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**NOW HEAR THIS!!**

## 2017 REUNION

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual ABNAKI Reunion will be in Linthicum, Maryland (just outside of Baltimore, Maryland) September 6-10, 2017. Our Host is Jackie Vaughan. Daughter of Adolph Channel.

Our Hotel will be the **Marriott BWI Airport**, 1743 West Nursery Road, Linthicum, MD., 21090, located 5 minutes from BWI Airport. The cost is **\$115.00 plus tax, per night**. They have offered the special rate before and after the reunion dates based on room availability (they indicated that room availability should not be a problem). The rooms will be under the USS ABNAKI Reunion, when calling the hotel to make reservations, please identify yourself as being with the USS ABNAKI Reunion. They will try to keep all of us together on the same floors, they offer handicap accessible rooms, please let them know if you need a handicap accessible room when you make reservations.

Reservations can be made by calling: **410-859-8300 or 800-228-9290**. Remember to tell them you are with the USS ABNAKI Reunion.

Jackie had difficulties in finding a hotel that would allow us to have our own room with alcohol. In this suite we will be allowed to have our own alcohol and snacks, pizza etc. We also have the 2 rooms adjacent to the hospitality room available as overflow, if needed.

**If you served on the USS ABNAKI ATF96, please bring a picture of yourself in uniform, if you have one. It will be returned to you at the end of the reunion.**

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017** – Registration Day in the Hospitality Suite.

**Thursday, September 7, 2017** – We will leave the hotel at 0900 hours for downtown Washington, DC, where we will tour the **National Museum of the US Navy**, with stops and visits to the **Korean War Memorial** and **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. **YOU WILL NEED A PHOTO ID OR MILITARY ID FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE US NAVY, IF YU DO NOT HAVE ONE, PLEASE LET JACKIE KNOW AND SHE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE MUSEUM.**

The Welcome Aboard will begin at 18 hours in the Hospitality room with refreshments and food.

**Friday, September 8, 2017** – We will leave the hotel at 0900 for downtown Baltimore, MD, where we will tour the **Baltimore Basilica** (America’s First Cathedral) and Fort McHenry.

**Saturday, September 9, 2017** – Crew Meeting in the Hospitality Room at 0900 hours. Free time during the day after that. The Banquet will be held in the **Marriott Banquet Room** beginning at 1700 hours. The raffle will be held after the Banquet.

**The tour buses are Handicap and Wheelchair accessible.**

**Breakfast** is not included the room rate, there is a Breakfast Buffet available at the hotel for an additional charge. There is a restaurant on site, along with a second restaurant in the Sports Bar, Starbucks, and a Lobby Bar. Arundel Mills Mall, Maryland Live Casino at Arundel Mills, and numerous other attractions are within driving distance from the hotel.

The Marriott BWI Airport offers shuttle service to and from BWI Airport to the hotel – please call 410-859-8300 or 800-228-9290 to schedule your pick-up.

If you would call or send Jackie a message with your flight information, she will stay in contact with the hotel to make sure they have this information. [jackie.vaughan@comcast.net](mailto:jackie.vaughan@comcast.net) or 443-532-5889.

USS ABNAKI (ATF96)

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

To ensure your registration for these activities, this form must be returned not later than August 1, 2017.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>		<u>.</u>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>TOUR 1</u>	<u>FREE</u>		<u>.</u>
		<u>WASHINGTON, DC</u>			<u>.</u>
	<u>1800</u>	<u>WELCOME ABOARD</u>	<u>\$16.00</u>		<u>.</u>
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>TOUR 2</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>		<u>.</u>
		<u>BALTIMORE, MD</u>			<u>.</u>
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>1700</u>	<u>BANQUET</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>		<u>.</u>
				<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>.</u>

**WIDOWS: ONCE AGAIN ALL ACTIVITIES LISTED IN THE REGISTRATION FORM ARE FREE FOR YOU. OUR WIDOWS ARE VERY SPECIAL TO US AND CONTRIBUTE A LOT TO THE REUNIONS. PLEASE COME AND BRING ALONG ANY FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS ETC., THAT YOU WOULD LIKE!!**

I would also like to remind everyone of the Raffle we have every year. We appreciate anything you would like to bring for raffle. This helps to subsidize our reunion. It is also a lot of FUN!

**The Banquet will be served Buffett style**

The meal will include: Green Garden Salad, with choice of Dressings, Macaroni Salad, Pit Beef with Barbecue Glaze, Honey Fried Chicken, Old Bay Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Assorted Desserts, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Herbal Teas and Iced Tea.

Please feel free to bring as many guests as you would like, including but not limited to Parents, Grandparents, Children, Grandchildren, Great Grand Children, Cousins, Uncles, Aunts, Friends Friend’s Friends or relatives. OK, I think you get the idea!! Reunions are for kicking back and relaxing, so bring them on! The more the merrier!

Please show you and your guests name the way you would like them to appear on the “Name Badge”. Also, please provide you rank and years served aboard the USS ABNAKI.

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Registration form should be completed and returned to: Jackie Vaughan, 171 M.F. Bowen Road, Huntingtown, Maryland 20639, no later than August 1, 2017, call or email Jackie at 443-532-5889 or 410-414-5182, [Jackie.vaughan@comcast.net](mailto:Jackie.vaughan@comcast.net) or [vaughajk@co.cal.md.us](mailto:vaughajk@co.cal.md.us), with any questions or ideas.

If anyone knows of an ABNAKI crew member or family that has passed, please let me know.  
Nancy cell phone 641-745-7077.

**From Jackie Vaughn, Storekeeper:** I will be establishing a new vendor for the hats, shirts and jackets. The link below is to their website for the different apparel items they offer, there is no minimum order for their embroidery service. If you click on the vendor link it allows you to choose the style or hat, shirt, polo, etc. that you like. If someone wants to order an item they can go online, pick out what they want and can contact me, I will take care of ordering for them, pick up and shipping or delivering to them. For those Abnaki members that do not have access to the internet can call me with what they are looking for and I will take care of ordering for them. I will bring a limited supply of shirts and hats to the reunion this year and if you have anything special you are looking for let me know. Polos with left chest embroidery usually run around \$23 and up depending on the style. Embroidered hats generally \$14-\$16. Windbreakers with linings may be around \$30ish.

You can visit the website at [www.otseonline.com](http://www.otseonline.com) Click "link" on the tool bar to get a list of apparel suppliers we have accounts with. You can visit their latest catalogs on-line and search various styles. If you would like a price on anything jot down the name of the catalog and style number and email me a request for pricing.

Jackie Vaughn 443-532-5889 (cell)  
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I am getting excited about the reunion; it will be here before you know it!! It is always good to see old friends and shipmates. I spoke with Jackie the other day. Reservations are trickling in. Reservations need to be sent no later than August 1, 2017. So get yours in so you don't miss out on all the fun! It would be awesome to have some new faces to meet and greet along with all our old friends. Sounds to me like she has a wonderful schedule planned.

There is a site you can go to and see your State, City and those who gave their lives in Vietnam. <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates>. First click on a state, then click on city and the names will appear. Click on their names. It should show a picture of the person or at least their biography and medals. The link is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam War. Please pass the link on to others, as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed.

I will have my computer at the reunion for those of you unable to look this up.

"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Anyone Who Threatens It"



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