

USS ESSEX Association 53rd. Reunion

Our **2024** reunion will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, by Hilton located at 1201 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207 the week of **September 5 to September 10, 2024**. To make your Hotel reservations please call Double Tree Hotel Reservations at **800-222-8733 or 904-398-8800** before **August 5, 2024**. You **MUST** indicate the group name USS ESSEX Association and Code **“ESS”** in order to receive the group rate. Our room rate includes Breakfast and is **\$119.00** a night plus tax for a **City view** room & **\$129.00** a night plus tax for a **River view** room. If you need a **Refrigerator** for your medication or a **Handicap** room please request it at the time you make your reservation. The Hotel also offers a 24-hour fitness center, an outdoor swimming pool with loungers and tables.

The Hotel has self-parking which has been **Discounted to \$8.00** a day plus tax for the Essex Membership. When driving on I-95 use exit **#348**. NOTE: There are two self-parking lots under the building out of the Sun, one faces the river and the other faces the City, Please remember which lot your in. There is Valet parking available at \$24.00 a day plus tax, no discount.

*** Make your Hotel Reservation & Mail Reunion Registration EARLY to avoid late fee's ***

The Reunion Brats' Registration Form Must Be Post Marked by August 5, 2024. **MAIL EARLY**.

The Hotel is about 16 miles and 20 minutes from the Jacksonville Airport (Airport code is **“JAX”**). If your using a computer to search for Airfare you can try **KAYAK.COM** to search numerous airlines at one time, when you select an airline it automatically switches you to that airline to make your reservation. Note: Southwest Airlines does not participate in Kayak. After landing and picking up your luggage you will have to get a Taxi, Uber or Lift to take you to the Hotel.

On Thursday evening we will have a Welcome Dinner and on Monday evening we will have a Farewell Dinner at the Hotel. The prices have been reduced, because the association is subsidizing the cost of these Dinners. This benefit comes from the Funds we have raised over the years at the **LADIES AUCTION**. **PLEASE remember to bring the items you want to donate to the Auction**. Also available is an optional Vegetarian Meal upon request. **NOTE: All Dinner prices include Tax & Tip & can be found on the Reservation form**.

We will be either receiving coupons or using our room numbers for the Buffet Breakfast which includes, Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage links & patties, Potatoes, Grits, Oatmeal, Toast, Muffins, Bagels, English Muffins, Croissants, Pancakes, French Toast, Cold Cereals, Biscuits & Gravy, Corn beef Hash, Juice, Coffee, Tea, also available are made to order Eggs, No Omelets. **Some items will be served on alternate days**. NOTE: The Regular Buffet price is \$19.95 per person, which is included in your room rate.

There is a **20% Discount** in the Hotel Restaurant this year for Lunch and Dinner. Also attached to the Hotel is a Ruth Chris Steak House, which is not included in the discount. There are Several Restaurants within walking distance. Four Restaurants are one to two blocks from the Hotel and Six Restaurants are within a ¼ mile to ¾ of a mile from the Hotel.

You can find the description for all the Tours on another page in this Buccaneer.

NOTE: You can cancel your Hotel reservation up to **48 hours** before Check in time of 1600 hours & Date.

Don't hesitate to call me if needed

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