

# USS WALDRON 2022 REUNION EVENTS

## Dallas-Fort Worth Area / April 27-May 1, 2022

### Wednesday, April 27

#### **Group Welcome Buffet at the Courtyard by Marriott DFW Airport North Grapevine**

Enjoy a delicious Texas Bar-B-Que Buffet at our hotel with coffee and tea provided. Drink tickets for the Bistro bar will be provided to the attendees for the buffet dinner. See who made it to the reunion this year!

### Thursday, April 28

#### **Tour of Big “D”**



We begin our day with a visit to the [Reunion Tower](#), which is located in the heart of downtown Dallas. The GeO-Deck offers the only indoor/outdoor observation deck in the city with unique views of Dallas and its surrounding communities from 470 feet in the air! Experience a 360-degree panoramic view that lets you see for miles in any direction, HD zoom cameras, telescopes and interactive exhibits.



Next we travel a very short distance to [The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza](#), which is located on the sixth floor of the Dallas County Administration Building (formerly the Texas School Book Depository) in downtown Dallas overlooking Dealey Plaza. The museum examines the life, times, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy and is located at the very spot from which Lee Harvey Oswald shot and killed the President on November 22, 1963.

Lunch will be provided at [Ellen's Southern Kitchen](#) in Dallas' historic [West End](#). A modified menu will be provided in the Welcome Packet to order your lunch. Drinks will also be provided. A room has been reserved for our group. The West End Historic District is located in the NW corridor of downtown Dallas.



We conclude our tour of Dallas by making a visit to the [George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum](#). It is located on the campus of Southern Methodist University. You will be able to view exhibits celebrating American pastimes, like baseball, items of international interest, including gifts to the nation from several foreign nations, and exhibits and information from the September 11, 2001 attacks on the nation.

**Thursday's Dinner** will be on your own. Transportation will be available to and from downtown Grapevine.

## Friday April 29

### **Tour of AT&T Stadium, Lunch at Joe T. Garcia's, and visit the Fort Worth Stockyards**



We travel to Arlington, Texas and tour the world famous [AT&T Stadium](#), which opened in 2009, and is home to America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys. The stadium is sometimes referred to as "**Jerry World**" after Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. It's an amazing experience to visit the world's largest domed structure. Construction cost rose to \$1.15 billion, making it one of the most expensive sports venues ever built. The stadium seats 80,000, making it the fourth largest stadium in the NFL by seating capacity.



From Arlington we head to the Fort Worth Stockyards for a delicious lunch at [Joe T. Garcia's](#). Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant has been a Fort Worth staple since 1935. Founded by Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Garcia, the restaurant has been in the family ever since. Signs of a rich family history can be found throughout the restaurant and their famous patio. And they have arguably the best margaritas in the Southwest.



After lunch at Joe T's we travel just around the corner to watch a cattle drive of Texas Longhorns down the streets of the [Fort Worth Stockyards](#). Fort Worth is where the West begins, and nothing embodies Western heritage better than the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. From the original brick walkways to the wooden corrals, every inch of the Stockyards tells the true history of Texas's famous livestock industry. In 1944, the Stockyards processed more than 5 million head of livestock, making it the peak year. You will also be able to experience an authentic cattle drive down the brick street. There's shopping for everyone, including authentic cowboy gear, vintage record stores, and fashion boutiques.



You can also take a tour of [Billy Bob's Texas](#), the world's largest Honky-Tonk, for a mere \$3 .00. Billy Bob's has 100,000 square feet of interior space and nearly 20 acres of parking space. More than 17 million visitors have come through Billy Bob's doors since 1981. More than 47,500 bulls have bucked in Billy Bob's arena to date. There are 27 bar stations across the sprawling honky-tonk. Billy Bob's once sold 16,000 bottles of beer in a single night.

**Friday's Dinner** will be on your own. Transportation will be available to and from downtown Grapevine.

**Saturday, April 30**

### **Memorial Service**

The Memorial Service will be held in the Treaty Room 3 at the new Hotel Vin in downtown Grapevine. The hotel shuttles will take attendees to the service.

### **.Lunch will be on your own**

[Harvest Hall](#) in the Hotel Vin has a number of eating establishments for lunch after the service. A shuttle will also be available to take attendees into the downtown area with the many restaurants and shops. The Grapevine Shuttle will also be available to take attendees back to the hotel. The hotel shuttles are not available to take attendees back to the hotel. The afternoon will be open for your leisure (especially the ladies) in downtown Grapevine.



### **Business Meeting**

The meeting will be at the hotel in the Hospitality Suite or Cowboys B&C, depending on the number of sailors attending. Bob Travis will chair the meeting.

### **Banquet Dinner and the 6th Annual Waldron's Got Talent**

The concluding banquet dinner this year will be held at the hotel and will be followed by the **Waldron's Got Talent** show that has been such a success the last four years. Again this year, there will be cash prizes for the winners. It looks like competition will be very stiff again this year. Come and show off your talents in singing, dancing, comedy skits, jokes, magic, etc. Amaze your shipmates and surprise yourself. A cash award and a second career may be waiting for you! Drink tickets for the Bistro bar will be provided to the attendees for the Banquet Dinner

### **A Few Words from Your Hosts**

Vicki and I are very excited to be able to host the 2022 Waldron Reunion. We were disappointed when the 2020 reunion had to be canceled. The hotel rate is good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the reunion. There are many more things to see and do in the DFW area than we have time for during the reunion. So, come early and stay after. The [City of Grapevine](#), and in particular, their Convention & Visitors Bureau have been simply outstanding in helping us with the plans for the reunion. Grapevine is a city with a small town feel that offers a lot of services and amenities to visitors, including free parking in the downtown area. The downtown area is full of interesting shops and restaurants for your time in Grapevine. They will provide a "Welcome to Grapevine" packet for attendees, a "Show Your Badge" program which includes special offers from businesses, and a shuttle service. We encourage you to visit their web site, and the web sites below to learn more about the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Most of all, we really want you to come to the 2022 reunion of the USS Waldron. We promise you a great Texas welcome and visit to the DFW Metroplex!



### **A Few Web Sites of Possible Interest**

[Grapevine, Texas](#); [Grapevine Today Magazine](#); [Fort Worth, Texas](#); [Dallas, Texas](#); [Arlington, Texas](#); [Billy Bob's Texas](#); [Texas Rangers' Baseball](#); [Dallas Mavericks' Basketball](#); [Kimball Art Museum](#); [Amon Carter Museum of American Art](#); [Dallas Museum of Art](#); [Casa Manana Theater in the Round](#); [Dallas Summer Musicals](#); [Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Gardens](#); [Perot Museum of Nature & Science](#)