

From the President 2012–2014 October 2014

We just concluded the 8th Reunion of the USS Truxtun Association in Jacksonville, Florida. We held the Reunion at the Radisson Hotel–Butler Boulevard. The hotel is well run, the restaurant food was good, and the staff was very good in all areas. The Banquet was enjoyed by all as the food was very good.

The highlight of the reunion was having five (5) new couples join our reunion. With continued efforts and communicating with our friends, we can grow the Association and the Reunions.

We held our business meeting on Saturday, October 11th and elected the following slate of officers to lead the Association for 2014–2016:

Steve Rovin–President	Skip Ryan–Vice President
Jerry Kosowski–Secretary	Dave Holland–Treasurer
J. V. Jones–Historian	Dave Holland–Chaplain (Adjunct)

As is the practice, four “cities” were picked in consideration for the 2016 Reunion. The cities are located in the central portion of the USA. The cities chosen and the members who volunteered to review the cities are as follows:

New Mexico	Dave Amundson	New Orleans	Russell Jackson
Memphis	Don Shea	Branson, MO	Cliff Creek

A cruise committee was formed to research the feasibility of having a 3–5 night cruise for our reunion in 2018. A poll was taken at the meeting and 60% of those present were interested in a cruise. The committee is made up of the following volunteer members:

Jordan Gmach–Chairman	Dave Holland
Ted Poremski	Jim Stoute

Each of the members of the committee has extensive cruise experience.

A question was raised during the Reunion as to whether we should have a lifetime membership level. This will need to be reviewed by the new officers with input from the membership.

In summary, the Jacksonville Reunion was a success due to the efforts of many members of the Reunion Team. I want to personally thank Steve Rovin, Jerry Kosowski, Dave Holland, Charles & Marji Martin, Jim Stoute, Ted Poremski, Jordan Gmach, and Jerry Lane for their support and timely information and experiences in conducting a reunion.

I have enjoyed serving as your President 2012–2014 and will help in any way I can to make the 2016 Reunion the best ever. With humble thanks to all that came and enjoyed the reunion and the many kind words spoken among our shipmates and mates, the Spirit of the Truxtun lives on. The Association is in able hands going forward to the 9th Reunion.

If I can be of further service to any of you, do not hesitate to contact me.

With Highest Regards to All,

Charlie Bethea, President 2012–2014