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Happy May Shipmates!

I hope this communication finds you all well!

The RayUnion committee has met and come up with a short list of proposed sites and date for the next reunion.

The committee has many of the same faces with a few new additions:

- Jeff Angleberger
- Angel Angleberger
- Jim Huyge
- Marie Huyge
- Tim Hayes
- George Koucheravy
- Mike Hylton
- Todd Morris
- Keith Bernhard
- Eddie Harwell

Our thanks go out to Dwight Lowdermilk who has stepped away after serving for several reunions.

We held our initial meeting and are targeting 2028 for a reunion date, spring or fall. A lot will depend on the location and their availabilities. We were hoping to get an earlier start on getting proposals to get the best dates for our reunion.

We discussed possible sites with some additions based on feedback from crew members that have attended other reunions. These sites are listed below. We would like each of you to give us your top 3 choices from the list for consideration. You can respond by email (preferred), text or phone call (315-322-2362), pony express, telegraph or smoke signal. Once we have that feedback, the committee will request proposals from each site and start the final decision making process. **We request your feedback by June 30th, so we can move forward.**

We used the same criteria used in 2025 to develop the list:

- Location – Although the western US has its upside, the majority of our shipmates live east of the Mississippi. Many choose to drive to the RayUnions and, I hate to say it, but a cross country trek is starting

to get tough. Couple that with the cost and absolute pain in the butt of air travel and we ruled out a west coast gathering. Also, have the site in the southern part of the country allows a larger window in which to schedule the RayUnion, avoiding cold weather (which no one wants). A map of known locations of Ray crew members is attached. Keep in mind that there are over 600 crew members on the roster, I only have mailing addresses for around 330.

- Cost – The committee is especially cognizant of the cost for everyone who would like to attend. We hope that we can designate a location that would make it affordable for everyone. Potential sites where the cost may well be too high have been excluded.
- Compatibility – The Committee wants to ensure that the event is scheduled in a location that meets the needs of our specific group of people. We want our event to be located somewhere that all will feel comfortable, with minimal ‘rules’ and restrictions, lots to see and do, and freedom to allow us to make this event great. Submarine sailors are not that hard to please, but no one wants big brother standing over us either.

The individual sites open for voting are as follows (some information provided):

Charleston, SC

- Many of us stationed here. Last reunion in 2025 was a success.

Little Rock, AR

- USS Razorback at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (AIMM)
- Clinton Presidential Library
- AIMM in Conjunction with the Wyndham hotel, cater to Sub Reunions

Galveston, TX

- USS Cavalla Museum

Cleveland, OH

- US Cod Museum
- Rock n’ Roll Hall of Fame
- Cleveland Indians Guardians
- Northern option, Several of the committee members have visited here and generally find it really nice, just stick to the downtown area.

Pensacola, FL

- US Naval Aviation Museum
- Active Navy Base

Biloxi, MS

- Sub reunions held here in the past.

Norfolk, VA

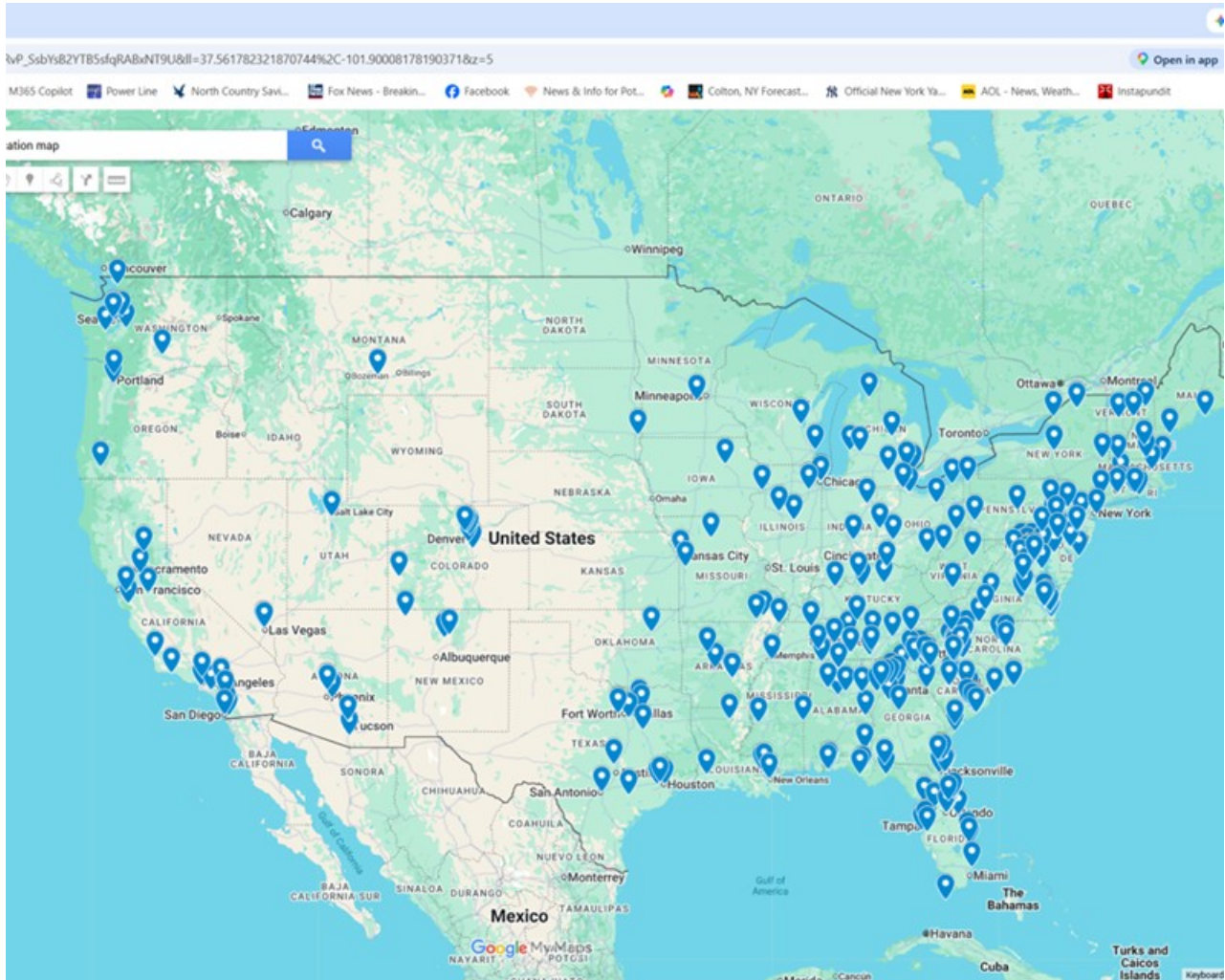
- Past reunions held here, obviously many Navy and submarine related events and museums.

Washington, DC Area

- Lots and lots of military related sites. Would look for a facility in the outskirts of the city.

As always, if someone has suggestions, send them to us.

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