

TO ALL CONNIE SHIPMATES – MARCH 2024

March 31, 2024

Hi Shipmates,

It is about that time again for the Spring Mini Reunion. This year's Mini Reunion will be held in Midland, Texas. All members of our Association are welcome to attend. We have a great 3 days planned – April 23rd – April 26th. The hotel is La Quinta – (432) 694-1200. Make your reservation before April 12th.

If you have any questions about the oil business, Midland has the Petroleum Museum. We are going to have a guide who has drilled and restored many wells in the Permian Basin. In addition to the Petroleum Museum, Midland is home to the Museum of the Southwest which includes a planetarium with a Dome Show, and the original boyhood home of George W. Bush. We are planning to attend a minor league baseball game between the Midland Rockhounds and the Corpus Christi Hooks.

Big Spring is about 40 miles to the east off of the I-20 freeway. Big Spring used to have the Webb Air Force Base. This was a training base used during the later part of WW-2 and Korea. After the base closed, the town folks opened the Hanger 25 Museum. The museum has a display of many of the airplanes which were used at the base. There is also a Vietnam Memorial in Big Spring which we plan to visit.

Odessa is the Rabbit Town of the area. There are 31 painted jackrabbits scattered around the city. The city also has a replica of Stonehenge on the campus of the University of Texas Permian Basin, and the Presidential Archives and Leadership Library which features the George H. Bush family home.

**Check out our website for more information:
www.ussconstellation.org/2024-mini-reunion.html**

Also, be sure to check the website for information on our 2024 reunion in August in Colorado Springs.

Hope to see Y'all in April!

May you enjoy bright sun, fair winds, and calm seas,

**Richard Swain, President
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