**USS Donner (LSD-20)**

**May 3rd – May 6th, 2021 Reunion Info – Buffalo, NY**

Welcome to Buffalo, NY, known as the “City of Good Neighbors” due to the small town feel and warm welcome experienced by visitors to the City. Buffalo is the 2nd largest city in the state of New York. Buffalo is on the eastern shore of Lake Erie (hence why we enjoy so much snow), at the head of the Niagara River, 16 miles south of Niagara Falls (that flows into Lake Ontario).The city is famous for its urban planning and layout by Joseph Ellicott, an extensive system of parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, as well as significant architectural works. Its culture blends Northeastern and Midwestern traditions, with annual festivals including Taste of Buffalo and Allentown Art Festival, two professional sports teams, the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres, and a thriving and progressive music and arts scene. The Beef on Weck sandwich, Kielbasa, Sponge Candy, Chicken Wings, Pierogies and Haddock Fish Fries are local food favorites, as is a loganberry-flavored beverage that remains relatively obscure outside of Western New York and Southern Ontario. We do have a group trip to Niagara Falls, NY (USA) planned but for those interested in visiting Niagara Falls on your own and you wish to travel into Canada – reminder to bring your passport (as it is required to journey into Canada). The weather this past May had highs of 55-65 degrees and lows of 40-45.

**Airport/Transportation**

For those of you flying in, the airport is the Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF) in Cheektowaga, NY. The ride from the airport to the Buffalo Millennium Hotel is approximately 10 – 15 minutes AND free shuttle service is available from the hotel \* (see below for further detail).

For those driving in, the hotel is off Interstate I-90 at exit 52. The hotel offers complimentary parking.

**Hotel Information**

The reunion officially runs from check in on Monday, May 4th until check out on Thursday, May 7th. We will be staying at the Buffalo Millennium Hotel located at 2040 Walden Ave, Cheektowaga, NY 14225. Complimentary shuttle service is available for guests flying in (contact hotel once you arrive). The hotel is located near many restaurants and entertainment venues including the Walden Galleria Mall.

**Reservation Information**

You can make your room reservation by calling Millennium Hotel reservations at 866.866.8086 (note hotel direct # is 716.681.2400 but reservations are made via the 866 #). Room options are either a 2-bed guestroom or 1 king bed guestroom at $99 per night plus 13.75% tax which includes up to two breakfast buffets per room per day. Be sure to mention the USS Donner reunion. Check in time is 4pm. The hotel is holding rooms until April 10th, 2020.

**Registration Form**

Please complete the registration form no later than March 22nd, 2020. Also, please remember to bring items for our raffle.

**Key Websites for review:** www.millenniumhotels.com/en/buffalo/millennium-buffalo/

www.niagarafallsusa.com; www. https://buffalonavalpark.org/; http://www.buffaloairport.com/

Feel free to contact us with any questions at ussdonnerbuf2020@gmail.com or Cathy Johns at 716.534.0620 or David Bishop at 716.622.8311. We look forward to seeing you in Buffalo in May 2020!

**The Bishop Family**