

# NewsLetter

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**Bonjour!** Sixth fleet Shipmates, Relatives and Friends. It is Final REGISTRATION TIME!

We regret the delay in getting the final registration form completed, due to the problems of receiving your dollar payments from the USA into our French Euro account.

We therefore had to choose a website provider that could offer a pay by credit card service, which had it's ups and downs and challenges.

Therefore even for those who have submitted the earlier preliminary Registration form, we need you the use this form to reconfirm along with your payment.

Before submitting the registration form, you may want to check with your credit card company and advise them that you will be making an overseas payment and carefully read the instructions.

Since last year we have been working very hard to make the January Reunion event a great success and so far we are getting better then expected responses in fact we are concerned about over booking pretty soon. To date we have about 140 shipmates and their spouses having confirmed their attendance. We obviously need to know your commitment to attend including your payment, as we have limited space available. We therefore need a head count as soon as possible so we can coordinate some of our events. We are depending on you to return your registration form well in advance of the 15 October Deadline. Your cooperation and promptness are essential and much appreciated.

Special Notice: Due to limited space, the Thursday evening Welcome reception at the Gare Maritime (Fleet Landing) is primarily for Sixth Fleet sailor and family members, who will have priority.

The Hotel Provençal has decided NOT to open in January and those that have booked there have been transferred and booked at the hotel La FLORE, A few days ago La Flore still had 18 rooms available.

1) Click on this link to register <a href="https://www.billetweb.fr/2017-sixth-fleet-reunion">https://www.billetweb.fr/2017-sixth-fleet-reunion</a>



VADM James G. Foggo ComSixthFleet, Deputy Commander Nato Forces Europe and Africa,

Admiral Foggo has been a staunch supporter of the US. Navy League and the VsM Association, giving his full support of the program. We are very pleased and honored that he has graciously accepted to be our

PATRON for the January Reunion event.

# THALES

We are very pleased to announce that Thales France, one of the prominent Aerospace engineering and Defense companies in Europe their Underwater Defense Branch. have agreed to sign on as Donor to help with the budget for our January event. We thank the directors of Thales profoundly for their wonderful support.

We are still in need of extra funds and are soliciting for addition Donors to help with the budget which is in 6 figures.

Hotel and accommodations Information.

Presently there are two hotels that will be open for our event in Jan. 2017.

> Welcome hotel www.welcomehotel.com

### La Flore

## www.hotel-la-flore.com

Villefranche-sur-Mer also has 500 Holiday rentals. Tourism office has a list on its website: http:// www.villefranche-sur-mer.org/tourism/

Below, one of the rental agency's

http://www.villefranchevacation.com/



## Les Americains et la VI éme flotte à Villefranche sur Mer Provisional Program

### Thursday 19 Jan. 2017

17:00h Registration Gare Maritime.
18:00h Welcome Cocktail reception in the Gare Maritime and a historic exhibition.
Hosted by the City of Villefranche
( All Sixth Fleet ship mates are invited free of charge )

#### Friday 20 Jan.

**09:00 -10:30** Morning meeting for discussions among shipmates with Coffee and croissants offered by the Welcome Hotel (*Gare Maritime*)

09:30 DDG ships company arrival for protocol visit with the Mayor.11:00 Unveiling of the Sixth Fleet Plaque, with singing of National anthem by the local school children. VIP speeches.

**12:30** VIP luncheon at "La Mere Germaine" Banquet lunch at Restaurant "Maysasa" for Sixth Fleet shipmates.

Other Friday afternoon event:
Ship (DDG)visits
Visiting Villefranche with guides
Meeting the school children by Shipmates in the Citadel
Showing of films in auditorium of Citadel.
Video interviews with veteran shipmates (need volunteers)
Sixth Fleet memorabilia exhibition

Free to have dinner of your choice.

Sat. 21 Jan.

**0900-10:30** Get together for coffee and croissants (Gare Maritime)

Compliments of WELCOME Hotel

## Morning and afternoon events

Another ship visit possible Tours of Villefranche

More interviews with Shipmates (for a video which will be available to all at a later date)

Conferences and video showings in Citadel auditorium

Barbecue Party organized by the Festivity committee with the ships company of visiting DDG.

and the U.S. Sixth Fleet Band

Other excursions also available.

**19:30** Gala Dinner with Sixth fleet band and other entertainment. Sunday 22 Jan.

**09:00 -10:30** Farewell meeting at le Gare Maritime with Coffee & Croissants 11:30 of the "heart of the Riviera, plus other excursions for those staying for another day.