



# USS James E. Kyes Association

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## Welcome Shipmates and Guests

### Here's the good news:

1. Our reunion this year is in a great location - San Diego, the original home port of the USS James E. Kyes.
2. The weather is forecasted to be in the mid 70's.
3. There are plenty of good restaurants and places to visit.
4. We have over 100 shipmates and guests registered. This is the largest USS James E. Kyes reunion gathering ever.
5. We are staying at a great hotel.

### Here's the bad news:

1. California is burning. There could be smoke in the air that causes breathing issues for some.
2. There is a Hepatitis A breakout in San Diego.

### Here is the good news:

1. The California fires are in the North and probably won't affect San Diego. As an added caution we have included disposable air-filtering face masks for shipmates and guests in your gift bags.
2. The Hepatitis A problem is under control and will not likely affect any of us. As an added caution we have included alcohol wipes for shipmates and guests in your gift bags. If you feel that this is not sufficient, we have also included hypodermic disposable syringes to give yourself an inoculation. Unfortunately, we could not acquire any HepA vaccine but we have plenty of alcohol ( whiskey, rum, vodka ) vaccine, which we understand often works just as well. If you are concerned about drinking contaminated water, we will be supplying plenty of water, beer, wine, sodas, coffee and juices in our hospitality room.

### Here is the bad news:

1. Guests will experience what it was like for USS James E. Kyes shipmates every time they went off to war in Korea or Vietnam or deployed to other Western Pacific ports such as The Philippines, Taiwan or Thailand. We were told to get our booster shots and never drink the water.

### Here is the good news:

1. You can go back home and tell your grandchildren about your great adventure in Southern California, how you survived the great fire and break out and how (even at your age) you made new friends.