

AAFA



October 08, 2024

Shipmates, Family & Friends,

It's time for OUR OCTOBER SURPRISE!! Much better than politicians will give us.

Gettysburg is in the books and a good one it was. We had 74 attendees, great weather, new friends and a great time for all.

The Friday Night Pizza Party, Auction and membership meeting went off with fun for everyone. Not much to discuss at the meeting so we got down to business on the 2025 Reunion location. There were several locations put to the attendees and we very quickly landed by majority in Portland, Maine.

Liberty Call will commence SUNDAY, September 14, 2025 through WEDNESDAY September 17, 2025 with checkout on Thursday the 18th. Special room rates have been set for three days before and three days after the scheduled hard dates. ABSOLUTE cut-off-date for room reservations is AUGUST 1st. No exceptions so please reserve early. You can always cancel if necessary. Early

reservations allow for accurate negotiations for tours/banquet/etc..

The reason for changing from our usual Wednesday through Sunday to Sunday through Thursday was a significant reduction in the room rate – a no brainer.

The PLACE: Best Western Merry Manor Inn
700 Main Street
South Portland, Maine 04106

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-south-portland/best-western-merry-manor-inn/propertyCode.20015.html#

To make room reservations call @ 207-774-6151 The room rate is \$119.00 + tax (currently %9) ASK FOR THE AAFA ROOM BLOCK. Call THIS number direct.

Included in your room rate:

The Hotel will reimburse for TAXI fare from the Portland International Jet Port and RETURN. Present your receipt at check in for credit at checkout.

Full complimentary breakfast each morning.

Coffee and Tea available 24/7 in lobby.

Free Parking

Spacious Hospitality Suite, Alcohol allowed.

The BW Merry Manor Inn provided references of more than 100 Navy and USMC Ships/Units.

Cap Dave Miller was on this out of the gate with the heads up on the hotel property thanks to Paul Smith. He is working on sorting out possible tours and banquet options. As soon as we know we will publish a Registration Form with the required information and payments due. Since membership will be required to VOTE on leadership, future reunion locations, AAFA financial matters, etc., we have attached the 2025 Membership Form for those who wish to join. Membership is NOT required to attend reunions. ALL who do join will have voting rights.

It is our intention to communicate regular newsletters by email, and published on the website, www.gatornavy.com, keeping the membership updated. If you have questions, please forward by email and we will be glad to respond timely.

Happy Halloween

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