

Buddy Line



Newsletter of Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School, Key West, Florida
February 2018

Going Home To Key West Again

When Key West was chosen as the site of the next reunion, two years seemed too long to wait. So here we are just one year later, eager to be going to Key West again.

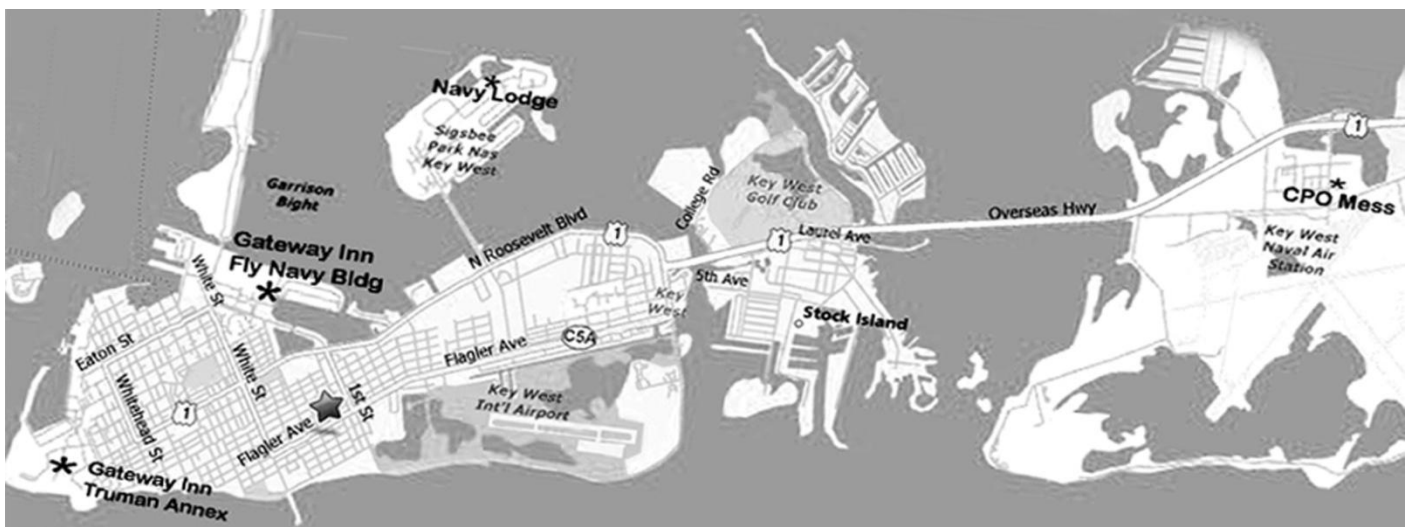
It's a very different Key West from our memories of the 50's, 60's, and 70's. It is hard to find the places we remember and some of them aren't even there any more. And then last September there was Hurricane Irma.

The repair and rebuilding is still going on in many areas. The Gateway Inn at Boca Chica is filled with active duty families waiting for their homes to be repaired and several other military temporary housing facilities are sheltering storm victims. The Fly Navy building is undergoing roof repair and remodeling of rooms.

In spite of all this, our miracle worker reunion chairman, Dave Gholson, was able to round up reunion accommodations for us. With rooms in three places, Fly Navy Building, Truman Beach and Sigsbee Park, and the events in a fourth place, CPO Mess at Boca Chica, it is going to be very handy to have a car at this reunion. Carpooling is good too.

Retirees who need a base sticker can get one at the pass and ID office at Boca Chica NAS on the way in. Reunion attendees without military IDs are on a gate list and should tell the gate guards they are on the UWSS list.

Room check-in for all accommodations is at the Fly Navy Building, the tall building with "Fly Navy" at the top seen from Palm Ave. You will be given a map and directions to each location.



UWSS LOGO ITEMS



All prices include shipping.

- Beefy-T t-shirt.....25.00 ea
white or ash gray, large logo back, small logo pocket
Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL*
 - Long sleeved t-shirt.....28.00 ea
white or ash gray, large logo on back,
small logo on front (no pocket)
Sizes S, M, L, XL,XXL*
 - Polo shirt 50/50 cotton/poly.....28.00 ea
white or ash gray, small logo on pocket.
Sizes M, L, XL, XXL*
 - Pique polo all cotton.....29.00 ea
birch gray, embroidered logo left front ,(no pocket)
Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL*
 - Blue denim shirt, short sleeves38.00 ea
embroidered logo above pocket
Sizes M, L, XL, XXL*
- *All shirts size XXL add \$2.00 ea**
- Cap – natural with logo20.00 ea
 - Baseball cap – blue, embroidered logo.....30.00 ea
Cap 3.00 less if ordered with shirt
 - Embroidered Patch 12.00 ea
 - UWSS logo decal – transparent or white3.00 ea
 - UWSS commemorative coin 12.00 ea
enameled brass, raised design, 1 5/8 inch diameter
 - UWSS all-service commemorative coin..... 15.00 ea
enameled brass, raised design, 2 inch diameter
 - Key Chain with enameled logo medallion 10.00 ea

Make check to FO/UWSS

**Send with order to Ken Recoy, Treasurer
25810 East 330 Road.
Chelsea, OK 74016-5262**

Questions? e-mail: stonefish8@gmail.com
or phone (561) 391-6727

All logo items are pictured on the web site

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Membership February 2018	
Members in database	227
Members in good standing	145
Account Balance November 2017	\$14,096.06
Dues	+817.83
Logo Gear Sales	+658.55
Logo Gear Purchase	-140.17
Logo Gear Postage	-101.56
Buddy Line Printing & Mailing	-246.90
Business Expense	-278.47
Account Balance February 2018	\$14,805.34

FO/UWSS Mission

The Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School was formed in order to keep lines of communication open between personnel of the armed forces who were staff or students at the U.S. Naval Underwater Swimmers School Key West, Florida from 1954 to 1973.

One of the most important reasons for our existence as an organized group is to plan for and participate in biannual reunions, which are held at various locations selected by members' votes.

FO/UWSS Officers

- President Bob Bureker
 - Vice President Dave Byers
 - Secretary/Treasurer..... Ken Recoy
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Buddy Line by email

You may prefer receiving the email version of the Buddy Line newsletter. It is delivered to your inbox as a pdf file for Adobe Acrobat Reader.

The benefits to you are faster delivery and **color** photos (when originals are color). The benefits to the FO/UWSS are the savings on printing and postage for the Buddy Line mail out. To receive the Buddy Line by email, send your request to buddyline@uwss.org.

Dues (\$25.00 for 2 years) are payable in May of odd numbered years. Your paid thru date can be found on your label or in the Buddy Line delivery email. Make check to FO/UWSS and send to Ken Recoy, Treasurer, 25810 East 330 Rd., Chelsea, OK 74016-5262

WELCOME TO THE 12TH REUNION OF UNDERWATER SWIMMERS SCHOOL KEY WEST

Thursday the reunion will kick off at 1400 at the CPO Mess with a time to sign in, pick up badges, and browse the Logo Gear store.

The Icebreaker starts at 1600 with food and drinks.

Friday morning is free time for everyone but the golfers. For them Tee time is 0800 at the Key West Golf Club.

We are invited to tour Special Forces Combat Dive School on Fleming Key at 1400 on Friday.

We'll wind up the day with a BBQ at the CPO Mess at 1600.

Maybe we'll finish the evening with an auction -- if enough "old stuff" is donated by members. So bring some treasures and some junk from UWSS days.

Saturday morning we have the business meeting at 0900 at the CPO Mess. The first order of business will be election of officers. A slate of candidates for president, vice-president and secretary/treasurer, nominated by the board from a list of volunteers, will be presented and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The second business is choosing the location of the next reunion.

The Logo store will be open after the business meeting.

We have free time until the banquet at 1800

Sunday morning we are planning to wind up the reunion with a Mother's Day breakfast to honor the ladies and fortify you for your travels.

Welcome new members

Philip King, Leland, NC
USN 63-98, UWSS 1964 BUDS

Charles H. Fry, Freeport, FL
USA 50-89 UWSS 1957

Discounts

A call to local car rental companies found that only one - Avis - offered military discounts. Phone number of Avis airport location: 305-296-8744.

MWR distributes two sheets of discounts for tickets purchased through them. One is for land activities, the other is for water activities. They are located in the Sigsbee Recreation Center. MWR phone number is 305-293-4173. Military ID required.

Samples from land activities:	MWR	Gate
Aquarium	12.25	15.04
Audubon House	1.50	14.00
Conch Tour Train	24.50	38.50
Lighthouse	8.00	10.00
Mel Fisher Maritime Museum	12.50	15.00
Old Town Trolley	24.50	38.50
Shipwreck Museum	11.50	15.04

Volunteers

The members who volunteered on their vote forms to fill the jobs of the outgoing board have been getting prepared for their new positions.

Because Secretary/Treasurer Bob Shouse Jr wanted to retire a few months early, Ken Recoy of Chelsea, Oklahoma stepped up, worked with Bob a few weeks learning the procedures and is now serving as Secretary/Treasurer.

Jim Houle will be the new Logo gear manager and is meeting with Don next month to check out the procedures and suppliers. Maybe they'll work in a little fishing too.

Ray Hogle of Rexburg, Idaho, and his daughter Raelyn volunteered to take over the Buddy Line publishing duties. We have been getting acquainted over the phone and looking forward to meeting at the reunion.

Dave Gholson volunteered to fill the Vice President position. We are still looking for a President.

REUNION 2018 SCHEDULE

Thursday	May 10	1400	Sign in, get badge and goody bag – CPO Mess Boca Chica	Logo store open
		1600	Icebreaker -CPO mess Boca Chica, Food and drinks	
Friday	May 11	0800	Tee time for golfers*	
		1400	Tour of Special Forces Combat Dive School, Fleming Key	
		1600	Barbeque - CPO mess Boca Chica, Food and drinks	
Saturday	May 12	0900	Business meeting - CPO mess Boca Chica,	Logo store open after
		1800	Banquet speakers	
Sunday	May 13	0900	Mothers' Day Breakfast	

Accommodation Reservations

Due to continuing recovery from hurricane damage in Key West, our accommodations are in several locations. Reservations must be made by calling the number listed below.

Fly Navy Building

Traditional room - one queen bed (75.00) *20 rooms available*

Suite - one queen bed, separate living room with sofa sleeper (90.00) *18 rooms available*

Truman Beach

Traditional Room - one queen bed (75.00) *50 rooms available*

Call 305-851-5780 option 3

Mention UWSS and group number 31130108138, and indicate you would like to place your name on a reservation. you may request a specific location and dates based on what's available.

Haley Daniels

Navy Gateway Inns and Suites Group Coordinator

Office: 305-293-4139 or 2015

Email: haley.daniels@navy.mil

All rooms must be reserved by April 10, 2018

Bringing your RV? The campground at Sigsbee Park has 400 RV sites. Call (305) 293-4432 for reservations.

UWSS REUNION 2018 KEY WEST, MAY 10-13

Reunion Registration

Member Name _____ Name on Badge _____

E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Guest Name _____ Name on Badge _____

Guest Name _____ Name on Badge _____

*Golf is being arranged, we have asked for an 0800 tee time Friday To play check here _____

If you have a valid (DD2 retired ID), check here _____ if no valid ID, enter info for gate list below for all drivers.

Full Name _____ DrvLic# _____ State _____

PAYMENT

Please include Reunion Fee of \$100 for each person plus \$25 two-year dues for member if not already paid through May 2019. New members pay \$12.50 for one year and submit membership application in this Buddy Line newsletter or available on the web site, uwss.org.

If registering by mail, include check made out to "FO/UWSS" and mail with registration to: Ken Recoy, Treasurer, 25810 East 330 Road, Chelsea, OK 74016 5262.

If registering on UWSS web site, you may pay with PayPal or credit card.

**New Member Application
Fraternal Order of Underwater Swimmers School**

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City St Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Wife's Name: _____ Buddy Line Newsletter by email _____ or snail mail _____

Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Dates & Class # at UWSS _____

Send copy of class picture if you have one. Pay 1 Year Membership \$12.50. Make check payable to FO/UWSS and mail to Ken Recoy, Treasurer, 25810 East 330 Road, Chelsea, OK 74016-5262.

The way it was....Sunset lounge was a popular place at the 2006 reunion.



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