



**U.S.S. COGSWELL DD-651
ASSOCIATION**



**NATIONAL REUNION
OCTOBER 17-19, 2023
BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA
RAPID CITY, SD**



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Chuck & Bettie Baker

Gary & Avis Esterby

George Overman

Buddy & Selena Simmermann



Guest Speaker
Blaine Kortemeyer

TOPIC

Mount Rushmore Preservation

Blaine Kortemeyer, assistant chief of interpretation and education at Mount Rushmore National Memorial will speak to us about the monument and his work climbing over the top and working on the faces. Kortemeyer, a veteran of 24 years at Rushmore, is a member of the “Rope Team” that monitors cracks in the granite in the massive sculpture and works to maintain the memorial for the ages.



Group picture



Cheryl Williams / Kevin Lincoln & Family



Sessions, Simmermann, Davis



The newest Cogswell Association member London Shaver



Mike Adamsen
BT/EO 58-60



Chuck & Bettie Baker
BM/EO 60-63



Den Dollard & Diane Dollard
Guests of JL Smith



Walt & Rose Dzedzic
Officer 59-62



Ron & Margaret Eberle
BM 66-68



Gary & Avis Esterby
FTG 66-69



David & Holly Fouts
RD 59-61



Jerry & Donna Gross
PN 66-68



Jane Helpap / John Helpap
Officer 63-64



Goody & Doni Kimball
GMG 59-63



Karen & Darrell Martin
FTG 64-67



Mike McGivney
EM 63-65



Nancy Mendenhall / John Mendenhall
FT 61-65



Orval Mills
MM 61-65



Russ & Vernanne Mills
MM 64-68



George H Overman
RM 64-66



Ernesto Perez – Teresa Perez
STG 66-69



Ray & Terry Piez
EM 64-67



Ed & Evelyn Schreier
ET 66-68



Gale Sessions & Melissa Davis
EM 64-67



Buddy & Selena Simmermann
Ship's Store & Director



Jim Smith & Joan Petersen-Smith
QM 66-67



Mack Stringfield
EM 65-66



Don & Julie Tennant
Officer 67-69



Lyna Low / Frank Wille
Officer 63-65



Howard Williams
CS 68-69



Tuesday-Thursday 17-19, 2023 Opening Reception With Raffle & Hospitality Room Activities

























***Wednesday, October 18, 2023
Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse,
Wildlife Loop in Custer State Park***



Zac Ingle, our driver and his bus for the day.























Thursday Night October 19, 2023 Banquet









FOR OUR FALLEN WARRIORS

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind ever be at your back,

May you find old friends waiting to greet you, there on the outside track.

We're gathered together old times to remember, 'tis but for ourselves we would grieve,

So we'll sing you a chorus and bid you farewell - fair winds and a following sea.

We'll sing of 'The Leaf' and 'The Parting Glass', we'll raise up our voices in song,

No sadness today for the one who has passed, celebrate with a voice glad and strong.

A catch in the throat, a tear in the eye, but no funeral dirge will this be,

We'll roar 'Auld Lang Syne' as a victory song - fair winds and a following sea.

And those of us left here will miss a true friend, who shared with us good times and bad,

Raising a glass to your memory we'll say: "We've known you - why should be we sad?"

We honour a life that was lived to the full, we honour a spirit, now free.

You'll long be remembered, whenever we say: "Fair winds and a following sea!"

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