

Shipmates! Turn out the lights, the party is over. Returned from Virginia Beach yesterday and needless to say our reunion was one of the best. Great venue, great beverages and the greatest friends ever.

Ken Killmeyer's historical book brought in widespread support and is a true testament to the dedication of the USS Forrestal community. The custom hats and Tee-shirts we had made for the reunion were a big hit and a special shoutout to Scott Pellerito as well— his donated challenge coins were a massive hit and added something deeply memorable to the event. Overall, your donations to the organization exceeded our expectations. Your generosity was overwhelming, and we thank you!! Not only does it help lower overall costs, but it boosts the scholarship fund.

We are excited to announce that next year's reunion will return to Herndon, Virginia—the same location as our 2022 gathering. This upcoming reunion holds special significance as it coincides with the anniversary of the fire on July 29, 1967. The Executive Committee has put together an exceptional program, and our goal is to welcome at least 500 participants. You should have received the Fall Spot Sheet. Inside, you will find the official registration form along with the direct hotel reservation link to secure your room.

We look forward to seeing you there as we honor our history and gather together once again.