San Mateo, CA 10/9/25 – 10/13/25 Monterey/Carmel trip & Fleet Week Air Show/Blue Angles from USS Potomac



Dining area



Hospitality Room



Bar and Kitchen Buffet



Hilton Garden Inn San Mateo

			One Person		Two Persons	
Thursday 10/9/25	Welcoming Buffet dinner		\$	77.00	\$	154.00
Friday 10/10/25	Day trip to Monterey and Carmel (based on 14 pers van) Dinner on your own			\$100.00	\$	200.00
Saturday 10/12/25	Morning Memorial Service and Business Meeting Afternoon Free time - option Filoli Estate and Gardens \$36 Dinner on your own					
Sunday 10/13/25	USS Potomac cruise during the Fleet week air show Dinner at La Lanterna - Car pool local (on the association) Gift exchange in Hospitality room		\$ n/	280.00 ′c	\$	560.00
Hospitality Room	(assuming 15 persons attend) (\$500/day less 20% of buffet dinner)		\$	120.00	\$	240.00
		Sub Total:	\$	577.00	\$	1,154.00
	hotel room - (Thurs - Sunday)		\$	1,052.00	\$	1,395.00
		Total:	\$	1,629.00	\$	2,549.00

## FILOLI Estate

Seniors' weekdays \$32 weekends \$36

(Group is 25 or more – tickets online, 20 minute drive)













## San Mateo Reunion Notes:

I was unable to find a hotel in this area that had a suite as big as we had in Branson. I was nice to have our own kitchen with refrigerator and space for our snacks plus a good size dining room table. The Hilton Garden Inn has a few drawbacks. We can have soft drinks and snacks in the hospitality room but not our own alcohol. Our hospitality room is close to the bar where we can purchase drinks. Their main business is business people during the week and their room rates are roughly \$100 per night more Monday through Thursday.

The plusses are:

It's only 15 minutes from the SFO Airport.

It's adjacent to the Bridgepointe Shopping Center and there several restaurants in it in walking distance.

It is a safer area than in San Francisco and less expensive.

I think we can car pool to Oakland Sunday and there is a good parking garage close to the USS Potomac. It's about at 35-minute drive and traffic on Sunday should not be an issue.

I would not consider doing a group tour of San Francisco as the Blue Angles rehearse on Thursday and do the full Air Show is also on both Friday and Saturday. There would be way too much congestion and traffic as a result. I looked into the Potomac for the Blue Angles' Thursday rehearsal but the saving on the cruise cost is offset by another weekday's room cost.

We do have to buy and pay for the Potomac cruise as soon as we decide. We can cancel and refund any we don't need 60 or more days before. At my last check (11/25) 64 tickets are left and half had already been sold. The association would need to buy about 15 tickets or so (\$4,125) as soon as we select this reunion option.

An alternative to the Fleet week air show cruise would be the 3-hour Veterans' Day cruise on 11/11 if tickets are no longer available for the 10/13 cruise. A plus would be the tickets are much less that the Fleet Week's \$280 each, (\$98ea Vets \$85ea) but we would have one more night at the hotel room higher rate about \$100 a night more. Out days would be Sat 11/8 – Tues 11/11.

The Filoli Estate and Gardens is only 20 minutes away and would be a good option for a Saturday afternoon outing. The Caltrain service to San Francisco is nearby but because of Fleet Week it may be very crowded.

## Local Restaurants':

The California Fish Grill Amarillo Willys (Southern Barbeque) BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse Lazy Dog Restaurant and bar Chick Filet Panera Bread