

## USS TELFAIR 2019 REUNION NOTICE

Ahoy, Shipmates!

After careful and thoughtful consideration, it has been decided that the 2019 Telfair annual reunion will be held as part of the larger group APA/AKA reunion being held in Buffalo/Niagara on September 5-9. We know that many had hoped to continue the tradition of a Telfair-only reunion, however our declining Telfair attendance numbers couldn't ensure that we would have the numbers needed to secure cost-effective hotel facilities and amenities. Equally important, no one volunteered to be this year's reunion coordinator and organizer. Trying the group approach seemed the only logical way to go if we are still interested in preserving Telfair memories and camaraderie.

We have received information in the past regarding the group reunions lead by shipmates from the USS Rankin (AKA-103) and others. They have formally invited Telfair to join their group reunion this year, and it should be a great opportunity to not only again see old Telfair friends, but also to meet and make new friends in the APA/AKA group who are of our age and have similar ratings and experiences. In addition to the USS Rankin, they are expecting veterans from USS [Bexar](#) (APA-237), USS [Pickaway](#) (APA-222), USS [Yancey](#) (AKA-93) and others. A quick review of the history of these ships shows that they were involved in many deployments identical or similar in time and locations to those conducted by the Telfair, so there should be a lot of common stories to share.

Final details regarding available activities and tours, etc. is still being worked on. However, we do have definite dates, host hotel information and a list of tentative events so that those interested in attending can start planning. That information can be found on the Rankin's website at <http://ussrankin.org/reunion2019.htm>. Even though part of a larger group, it is still our plan to have separate Telfair tables in the hospitality suite and to have our own crew's meeting during the reunion.

While reservation and payment procedures will be a little different than the past, we've been assured that everything will be done smoothly and without any problem. The group has held successful group reunions in the past and have retained the services of a professional event coordinator who will handle all details. More on that when additional information becomes available.

So, save the dates – September 5-9 and remember the location – Millennium Buffalo Hotel. We hope you will find this to be a great reunion event at a great venue and city location. It's also a chance to give your sweetie a second honeymoon visit to Niagara Falls!

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