

President's letter to Membership June 12, 2020

Dear Shipmates,

OFFICIAL UPDATE - Annual Reunion, Louisville, Kentucky | October 26-31, 2020.

I received e-mails and phone calls from members inquiring if the 2020 Annual Reunion will be held this year? As of this date the order to cancel all future reunions, gatherings, etc. is lifted and *the "green light is on" to proceed with the 2020 Annual Reunion.* Hopefully, our nation will not head into a second "lockdown" prior to the annual reunion. It would appear the virus is losing its potency in the U.S. according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

Last year we signed the hotel contract on December 7, 2020, with the Sheraton Louisville Riverside Hotel to secure and reserve a block of rooms. Mr. Ray Casey, Military Reunion Planners-MRP negotiated for the best offer at an attractive rate during the time that horses will be running at Churchill Downs at Louisville, Kentucky.

MRP informed me that attendance is building, and everyone needs to get booked before the airlines change their penalty policy on June 30, for those of you traveling by air. Do not delay!

Please refer to our website www.usconstellation.org and click on the "Reunion" tab. Scroll about ½ way down to the "Hotel Information" area to make hotel reservations. Click the flashing "Click here for Registration Information" button. This will take you to the MRP website to fill out the Reservation Form (button in menu bar at top). Information about the tours is also available from this page.

All pertinent information about the 2020 Annual Reunion is posted on the "Connie's" website. *As of this date all future events, newsletters, and items of interest will be posted on our web site for your information. Let's use our website more effectively.*

Election of Officers 2020-2022

My two (2) year tenure of office as President of the Association will end at our Annual Reunion.

As outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws Article VIII, Officers and Committees, Section B:

"To run for an office any eligible member, in good standing, may submit a letter of intent to run for any office that will be coming up for election. Letters of intent should be received by March 1st of the year elections will be held. Nominees must give written consent for their name to be placed in nomination.

Nominations will be permitted from the floor. Those who submit a letter of intent will have their name published in the STARSCOPE for the office they seek. All applications must be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. I encourage the Membership to participate in the election of Officers and Committees for the ensuing new administration.

Please submit all nominations and letters of intent to:

Capt. Sidney D. Rodgers, Secretary/Treasurer

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The membership and their Ladies are encouraged to attend and be part of a great reunion. See you at Louisville! Stay well and healthy!

May the sun continue to shine on calm seas,

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