

USS Donner (LSD-20)

August 23rd – August 26th, 2021 Reunion Info – Buffalo, NY

2020 and 2021 to date has been anything but normal. The goal in revising the date to the end of August is to allow the COVID rates to dwindle to allow for a safe reunion (along with abiding by NY State laws regarding COVID). Based on this, the goal is to still have a group trip to Niagara Falls, NY (USA) as well as visit the Buffalo Naval Park in downtown Buffalo. Currently, the US-Canadian Border is closed but there is hope by August it will reopen (so you still might want to bring your passport if you wish to visit Canada before or after the reunion).

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 Beef on Weck sandwich, Kielbasa, Sponge Candy, Chicken Wings, Perogies 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. Average temps in August range from highs of around 78 to lows in the 60’s.

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 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, August 23rd until check out on Thursday, August 26th. 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 July 16th, 2021.

Registration Form

Please complete the registration form no later than July 16th, 2021. **Also, please remember to bring items for our raffle.**

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

<https://www.niagarafallsusa.com/> <https://buffalonaivalpark.org/> <https://www.buffaloairport.com/>

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

The Bishop Family