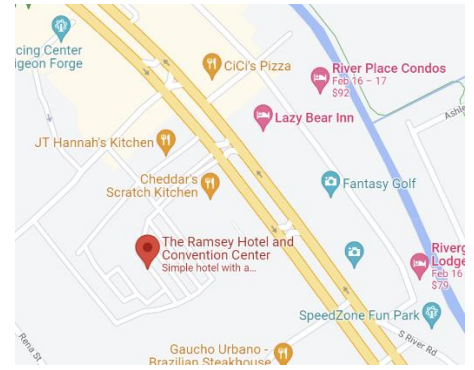




**Seabee Veterans of America
Island X-24**

**54th ANNUAL REUNION
APRIL 30-MAY 5, 2024
Pigeon Forge, TN**



Join the Battalion 24 Crew in Pigeon Forge, TN

Dress Casual (Except Banquet Dinner will be Business casual to Military Dress Uniform)

Hotel: The Ramsey Hotel, 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 (Hotel between Traffic Lights 6 & 7
www.myramseyhotel.com)

For Reservations call: Registration desk (865) 428-2700. USE GROUP CODE: Navy Seabees 2024

Contracted Room Rate for Tuesday April 30 through Thursday May 2nd will be at \$119 plus tax per night. Contract Room Rate for Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th will be at \$169 plus tax per night. Rooms are either King or two Queen Beds (ask specifically when you make reservations for the room type you desire.

Cut-off Date for reservations at the contracted room rate is Thursday April 2, 2023.

Reservations made for other dates will be at the prevailing rate and depend upon occupancy.

NOTE: Make reservations early to secure contracted room rate via credit card. Cancellations can always be made 72 hours prior to arrival time without penalty.

Additional Hotel Information: (1) Complimentary Cooked-Breakfast, (2) Complimentary self-Parking, (3) Hotel is non-smoking, (4) A limited number of pet friendly rooms are available for an additional \$25 per night, (5) Room suites include choice of either: A King size bed or two queen size beds, and (7) All rooms have: WIFI, microwave, coffee maker, mini refrigerator, wake up calls, room safe, iron with ironing board, and flat screen HD TV.

Airport: Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport (865-342-3000) is located 47 miles from Pigeon Forge. Visit Flyknoxville.com for more information. Be advised members should consider rental cars from the airport (rental agencies are onsite at the airport), since it is cheaper than a taxi service out of Knoxville, TN.

Registration Fee: \$15.00 per family up to 4

Registration form: Please complete the registration form and sign up for the events and the buffet dinner.

THE REGISTRATION FORM AND ALL FEES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2023. *The form and payment should be mailed to:*

**Neal Beard
296 Rabbit Trail Road
Leoma TN 38468**

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 24th BATTALION AT LARGE - NSVA. Payment may also be made by credit card at www.IslandX24.com. This year the Registration Table will be set up in the Hotel designated reunion Hospitality Room.

Hospitality Room/Craft Session: The hospitality room (Salon AB) will be open Wednesday 1:00 to 9:00 PM, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 AM to 10:15 PM, and on Saturday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Raffle will be open V1/22/2024

until 5:00 PM. Reunion events will be in the hospitality room. Members are encouraged to provide snacks and goodies as they have in the past. Peggy Anders will be the host with other ladies assisting in hospitality room. If you would like to volunteer to help or provide paper and plastic products, please contact Peggy at home phone (828) 768-2172 or by email at peggyanders46@gmail.com.

Arts, Crafts, Gifts and Raffle Items: Please bring your quality arts, crafts, and gifts to the Hospitality Room. They will be displayed and selected for the auction and raffle drawings. All monies received will benefit either the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association or the Island X-24 General Fund.

Raffle Drawings: The 50/50 raffle and General Raffle will take place before the Saturday evening dining event, right after the picture shoot and prior to the ceremonies.

Cruise Book: You may purchase a copy of the cruise book on your registration form for \$25. They may also be purchased when you check-in for the reunion.

WEDNESDAY, May 1: Free day and registration will begin at 1:00 in front of the Hospitality Room.

THURSDAY, May 2:

- Muster in the lobby at 8:30 for a wonderful day trip that will take you back in time to the frontier days in Tennessee. We will travel via motor coach to the Museum of Appalachia where we will tour the grounds and explore the many buildings and artifacts that have been relocated there. In addition we will be treated to some live traditional music and a southern buffet lunch. Kathy from Rocky Top Tours will be our guide. She was very informative on previous tours we have taken and everyone seemed to enjoy her vast knowledge of the area and history.

“The Museum of Appalachia is a historic village and working farm in the Southern Appalachian mountains. Enjoy a day of exploring authentically furnished cabins in the pioneer village and gardens. Take a stroll through our scenic grounds as well as our Hall of Fame and Display Barn with more than 250,000 artifacts and relics on display. Enjoy farm animals in their natural setting and experience southern hospitality at its finest. After your self-guided tour, sit down to a full Southern Appalachian country buffet in our comfortable banquet hall and enjoy authentic traditional and bluegrass music from our own Museum of Appalachia Band. After the meal, browse our museum gift shop for American-made crafts and gifts, many from local and regional artisans, or relax in a high-backed rocking chair on our covered porch overlooking the scenic museum grounds.” – museum website

The cost for the trip including motor coach transportation, guide, entertainment and lunch is \$75/person.

You can discover more about the museum at: www.museumofappalachia.org

- Bingo is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM in the Hospitality Room. Bingo cards purchased at the door for \$2 per card or three cards for \$5. Members are encouraged to contribute a prize for the games. Join us for fun this year.

FRIDAY, May 3:

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- A craft-making class conducted by Peggy and Jeff Anders will take place at 9:30 AM in the Hospitality Room for those who have signed up on the registration form. Cost: \$10. This year's craft will be painting and decorating wooden pumpkins. No skills required. Everyone is welcome.

- At 9:30 AM the brave at heart (and body) will meet in the lobby to POV to a zip-lining adventure. Due to its nature, this activity is dependent on weather conditions. The cost per person is about \$90/person to be paid the day of. Plan for about 2 hours plus about 20 minutes travel time to/from hotel via POV. There is a 275 lb. weight limit.



- For those that are interested, games will be available in the Hospitality Room and maybe even a friendly cornhole tournament.
- Executive Committee meeting will be at 3:00 PM in Hospitality Room.
- At 7:00 PM in the hotel lobby we will welcome former NMCB 24 members. This will be an opportunity to meet, welcome and recruit new members to the Island.

SATURDAY, May 4

- General Session Business Meeting – Hospitality Room starting at 8:30 AM
- Auction – Following General Session Business Meeting Hospital Room
- Memorial Service – 10:15 AM Hospitality Room
- Photo Shoot - Photos will be taken at 3:30 PM prior to dinner (Hotel lobby).
- Raffle – Seating begins at 5:00 PM in Banquet Room. Raffle will be held prior to dinner service
- Buffet Dinner - At 6:30 PM at the end of the POW/MIA remembrance, the line will form for the buffet dinner. Tables will be released one at a time for the line. Seating will be assigned much like last year. Let us know if you have a preference.

Buffet dinner: \$50.00 **Your choice of 1 meat: Chicken Breast, Beef Pot Roast; 2 vegetables: Green Beans, Vegetable Medley, Mashed Potatoes; Salad; Dinner Rolls; Seabee Cake**
Iced Tea, Water and Coffee

- Banquet room closes at 9:30 PM.

HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS: If you require specific handicap items or accommodations, please note that on your registration form so that we can address them prior to the reunion. When making your hotel reservations, please request any special accommodations for your room at that time.

NOTE: At the time of this printing, no entertainment shows are scheduled during the daytime so none have been added to our schedule. However, there are many other entertainment opportunities available in the area. You may want to check venue schedules prior to the reunion as shows may be added. It is recommended that you purchase your tickets in advance as time slots fill quickly.