge which crosses Bull Run stream at the eastern entrance of the Manassas National Battlefield Park in Manassas, Virginia. The original bridge was destroyed during the First Battle of Bull Run (First Manassas) on July 21, 1861, the first major land battle of the American Civil War. Some years later, the new bridge of today, similar to the original design, was built on the site of the old bridge. The Winery lies on 225 acres adjacent to Manassas Battlefield Park where the remnants of an old house that burned down about 30 years ago still partially stand. Because The Winery at Bull Run is passionate about the history of the area; we salvaged the old stone foundation and chimney which was stabilized to preserve the interesting 1800s character of the site. You will enjoy fascinating facts about the Hillwood Estate and the people who once lived there during our seated wine presentation while sampling a variety of Bull Run wines.

Washington Highlights Tour

We will celebrate at the Washington Cathedral Tour with a certified guide on a private journey through Washington's most famous house of worship. This is a classic Washington experience! First, we will explore the grounds by observing damage from the devastating 2011 earthquake in Washington. Discover the famous flying buttresses of this gothic church. Next, step inside and experience a breathtaking view of the main nave of the church. Visit most of the individual chapels within the Cathedral including one dedicated to the United States Armed Forces. We will then spend 90 minutes at Vietnam/Korean/Lincoln Memorials. These three iconic landmarks are within steps of each other at one coach stop.

End the day with a photo stop at the West Face of the US Capitol.

For those extending on the front or back of the reunion and would like to see what else is available, please visit the below link Enjoy The Best Of Fairfax County Virginia

www.fxva.com

Storekeeper 2025 Price List Order Form

Item	Color	Size	Price	Totals
Ranger Commissioning Program			10	
T-Shirts, graphics on back, Minuteman on front	gray	Sm/Med/LG	20	
	gray	2XL/3XL/4XL	25	
T-Shirts, ship on front	gray	Sm/Med/LG	20	
	gray	2XL/3XL/4XL	25	
Denim Shirts, long sleeve, CV/CVA-61 gold logo on front	light blue	Med/LG/XL	38	
	light blue	2X/3X/4X	38	
Denim Shirts, long sleeve, CV/CVA-61 gold logo on front	dark blue	Med/LG/XL	38	
	dark blue	2X/3X/4X	38	
Sweatshirts, light weight, graphics on front	gray	Med/LG/XL	30	
	gray	2X/3X	35	
Sweatshirts, light weight, graphics on back	gray	Sm/Med/LG/XL	30	
	gray	2X/3X	35	
Polo, with embroidered Minuteman logo	navy blue	Med/LG/XL/2X	35	
Jackets, lined, CVA/CVA-61 nylon, gold logo on left front	blue	Sm/Med/LG/XL/2X/3X	40	
Ball Caps, CV-61 with ship			25	
Ball Caps, CV-61 without ship			20	
Ball Caps, CVA-61 with ship			25	
Ball Caps, CVA-61 without ship			20	
Officers Ball Cap without ship			20	
Plank Owner Ball Cap			20	
Mugs, Minuteman logo, CV-61 on handle	royal blue & white		17	
Mugs CVA / CV 61			20	
Reunion Minuteman Hat Pin, CVA-61, CV-61			5	
Reunion Hat Pin, past reunions, as available			3	
Ship Bumper Sticker			5	
Window Sticker, CV/CVA-61			5	
Neck Lanyard for Badges			3	
USS Ranger Challenge Coin			15	
Minuteman Reunion Patch, sew on			5	
Minuteman Patch, sew on, CVA-61			5	
Minuteman Patch, sew on, CV-61			5	
Final Fairwell Patch, sew on			5	
Ranger CVA/CV Video Tour CD			30	
Rangerette T-Shirts	blue	Sm/Med/LG/XL/2X/3X	20	

Mail check or money order made out to USS Ranger Reunion Assoc., Inc. to:
David Hankins, 3140 West 50th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46228

Subtotal _____
Shipping/Handling 18

Name: _____

Total _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



USS RANGER CVA/CV-61 REUNION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last name: _____

First name: _____

USPS mailing address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number: _____

Dates served on Ranger: _____ Division: _____ Department: _____

NOTE: Please use this form to apply for membership to the Association, or to change your USPS address or e-mail address

In order to save mailing costs of future newsletters, the board encourages new members to sign up for e-mail (paperless) delivery.

You are eligible to join the association if you ever served aboard the ship as ship's company or attached to any air group assigned to the ship during its commissioned service. Membership consideration will be given to lineal descendants of the above on a case-by-case basis.

Membership will be a onetime fee of \$25 if you choose the e-mail delivery method of future newsletters and \$50 if you choose the USPS (snail mail) delivery. Please provide all of the information requested to be considered for membership. There is no charge for a change of address only.

As of 2025, there is NO LONGER an annual dues requirement!

Please mail completed application/ address change to:

USS Ranger Reunion Association, C/O Tim Schwartz,
5837 Morgan Place, **UNIT 87**,
Stockton, CA 95219

REMEMBER: If applying for a new membership, please enclose a check for either \$25 or \$50 depending upon your mailing preference payable to USS Ranger Reunion Association. **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

It is important to notify us when your **mailing** or **email** address changes. You are an important shipmate and we do not want to lose contact! Sadly, the Post Office fee is approximately \$1.00 to forward a newsletter and we'd like to eliminate that added expense if possible. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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