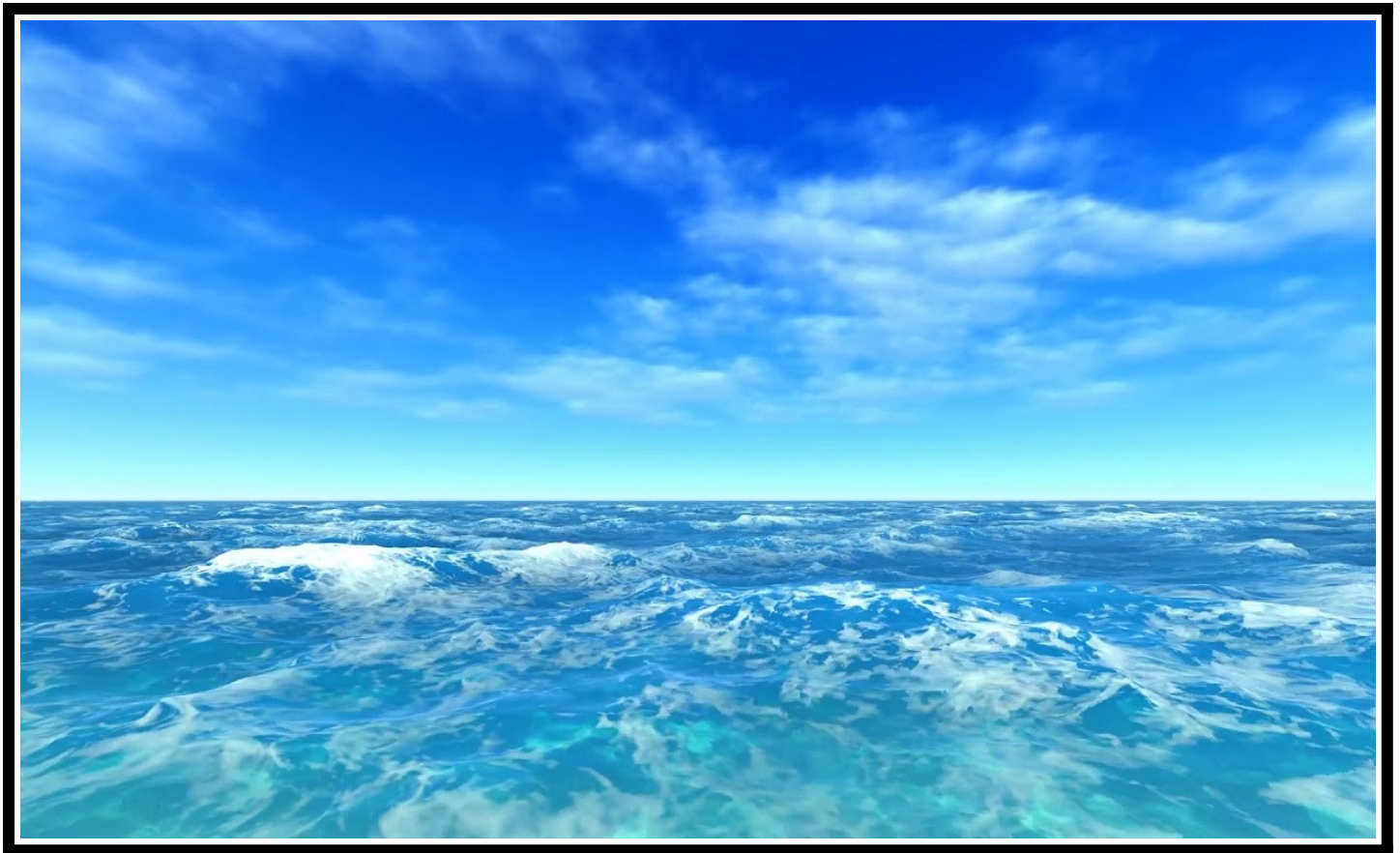


**USS TICONDEROGA  
Veterans' Association**

**NEWS**

VOLUME 49 NO 1

**OUR NEW WEBSITE IS HERE!**



**TICOVETS.ORG**

**We also have a new secretary: Eric Young from CG-47!**

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:***



Hi all!

Kansas City is coming quickly. April 26 is your Deadline Date so please make your hotel reservations and send in your reunion registration, tours, and banquet meal choices ASAP. The reunion and tour details are on our new Web Site [TicoVets.org](http://TicoVets.org). You'll see a SCHEDULE OF EVENTS and KANSAS CITY TOUR INFORMATION there as well.

Thursday is a traditional bus tour while Friday and Saturday morning are your opportunity for economical tours, in small groups, and at your own pace. I recommend the **90-minute city bus tour** for Friday or Saturday morning. This tour goes by the best KC Sites. Reservations are required and it often fills weeks in advance. See [KCFUNTOURS.com](http://KCFUNTOURS.com) or call 1-816-500-5417 for the City Bus Tour. Other tour info will be provided at reunion check-in.

The General Membership Meeting is Saturday afternoon. We will address newsletter distribution and By-Laws updates (see page 5 – changes are in **BOLD**). Key points include:

- Offer Regular Membership to any sailor who served on any decommissioned Ticonderoga Class Cruiser. It is critical to add these shipmates to our roster so we have membership numbers to sustain our reunions as CV membership is declining and CG-47's crew is not nearly large enough to preserve the Association. Other Tico class ships have crew members who want to join and attend reunions. Most do not have a reunion group so we would be opening opportunities to continue the Ticonderoga Veterans' Association by adding them to our roster, and it would bring younger shipmates into the Association.
- Defines the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. The Exec Board will be the President, Executive VP, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chaplain. The Board of Directors will include the Executive Board and 5 most recent Past Presidents. This is will help streamline operations, free up other Past Presidents to help in other rolls such as committee memberships. All are volunteer/zero compensation positions.
- Reimbursement claims of Approved Expenses need to be submitted within 60 days. Association members should not expect unapproved or late billing to be automatic reimbursement by Association.
- Duties and responsibilities of the Chaplain – new!
- Audit Committee will be a 3-year rotating term.
- Membership dues for Regular Members must be paid and the process of ending their benefits are defined.

We need your E-mail Address! This is the best way to send you a quality newsletter 3 or more times per year. Go to [TicoVets.Org](http://TicoVets.Org) and send us your updates from the CONTACT tab. The more email addresses we have, the more we reduce newsletter publication costs.

Finally, my personal **THANK YOU** to Dennis Sabell and Gordon Humphrey Jr. You both have asked many years for relief and we finally have been able to honor your request. You served the Association with dedication for over 10 years each. Eric Young is interim Secretary and Jon Kettl is interim Web Master. I thank all 4 fine gentlemen for their efforts! Again, provide us an Email address that you will check for better Newsletters in the future!  
Regards, until May in KC!

-- Jim Lutz, President

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**PAY BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD VIA ZELLE! SEE TICOVET.ORG FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

## Secretary's Letter:

Good news! I am being replaced! I haven't met my successor directly yet (so I will probably spell his name wrong – you all know how good I am at that)! OK! Here goes: His name is Eric Young and he is going to do a great job (or else!). (Welcome Eric to one of the best gigs you will ever have!)



It has been an honor (and a lot of fun) to serve as Association Secretary for the past 10 years. I have gotten to know so many of you personally and have enjoyed being the one you call when we manage to confuse or anger you. As you know, all of the officers and directors are volunteers. Ed Trotter and George Passantino “volunteered” me 10 years ago. I hope more of you will allow your arm to be twisted a little. You won't regret it!

I look forward to attending future reunions and enjoying the laughter and fellowship in the hospitality rooms! For those members who perhaps can't make it to reunions, the Association welcomes your input, stories, pictures, suggestions, complaints, references, memorabilia and other stuff. Bring it on!

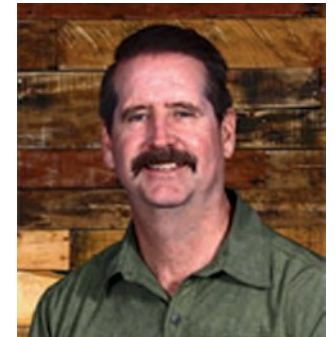
We have a brand new website and newsletter format. The future of the Association is in good hands. I just want to thank you for not firing me until now!

**-- Dennis SaBell**

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## Chaplains Corner:

When you first joined the Navy, you raised your hand and swore an oath; in addition, you signed your name to documents indicating that you would obey your orders, even to the point of incurring arduous duty, including the possibility of bodily harm.



You knew that in living the life of a sailor, there would be a daily burden for you to bear in order to serve your country and wear the uniform. You would have a “cross to bear” so to speak. Why did you sign up for this? Well, the rewards promised seemed to outweigh the cost.

In the spring, most people think of Easter - the date that Jesus of Nazareth was crucified on a cross, died, was buried, and was bodily raised to life three days later.

In the book of Luke, Jesus told those who would choose to follow Him that they too, “must deny himself and take up his cross daily.” In other words, if you want to follow Jesus, you must be willing to endure the circumstances He puts you in. It is genuine commitment, there is no turning back even to the point of death.

Both as a sailor and as a Christian you have to learn to deny your selfish desires in order to accomplish your mission. You look beyond your own needs as you work together as part of a larger community that has common goals: to serve and obey those in authority over you.

As Easter is celebrated around the world this year, let us all be reminded that whatever troubles come upon our path, and whatever suffering comes our way, the trials we endure on this earth will be worth it. When we receive that which God has promised us, we will see we have a brilliant future that is so fantastic, it defies our common vocabulary. Keep your eyes on the end goal and God will guide you though life's storms to a safe harbor!

**-- Chaplain Brett Inman**



**USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION**  
**DRAFT REVISED BY-LAWS OF MAY 20, 2023**

**ARTICLE I**        **NAME:**

The name of this association shall be:

~~**BIG T VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF THE USS TICONDEROGA dba as**~~  
USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE II**        **MISSION:**

The mission of this Association shall be to perpetuate the memory of USS TICONDEROGA CV-CVA-CVS-14 commissioned May 8, 1944, and USS TICONDEROGA CG-47 commissioned January 22, 1983, and ship's company of these ships and to exchange mementos and memories of tours of duty and shall be a non-profit 501(c)(19) association incorporated in the State of Illinois May 24, 1999, in perpetuity. Such purpose to include:

- (a) planning and arranging annual general membership (reunion) meetings;
- (b) locating former shipmates and urging their participation in this association;
- (c) contributing mementos, pictures, plaques, artifacts, insignia, papers, letters, or other memorabilia relating in any way to the activities of, or service aboard, the aforementioned ships, together with any available funds for their procurement, shipping, display or maintenance as set forth in Article XI;
- (d) establishing, administering, and accepting voluntary **earmarked** contributions (**as either direct donations or legacy gifts**) to **support accomplish the purpose** of any approved and adopted memorial program of the association; **those contributions not specifically earmarked will be allocated to the General fund**;
- (e) in the event of dissolution of the association, all association monies **and other assets** will be turned over to the museums and memorials of the association to be used for necessary expenses as long as it shall last, for the preservation of the same.

**ARTICLE III**        **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Section 1. Regular membership is open to all USS TICONDEROGA CV-CVA-CVS-14 and USS TICONDEROGA CG-47 **in addition to crew members of any other decommissioned TICONDEROGA-class cruiser**. In addition, membership shall be opened to other military or civilian official passengers who served aboard these ships while underway (such as flight and air group personnel, technicians, news media, space/moonshot recovery personnel, etc.). All regular members of the Association may cast one vote in the business of the Association. There is no proxy voting.
- Section 2. Honorary membership shall be bestowed upon the surviving spouse of any paid deceased member **identified by any member of the Association**. The President, on recommendation of other members **and once validated by the Secretary with the** approval of the Executive Board of Directors, may appoint additional honorary members in exceptional cases where such an honor is deemed warranted. Honorary members shall pay no dues and may not cast a vote in the business of the association.
- Section 3. Associate membership shall be open to relatives and friends of members who wish to participate in association activities. An associate member shall pay annual dues and have all the rights of a member but may not cast a vote in the business of the association.

**ARTICLE IV**        **MEETINGS:**

- Section 1. An annual general membership meeting of the Association shall be held in locales approved by the membership at the prior annual meeting. A representation of the voting members present represents a quorum for the purpose of conducting general membership meetings. If necessary, meetings may also be facilitated through electronic media as necessary to conduct a general membership meeting. Members must be notified

via electronic media (i.e. e-mail or phone call,) a minimum of 10 days in advance.

- Section 2. The President shall call an Executive Board of Directors meeting on the day of or prior to the annual general membership meeting.
- Section 3. The **outgoing newly** elected President shall call a meeting of the new Executive Board of Directors as defined in Article V immediately after the annual general membership meeting. **This special meeting shall include all newly elected officers of the Association.**
- Section 4. Both annual and ad hoc meetings of the Association or of the Association's Executive Board of Directors shall be conducted by the President or, in his absence, by the Executive Vice President, or, in his absence, by elected officers in order of their seniority as defined by Article V.
- Section 5. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*. From time to time, specific rules of order noted in these By-Laws or by other recognized "Association rules of conduct" as defined by the Executive Board of Directors will supersede the applicable section of *Robert's Rules of Order*. The Association members shall transact such other business as may properly come before them.
- Section 6. The Secretary shall record the minutes of business conducted at the annual membership meeting and such minutes shall be distributed to the Association members in the next scheduled newsletter release.
- Section 7. The Treasurer shall give an Association financial report at the annual membership meeting which has previously been audited by the Audit Committee.
- Section 8. The President shall submit a budget for membership approval for the ensuing year at the annual membership meeting. Such a budget needs to be submitted in writing and approved by the Executive Board of Directors and to the Association membership present for approval during the annual membership meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V      DIRECTORS:**

- Section 1. The Executive Board of Directors shall be the senior governing body of the Association and shall include all elected officers during their term of office, the association chaplain, and as past president' of the association, the most recent **seven (7) five (5)** past presidents of the Association. A representation of one-third of the Executive Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at any meeting of the Executive Board of Directors. All are voting members of the Executive Board of Directors.
- Should a Director become incapable or unwilling to fulfill the responsibilities of the role to which he was elected due to death, incapacitation, misconduct, resignation, or **any** other cause, the current President shall nominate a replacement to fulfill the remaining term. Such nomination is subject to **the majority approval of the Executive Board of Directors**.
- Section 2. Prior to the adoption of these By-laws of May **20, 2023**, thirteen (13) Directors/Past Presidents along with the elected officers constituted the Executive Board of Directors. As part of the adoption of these By-Laws of May **20, 2023**, it was approved to reduce the total number of former Directors/Past Presidents through attrition by one Director/Past President in order of appointment annually until such time as there are not more than **seven (7) five (5)** such members. Should any of these Directors/Past Presidents so identified become incapable or unwilling to fulfill this role or responsibilities, the position would be permanently vacated, and the subsequent Directors/Past President would sunset the proceeding year.
- Section 3. Upon any member's departure from the Executive Board of Directors, all association property, documents, records, memorabilia, **and** electronic files shall be turned over to the current President expeditiously.
- Section 4. Any Association matter may be submitted for consideration by a member in good standing to the annual Executive Board of Director's meeting held before and after the annual general membership meeting. The request should be in writing, addressed to the outgoing or newly elected President, as appropriate, and in time to be included in the agenda for the Executive Board of Director's meeting. Should it become necessary between annual association meetings of the Executive Board of Directors to conduct a vote on any issue that cannot wait until the next scheduled Executive Board of Director's meeting, a written request to the President and/or Executive Vice President for such a vote must be made. The President must authorize the Secretary to notify all

board members of this ad hoc meeting via a certified notification media (i.e., e-mail or phone).

**ARTICLE VI OFFICERS:**

Section 1. The following officers shall be nominated and elected at the annual membership meeting to be effective at the beginning of the following Calendar/Fiscal year:

- Second Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Chaplain**

They are to be elected by closed ballot.

Section 2. The term of Secretary, Treasurer, and **Chaplain** shall be three years ~~(election to be staggered to avoid both positions being filled in the same year)~~. **The Secretary and Treasurer will not be elected in the same year. In those circumstances in which both positions need to be filled, the President shall appoint an interim member to full fill the function for no more than one year.** All other officers will have a term of one year. The Nominating Committee shall recommend persons for each position and followed by a vote for or against each respective officer to take place via closed ballot during the general membership meeting.

Section 3. Members holding the following positions will progress in succession pending the Executive Board of Directors approval and will not require an election unless the position to be filled is vacant and shall be effective at the beginning of the following Calendar/Fiscal year:

- First Vice President
- Executive Vice President
- President

**ARTICLE VII DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The duties and responsibilities of the Association's officers shall be as listed below.

Section 1.

President:

- (a) Shall be the senior officer of the Association;
- (b) Shall conduct all membership meetings, annual, general and ah hoc;
- (c) Shall receive quarterly reports from all other officers as to the activities of chairmen under their jurisdiction;
- (d) Shall ensure quarterly reports from the remaining members of the Executive Board of Directors are reviewed and compiled in an annual report included in the Associations' newsletter as needed;
- (e) Shall ensure that the annual reports are reviewed at the annual reunion meeting with the general membership;
- (f) Shall have final authority in appointment of **or termination of** committee chairmen as recommended by the Vice President in charge of such committee;
- (g) Shall submit an annual budget for membership approval for the ensuing fiscal year at the annual membership meeting as identified in Article IV, Section 8;
- (h) Shall award Honorary memberships as warranted **as described in Article III, Section 2;**
- (i) Shall have the authority to approve expenditures exceeding budgeted amounts or for new, non-budgeted purposes only up to an aggregated total of \$1,500.00 **per fiscal year**. Any authorization for funds beyond this amount must be approved by the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Executive Vice President:

- (a) Shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or incapacity, be it temporary or permanent;
- (b) Shall co-chair the annual membership meeting and be responsible for coordinating the activities of other committee chairmen involved;
- (c) Shall take overall responsibility of the Nominating Committee **and act as** its chairman;
- (d) Shall give a detailed report quarterly (January, April, July, October) to the President and to provide an annual report to the general membership via the President.

Section 3.

First Vice President:

- (a) Shall ~~co~~-chair the association Newsletter/Website Committee;
- (b) Shall monitor all activities pertaining to the association' web site and oversee the activities of the Webmaster;
- (c) Shall be responsible for printing and distribution of the By-Laws, as needed;
- (d) Shall give detailed report quarterly (January, April, July, October) to the President and provide an annual report to the general membership via the President.

Section 4. Second Vice President:

- (a) Shall ~~co~~-chair the Memorial Committee **and** oversee the activities of the Historian;
- (b) Shall coordinate with museum curators and correspond with them as necessary;
- (c) Shall be responsible for reporting to the U.S. Navy as to condition of the artifacts, annually, as described by papers on file with the association's Secretary;
- (d) Shall give a detailed report quarterly (January, April, July, October) to the President and provide an annual report to the general membership via the President.

Section 5. Secretary:

- (a) Shall keep minutes of annual membership meetings and publish in newsletter immediately subsequent to that meeting;
- (b) Shall keep records and files of all association correspondence;
- (c) Shall receive membership applications, dues renewal forms; make and retain copies, and forward original forms and payments to the Treasurer;
- (d) Shall keep an up-to-date membership file;
- ~~(e) Shall prepare annual roster or supplement and e-mail to paid-up members or publish in newsletter distribute to all members of the Executive Board of Directors and as requested from the same;~~
- (f) Shall be custodian of Association property per Article XI;
- (g) Shall maintain an updated list of all members of the Executive Board of Directors to include their contact information for **limited** publication in the newsletter;
- (h) Shall give a detailed report quarterly (January, April, July, October) to the President and provide an annual report to the general membership via the President.

Section 6. Treasurer

- (a) Shall manage all association funds and keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements in the association's books for the fiscal year, such accounts shall differentiate between funds designated for general association expenses and accounts and those designated for memorial or museum purposes; execute plan to move the association's fiscal year to align with the calendar year.
- ~~(b) Shall receive current membership application/dues renewal forms and payments from the Secretary and deposit dues and contributions to appropriate accounts;~~
- (c) Shall receive a **quarterly statement of all documented expenses from any Association member who may, in the course of their normal duties in support of the normal business of the Association, present for approval and payment through their supervisory Vice President if applicable. These statements must be submitted directly to the Treasurer within 60 days of the end of each fiscal quarter. The Treasurer will determine the validity of each expenditure, consulting with the President or supervisory Vice President as needed, and if warranted, shall make payment of all approved reimbursements of the applying member. All such reimbursement requests submitted 60 days after the end of the quarter shall be disapproved. Any exceptions may be warranted and awarded at the discretion of the President;**
- (d) Shall inform the President of all requests beyond the scope of the budget. Payment of these expenditures shall be made only if specifically approved by the President;
- (e) Shall give a detailed report quarterly (January, April, July, October) to the President and provide an annual report to the general membership via the President;
- (f) Shall be responsible for all tax-related filings;
- (g) **Shall receive membership applications, dues renewal forms; make deposits; make and retain copies; forward original forms and payments to the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Welcome Aboard letter and membership roster upkeep & maintenance;**



- Section 7. **Chaplain**  
 (a) Shall report to the Association President;  
 (b) Shall care for the spiritual, moral, and emotional well being of the Association members and Pastoral care as requested;  
 (c) Shall write quarterly article for newsletter along spiritual/moral lines;  
 (d) Shall conduct a religious service at the annual membership meeting that includes a memorial aspect of members who have pasted in the previous years;  
 (e) Shall respond to death notices as available; and  
 (f) Shall provide a list of local places of worship to those attending annual membership meeting as desired.

Section 8. **Normally**, no officer nor member of the ~~Executive Board of Directors~~ Association shall receive any salary or compensation for either their service or time to the Association. **Exceptions shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors.**

Section 9. Any officer or **committee member** may be removed from office **by the President** for conduct not **deemed** in the best interest of the Association upon receiving in the affirmation of two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VIII ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:**

All officers and committee chairmen must hold regular membership status per Article III and be in good standing within the Association. The President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be bonded in the amount not less than \$50,000.00 **in total, and the Reunion Coordinator, if one is assigned/appointed, shall be bonded in the amount not less than \$25,000.00.**

**ARTICLE IX VOTING:**

Voting privileges for member of the Association shall be extended to those **Regular and Life** members who are in good standing within the organization.

**ARTICLE X DUES:**

Section 1. All dues for membership in the Association, shall be reviewed by those officers and Board of Directors present at the annual membership meeting, and adjusted, if necessary, to reflect current and projected operating expenses and financial health of the organization. An adjustment will require a vote by more than half of the total number of officers, Executive Board of Directors, and members present at the annual membership meeting.

Regular Members shall pay the annual dues amount determined by the officers and Executive Board of Directors prior to each calendar year to receive all member benefits as described in these By-Laws, including distribution of the newsletter, for that year. A Regular Member may pay dues in advance for multiple years. Dues paid for a calendar year, after the beginning of that year, shall be effective for the remainder of that year only (i.e., dues will not be amortized for a partial year). A form to accompany payment will be provided in the newsletter, on the website, or (if requested) by mail. **Annual dues run from January 1 to December 31 and currently cost \$20.00.**

Section 2. **Life** membership shall be available to those **Regular** members who wish to participate. The dues amount for **Life** membership shall be determined by age groups and the current effective amounts shall appear on the dues form in the newsletter, on the website, and on the mail-out form. The current amounts are as follows:

29 and under.....	\$1,100.00
30 – 39.....	\$ 900.00
40 – 49 .....	\$ 700.00
50 – 59 .....	\$ 550.00
60 – 69.....	\$ 350.00
70 and over.....	\$ 150.00

Lifetime members shall receive all member benefits, including all future newsletters, for the members lifetime or as long as the association exists.

Section 3. Members shall be considered delinquent with unpaid dues for **2 one (1)** year at the end of any calendar year. Any member who is delinquent, ~~and has received newsletters during the delinquency~~, must pay all dues for the period of delinquency, plus current dues, to be reinstated.

**ARTICLE XI      ASSOCIATION ASSETS:**

All material donated to or purchased with Association funds, including pictures, display materials, files, artifacts, printed material, electronic media, etc., shall become the sole property of the Association and shall be actually or constructively in the custody of the Secretary.

**ARTICLE XII      MEMORIALS:**

The Association shall establish and support, within the limit of available funds, such suitable memorials to veterans of the USS TICONDEROGA CV-CVA-CVS-14 and USS TICONDEROGA CG-47 as are recommended by the Board of Directors and as approved and adopted by majority vote of members attending the annual business meeting.

**ARTICLE XIII      COMMITTEES:**

Section 1. The President shall be a de facto member of and shall have the authority to assign current officers or members thereof to any committee for the purpose of oversight and general guidance **except as noted below. Members may also be dismissed from their committee assignment at the sole discretion of the President.**

Section 2. Committees shall be of three types:

- (a) Special purpose committees whose chairmen (who may be past members of the Executive Board of Directors) are appointed by he President. They **report** directly to the President.
- (b) Standing committees whose chairmen are appointed jointly by the President and designated supervisory Vice Presidents but report **directly** only to their designated supervisory **Vice President**.
- (c) The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of all current members of the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 3. Each appointed committee chairman shall select his own committee members.

Section 4. Special purpose committees and their duties are:

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

This committee shall prepare a proposed association budget for each fiscal year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 and present it to the President who will submit it for approval by the Executive Board of Directors and subsequently to the general membership for approval at each annual membership meeting. **Members shall be the Executive Vice President, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and the Treasurer.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

**This committee shall audit the records of the Treasurer. It shall be appointed staffed by nomination of the President. Members shall serve a three (3) year term. Any vacancy in this special committee shall be filed by appointment of the President to complete the incumbent's term of appointment. This committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board of Directors and shall audit the records of the Treasurer:** Auditors shall be elected on an annual rotation and may be reelected at the end of their three (3) year term.

Audits shall be conducted:

- (a) quarterly and summarized annually;**
- (b) prior to a change of personnel as Treasurer;
- (c) 30 days prior to the general membership meeting, a written report shall be submitted to the President to be reviewed by the Executive Board of Directors; and
- (d) the Chairman of this committee shall prepare a written report for the general membership at the annual membership meeting.

Section 5. Standing Committees and their duties are:

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Under the supervision of the First Vice President, this committee shall publish a newsletter (digital and/or hard-copy) as needed for communication to the complete membership. The first edition after the annual membership meeting will contain a list of officers for their current term **plus the new officers for their term commencing January 1**. This first newsletter shall also contain the minutes of the annual membership meeting and any accepted amendments and/or additions to the By-Laws as adopted at the annual membership meeting.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

Under the supervision of the Second Vice President, this committee shall be responsible for recommending appropriate action in support of memorial programs already adopted by the association and to recommend and propose such suitable new memorials as are within the limits of available funds to honor veterans of the USS TICONDEROGA. **Members shall be the Historian and the Treasurer.**

Section 6. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Under the supervision of the Executive Vice President, and with the active participation of **no fewer than** three former Association presidents, this committee establishes guidelines for the nomination of elected officer positions of the association. It shall solicit recommendations from all members in good standing and in attendance at the general membership meeting as to both the availability and suitability of those to be nominated. This committee shall:

- (a) coordinate and conduct an interview of each prospective candidates;
- (b) present interview findings to the Executive Board of Directions prior to nomination and election during the annual general membership meeting.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

These By- Laws, or any part thereof, may be repealed, amended, altered, or added to by submitting the proposed modification in writing and signed by any member in good standing of this Association to the Executive Board of Directors for consideration. Such proposition shall, if deemed valid by the Board, be published in the Association newsletter at least 30 days before the annual membership meeting and brought before the body at that meeting for discussion. Adaptation of the proposition shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, such proposition to take effect immediately.

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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- As many of you know, we are transitioning the newsletter from hardcopy to digital and have made it available on our new website. We need a good e-mail address that you regularly monitor. Please send that address to us via [Ticovets.org](http://Ticovets.org) under **Contact**. You may also confirm your physical address and phone number there.
- Let us know if you can receive Newsletters by e-mail. E-mail allows us to publish four newsletters annually and helps reduce the cost of publishing hardcopy newsletters.
- The website allows us to post notices and news on a more regular basis. E-mail also allows internet links for more detailed articles and information.

**REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**DO NOT DELAY REUNION RESERVATIONS AND REGISTRATION!**

- Only the first 50 rooms have guaranteed pricing. Late hotel reservations may be at a higher nightly rate.
- Get your Registration, Tour, and Banquet forms in by **April 26, 2023**.
- Let us know your special needs for transportation and accessibility in Kansas City.
- Remember, only Regular Association members who have paid their dues can cast a vote at the General Business Meeting on Saturday afternoon. Associate members may attend but may not cast a vote.

**USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION  
50th Reunion – Kansas City, MO  
May 17-21, 2023**



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



Wednesday, May 17:

12:00pm – 10:00pm Reunion Registration Open  
1200pm – 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open (Club Lounge)

Thursday, May 18:

7:00am – 10:00am Breakfast Buffet  
8:00am – 10:00pm Reunion Registration Open  
8:00am – 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open (Club Lounge)  
10:00am – 5:00pm Tour: Harry S. Truman Library & Museum and The National World War I Museum & Memorial

Friday, May 19:

7:00am – 10:00am Breakfast Buffet  
8:00am – 10:00pm Reunion Registration Open  
8:00am – 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open (Club Lounge)  
9:00am – 5:00pm Self-Guided Tours

Saturday, May 20:

7:00am – 10:00am Breakfast Buffet  
8:00am – 4:00pm Reunion Registration Open  
8:00am – 4:00pm Hospitality Room Open (Club Lounge)  
8:00am – 12:00pm Board of Directors Meeting (Salon C)  
1:00pm – 3:00pm General Membership Meeting (Salon C)  
5:00pm – 11:00pm Banquet (Ballroom)  
Installation of new officers  
Keynote Address by Guest Speaker  
Raffle

Sunday, May 21:

7:00am – 10:00am Breakfast Buffet  
9:00am – 12:00pm Memorial Service (Salon C)

# 50<sup>th</sup> REUNION INFORMATION

## May 17-20, 2023

Crowne Plaza Downtown  
1301 Wyandotte St.  
Kansas City, MO 64105



### ROOM RATES:

Single occupancy \$159.00 (includes one buffet breakfast) plus tax (17.35%)

Double occupancy \$169.00 (includes two buffet breakfasts) plus tax (17.35%)

**RESERVATIONS:** All room reservations must be made individually. Call the hotel directly at (816) 474-6664. Attendees must identify themselves as a member of the USS TICONDEROGA Veterans Association Reunion to receive this special rate. Reservations may also be made on line using the link on our new website at [Ticovets.org](http://Ticovets.org).

Please provide your IHG One Rewards membership number to receive your points.

Internet via WiFi is complimentary in all guest rooms and public spaces.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023**

Late reservations to be processed based on space availability but may be at a higher rate.

CHECK-IN TIME IS 3:00pm / CHECK-OUT TIME IS 12:00pm

PARKING: Overnight self-parking is \$20 per vehicle per day

DISTANCE TO KANSAS CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: 19 miles

**Tours info can be found on [Ticovets.org](http://Ticovets.org)**





**USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION  
KANSAS CITY, MO, REUNION  
MAY 17-21, 2023  
ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM**

Listed below are all the registration, tour, and meal costs for the 2023 reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Once submitted, your canceled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a **\$20 fee**. All registration forms and **payments must be received by mail on or before April 30, 2023**. Questions? Contact **President@Ticovets.org**

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO:**

ROBERT SULLIVAN  
P.O. BOX 3637, ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32085

**Make Checks/MO only payable to: USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOUR</u>	<u>Price Per</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u>Total</u>
THURSDAY:	Harry S. Truman Presidential Library/Museum & National World War I Museum – Includes lunch	\$95	_____	\$_____
FRIDAY:	Tour information is available at <a href="http://ticovets.org">ticovets.org</a>			
SATURDAY:	BANQUET [Select your entree choice]			
	1. Grilled Flank Steak (Herb Marinated Flank Steak, Loaded Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables)	\$65	_____	\$_____
	2. Chicken Saltimbocca (Tuscan Chicken Breast, Sage, Prosciutto & Fontina Cheese, Madeira Wine Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies)	\$65	_____	\$_____
	<b>MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE:</b>	<b>\$65</b>	_____	<b>\$_____</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>\$_____</b>

**Total amount payable to USS TICONDEROGA VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CV/CVA/CVS CG-\_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS ONBOARD: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME [if attending]: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY and/or DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_



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Send THIS FORM with your Check/MO payable to:

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**PLEASE PRINT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SHIP: CV/CVA/CVS CG-\_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

RATE/RANK (highest while aboard): \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS ABOARD (from/to): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBERSHIP TYPE (circle one):** Life Regular Associate

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**DUES AMOUNT INCLUDED FOR PERIOD:**

_____ (\$20)... Dues for Jan – DEC 2023	_____ (\$20)... Dues for Jan – DEC 2027
_____ (\$20)... Dues for Jan – DEC 2024	_____ (\$20)... Dues for Jan – DEC 2028
_____ (\$20)... Dues for Jan – DEC 2025	_____ (\$20)... Dues for Jan – DEC 2029
_____ (\$20)... Dues for Jan – DEC 2026	_____ (\$20)... Dues for Jan – DEC 2030
_____ LIFE Member Amount (see below)	_____ Past Dues Arrearage (indicate period)

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to (circle one): General Fund Memorial Fund CG-47 Museum Room

**Lifetime Membership Amounts:**

Age 29 & under	\$1,100	Age 59 – 60	\$550
Age 30 – 39	\$900	Age 60 – 69	\$350
Age 40 - 49	\$700	Age 70 & over	\$150

**FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE, send to:**

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