

September, 2026
Fredericksburg,
TX Reunion



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The 2026 USS Savage Reunion - Fredericksburg, TX!



September 20-25, 2026

Join us for a very special USS Savage reunion filled with laughter and new moments to cherish. Come catch up, share stories, and make new memories at this year's reunion. Good food, great company, and plenty of smiles await—don't miss it! We can't wait to see you there!

We are pleased that to provide you with these initial insights into the 2026 USS Savage Reunion in Fredericksburg, TX. In this special issue of the Lake Charles Times, you will find an outline of our reunion schedule and some key events. We hope to see you in Texas!

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

Dear USS Savage Reunion Association members, families and friends;

The importance of gathering as an Association like we have done historically as the USS Savage Reunion Association is that we are able to share common experiences and a reestablish our unity as one that cannot be truly experienced in any other way. The excitement of gathering once again in Fredericksburg as an Association has driven our planning committee to create a reunion agenda that will be one to remember. For those of you who will not be able to attend for one reason or another, we certainly understand. Please know that each person that served aboard the USS Savage, and their families are always on our minds and celebrated for their contributions and service.

Sincerely,

Dan Dykstra
President, USS Savage Reunion Association

Inn of The Hills Hotel



The Agenda!

A. Sunday Sept. 20 - ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION STARTING AT NOON

1. Collect Association Dues and any unpaid fees that are part of the package.
2. Handout information packet and banquet dinner tickets as members arrive.
3. Open House type gathering to all in the Hospitality Room (light snacks and delicious refreshments provided)
4. Dinner on your own.

B. Monday Sept. 21 - USS SAVAGE MEMORIAL SERVICE

1. Breakfast-hotel breakfast is available for purchase.
2. Depart hotel for USS Savage (DE/DER 386) Memorial Service at the Admiral Nimitz Museum and then a tour of the museum.
3. Return to hotel.
4. Afternoon – Open time (Kerrville, Tx ideas below)
5. Dinner - On your own.
6. Open House - Hospitality Room.

C. Tuesday Sept. 22 – CITY TOUR OF FREDERICKSBURG

1. Breakfast- hotel breakfast is available for purchase.
2. Depart for an exciting tour of the city of Fredericksburg, TX
3. Lunch on your own.
4. Return to the hotel.
5. Dinner – On your own.
6. Open House -Hospitality Room.

D. Wednesday Sept. 23 – FREE DAY TO EXPLORE

1. Breakfast- hotel breakfast is available for purchase.
2. A list of exciting things to do in Kerrville and the surrounding area is below.
3. Open time (lunch *on your own*) then return to hotel.
4. Open House - Hospitality Room.

D. Thursday Sept. 24 – BANQUET DINNER

1. Breakfast- hotel breakfast is available for purchase.
2. Business Meeting, Auction
3. Banquet Dinner – Hospitality Room.
4. Open House - Hospitality Room.

F. Friday Sept. 25 – FAREWELLS & CHECK OUT OF HOTEL

Farewell & See You Next Time!

Booking your Hotel Room

To book your room at The Inn of The Hills Hotel, please call them directly at **830-895-5000**. Room rates are \$109.00 for a king bed, \$119.00 for two queen beds and \$119.00 for a poolside room. The hotel is located at 1001

Junction Hwy, Kerrville, Texas, 78028. A delicious breakfast is available for \$10.00. The hotel offers 2 outdoor pools as well as other recreational amenities including a nightclub and an outdoor tennis court as well as a pool table and fire pit for relaxing. This resort also features complimentary wireless internet access, gift shops/newsstands, and a hair salon. Satisfy your appetite for dinner at the resort's bar/lounge, The Inn Pub, or stay in and take advantage of the room service (during limited hours). Quench your thirst with your favorite drink at the poolside bar! Self-parking is free at the hotel.

Fun and exciting things to do in the Kerrville Area These attractions highlight the charm and diversity of Kerrville, making it an excellent destination for outdoor activities, cultural experiences, and relaxation. Whether you're interested in art, nature, or history, Kerrville has something to offer everyone.

1. The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Gardens: A serene Sculpture Garden featuring a large cross, prayer rocks, and statues, perfect for reflection and spiritual connection.
2. Kerrville River Trail: A scenic trail ideal for walking, jogging or just enjoying a picnic area with benches along the way, providing beautiful views of the Guadalupe River.
3. The Museum of Western Art: This museum showcases Western art and culture, offering a glimpse into the history of the American West.
4. Kerrville-Schreiner Park: A 500-acre park located along the Guadalupe River and is ideal for fishing, hiking and enjoying nature.
5. Schreiner Mansion: A historic mansion that tells the story of the Y.O Ranch and its significance in the area's history.
6. Kerrville Hills Winery: One of the first wineries in the area, known for its handcrafted wines and beautiful tasting room.
7. Riverside Nature Center: An arboretum and garden that offers educational exhibits and beautiful walking paths, perfect for nature lovers.
8. The Empty Cross: A notable landmark featuring a large cross and prayer garden, providing a peaceful atmosphere for visitors.
9. Louise Hays Park: A family-friendly park with playgrounds, picnic areas and trails.
10. Stonehenge II: A replica of the original Stonehenge located nearby in Ingram, TX, this art installation is free to visit and offers a unique photo opportunity.

Reunion Event Transportation

The preferred airport for The Inn of The Hills is San Antonio International Airport (SAT) - 104.2 km / 64.7 mi from the hotel should you choose to fly into this Airport and rent a car. San Antonio International Airport services all the primary airlines such as American, Delta, Southwest or United Airlines.

Reunion Event and Cost Details

Enclosed on the registration form in this newsletter is a list of events with the accompanying costs. Instructions for calculating the total expense and submitting payment is noted on the document. **Please be sure to indicate all intentions of attending an event or not, and the number of attendees when completing the form.**

Thursday Business Meeting, Auction and Banquet Dinner

Thursday, September 24th will be our USS Savage Reunion Association Business Meeting and Auction. The business meeting and auction (Please bring something to auction that is easy to transport home) will start at 10:00 am in the Hospitality Room.

The Banquet Dinner, in the Hospitality Room, will start at 5:00 pm. The meals offered are Tortilla Encrusted Tilapia, Pork Schnitzel or Dijon Crusted Chicken. Enjoy a nightcap after the banquet if you like at the hotel bar, a local watering hole nearby the hotel or gather once more in the Hospitality Room.

Dues Payment

The annual dues for the USS Savage Reunion Association, in the amount of \$20.00 should be submitted when submitting your reservation form. This can be calculated into the payment amount as you complete the reservation form below and by including the amount on the check you send to: Pat Rego, 4497 W. Pueblo Dr., Eloy, AZ 85131. If you have already paid your 2026 dues, thank you!

Fredericksburg Weather in September

The first month of the autumn, September, is still a warm month in Kerrville, Texas, with an average temperature fluctuating between 67.1°F (19.5°C) and 85.3°F (29.6°C).

Attending, Possibly Attending or Not This Year?

If you are you not planning to attend the reunion this year, please know that we will be thinking of you and honoring your service. We hope you will take a moment and share a photo of yourself and your family so we can share with those in attendance what you are up to these days. We hope to see you at a future reunion! Phots can be sent to mburkhart6983@gmail.com. Let's tell those stories one more time!

ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

USS Savage (DE/DER-386) Fredericksburg, TX Reunion – 2026

Listed below are all the registration and tour costs for the Fredericksburg, TX reunion. Please enter how many people in your group will be participating in each event, and then the total amount due for each item; which would equal the event cost **X** the number of attendees in your party. Sum each item for your total due and then submit that amount in the form of a check or money order, payable to USS Savage Reunion Association, along with a copy of this completed form, to **Pat Rego, 4497 W. Pueblo Dr., Eloy AZ 85131**. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Note that the all-in cost per person is \$132.00 (not including Annual Dues), including the events and meal expenses.

All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before July 31, 2026.

	Price Per	# of People	Total
Tour of Admiral Nimitz Museum	\$28.00		\$
Tour of Fredericksburg	\$44.00		\$
Business Meeting Meal	\$10.00		\$
Banquet Dinner: (Indicate the number ordered of each) <input type="checkbox"/> Pork Schnitzel # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tortilla Encrusted Tilapia # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Dijon Crusted Chicken # _____	\$50.00 per person		\$
Annual Dues (Please include if not already paid for 2026)	\$20.00	1	\$
Total Amount Payable to USS Savage Reunion Association			\$

Name of Reunion Association Member: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

For any questions, contact Pat Rego at 831-840-5880 or via email at patrego95004@yahoo.com.

Please let us know if you have any dietary requests or restrictions, or any other special requests for your attendance at the reunion. Use additional paper as needed.

We look forward to seeing you in Fredericksburg!