



# USS Robert E. Lee (SSBN-601) Association 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion - San Antonio, TX

## Reunion POD

### Thursday: April 30, 2009

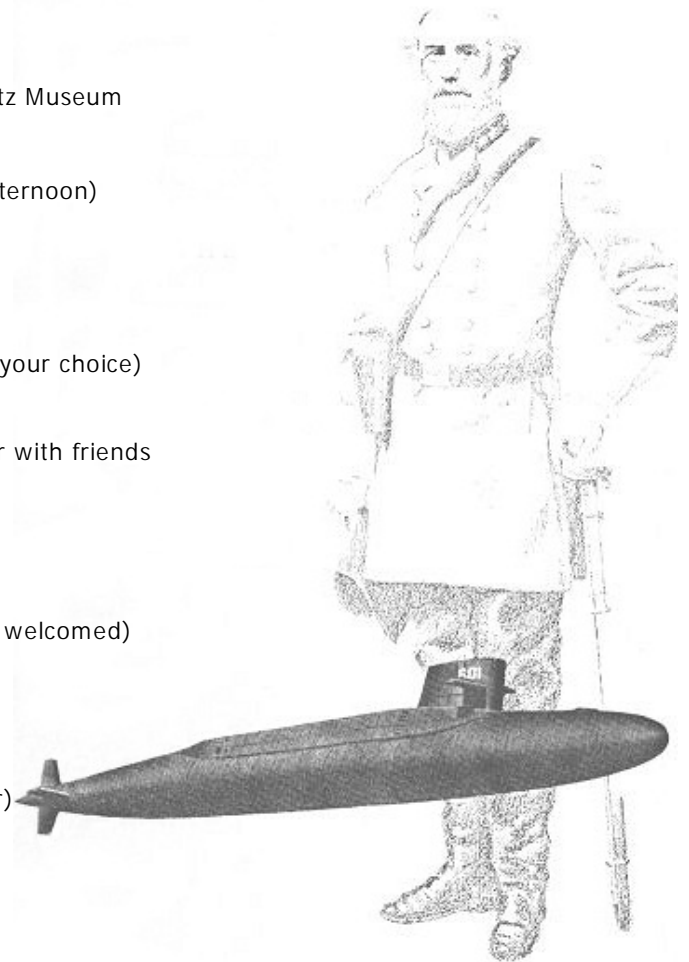
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| 9:00 am - 11:00 pm | Visit San Antonio on your own                     |
| 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  | Hospitality Suite - Early Registration (cash bar) |

### Friday: May 1, 2009

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| 7:30 am - 5:00 pm | Private tour to Fredericksburg & Nimitz Museum<br>or visit San Antonio on your own     |
| 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Hospitality Suite Open (cash bar in afternoon)   |
| 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Cocktail Party (cash bar)  |
| 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Opening Ceremony   |
| 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Mexican Buffet (full meal or snack — your choice)                                      |
| 7:30 pm - ?? am   | Visit the Riverwalk on your own<br>or linger in banquet room or hotel bar with friends |

### Saturday: May 2, 2009

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| 9:00 am - 10:00 am  | Hospitality Suite Open  |
| 10:00 am - 11:00 am | Association Business Meeting (guests welcomed)                                    |
| 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  | Visit San Antonio on your own   |
| 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm   | Hospitality Suite Open  |
| 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm   | Social Hour & Group Photos (cash bar)   |
| 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm   | Eternal Patrol Ceremony   |
| 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm   | Cowboy BBQ Buffet   |
| 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm   | Awards & Key Note Speaker   |
| 8:45 pm - ?? am     | Classic Western Show (Elvis makes an appearance)<br>Dance Party & Raffle Drawings |



## Thursday, April 30th

<b>9:00 am – 11:00 pm</b>	<b>Visit San Antonio and the Riverwalk on your own</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>9:00 am to 9:00 pm:</b> Trolley stops in front of the hotel many times an hour</li> <li>• <b>9:00 am to 9:00 pm:</b> River taxi stops at the hotel a few times an hour</li> <li>• <b>9:00 pm to 11:00 pm:</b> Hotel van runs to / from the Riverwalk</li> <li>• <b>After 11:00:</b> you are on your own (recommend cabs)</li> <li>• <b>See notes about visiting the Riverwalk on the next page</b></li> </ul>	Lobby
<b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Early Registration, Conversation &amp; Relaxation – Hospitality Suite</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displays: visual Crew Roster, movies of the Lee, memorabilia, raffle items</li> <li>• Update your profile on the website</li> </ul>	Trinidad Room & Lobby

## Friday – Day Time, May 1st

<b>7:30 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Hill Country Tour to Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7:30 am</b> - van(s) leave the hotel</li> <li>• <b>9:00 am</b> - arrive in Fredericksburg, tour the Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War</li> <li>• <b>12:00 noon</b> - Lunch on your own or with group &amp; shop in town</li> <li>• <b>1:00 pm</b> - dedication ceremony to mount USS Robert E Lee's plaque to honor our shipmates and WWII Heroes, then depart Fredericksburg with stops at the LBJ Museum, Wild Flower Seed Farm and also make a quick stop in Luckenbach, TX. Arrive back at the hotel by 5:00 pm.</li> </ul>	Lobby
<b>9:00 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration, Conversation &amp; Relaxation – Hospitality Suite</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash Bar at Happy Hour prices (starting in the afternoon)</li> <li>• Displays: visual Crew Roster, movies of the Lee, memorabilia, raffle items</li> </ul>	Trinidad Room & Lobby
<b>9:00 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Visit San Antonio and the River Walk on your own</b> (see notes for Thursday above and on next page)	Lobby

## Friday - Evening, May 1st

<b>5:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Cocktail Party</b> Cash Bar at Happy Hour Prices	
<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce our past Association officers, Chiefs of the Boat and Commanding Officers</li> <li>• Present the Colors: <b>The Naval Security Group, Kelly Field, Color Guard</b> - CTR1 Morales, CTI2 Anderson, CTI2 Christensen, CTI2 Brewer, CTRSA Gibson-Crockett</li> <li>• Welcome to San Antonio – <b>Frank Lister, FLTMC(SS)</b>, Blue/Gold: 62-69, COB Gold 67-69</li> <li>• Welcome to 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion – <b>Tim VeArd</b>, President, ETN2(SS), Blue 1965-70 - Announcements, Reunion Preview, Crew Awards</li> <li>• Open the reunion: <b>Robert W. Aldinger, CAPT (USN ret)</b> - Commanding Officer of Gold &amp; Overhaul Crew: Oct 76 – Jul 78, Blue Crew: Jul 78 – Oct 80</li> <li>• Invocation: <b>Gil Shaddock</b>, CDR, Commissioning Gold 1959-63 &amp; founding Association President</li> </ul>	Coronado Ballroom
<b>6:30 pm – 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Mexican Fiesta Buffet</b> (featuring tostados w/ Chile con Queso & salsa, beef & chicken fajitas, cheese enchiladas, beef flautas, beans, Spanish rice, guacamole, Pico de Gallo, tortillas, Bunuelos, flan w/ fruit, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat a full meal or just snack so that you can have dinner later on the Riverwalk</li> <li>• Western wear encouraged or dress for going down to the Riverwalk</li> </ul>	
<b>7:30 pm - ?? am</b>	<b>Enjoy the Riverwalk or linger to share old times with friends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing is planned for after dinner so that you can leave whenever you wish to enjoy the Riverwalk</li> <li>• See notes (on next page) about vans running from 9 to 11 pm</li> <li>• Or linger with friends in the ballroom (cash bar at Happy Hour Prices) or in the hotel lobby bar</li> </ul>	

## Saturday - Morning, May 2nd

<b>9:00 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Visit San Antonio and the Riverwalk on your own</b> - (see notes on next page)	Lobby
<b>9:00 am – 10:30 am</b> <b>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Hospitality Suite Open</b> Relaxation, Conversation, Ship Store and Lee & crew movies	Trinidad Room
<b>10:00 am – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Association Business Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer Reports – outgoing Treasurer, Nick Louque, YN3(SS), Blue 62-64</li> <li>• Old business – outgoing President, Tim VeArd</li> <li>• Officer elections – outgoing Vice President, Mike Hartung, STCM(SS), Gold 67-73 &amp; 77-8</li> <li>• New business – Newly elected President</li> <li>• Pick the next Reunion City – Newly elected Association officers</li> </ul>	Trinidad Room
<b>11:00am – 5:00 pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch on your own</li> <li>• Visit San Antonio on your own (see notes on next page)</li> </ul>	On your own

## Saturday - Evening, May 2nd

<b>5:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Social Hour &amp; Group Photos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual / Couple, Division &amp; Group Photos for Memory Book</li> <li>• Cocktail Party - Happy Hour Cash Bar</li> </ul>	
<b>6:00 pm – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Eternal Patrol Ceremonies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pledge of Allegiance</li> <li>• Tolling the Boats Lost in May                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Nick Louque</b>, YN3(SS), Blue 62-64</li> </ul> </li> <li>Eternal Patrol Table Ceremony                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Frank Almer</b>, , ETCM(SS), Commissioning Blue 59-61, <b>Ed Booth</b>, TMCS(SS), Blue/Gold 74-79</li> <li><b>George Brigham</b>, TMC(SS), Gold 66-70, <b>Cliff Porter</b>, EMCS(SS), Commissioning Blue 59-62</li> <li><b>Richard Rose</b>, CMDCM(SS/DV), COB of USS Georgia (SSGN-729) Blue</li> <li><b>Gil Shaddock</b>, CDR, Gold 59-63, <b>Cyndi Sperry</b>, ET1(SW/AW) USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76)</li> <li><b>Dale Thompson</b>, ATC(SS), Gold 64-68</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Remembering our Shipmates on Eternal Patrol                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mike Hartung</b>, STCM(SS), Gold 67-73 &amp; 77-8</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Invocation by: <b>Calvin R. Shirley</b>, TMCS(SS), Commissioning Gold Crew COB, 59-64</li> </ul>	Coronado Ballroom
<b>6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Banquet</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cowboy BBQ Buffet</b> (featuring baby back ribs, beef brisket, BBQ chicken, green salad, cole slaw, potato salad, corn on the cob, baked beans, corn bread &amp; rolls, pecan pie, peach cobbler w/ice cream, etc.)</li> <li>• Dress code: semi-formal suggested (coat &amp; tie for gentleman, dressy evening wear for ladies)</li> <li>• Cash Bar at Happy Hour Prices</li> </ul>	
<b>8:00 pm – 8:45 pm</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony &amp; Key Note Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President's Special &amp; Bravo Zulu Awards</li> <li>• Key Note Speaker: <b>Richard A. Rose</b>, CMDCM(SS/DV), COB of USS Georgia (SSGN-729) Blue Command Master Chief, Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion THREE, Camp Bucca, Iraq</li> <li>• Swear in new officers &amp; our new President's remarks</li> </ul>	
<b>8:45 pm – ?? am</b>	<b>Classic Western Show &amp; Dance Party</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our shipmate and his wife, Harvey &amp; Sharon McFadden (see their bio on the back page) will perform their Classic Western Show (with Elvis making an appearance)</li> <li>• After the show, the McFaddens will serve as our DJ's and host our Dance Party</li> <li>• Cash Bar at Happy Hour Prices</li> <li>• Raffle drawings during breaks</li> </ul>	

## Sunday - Morning, May 3rd

<b>6:30 am – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Farwell Breakfast</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buy your breakfast at the Mangos restaurant and then carry it across the hall to our special reserved area to share a few last minutes with friends before heading home</li> <li>• Feel free to "come &amp; go" as needed. Eat when you can, as you check out or pack up your car</li> <li>• Caribbean Cruise bus to Galveston will be announced when ready to depart at about 8:00 am (it's expected to be about a 4 to 5 hour trip to meet the cruise ship)</li> <li>• You should dress for your journey</li> </ul>	Mango Restaurant
<b>8:30 am ??? (approximate)</b>	<b>Closing Ceremonies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parting comments by new Association Officers when it appears the most people are there</li> </ul>	

## Visiting the Riverwalk

<b>Trolley</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trolley stops in front of the hotel many times an hour (about every 10 to 15 minutes). It runs continuously from 9 am to 9 pm. It costs \$1 one way or you can buy an all day pass for \$4.</li> <li>• You can ask for a free transfer to switch to another route (there are 4 routes).</li> <li>• Each route will take you to different places (get a route map in the lobby or read signs at most stops), including the Alamo, Riverwalk, Space Needle, Rivercenter Mall, etc..</li> </ul>
<b>River Taxi</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River taxi stops at the hotel a few times an hour. It costs \$4 one way, \$10 for an all day pass or \$25 for a 3 day pass.</li> <li>• It runs continuously from 9 am to 9 pm. You can buy a ticket when you board the boat or at the ticket booth at the center of the Riverwalk. You can ride it and get off at any of 39 stops at restaurants or "hot spots".</li> <li>• The River Taxi is not a guided tour. Guided tour boats leave from the center of the Riverwalk, where you can also buy day passes for the River Taxi.</li> </ul>
<b>Hotel Van</b>	<p>Since the Trolley and River Taxi stops running at 9:00 pm, on Thursday and Friday nights <b>only</b>, the hotel shuttle van will make loops to and from the hotel to center of the Riverwalk (across the street from the Alamo) from 9:00 PM to 11:00 pm</p>
<b>Walking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are able, you can walk to the center of the Riverwalk, along the river, in about 15 to 20 minutes.</li> <li>• But, after dark we recommend taking a cab back to the hotel (reasonable if you share the ride with friends). Walking back to the hotel after dark is not recommended since some areas are narrow and isolated.</li> </ul>
<b>Cautions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Riverwalk is a very popular destination that draws large crowds. If you have trouble getting around, we suggest visiting early in the day when the crowds are less --- or --- take advantage of the river taxi or river tour boats.</li> <li>• At night, the Riverwalk, itself, becomes a "hot spot". The large crowds can make walking difficult for those who are handicapped or have trouble getting around.</li> <li>• The Riverwalk is heavily patrolled for your safety. But, that also means if you "over enjoy" yourself at the many bars and "hot spots" you might not find that patrol to be a benefit, especially if you fall in the river. If the patrol "fishes" you out, we hear its a large fine (maybe \$1,000 ) and your accommodations that night won't be as nice as your hotel room.</li> </ul>

# Notes

- **Badges** - are required for admittance for all meals.
- **Tables** - you can request to sit together with other attendees (sign up at the Registration in the lobby or in the Hospitality Suite). Seats will be reserved by table number, but to be fair, table positions will be randomly assigned each night. To avoid long lines, table numbers will be randomly called to the buffet line.
- **Dress Code** – for most events is causal.
  - Thursday, Friday & Saturday daytime: suggested are USS Robert E. Lee shirts & hats and USSVI SubVet vests
  - Friday Night's Mexican Buffet: western style encouraged or dress for visiting the Riverwalk
  - Saturday Banquet & Photo session: Semi-formal (coat & tie for gentleman, dressy evening wear for ladies) is recommended, but not required.
- **Hospitality Suite** – On Thursday it will be open in the afternoon until 5:00 pm. It will be open all day Friday. It is the best place to leave messages. When time permits, computers will be available to show you SSBN-601's website and update your crew member profiles. Movies about the Lee and her crew will be continuously shown..
- **Photos** – everyone is requested to have their photos taken on Saturday evening. We are creating a Reunion Memory Book with photos of all events, division/crew group photos and individual/couple photos. You can also order your individual photos from the photographer if you wish.

## Opening Ceremony Remarks



**Robert W. Aldinger** became the 7<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer of the USS Robert E. Lee's Gold Crew in October 1976. Then he commanded the combined crew during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final overhaul at Mare Island, CA. After the overhaul, he became the 8<sup>th</sup> CO of the Blue crew in July 1978 until October 1980 (the next to the last "underway" skipper of the Lee). He graduated from Cornell University in 1961 before receiving his commission and retired in 1991 as a Captain. Then he was a public school math teacher, before fully retiring in June 2003. Bob and Marty Aldinger lived in Hawaii until last year and now live in Hendersonville, NC.



## Key Note Speaker



**Command Master Chief  
Richard A. Rose**

Command Master Chief Rose served on the USS Sea Devil (SSN-664), USS Sturgeon (SSN-637), USS Narwhal (SSN-671), USS Seahorse (SSN-669), USS Lewis and Clark (SSBN-644 Blue) and USS John C. Calhoun (SSBN-630 Gold). Other assignments include, Submarine Squadron FOUR as the Operations Supervisor, USS Trepang (SSN-674) as the Assistant Navigator, Submarine Squadron ONE as the Assistant Operations Officer and USS San Francisco (SSN-711) as Assistant Navigator.

He attended the Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, RI before reporting to USS Columbia (SSN-771) as Chief of the Boat. During his tour, COLUMBIA conducted a Western Pacific Deployment and was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation and Meritorious Unit Commendation. Then in 2002 to 2005, he was assigned as the Command Master Chief of Submarine Squadron THREE in Pearl Harbor, HI, followed by being transferred to the Trident Training Facility Kings Bay, GA, as the Command Master Chief from 2005 to 2008.

In 2007, he was deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was assigned as the Command Master Chief of Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion THREE. He is currently the Chief of the Boat of the USS Georgia (SSGN-729 Blue).

Command Master Chief Rose's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, 3 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Navy Commendation Medals, 6 Navy Achievement Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge, Enlisted Submarine Insignia, Scuba Diver Pin, and SSBN Deterrent Patrol Pin.

He is married to the former Tanya D. Franklin of Newberry, South Carolina. They have two sons Matthew David and Tristan Gage and reside in Kingsland, GA.

## Classic Western Show



**Harvey & Sharon  
McFadden**

**STCS(SS)  
Blue Crew 1974-76**

Our shipmate and his wife, Harvey & Sharon McFadden, will perform their Country Classics Show on Saturday after the banquet. Harvey will perform in several country performer outfits as he pays tribute to country legends such as Marty Robbins, George Jones, Jim Reeves, Conway Twitty, Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Faron Young and many more. Sharon, provides a country / oldies set that includes the songs of Patsy Cline, Skeeter Davis, Connie Francis and more. Sharon has also a CD available called, "Timeless," a collection of 10 of her favorite and most requested songs. Those who were at the New Orleans reunion in 2003 will remember Harvey's *Tribute to Elvis*, thus will be delighted when Elvis will also be "back in the house" again during this show.

After retiring from teaching high school, Harvey became a full time entertainer in 2006 and did 109 performances that year. During 2007, Harvey made 187 appearances, including his 400th career Elvis tribute! He set a record of 263 appearances in 2008, including his 600th Elvis tribute and 700th career performance as a singer. For 2009, as of March 1st, he has 206 appearances scheduled and is well on the way to another record breaking year. He already has bookings for 2010!

**"Elvis"  
Rocks the House  
In New Orleans  
At the 2003 Reunion**

