

Fellow Shipmates,

We have established a location and dates for the next Halibut reunion and we want to pass this information on so you can mark your calendars. Other details such as the agenda will be developed later and passed on to you.

The next reunion will be in Fredericksburg Texas; home of Admiral Chester Nimitz and President Lyndon B. Johnson. Fredericksburg is located 75 miles west of Austin and 65 miles northwest of San Antonio, in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. Both Austin and San Antonio have large commercial airports with daily flights from many locations in the US. Fredericksburg has many things to offer; The National Museum of the Pacific War (previously Nimitz Museum), LBJ National Historical Park, Wine tasting tours, golfing, several local museums that display the history of the early German settlers, and lots of shopping. For more information on Fredericksburg, go to [www.fredericksburg-texas.com](http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com).

The dates selected are Sunday, October 14 (arriving and sign in) and departing on Wednesday October 17. We selected weekdays due to the room prices being 35% lower than weekends and Fredericksburg can be very crowded on weekends.

The lodging will be at the *Inn on Barons Creek* ; 308 South Washington street. This is a beautiful setting on a creek that is 1 ½ blocks from the Pacific War museum and main street where most of the shopping and tourist attractions are. We have booked 25 rooms at \$89 per night plus tax. Reservations must be made by September 24, 2012, to guarantee this rate. Their telephone number is (830) 990-9202 and their web site is [www.Innonbaronscreek.com](http://www.Innonbaronscreek.com). There are also several RV parks nearby.

We have not finalized a detailed agenda, but we are thinking of something like the following:

Sunday: October 14 Sign in and reception at 5:00

Monday: AM

Golf game, wine tours, Pacific museum

Monday: PM

Barbeque at Roy Armstrong's , we also plan to shoot some clays.  
(Roy's place is about 12 miles from Fredericksburg and we are  
looking into transportation

Tuesday: AM

More tours and shopping

Tuesday: PM

1:00 Business meeting

6:00 Cocktail hour followed by a speaker and dinner

Wednesday: Depart

As I mentioned earlier, we will be sending out more details and an  
enrollment form early next year. I do suggest that you book your room  
early so that we can add more rooms to our agreement if need be.

On another note, several of us attended the [induction of the Halibut into  
Submarine Hall of Fame](#) at the Submarine Learning Facility in Norfolk  
Virginia. The Navy did an outstanding job in making this presentation; made  
me want to re-up. The Halibut was the 14<sup>th</sup> of Cold War submarines to be  
inducted and our shadow box is displayed proudly in the Allcorn auditorium  
along side the other great submarines of our time. A very special thanks to  
Paul Benton for organizing this effort and making the final assembly of the  
shadow box. Also thanks to Hal Brown and Dick Kanning for their  
donations of Halibut relics that are on display. Also thanks to Edgar Brooks  
for the fabrication of the box; great job. This event is held the every year, the  
Thursday before Memorial Day. It begins with recognition of the submarines  
and crews lost in World War II along with 13 gun salute. It then recognizes a  
post World War II submarine such as the Halibut every year. If you get a  
chance to go to this event, I highly recommend it.

We look forward to seeing you in October of next year.

Sincerely,

Tom Rabb

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