



USS Brownson Association

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Dear Membership,

As president of the Brownson Association, I am responsible for the business of the association. As all of you know, we are scheduled to have our next reunion in Savannah, Georgia in February and March of 2022. The plans for the reunion have been completed and the information has been sent to the association membership in the Brownson Newsletter.

To obtain the best rates, the agreement with the Hotel Tybee on Tybee Island off the coast of Savannah, is based on the number of rooms the association could guarantee. Our estimate, based on past reunion attendance, was for a minimum of 45 single and double occupancy rooms to accommodate at least 90 members in attendance. (we were hoping for 100 attendees) Our drop dead cancellation date that would ensure no penalty or attrition fees, is December 1, 2021. As of today, we have received a total of just over 30 registrations; far below the number we need to meet our commitment. The hotel reported that they had 19 reservations but five of them were recently cancelled.

I know that we are an aging organization and compounded by Covid 19, which affects everyone, I can understand the hesitancy in traveling and being in a group setting for a period of days. For these reasons, I have made the decision to postpone the 2022 USS Brownson Reunion. It is rescheduled for Monday, February 27 - Thursday, March 2, 2023. The hotel has agreed to honor the same pricing and we will begin to plan for 2023 reunion after the holidays.

For those members who have paid their registration and other reunion fees, you will be reimbursed in full. Ben Glasser, the association financial officer, will facilitate the reimbursements. If you reserved a room at the hotel for 2022, please contact the hotel directly (912-786-7777) to cancel or change your reservation for the new dates.

In closing, please understand that this decision was very difficult but necessary in order to maintain the solvency of the Brownson Association. There were many discussions with the association officers regarding this decision. I hope that you as members understand why this decision had to be made.

On behalf of the association officers, Vice President Joe Sanders, Financial Officer Ben Glasser, Secretary Lyle Staley, and myself, we wish you and your loved one's good health and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Thomas W. Holcomb,
Brownson Association President