

THE CVE PIPER



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ECSAA IN WASHINGTON DC IN 2023



July 23, 2023 Deadline to Sign Up

The ECSAA Governors are hard at work on the many tasks need to put together the 2023 ECSAA Convention. As the final ECSAA Convention, we are very honored to be able to conduct our Memorial and Member meeting on the grounds of the Washington Navy Yard at the National Museum of the USN. Please see our updated Program Schedule in this edition of the Piper. Of particular note is the interest that we have and the speakers that we are talking to as we put together the Historical Symposium on Friday, Aug 25th. That schedule is filling out quickly, so please be sure to check www.ecsaa.org/program for the latest and greatest schedule and speakers list.

***Final ECSAA 2023 Convention
A Final Face to Face Reunion Convention that also
Includes an Historical Symposium delivered by respected Naval Historians***

***Please join us to honor 30 Years of Service by CVE Sailors & Airmen – WWII, Korea, Viet Nam
& Re-Commission ECSAA to an Historical & Memorial Organization
Please Register Now (Piper form or www.ecsaa.org/register)
Washington DC, August 25 and 26, 2023***

REGISTRATION DEADLINE July 23, 2023

We have also included in this issue more information on getting to DC and getting to/from the hotel. But we know that travel can be hard, and we are all certainly out of practice. For members and their families who are concerned about traveling and might like assistance with working out travel plans to/from DC or details of your time in DC, please send a note to Joyce at membership@ecsaa.org and an ECSAA Governor will give you a call to understand your needs and see how we might be able to help.

I also want to appeal to the sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews of departed Escort Carrier Group veterans to consider this weekend in August as a very special memorial honoring the bravery and sacrifice of your hero. You can bring your family members together for two short days of history and memorialization of your loved one. In addition to enjoying those two days together with your family and others like you, I can guarantee that you will learn something you didn't know about how important your veteran's service was to win the war in which they served.

This year's 'final' Convention will also mark a transition for ECSAA, as an organization. This year's event will be ECSAA's final act fulfilling the Reunion mission to which it was commissioned in 1991. With the approval of members during the Annual Membership Meeting (to be held during this year's Convention), ECSAA will be re-commissioned as an Historical Preservation and Memorials public benefit non-profit dedicated to remembering and honoring all those who served on or with an Escort Carrier.

ECSAA has, of course, been publishing historical accounts in the CVE Piper since its inception. But at the convention this year, we transition to become an organization solely dedicated to history and memorials. To kick that mission into high gear, we are working to develop a partnership with a professional archiving organization and plan to announce a significant donation of CVE-Era artifacts during the Convention in August.

***WE NEED YOUR HELP to gather and preserve artifacts from very every chapter of the 30 years of CVE history.
Let ECSAA organize and protect your historical items, and include them in a larger historical donation.
If you think you may have something to donate,
please contact me directly at Dave.Ryan@ECSAA.org
as soon as possible to explore options.***

In case you're not sure if what you have is 'worth' being archived, I've compiled a simplified list that you can find here: <https://www.ecsaa.org/convention-donations>.

I am excited at the prospect to reunite with so many members and families who have told us they plan to attend. But as event planners do, we are going to keep biting our nails and pulling our hair out until we see your registration come through. ECSAA is committing substantial resources to produce this final convention because we deeply believe in the power of personal reunion and the importance of preserving this history for the ages.

Please register now for the Convention and book your Hotel. Please also search your family storage for artifacts that can add to the public collection of the history of your, or your loved one's service.



Dave Ryan, ECSAA Board of Governors
President
Progeny, USS Bogue, CVE-9
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**Closest Metro Station – Pentagon City -
2.5 blocks from DoubleTree Hotel**

**Complimentary Shuttle Service to
DCA (Reagan National Airport) daily**



Reagan National Airport to Doubletree By Hilton Washington DC Crystal City Shuttle Information

Shuttle Departs

5am - 9am.....Every 15 minutes

9am - 6pm.....Every 20 minutes

6pm - 10pm.....Every 15 minutes

10pm - 12am.....Every 20 minutes

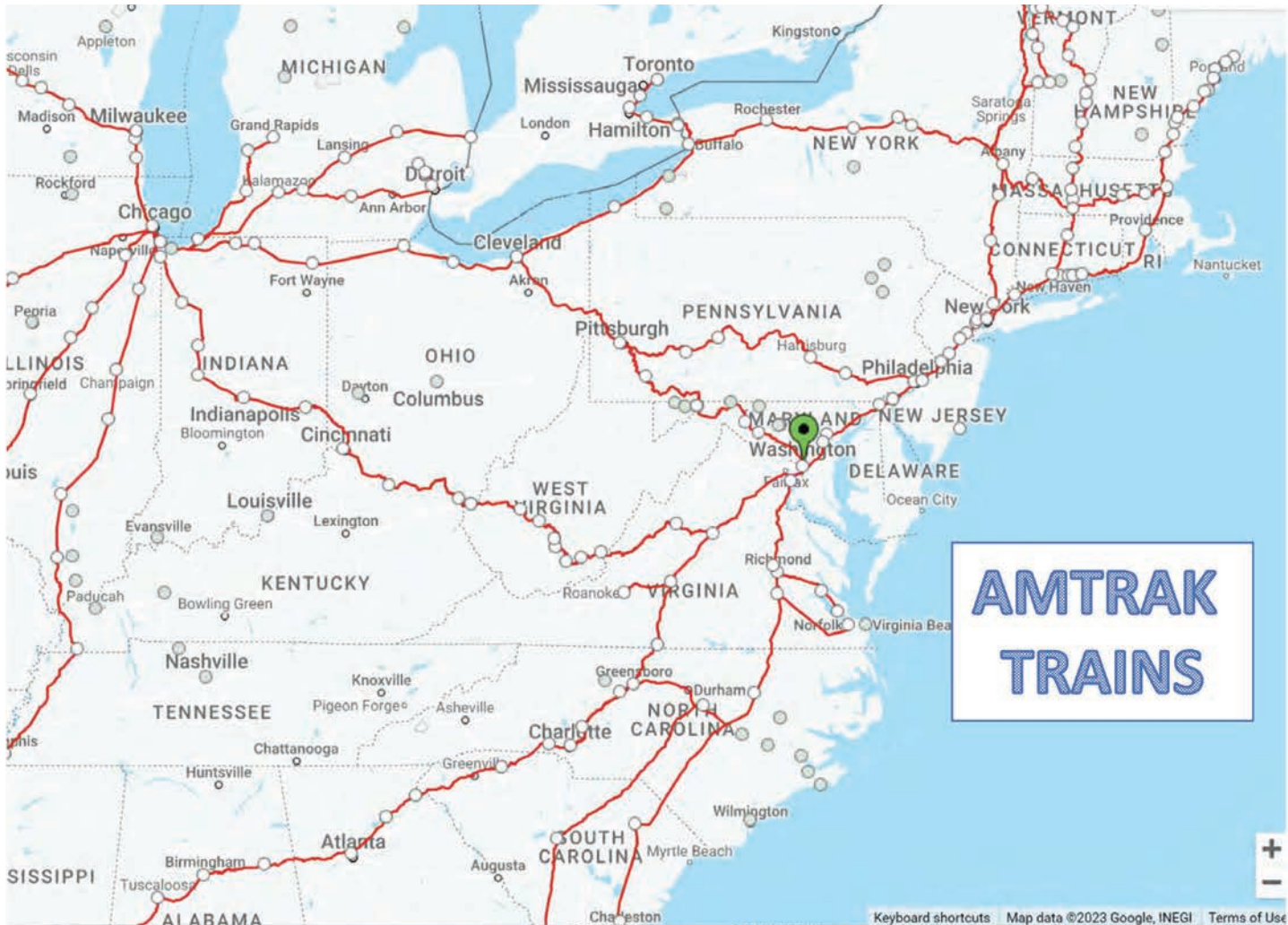
Shuttle Pick Up Location

Shuttle stops at the

“Off Airport Shuttle - Hotel Shuttle” Signs

Terminal A Curbside

Terminal B/C on the 1st Floor at Door 4 and 7



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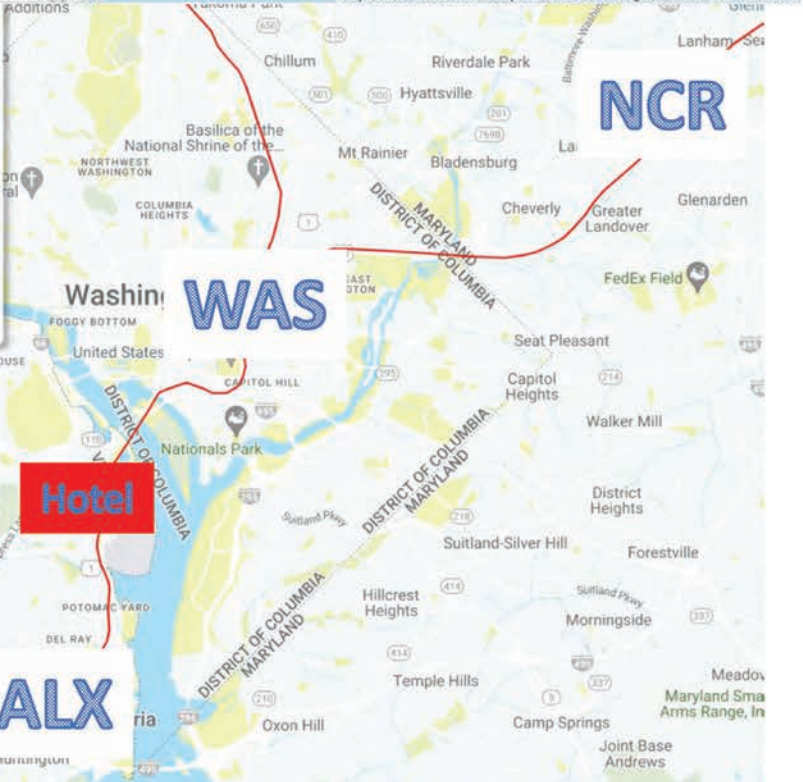
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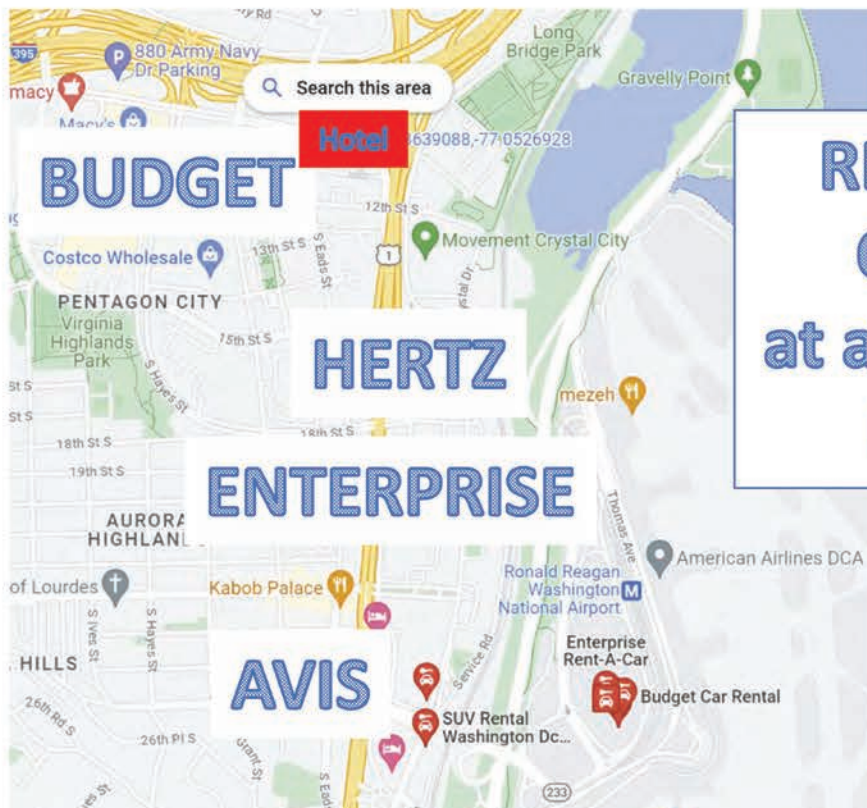
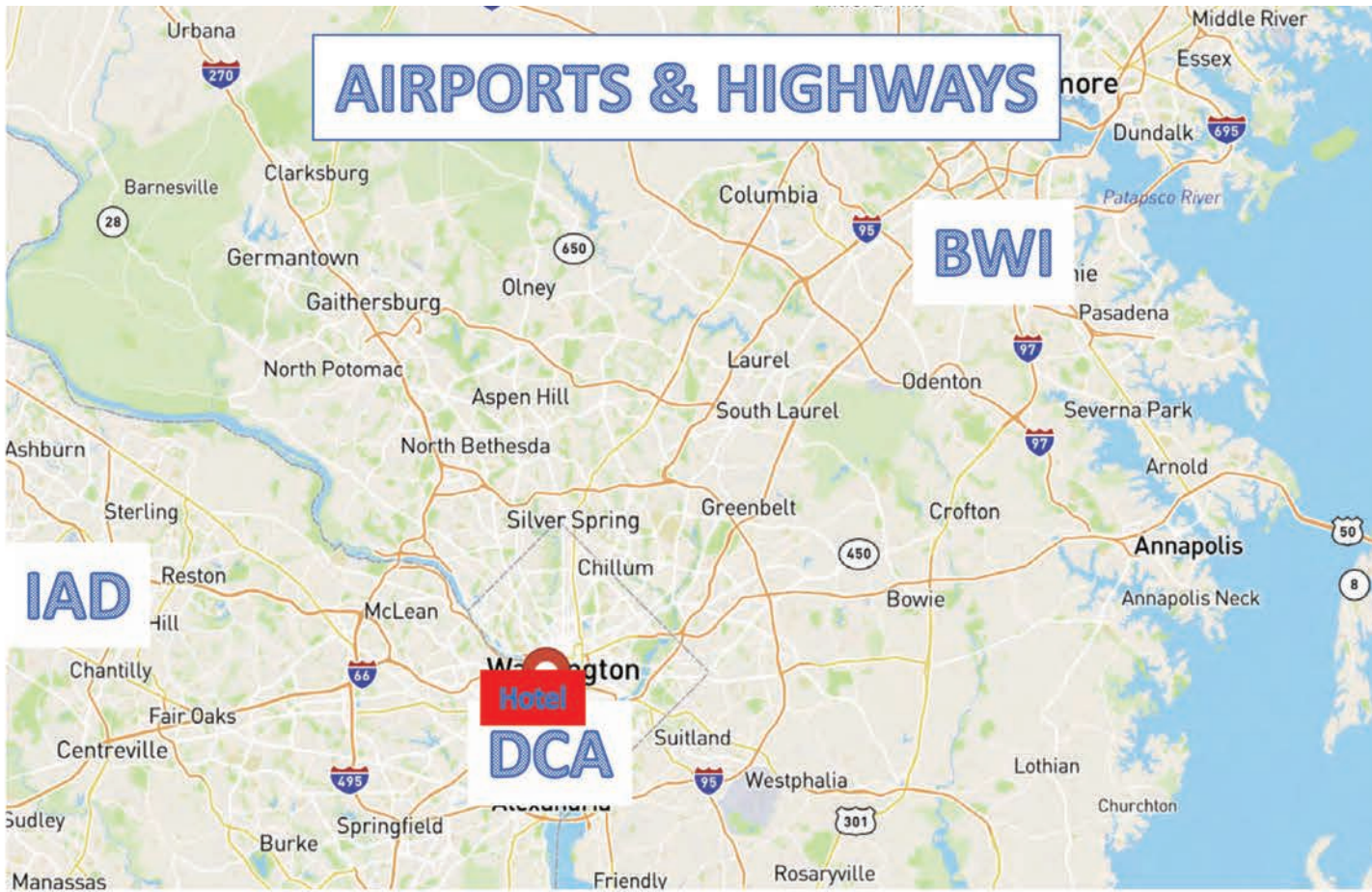
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1. Washington, DC - Union Station (WAS) - 0.00 miles
2. Alexandria, VA (ALX) - 6.93 miles
3. New Carrollton, MD (NCR) - 8.06 miles

Directions Station Info Station Hours

TO > Enter City, Station, Zip Code or Address





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**Hotel Parking
Discounted to \$25/day
Conference Attendees**

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

ESCORT CARRIER SAILORS AND AIRMEN ASSOCIATION FINAL CONVENTION - AUGUST 22 - 28, 2023

Conference Registration may be done and paid online at <http://www.ecsaa.org/Register>

IMPORTANT NOTE: Hotel reservation must be made separately at <http://ecsaa.org/Hotel>

Listed below are registration options for the Convention. Send the total amount in the form of a check or money order payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. Your canceled check will service as your confirmation. All forms and payments **MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 22, 2023**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. (Note: Returned checks will be charged a \$35 fee)

MAIL FORM W\CHECK to:
Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: ECSAA

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check# _____ Date Received _____

Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

CUT OFF DATE IS 7/22/2023	Price Per	# of People	Total
REGISTRATION REQUIRED (Per Person, Select One)			
FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (Includes all Programs, Meals, Buses)	\$254	#	\$
BANQUET ONLY REGISTRATION (**Includes only the Saturday Night Banquet)	\$115	#	\$
Grand Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunion, Inc.			\$

NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR CONFERENCE BADGE(S):

SHIP AFFILIATION

1) FIRST _____ LAST _____
 2) FIRST _____ LAST _____
 3) FIRST _____ LAST _____
 4) FIRST _____ LAST _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

Attach separate sheet if you need space to list additional registrants, list multiple addresses or detail out Disability / Dietary Restrictions per attended.

(Note: Hotel/Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendees directly with hotel)

If you have any questions, suggestions or need assistance, please contact the ECSAA Convention team at Convention@ecsaa.org

Registrations received after the cut-off date will still be accepted on a space available basis, we will contact you immediately with any restrictions.

CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays). Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel convention registration and obtain a cancellation code.

Cancellations prior to July 22, 2023, will receive a full refunded less the non-refundable AFR fee (\$15 per person). In all cases, hotel bookings must be made, changes or canceled directly with the hotel.

After July 22, please contact ECSAA directly for refund requests which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.ecsaa.org/register
BOOK HOTEL AT: www.ecsaa.org/hotel

	#People
FRIDAY, August 25, Speaker Presentation	#
FRIDAY, August 25, 6:30-8pm: Welcome Reception (w/cash bar available)	#
SATURDAY, August 26, Bus Tour of Monuments	#
SATURDAY, August 26, Behind the Scenes US Navy Yard Museum	#
SATURDAY, August 26, Memorial & Formal Donation of Memorabilia	#

BOX LUNCH

SATURDAY, August 26, 12-12:30 pm: Box Lunch

(please select meal choices below)

Sandwich Options:

Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, Corned Beef, Pastrami, Grilled Chicken, Italian, Tuna, Vegetarian

Cheese Options:

Provolone, Swiss, Cheddar, Monterey

Bread Options:

White sub roll, Wheat sub roll, Salad

Cookie Options:

Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin

Please list your desire Box Lunch combination(s) below with the name of the person it is for.

(Additional Box Lunch orders may be written on additional piece of paper if necessary)

Attendee	Box Lunch Choice per Person
#1	
#2	
#3	
#4	

BANQUET

SATURDAY, August 26, 6-10pm: Cocktails & Banquet Dinner - Please select meal choice below:	# People
Chicken Breast with Mushroom Sauce, Mashed Potatoes	
Sauteed Salmon with Saffron Risotto	
Sauteed Flat Iron Steak with Roasted Potatoes	

****NOTE: Alcohol not included - Cash Bar Available**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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As the Schedule evolves, the most current update can be found at <http://www.ECSAA.org/Program>

For the first day, ECSAA and Dr. Winkler are collaborating to bring multiple Naval historians & authors together for a CVE Historical Symposium on the 30 years of service of the Escort Carrier battle groups. Day two is the Escort Carrier Sailors & Airmen Memorial Service and Membership Meeting.

See <http://www.ECSAA.org/Program> for latest updates/additions, including speaker lists and bios.

August 25, 2023

Doubletree in Crystal City

7:30 – 9:30 Registration/Badge Pickup

9:30 Conference Welcome

9:45 Historical Symposium : 30 Years of Service of the Escort Carrier force

Symposium Moderator: David F. Winkler, PhD

Dr. Winkler is a former Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Charles Lindbergh Fellow in Aerospace History, U.S. Naval Academy Class Chair of Naval Heritage. He served more than 20 years as Naval Historical Foundation staff historian. He earned his PhD from American University, MA from Washington University, and BA from Penn State. A retired Navy commander, he served twenty-eight years on active duty and the reserves.

Historical Topics (Morning Session)

The historical arc of history of the Escort Carrier
(WWII Pacific, Atlantic, Korea, Vietnam)

Building, commissioning the Escort Carrier and its task groups,
the DEs, PCs, AAs, Supply/Support

Airwings on the Escort Carriers (and how they evolved
from WWII, Korea, Vietnam)

12:00 Pickup Lunch / Break / Return to table

12:30 Historical Topics (Afternoon Session)
Lend Lease
WWII Service in the Atlantic
WWII Service in the Pacific
Korea Service
Vietnam Service

Panel/Q&A Moderated, including all speakers.

3:30 Preserving the Legacy

Fate of the CVEs
Library of Congress Veteran History Program CVE collections

4:15 Keynote :: Underwater Archeology
What We Do, What We Find and What We Know about CVEs
Speaker from: US Naval History & Heritage Command,
Collection Management Division

5:00 Conclusion / Break

6:00 – 7:30 Welcome Reception – Social

August 26, 2023

Doubletree - Washington Navy Yard - Doubletree

7:00 Board Busses / Depart

Historical DC Tour by Coach

Driving tour to see, for example, the Pentagon, Capitol, Supreme Court, White House, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, Korea Memorial, Vietnam Memorial

9:30 Arrive National Museum of USN, inside the Washington Navy Yard

10:00 Escort Carrier Sailors & Airman Memorial Program / Member Meeting

IMPORTANT: All attendees must arrive on the ECSAA Buses.
Independent arrivals to WNY for the ECSAA event are not allowed.

- Welcome, opening Blessing (Chaplain)
- Introduction to the Museum and the New Museum plans
John C. Swift, Director, National Museum of the USN
- Keynote: The 30 years of Escort Carrier history
Samuel J. Cox (SES), RADM, USN (Ret)
Director of Naval History, Curator for the Navy,
Director Naval History and Heritage Command
- Memorial for those who have crossed the bar
(Color Guard, Ringing of the Bell, Taps)
- Ceremonial ‘De-Commissioning’ of the ECSAA’s Reunion Mission
and ‘Re-commissioning’ of ECSAA to its Historical Preservation
Mission
- Ceremony marking donation of Escort Carrier artifacts from veterans
and their families
- Closing blessing (Chaplain)

Noon: Lunch (Box Lunch orders pickup)
On your own and Docent tours of the Museum

2:30 Board Busses to return to Hotel

Free Time to rest and prepare for the Banquet

5:30 ECSAA Banquet (At the Hotel)
(Business Formal or Evening Attire)
Cocktails & Seating
Dinner Served
Special Guest KEYNOTE
Closing Remarks