

USS SURFBIRD ~ 2011 REUNION EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 21st (5:00pm in the Hospitality Room)

Gather in the Hospitality Room at the Hotel for some light hors d'oeuvres. Don't miss this first opportunity to catch up with your friends and shipmates.

EVENT A: SIGHTSEEING CRUISE & ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWERY TOUR

Thursday, September 22nd (10:30am-5:00pm)

Your day begins on board your riverboat sightseeing cruise. The climate controlled glass-enclosed boat allows for spectacular views of the world-famous *Gateway Arch* and the beautiful St. Louis skyline. As you travel down the *Mississippi*, learn the history of the *St. Louis Riverfront* and the *Mississippi River*. A boxed lunch (included in the tour price) will be provided for you to enjoy at your leisure during the cruise. Following the cruise, board your coach for the short drive to the St. Louis *Anheuser-Busch* 100-acre brewery. A blend of state-of-the-art technology and historic architecture awaits you at the World Headquarters of the *Anheuser-Busch Brewery*. Your tour begins with a visit to the historic stable, home to the *Budweiser Clydesdale Eight-Horse Hitch*, and one of the several national historic landmarks on the property. You will then discover first-hand how one of the world's greatest beers is carefully drafted in the brew house and packaged in the *Brevo Packaging Plant*. At the end of the tour, there will be samples for all (you must be at least 21 years of age in order to sample the beers). Relax in the hospitality room and enjoy your favorite brew or browse the unique *Anheuser-Busch* gift shop. Please make your lunch selection on your reservation form.

EVENT B: ST. LOUIS CITY TOUR

Friday, September 23rd (9:00am-4:00pm)

This city tour is a great way to get an overview of this very diverse city. You will learn, "there is more than meets the Arch". Visit the *Cathedral Basilica* of St. Louis, whose interior is covered with 83,000 sq feet of mosaics, the largest such collection in the world. The last stop is *Laclede's Landing*; a nine block historic area whose old warehouses are home to many night spots, shops & restaurants set amongst cobblestone streets. No visit to St. Louis is complete without a stop at the 630-foot *Gateway Arch*, which is also home to the *Museum of Westward Expansion*. You will have the opportunity to take a tram ride to the top of the Arch or just relax and enjoy a film on how it was built. There will be time for lunch on your own at the *St. Louis Station*, an urban marketplace with several restaurants and shops.

Please note: You may choose to ride the tram to the top of the Arch, see the film on how it was built, or just enjoy the Museum and the static displays. The cost of the Tram and the movie is \$10 per person. There will be time to do the Arch or the film, but not both. Please select this tour add-on option on your reservation form. The tram ride is not wheelchair accessible, and is not recommended for those who suffer from claustrophobia or fear of heights. Please indicate on your reservation form if you are interested in the tram ride.

BANQUET DINNER

Saturday, September 24th (7:00pm at Hotel)

Join all of your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 6:00pm; dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.

Please note: All members are asked to bring an unwrapped \$10-\$15 gift for the drawings. Please keep the gift in your hotel room until Saturday, then bring it with you to the Banquet. The proceeds from the drawings help to defray the costs of our reunions.

TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of Tour & Banquet expenses up until three (3) days before the start of your reunion. If you need to cancel – please call our office immediately (817-251-3551) for a cancellation number. If you have not purchased cancellation insurance all tour and meal money is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

Important Reunion Notes:

- ~ Tours may be cancelled if a minimum of 30 people per bus is not met. In this case, full refunds will be given.
- ~ Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary from the bus to attractions and in some instances, to also see the attractions. Please consider your abilities before purchasing tours.
- ~ Be sure to bring photo identification (like a driver's license) on all events.
- ~ All tour times are subject to change. A final itinerary is available at registration.
- ~ Exact vessel for the cruise is subject to change based on availability and/or final tour count.

Reservations are due by August 12th, 2011. Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a non refundable \$10 per person late fee. You should make a copy of this form for your records. For information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked before due date above. No refunds will be made after this date, unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. Sorry, no refunds will be given starting 3 days before the reunion for any reason. There is a \$10 per person refund processing fee. Your cancelled check is your receipt and proof of purchase. There is a \$25 return check fee for NSF. For a written confirmation please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion. Tours require a minimum of 30 people in order to operate. Full refunds given for any cancelled Event.