



**Escort Carrier Sailors & Airmen
Association**

**2023
FINAL
REUNION CONVENTION**

**Aug 25 & 26, 2023
Washington DC**

**AUG 25: Doubletree Crystal City
CVE Historical Symposium
Welcome Reception**

**AUG 26: Tour, Memorial, Banquet:
Limo Bus City Driving Tour (Board at Hotel)
Memorial Service & Meeting (at National Museum of USN)
Final Banquet (at Hotel)**

Doubletree Crystal City



Washington Navy Yard





John C. Swift, Dir NMUSN



Dr. David Winkler, Moderator

- **Samuel J. Cox (SES), RADM, USN (Ret)**
Director of Naval History, Curator for the Navy,
Director Naval History and Heritage Command



CDR Stan Fisher, USN, PhD



Guy J. Nasuti, MA, Historian, NHH



Charles Niemeyer, Fmr Dir Marine Corps History



CDR Derek Powles, Royal Navy



Travis Bickford, Library of Congress



Bradley A. Krueger, Archeologist, MA, RPA, NHH

August 25, 2023 :: CVE Historical Symposium & Welcome Reception

Doubletree in Crystal City

7:30 – 9:30 REGISTRATION/BADGE PICKUP

9:30 Conference & Symposium Welcome

David P. Ryan
President, ECSAA Board of Governors

9:45 **Historical Symposium** : 30 Years of Service of the Escort Carrier force

David F. Winkler, PhD
Symposium Moderator:

Morning Session

9:50 Introduction to genesis & historical arc of history of the Escort Carrier
(Context for introduction of CVEs, their construction and use
throughout WWII, Korea, Vietnam)

David F. Winkler, PhD

10:50 AM Break

11:10 Airwing personnel on the Escort Carrier
(and how they evolved from WWII, Korea, Vietnam)

Commander Stan Fisher, USN, PhD
Military Deputy, Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences
US Naval Academy

12:00 Pickup Lunch / Break / Return to table

12:30 **Afternoon Session**

12:30 WWII Service in the Atlantic & Pacific

Guy J. Nasuti, MA, Historian
US Naval History & Heritage Command
Histories & Archives Division

1:30 PM Break

1:40 Escort Carriers in Royal Navy Service

CDR Derek Powles
Royal Navy, British Embassy

2:00 Escort Carriers in Korea

Dr. Charles Niemeyer
Former Director Marine Corps History Division

2:45 Escort Carriers in Vietnam

Guy J. Nasuti, MA, Historian
US Naval History & Heritage Command
Histories & Archives Division

3:00 Preserving the Legacy

Library of Congress Veteran History Program CVE collections

Travis Bickford
Library of Congress

CVE Veterans Panel

Moderators: **Travis Bickford, Library of Congress**

4:15 Keynote :: Underwater Archeology :: What We Do, What We Find
and What We Know about CVEs

Bradley A. Krueger, Archeologist, MA, RPA
US Naval History & Heritage Command
Collection Management Division

5:00 Symposium Conclusion

6:00 – 7:30 **Full Conference Attendee Welcome Reception** – Social

August 26, 2023 :: Tour :: Memorial Meeting :: Banquet

Doubletree → Washington Navy Yard → Doubletree

7:00 **Bus Boarding** / Departs 7:30

Historical DC Tour by Coach

Driving tour to see, for example, the Pentagon, Capitol, Supreme Court, White House, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, Korea Memorial, Vietnam Memorial

9:30 ECSAA Bus Arrives National Museum of USN, inside the Washington Navy Yard

IMPORTANT: All attendees must arrive on the ECSAA Buses. Independent arrivals to WNY for the ECSAA event are not allowed.

10:00 **Escort Carrier Sailors & Airman Memorial Program / Member Meeting**

- Welcome, opening Blessing **Chaplain Regina Johnson** LT, CHC, USN
Staff Chaplain, Arlington National Cemetery
- Introduction to the Museum and the New Museum plans **John C. Swift**, Director
National Museum of the USN
- Keynote: The 30 years of Escort Carrier history **Samuel J. Cox** (SES), RADM, USN (Ret)
Director of Naval History, Curator for the Navy,
Director Naval History and Heritage Command
- Memorial for those who have crossed the bar
(Colors, Ringing of the Bell, Taps) **U.S. Navy Members Color Guard**
ECSAA Governors and Special Guests
Jesse Saldana, MU1, U.S. Navy Band Bugler
- Membership Meeting/Votes:
 - Election of Governors
 - Direct the 'De-Commissioning' of the ECSAA's Reunion Mission and
'Re-commissioning' of ECSAA to an Historical Preservation Mission
- Ceremony marking new era of Escort Carrier Sailer & Airmen Association Historical Preservation in the Digital Age
 - Recognition of Families / Donations to ECSAA to date
- Closing Blessing **Chaplain Regina Johnson** LT

Noon: **Lunch (Box Lunch orders pickup)**

On your own and Docent tours of the Museum

2:30 **Board Bus** to return to Hotel

Free Time to rest and prepare for the Banquet

5:30 **ECSAA Banquet (At the Hotel)**
(Business Formal or Evening Attire)
Cocktails & Seating
Dinner Served, Keynote
Closing Remarks

Keynote Speaker: **Samuel J. Cox** (RAdm USN (Ret))



This year's 'final' Convention marks a transition for ECSAA, as an organization. This year's event will be ECSAA's final act fulfilling the reunion mission to which it was commissioned in 1991.

With the approval of members during the Annual Membership Meeting (to be held during this year's Convention), ECSAA will be re-commissioned as an Historical Preservation and Memorials public benefit non-profit dedicated to remembering and honoring all those who served on or with an Escort Carrier.

ECSAA has, of course, been publishing historical accounts in the CVE Piper since its inception. But at the convention this year, we transition to become an organization solely dedicated to history and memorials.



ATTENDEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ship</u>
Pauline Edwards	USS Altamaha
Steve Edwards	USS Altamaha
Patricia McAdoo	USS Altamaha
Doug Montgomery	USS Altamaha
Bob Carey	USS America
Lola Clairmont	USS Bogue
Doris Kruger	USS Bogue
David Ryan	USS Bogue
Patricia Ryan	USS Bogue
Meredith Byrd	USS Bogue
Robert Kruger	USS Bogue
Vicki Wilson	USS Bogue
Jeff Mann	USS Bogue
Catherine Ryan	USS Bogue
Joe Bennett	USS Corregidor
Joyce Bennett	USS Corregidor
John Kolvenbach	USS Corregidor
Mitchell Kolvenbach	USS Corregidor
Gregory Kolvenbach	USS Corregidor
Jonell Killmer	USS Corregidor
Hunter Kolvenbach	USS Corregidor
Garrett Kolvenbach	USS Corregidor
Vivian Yost	USS Corregidor
Vicki Ramirez	USS Gambier Bay
Marsha Woodruff	USS Gambier Bay
Nancy Pluchino	USS Kadashan Bay
Erin Pluchino Risher	USS Kadashan Bay
Neal O'Loughlin	USS Kadashan Bay
Brian O'Loughlin	USS Kadashan Bay
Cyndy O'Loughlin	USS Kadashan Bay
Casey Pluchino	USS Kadashan Bay
Jon Pluchino	USS Kadashan Bay
Gary Winn	USS Ommaney Bay
Arthur Hutt	USS Puget Sound
Doris King	USS Puget Sound
Kathy May	USS Puget Sound
Pamela Hutt	USS Puget Sound
Edwin Hadsell	USS Rendova
MontaGae Hadsell	USS Rendova
Sheryl Silver	USS Sangamon
Bryan Fazio	USS Sangamon
Walter Young	USS Sangamon
James Tatum	USS Sangamon
Sherry Tatum	USS Sangamon
Bob Evans	USS Sangamon

TAPS

USS ALTAMAHA CVE-18

ROBERT DORIA

USS BOGUE CVE-9

VINCE DE ROUCHER

USS BLOCK ISLAND CVE 21 & 106

MELVIN (MEL) BERGER

LOUIS H. (BUD) HELLWIG, JR.

JOHN A. STRUCK

CALVIN J. WHITE

USS BLOCK ISLAND CVE 21

LESTER F. BECKER

WAYNE C. BLACKBURN, JR.

JAMES COROLES

PAUL F. HOFF

USS BLOCK ISLAND CVE 106

ROBERT C. BOGDAN

LEONARD W. BREHMER

YNEZ (NEY) CARAVEO

LESTER C. HUNDT

QUENTIN H. NELSON

BERNARD SAVRANSKY

ROBERT C. SEILS, SR.

GEORGE SHEPKE

ELMER DOCTOR

VERNON KEMP WORKMAN

USS CHENANGO CVE-28

RAYMOND PIOMBO

USS COMMENCEMENT BAY CVE-105

JOSEPH GALATI

STEPHEN ROCHFORD SUPPORTER

USS CORREGIDOR CVE-58

EARL ANDREWS

ROBERT BAUER

ROBERT BOWERS

JAMES BEARD

ROBERT BROCKMAN

WAYNE CARRELS

CHARLES CAMPBELL

RUDY CRANE

HALL DAVIDSON

DAVID DENCE

ROBERT EIDEN

AL CRISMAN

DON HAYCRAFT

JOHN HEDDLE

JOHN T. HOWARD

RICHARD McLAUREN

KENNETH MEADOWS

LLOYD MOORE

FRANK MURRAY

DAVID PAUST

JACK SPINA

JOHN TRAINER

FRANK WILLIAMS

USS GAMBIER BAY CVE-73

CARL AMUNSEN

ELBERT AUSLEY

GLEN BECKETT

DARRELL BENNETT

GEORGE FELIX

JOHN GAWLIK

CARL JONES

GEORGE LEGATH

JAMES LISCHER

JACK LOCK

GORDON SMITH

USS GILBERT ISLANDS CVE-107

ROBERT E. GRAY

USS HOLLANDIA CVE-97

W. H. "LEE" LEMASTER

USS MAKASSAR STRAIT CVE-91

JOHN M. COKELEY

USS MANILA BAY CVE-61

MARVIN HENDERSON

CLARENCE REARDON

USS MINDORA CVE-120

BURGLER - ROGER L

USS NATOMA BAY CVE-62

HAROLD CLARK ADAMS

MICHAEL MURRIETA

USS RENDOVA CVE 114

CHUCK FECAY

RICHARD SAIP

KENNETH W. BALDRIDGE

USS SANGAMON CVE-26

GEORGE MANIK

DOMINICK BARBERA

GLEN JAMES LOONEY

USS SAVO ISLAND CVE-78

TROY BOND

USS SICILY CVE-118

LEE J. GAFFREY

JAMES KELLAM

JOHN GAZDA

USS SYBONEY CVE-112

ROBERT GARTNER

WILLIAM A. DYER

USS POINT CRUZ CVE-119

PETER BELLAMY

USS TRIPOLI CVE-64

B C CHAPMAN

OTIS MULLINS

ROBERT GALLICCHIO

ARLIN YOTHER

DANIEL ROSAMONDA

STEPHEN PRUDEN

EDWARD TRAUBE

DONALD BIERT

EUGENE (GENE) PUSCHEL

HORACE HART

ROBERT AMBOS

GEORGE DOLITTLE

EDWARD FETTERS

GREGORY FITCH

VELTA LESTER

RUDOLPH BERG, JR.

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Sweet is the memory of distant friends! Like the mellow rays of the departing sun, it falls tenderly, yet sadly, on the heart.

-Washington Irving.

