



USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION 17TH NATIONAL REUNION OCTOBER 20-22, 2014 SAN DIEGO, CA

The Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

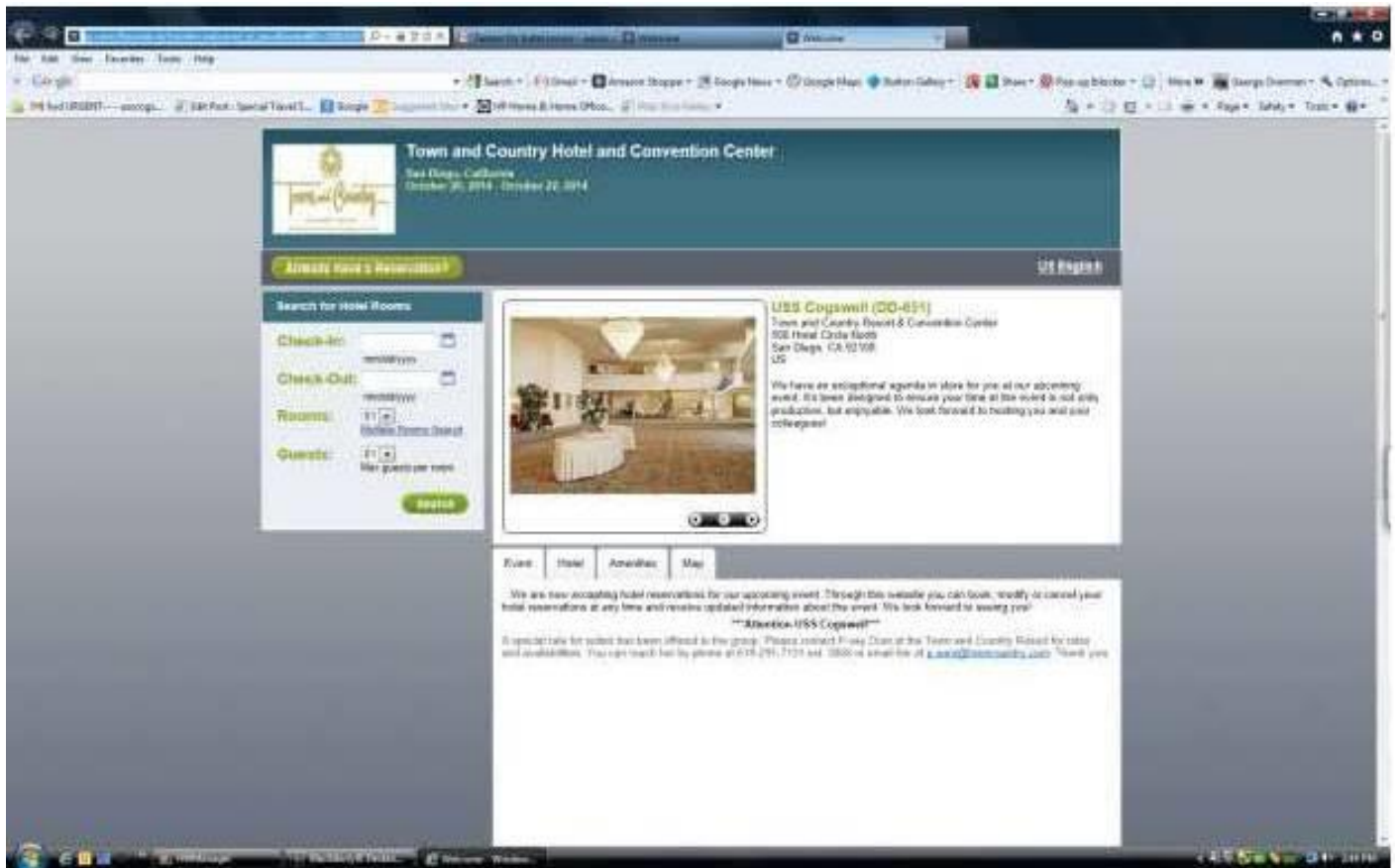
The Town & Country Resort in Mission Valley (San Diego) was the hotel chosen by the inspection team of Rhody & Charlotte Brooks and George & LachmiBai Overman. We inspected five different hotels and based on input from our members and using the inspection matrix the T&C came out on top.

- 1) The easiest way to book a room is to go to the Cogswell dedicated hotel website page <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/eb28bbaa> (see next page for example)
- 2) Or, Call 800-772-8527 use booking Code: USSCogswell DD-651
- 3) Room rates for standard rooms: \$99 Single/Double, \$119 Triple, \$139 Quad occupancy or, Suites: \$149 a night BASED upon availability (limited) at the time of inquiry or booking
- 4) *A special rate for suites* has been offered to the group. Please contact P-say Oum at the Town and Country Resort for rates and availabilities. You can reach her by phone at 619-291-7131 ext. 3868 or email her at p.oum@towncountry.com. Thank you.)



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- 5) **All rooms will be on the 1st and 2nd floor ONLY, unless requested otherwise by the member.** However we might have to eventually use the 3rd floor as well. There are only 22 rooms on each floor.
- 6) For those staying in the hotel, a full buffet breakfast will be served in the hospitality room on the mornings of Tue 10/21, Wed 10/22, Thu 10/23 **ONLY**. Breakfast is NOT included on any other days. Breakfast tickets will be included in your registration packet. Make sure you bring one ticket per person registered in your room..
- 7) Breakfast coupons will be available for \$10 per person for members not registered in the hotel room at the T&C or members living in the area but wanting to join other attendees for breakfast.
- 8) Parking is complimentary. Just check-in, get instructions to the parking site take ticket, (there is some covered parking near the tower rooms), and then whenever leaving the parking lot mention the USS Cogswell Association reunion. The fee will be waived.
- 9) A personal bottle of spirits will be allowed in the hospitality room, but must be kept behind the bar and served by the bartender. (1400-2300) Each bottle will be identified with it's owner. The Cogswell Association will provide basic mixers.

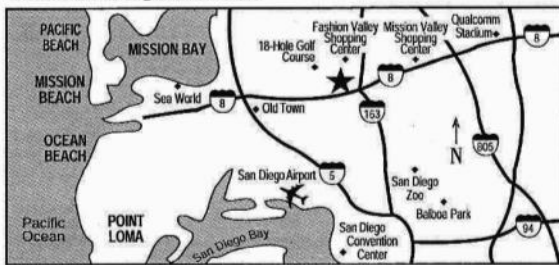


Location

The Town and Country Resort is located in the heart of San Diego - Mission Valley, only seven miles from San Diego International Airport, downtown shopping, dining and entertainment. The resort is also 10 minutes from SeaWorld, the San Diego Zoo, sparkling beaches, bays and the most convenient location to all city sites and famous attractions.

Directions

From San Diego Int'l Airport (7 miles): Follow signs out of the airport to Interstate 5 North. Exit onto Interstate 8 East (El Centro) and exit 2nd Hotel Circle exit, turn left continuing under the overpass. We are on the right hand side.



Guest Room Information

Number of Rooms:	966
Suites/Parlors:	39
1 Bedded Rooms:	274
2 Bedded Rooms:	687
Accessible Rooms:	16
Non-Smoking Rooms:	700
Number of Floors (2 towers):	10
Check-in Time:	3:00 pm
Check-out Time:	11:00 am

Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.
Cancellations at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation fees.

Guest Room Amenities

- Remote control TV with cable movie channels, in-room pay movies
- Voice mail, telephone w/ message light, computer hookup
- Video account review and video check-out
- Wireless Internet Access
- Individual climate control
- Electronic door locks with automatic deadbolt
- Full bath amenities
- Turndown available on request
- Iron, ironing boards
- AM/FM alarm clock radio
- Hair dryers
- Free weekday newspaper
- Room Service (6:00 am - midnight)
- In-room Coffee

Restaurants & Lounges

Name	Seats/Capacity	Cuisine	Meals Served	Entertainment
Trellises Garden Grille	246	Contemporary	B-L-D	Fri-Sat pm/Bar
Terrace Cafe and Deli	188	Cafe/Deli	B-L	N/A
Kelly's Steakhouse	159	Steakhouse	D	Piano Bar Nightly/Bar (except Monday)
Charlie's	150	Sports Bar	L-D	Satellite Sports

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Group Sales: 800-445-2324
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Guest Services

- Concierge
- Business Center
- Bella Tosca Day Spa
- Salon
- Fitness Center
- Gift Shops
- Avis Rental Car
- Valet Service
- Multilingual Staff
- Ice Machines
- Adjacent to Fashion Valley Shopping Mall
- Assistive devices for persons with disabilities

Recreational Facilities

- 27-hole championship golf course
- 14,000 sq. ft. Bella Tosca Day Spa, Salon & Fitness Center
- Three swimming pools and whirlpool
- Light Rail Trolley Stop
- First class tennis and racquetball nearby
- Minutes from beaches and bays

Points of Interest

World Famous San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, San Diego Wild Animal Park, Old Town, Beautiful Beaches and Bays, La Jolla, Gaslamp District, LegoLand, Qualcomm Stadium (SDSU Aztecs, Chargers), PETCO Park (Padres), Balboa Park, Miramar, Marine Corps Air Station, Fashion Valley Shopping Mall.

Meeting & Banquet Facilities

Total meeting space	225,000 sq. ft.
Largest ballroom:	41,000 sq. ft.
Prefunction space:	13,640 sq. ft.
Exhibit space:	80,000 sq. ft.

Key Features

- Largest private meeting facility in San Diego with over 250,000 sq. ft. of meeting space
- Four ballroom complexes 41,000 - 24,000 - 18,000 and 5,550 sq. ft.
- 41,000 sq. ft. exhibit hall
- Two executive conference centers
- 50 state-of-the-art breakout rooms
- Several gardens and poolside venues for outdoor events

In-house Preferred Vendors

- MSI - Meeting Services Incorporated - San Diego's top supplier of audio, lighting, video rentals and technical needs
- GES - Exposition general management, covering every aspect of planning and staging a tradeshow

**SAN DIEGO REUNION
PLAN OF THE DAY
(Tentative)**

Monday, October 20, 2014

- 0930 USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION reunion registration begins in hospitality rooms on the 9th floor of the Regency Tower
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)
- 1400 Beer, wine and mixers available from the bartender. (All personal spirits checked in at the bar must be served by the bartender)
- 1600 Collision at Sea presentation by Walt Dziedzic
- 1700 Reunion welcome gathering with Hors D'oeuvres
- 1730 Remarks from our Association President Frank Wille, a representative from the Convention and Visitors Bureau & a representative from the hotel
- 1800 An overview of the scheduled tours and the other activities during the reunion.
- 1815 (Approximate) Cogswell Association business meeting and election of new committee members
- 1830 Reception continues
- 2300 Elevator access to 9th floor shut down (hospitality room closed)

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

- 0700-0900 Breakfast served in the hospitality room—tickets in registration packet
- 0845 Tour bus boarding and singling up lines
- 0900 **Sharp**—Tour bus casts off
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)
- 1400 Beer, wine and mixers available from the bartender. (All personal spirits checked in at the bar must be served by the bartender)
- 1600 (Approximate) Tour bus returns to port
- 2300 Elevator access to 9th floor shut down (hospitality room closed)

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

- 0700-0900 Breakfast served in the hospitality room
- 0845 Tour bus boarding and singling up lines
- 0900 **Sharp**—Tour bus casts off
- 1100 Snack service begins in hospitality room (snack mix, soft drinks, coffee & tea)
- 1400 Beer, wine and mixers available from the bartender. (All personal spirits checked in at the bar must be served by the bartender)
- 1430 (Approximate) Tour bus returns to port
- 1700 Photo taking begins in designated area (all hands on deck, purchase of photo book optional)
- 1715 Banquet room opens—full cash bar available with Hors D'oeuvres
- 1800 Banquet program begins with announcements from Association President Frank Wille
- 1815 Invocation, and Necrology
- 1830 Food service
- 1900 Guest speaker(s)
- 2100 Benediction
- 2100 Hospitality room remains open for more sea stories
- 2300 Elevator access to 9th floor shut down (hospitality room closed)

Thursday, October 23, 2014

- 0700-0900 Breakfast served in the hospitality room
Final farewells in breakfast area as the USS COGSWELL DD-651 ASSOCIATION REUNION IS CLOSED and we look forward to our next reunion somewhere in the Eastern Time Zone.

A Special Presentation Collision at Sea

By Captain Walter T. Dziejczak, USN. Ret.
(Cogswell 59-62)



A presentation by Walt Dziejczak will be offered on Monday, June 20 at 1600 in our hospitality area describing the collision of the USS Belknap (CG-26) and the USS John F. Kennedy (CVA-67) which occurred in the Ionian Sea in Nov 75. The presentation will include the cause of the collision, several photos of the collision damage with comments, and



the aftermath including lessons learned, Navy attempts to preclude future, similar collisions, and the results of legal action. Walt (then Cdr.) was XO Belknap at the time of collision and has a unique grasp of the personalities involved and the actions of the crew.

Banquet Speakers

TBD

We are currently working on a list of prospective speakers at the banquet. These speakers will enlighten us with tales of adventure aboard Cogswell. The plan is to have somewhere between 4-6 “brief” presentations.

Tuesday, October 21

On Tuesday morning we will be leaving the hotel as scheduled in the POD. The first stop on our trip will be to tour the first of the California missions. This tour will take approximately one hour.

*A National Historic Landmark
California Historic Landmark #242
City of San Diego Historic Designation #113*

First of the 21 missions and known as the Mother of the Missions, Mission San Diego de Alcala was founded on July 16, 1769 by Blessed Junipero Serra. It was designated as a Minor Basilica in 1976 by Pope Paul VI. The Mission today is an active Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego



The next stop will be San Diego Old Town where the group will have 1 1/2 hours to tour, shop, and have lunch. If more shopping is desired later, this facility is only about 2 miles from the hotel in Mission Valley. The hotel does provide transportation to Old Town.



Old Town San Diego is considered the "birthplace" of California. San Diego is the site of the first permanent Spanish settlement in California. It was here in 1769, that Father Junipero Serra came to establish the very first mission in a chain of 21 missions that were to be the cornerstone of California's colonization. Father Serra's mission and Presidio were built on a hillside overlooking what is currently known as Old Town San Diego. At the base of the hill in 1820's, a small Mexican community of adobe buildings was formed and by 1835 had attained the status of El Pueblo de San Diego. In 1846, a U.S. Navy Lieutenant and a

Marine Lieutenant, raised the American flag in the Old Town San Diego Plaza.

Tuesday, October 21

After our visit in Old Town San Diego, the bus will take the group to the National Historic Landmark, USS Recruit TDE-1 (referred to by most of us as the *USS Neversail*). We are sure that many of the folks on this tour will remember running around this ship during boot camp at the former Naval Training Center. We will have approximately 30 minutes to shoot pictures. Admittance to the ship is not longer permitted.



USS Recruit (TDE-1, later TFFG-1) was a landlocked "dummy" training ship of the United States Navy, located at the Naval Training Center in the Point Loma area of San Diego. She was built to scale, two-thirds the size of a Dealey-class destroyer escort, and was commissioned on July 27, 1949.^[1] Recruit was commissioned for 18 years, for much of that period the only landlocked ship to hold that status in the U.S. Navy. Recruit was decommissioned in March 1967, due to the inability to classify the unique ship in a computerized registry of Navy vessels. However she was later recommissioned in 1982, and refurbished to look like an Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate. Commissioned or otherwise, she served continuously as a training facility from her construction in 1949 until the base was closed by the BRAC commission in 1997.

The final stop of the day will be at “the foot of Broadway”, or called the Embarcadero. Here, everyone will be on their own to participate, tour, or otherwise enjoy themselves with one or more of the sightseeing opportunities in this area. Across the street, up Broadway, is the Union Station still operating today as it did when first opened in 1915. Don't look for any locker clubs on Broadway as they no longer exist.



Highlights of what to do at this stop.

1. The **USS Midway Museum** invites the public to learn about America's longest-serving aircraft carrier with 35 exhibits and tours exploring its rich 47-year history. Many of the story-telling docents are veterans who served aboard the carrier.
2. The **Maritime Museum of San Diego** is housed in one of the finest collection of historic ships in the world. The iconic and majestic *Star of India* is docked in downtown San Diego on the beautiful waterfront and is the main attraction at the museum. The museum's collection includes a Soviet submarine the *B-39*, an American research submarine the *USS Dolphin* and the *HMS Surprise* (star of *Master and Commander* and *Pirates of the Caribbean 4*), *The Berkeley 1898 Steam Ferry*, just to name a few.

Admission prices for any of the sites on the Embarcadero are not included in your tour cost. All costs for these sights are up to the individual attendee.

For complete information including admission prices to these activities visit:
<http://www.sandiego.org/articles/downtown/the-embarcadero-in-san-diego-ca.aspx>

Wednesday, October 22

On Wednesday morning we will be leaving the hotel as specified in the POD on our way to the Coronado Island with a “windshield” tour of the 32nd Street Naval Station. The tour bus will drive through the base with a Naval Officer provided by the base PIO as narrator. We will not be allowed to get off the bus. This drive through will last approximately one hour.

Naval Base San Diego is the principal homeport of the Pacific Fleet, consisting of 49 Navy ships, two Coast Guard cutters, five Military Sealift Command logistical support platforms, several research and auxiliary vessels. Naval Base San Diego is home to 213 individual commands, each having specific and specialized fleet support purposes. Naval Base San Diego proper is comprised of over 1,600 land acres and 326 acres of water. The base is also responsible for Commander, Navy Region Southwest and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest headquarters located downtown San Diego, Naval Medical Center in Balboa Park and Admiral Baker recreation and golf course located in Mission Valley (Naval Base website)



After transiting the base we will cross the Coronado Bay Bridge over to the Coronado Island. The bus will unload passengers at the Hotel Del Coronado where we will meet the tour guide(s) for our 90 walking tour of the area and the Hotel Del. This walk is approximately 1/2 mile. The tour is conducted by the Coronado Historical Society. After the tour there will be time to have lunch and shop. The bus will board at 1400 for the return trip to the hotel.



Join us for a leisurely guided stroll through this famous playground of Presidents and Princes. Beginning at one of the island’s most stately mansions, we pass the site of old Tent City, the magnificent Hotel del Coronado, and the castles and cottages that line one of the nation’s most beautiful beaches. As we recount the stories of moguls and movie stars, Navy Pilots and SEALs, we will fill you with over one hundred years of remarkable history. (Historical Society Website)





Banquet
USS COGSWELL Reunion

Plated Dinner

Green Valley Salad
Topped with Cucumbers Tomatoes & Julienne Carrots
Served with Herb Vinaigrette and Ranch Dressings

Choice of Entrée:

Rosemary Scented Grilled Chicken Breast

With Wild Mushroom Sauce

Or

Tender Sirloin of Beef

Burgundy Wild Mushroom Jus

Or

Herb Crusted Salmon

Citrus Buerre Blanc & Herb Garnish

Or

Vegetable Wellington

Grilled Vegetables, layered with Aged Swiss Cheese

Wrapped in Fresh Puff Pastry

Accompanied by:

Herb Rice Pilaf

Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Assorted Rolls & Butter

Chef's Chocolate Mousse Cake with Raspberry Sauce

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea

All Entrées \$40/ea.



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