



**CGC STORIS/BRAMBLE/SPAR USCG Veteran Reunion
Port Huron, MI 18-21 JUL 2021
Doubletree by Hilton/Bluewater Convention Center**

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

GUESTS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

RANK/RATE _____ UNITS/YEARS SERVED _____

BRINGING SLIDES/PHOTOS/CRUISE BOOKS ETC.? If yes, describe: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS/REQUESTS (dietary, mobility, etc.)? _____

Registration fee - \$100 per adult, \$50 per child - includes:

- Admission to Bluewater Convention Center facilities and reunion activities
- "Icebreaker" meet-and-greet on Sunday 18 JUL, hors d'oeuvres (w/cash bar)
- Buffet Dinner on Tuesday 20 JUL (w/cash bar)
- Expense coverage for meeting space, equipment rental, event insurance, postage, printing costs, supplies, etc.

NO. ATTENDING - ADULTS _____ X \$100 – KIDS UNDER 16 _____ X \$50 - TOTAL \$ _____

HURON LADY II Day Cruise _____ X \$18 p/p TOTAL = \$ _____

(Ninety-minute public cruise, please pick date/time of departure)

Monday 19 JUL - 1300 _____ 1500 (very limited # available) _____ or Tuesday 20 JUL - 1300 _____ 1500 _____

HURON LADY II – Private Charter Dinner Cruise _____ X \$60 p/p = TOTAL \$ _____

Three hours, 1800-2100 Monday 19 JUL, rain or shine. Food included, cash bar, menu TBD

DONATION \$ _____ GRAND TOTAL FOR EVENT \$ _____

Let's share some good sea stories and camaraderie, renew old friendships and make new acquaintances.
We look forward to seeing you in July!

EMAIL: coastiephreunion21@gmail.com for any questions or additional information.

Make check/money order payable to Jon Ottman or CGC STORIS/CG Veteran Reunion and mail form to:

P.O. Box 38, Algonac, MI 48001-0038

Reunion registrations & Doubletree Hotel group reservations must be received/made by 18 JUN 2021.

This event is organized with the understanding COVID-19 restrictions may impact/change schedules, costs and planned activities up to and including total cancellation of the entire reunion. In the event of cancellation, every attempt will be made to make near-full refunds to registrants but a percentage of registration fees will need to be retained in order to cover any financial penalties or expenses incurred by organizers on behalf of those interested in participating in the reunion. All participants must be paid registrants. Any excess funds from individual activities will be redirected to help cover other event expenses. As the reunion group cannot generate any profit, any residuals created by the event are to be donated to a designated nonprofit USCG-related entity such as the U.S. Coast Guard Museum, Foundation for Coast Guard History and/or the USCG Chief Petty Officers' Association, etc.

Share this packet with old shipmates and other potential attendees you may know

Travel information (highlighted links are active for more information):

[The Doubletree by Hilton](#) and [Bluewater Convention Center](#) are located at:

800 Harker Street, Port Huron, MI, 48060

Check-in time is 1500 and Check-out time is 1200.

Room rate is \$149 per night plus applicable taxes and charges.

Phone: (810) 984-8000. Please use group code **CGC** to get the assigned group rate.

Visit the website at www.porthuron.doubletree.com and in the field provided, enter group code **CGC**.

Cancellations may be made up to 24 hours prior to arrival.

Rooms are assigned at the discretion of the hotel on a first-come, first-served basis and there are a limited number of water-view rooms available within the designated room block assigned to the reunion guests.

Alternate/backup lodging is arranged at:

[The Comfort Inn and Suites](#)

1720 Hancock Street, Port Huron, MI, 48060

Check-in time is 1500 and Check-out time is 1200.

Room rate is \$109 per night plus applicable taxes and charges.

Phone: (810) 987-5999. When making reservations, notify the hotel you are part of the July Coast Guard Reunion to be assured of the negotiated rate. Cancellations may be made up to 24 hours prior to arrival.

Lodging amenities and services at both facilities are subject to state and local COVID-19 health restrictions.

Airport/Rail Information:

Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) – <https://www.metroairport.com/> – is located in Romulus, Michigan, south of Detroit. The airport is ~78 miles away from Port Huron, with the fastest, most direct route being I-94 East from the airport to Port Huron for a drive of approximately 1:15. Airlines that utilize DTW are listed here:

<https://www.metroairport.com/flights/airline-directory>

Flint Bishop Airport (FNT) – <https://www.bishopairport.org/> – is located in Flint, Michigan, ~71 miles west of Port Huron. The fastest route to Port Huron is eastbound I-69, for a drive of approximately 1:03. Airlines serving FNT include Allegiant, American, United and Delta.

Both airports have rental cars and other transportation options available.

Amtrak: Port Huron does have an Amtrak station (designated PTH) that is accessible on the Michigan Service Train through Chicago's Union Station. – <https://www.amtrak.com/routes/michigan-services-train.html>

Campgrounds:

For those interested in attending the event by RV, there are campgrounds located nearby.

- **Port Huron KOA** – 5111 Lapeer Rd. Kimball, MI, 48074 – <https://koa.com/campgrounds/port-huron/>
- **Lakeport State Park** – 7605 Lakeshore Road, Lakeport, MI, 48059 – Lakeport State Park is located on Lake Huron with two units separated by the village of Lakeport. A total of 250 sites are divided between the two campgrounds. I-94 east to Port Huron, then follow M-25 north for 15 miles, and the entrance is on the east side of M-25. – <https://www.michigan.org/property/lakeport-state-park>
- **Algonac State Park** – 8732 River Road, Marine City, MI 48039 – Algonac State Park is located approximately 30 miles south of Port Huron on M-29, just north of the City of Algonac, with two campgrounds and a half-mile frontage on the St. Clair River for shipwatching. – <https://www.michigan.org/property/algonac-state-park>

Reservation site for Michigan DNR campgrounds – <https://www.midnrreservations.com/>

Additional information for the Bluewater Area is available in the [Bluewater Visitor's Guide](#) and on the Bluewater Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site at <https://www.bluewater.org/>. These visitor resources list various venues, activities, eateries, museums, shops, scenic routes and walking locations.

MEAL INFORMATION-

Breakfast/lunch/dinner

- There are several restaurants in close proximity to the lodging/meeting facilities. A restaurant map will be provided at the opening of the event.
- Freighters Restaurant and Taproom is located within the Doubletree Hotel/Bluewater Convention Center property: <https://freightersph.com/>
- If COVID-19 restrictions lift and there is enough interest from attendees to justify opening for breakfast, the on-site Freighters restaurant would offer a discounted, plated breakfast for the group at \$9.99 per person for those attendees who are staying at the Doubletree Hotel. The breakfast would consist of chef's choice scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, bacon or sausage, toast, a side of fruit and coffee or orange juice. Guests would be issued a coupon upon arrival that they will need to present to their server and then the breakfast will be charged to their guest room.
- According to the hotel Web site, Comfort Inn guests will have a free hot breakfast available to them.
- Other dining options are listed on the CVB Web site at: <https://www.bluewater.org/dining/>.

EVENT ITINERARY-

Sunday 18 JUL – Reunion opens – Check-in and Meet/Greet – Bluewater Convention Center

- Meeting room open from 0830 to 2200 – Coffee/water service for eight hours

“Icebreaker” Meet and Greet – Convention Center Meeting Room - Sunday 18 JUL – 1800-2200

- Chicken tenderloins with Ranch dressing
- Hot spinach artichoke dip with tortilla chips
- Imported cheese and cracker platter
- Seasonal fruit platter, fresh vegetable and dip platter
- Assorted relish platter
- Deviled eggs platter
- Homemade potato chips with French onion dip
- Cash Bar

Monday 19 JUL – “Choose Your Own Adventure, Day 1”

- Meeting room open from 0830 to 2200 - Coffee/water service for eight hours
- Oral history interviews are planned, details to follow
- Various participants will give presentations in meeting room, schedule/content TBD
- Hotel patio and boardwalk across the street along the river offer scenic views and places to converse or walk, while watching pleasure boats and freighters from around the world pass by.
- Suggested sites to visit Monday/Tuesday include:
 - [Fort Gratiot Lighthouse](#) and 1930s CG Station - 2802 Omar Street - [MAP](#)
 - [HURON Lightship \(LV-103/WAL-526\)](#) 800 Prospect Place/north end of Pine Grove Park
 - [Blue Water Trolley](#) – 45-minute guided scenic bus tour around the city for 10¢ pp
 - [HURON LADY II public cruise](#) 207 Water Street - \$18 pp 1300 and 1500 (limited # of tickets available for 1500 Monday sailing) - [MAP/Contact](#)
 - If strict US/Canada border COVID restrictions are lifted, visit [Sarnia, ON](#), [w/passports/proper paperwork](#).

We have been asked about U.S. Coast Guard facilities in the Port Huron Area. There is [CG STA Port Huron](#), which is located at 2800 Omar Street, just north of the Bluewater Bridges and adjacent to Ft. Gratiot Light. This is a small boat station that is involved with LE and SAR cases. The moorings for the 225-foot Juniper-Class Seagoing Buoy Tender [USCGC HOLLYHOCK \(WLB-214\)](#) – BRAMBLE’s replacement – are located at the south end of Pine Grove Park at the foot of Lincoln Avenue and Michigan Street. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it is unknown whether or not these facilities will be available for any reunion-related visitation. There was also a federal bid request posted in DEC 2020/JAN 2021 that requested information from Great Lakes-based shipyards for a yard availability with extensive diagnostic and maintenance work to be performed on HOLLYHOCK. The dates requested were 13 JUL to 5 OCT, so it’s quite possible HOLLYHOCK may be out of the area during the time of the reunion. We were not counting on these assets being accessible, but if the opportunity arises, we will explore any options made available to us by the units or US Coast Guard Sector Detroit/Ninth District command staff.

EVENT ITINERARY- (CONTINUED)

Monday 19 JUL – CONTINUED

Since the focus of the reunion is social time, sea stories and oral history interviews at the Convention Center meeting room, it was recommended that we be selective and minimize the number of organized outside excursions. There are several venues nearby where reunion attendees and/or spouses/guests can visit to match their interests and at their leisure on Monday and Tuesday morning and afternoon. Check out the [Bluewater Visitor's Guide](#) for ideas to choose your own adventure and Monday meal opportunities. A restaurant map will be made available at the reunion.

Private Reunion dinner charter, HURON LADY II Cruise Boat – 1800-2100 - \$60 pp

- Three-hour evening cruise, rain or shine, with light supper on the St Clair River to see the sights, maybe find some freighters, have a meal and visit with friends, old and new.

Tuesday 20 JUL – “Choose Your Own Adventure, Day 2”

- Meeting room open from 0830 to 2200
- Oral history interviews are planned, details to follow
- Various participants will give presentations in meeting room, schedule/content TBD
- Participants encouraged to visit area sites/venues of interest on their own, as on Monday

Dinner Banquet with cash bar – BWCC Meeting Room – Tuesday 20 JUL – 1800

- Slow-roasted Angus Sirloin and Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Penne Rigate pasta with meat sauce
- Garlic parsley redskin potatoes
- Golden buttered corn
- Dessert: Carrot cake with cream cheese frosting

Tuesday dinner buffet includes: Fresh garden salad with house dressing, warm rolls and butter, seasonal fruit platter, fresh vegetable & dip platter, assorted relish platter, imported cheeses & cracker platter, three chef-select cold salads, freshly brewed regular and decaf coffee, hot tea, and water.

Note: Anyone with special dietary needs should identify their situation on the registration sheet and with the wait staff at the dinner so that a special plate can be prepared.

Suggested dress: “casual nice,” uniform or jacket/shirt/tie, to personal preference.

After-dinner presentations and social time to follow, with meeting room to close at 2200.

Wednesday 21 JUL – “Not ‘goodbye,’ but instead, ‘until we meet again...’”

- Check-out at noon for Doubletree and Comfort Inn.
- Departure breakfast, brunch, lunch, etc., contingent on wishes of group/facility availability- TBD

