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REUNION 2018
September 19-23, 2018

2018 REUNION

The 30th Annual ABNAKI Reunion will be held in Henderson Nevada (just outside of Las Vegas) September 19-23, 2018. Our Host is Frank Cardoza.

Our Hotel will be at the Fiesta Henderson Hotel & Casino, located at 777 W. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson NV 89015. We have received a great rate for our reunion. The cost is \$49.00 per night plus tax for Wednesday and Thursday; and \$99.00 per night, plus tax for Friday and Saturday. For those wishing to come in early or stay a day late, the rates will be \$49.00 per night plus tax, depending on availability.

The cut-off date for making reservations will be Friday, August 1, 2018, so please make your reservation early. If you wish to make your reservation on-line, the link is <https://fiestahenderson.sclv.coWHotel>.

1. Once on this page, enter the group code RCIUSAB in the box that say OFFER CODE and click on the box saying BOOK NOW.
 2. Now you'll be on the booking page where you will select the arrival date, number of nights, and the number of adults.
 3. Select the room type and click on CHECK AVAILABILITY.
 4. That will bring up the screen to select the room type and click on BOOK NOW to fill in your information.
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5. You will need a credit card to book your rooms and the reservation system will charge the first night's room and tax at the time of booking to your credit card.
6. Reservations can be cancelled with a full refund if the cancellation is made 72 hours or more prior to arrival.
7. You will receive a confirmation email with all your reservation information.

The hotel has made every effort to keep us on the same floor.

Reservation can also be handled by calling: 702-567-7247 and ask for Ann Parsons, and she will assist with your booking. Be sure to mention that you are part of the USS Abnaki Reunion.

Be sure to bring gifts for our raffle.

Our hospitality suite will allow us to bring our own alcohol and snack. We also have 2 rooms adjacent to the hospitality room.

Once again if you served onboard the USS Abnaki (ATF-96) we are asking that you bring a picture of yourself in uniform. It will be returned to you at the end of the reunion.

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 — Registration Day in the Hospitality Suite

The Welcome Aboard will begin at 1800 hours in the Hospitality room with refreshments and snacks.

Thursday, September 20, 2018 — We will leave the hotel at 1000 hours for the distillery in Henderson where we will tour the Las Vegas Distillery, followed by lunch on the premises.

Friday, September 21, 2018 — We will leave the hotel at 1000 for the Mob Museum in downtown Las Vegas followed by lunch at the Leather Neck Bar and Grill.

The tour buses are Handicap and Wheelchair accessible.

Saturday, September 22, 2018 — Crew Meeting in the Hospitality Room at 0900 hours. Free time during the day after that to enjoy the amenities of the Fiesta Casino. The Banquet will be held at the Fiesta Casino.

Breakfast is not included in the room rate. However, there is a buffet and café available on site. There is also a food court on site that includes a Starbucks, as well as other fast foods.

A Regal Cinema is on site for the latest movies.

Transportation to and from the Airport: Super Shuttle: Check out their websites for reservations. **Taxi:** a one way trip can cost \$35 to \$45 dollars.

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If you would call or send Frank an email at: abnaki76@gmail.com or (916) 893-3198 (Leave a message if he doesn't pick up right away) with questions you may have.

Let's make this reunion a success!

The menu for the Banquet sounds Yummy!!

STARTERS:

MIXED GREEN SALAD WITH CHOICE OF
DRESSINGS: RANCH, ITALIAN, BLUE
CHEESE OR THOUSAND ISLAND

ENTRÉE:

CHICKEN MARSALA
WHITE FISH SERVED WITH A CITRUS BUERRE
BLANC SAUCE
HERB ROASTED RED POTATOES
FRESH SEASONAL VEGETABLES
WARM ROLLS WITH BUTTER

FRESHLY BREWED REGULAR COFFEE,
DECAFFEINATED COFFEE, ICED TEA & WATER

I want to remind everyone of the raffle we have after the Banquet. All donations are appreciated. This is an important event that helps support our Reunion along with yearly dues. I understand that there was some disapproval of how the raffle went last year, and I **promise** this will not happen again.

Stephen and Mary Gonzalez will be making center pieces for our banquet tables.

The following is a list of all the Reunions and who put in the hard work to make sure these were successful. I would like to challenge all you “oldies” to remember these Reunions and make a note of something special you remember about them. It would be great if you would write it down and send to me:

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1989 Saint Louis, MO – Joe Colombara (Ellie)

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1991 Memphis, TN – Joe Colombara (Ellie)

1993 Virginia Beach, VA – Herman Phelps

1994 Rapid City, SD – Jim Wrage

1995 Marietta, GA – Don Fries

1996 Green Valley, AZ- Carl Immel

1997 Daytona Beach, FL – Hal High

1998 Milwaukee, WI – John Immel (Marilyn)

2000 Birmingham, AL – Jack Bains

2001 Pendleton, Or – Joe Baker

2002 Charleston, SC – Mike Holland

2003 San Diego, CA – Stanley Jeffrey

2004 Branson, MO – Pete Kingsley (Ceci) and Pete Pilgrim (Lori)

2005 Bowie, MD – Adolph Channell (Barbara)

2006 San Antonio, TX- Pete Kingsley (Ceci) and Holland

2007 Chicago, IL – Duane Duhigg (Judy)

2008 Saint Louis, MO – Joe Colombara (Ellie) and Pete Kingsley (Ceci)

2009 Renton, WA – Van (Dusty) Rhodes (Gwen)

2010 New Orleans, LA – Mike Holland

2011 Branson, MO – Pete Pilgrim (Lori)

2012 Erlanger, KY – Joe Colombara (Ellie)

2013 Charlotte, NC – Asa Myers

2014 Colorado Springs, CO – Pete Pilgrim (Lori) and Don Fries

2015 Jeffersonville, IN – Delmas Pennington (Delores)

2016 Portland, OR – Darrell Plank

2017 Baltimore, MD – Jackie Vaughan

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