

USS LEYTE ~ 2016 REUNION EVENTS

GROUP HOSPITALITY ROOM

Wednesday, October 5th through Saturday, October 8th (various times)

The Hospitality room is provided as a convenient location for Shipmates to get together and exchange sea stories and get up to date on the latest activities and rumors. Beverages are provided at a price to cover the cost of operation. Snacks, handouts and gifts are available there and we have also located the small store items that are available for purchase. Please make maximum use of this convenient location to get together.

GROUP RECEPTION & DINNER

Thursday, October 6th (6:00pm – 11:00pm at the Hotel)

Join your friends for a casual Welcome Dinner at the Hotel featuring Grilled Shrimp Penne, Grilled Chicken Breast with a Brazilian or Tenderloin Tips. This is a wonderful opportunity to see who is here this year, and to re-connect with your friends. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm.

EVENT A: TOUR BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN, NAUTICUS & HARBOR CRUISE

Friday, October 7th (9:00am-3:00pm)

Depart by motor coach to the Memorial Service to be held on board the Battleship Wisconsin. The famous Iowa- Class saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently in the Persian Gulf War. Following the service explore the main deck and recently opened portions of the interior to learn about the ship. Following the Wisconsin events you will enjoy a narrated cruise on the Victory Rover. There will be a fascinating and entertaining commentary during the two-hour excursion aboard this naval themed vessel. You will view the aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines, guided missile cruisers and destroyers and all the other ships. A boxed lunch will be served during the cruise. Following the cruise, tour Nauticus, a thriving campus of attractions that explores the economic, naval, and natural powers of the sea. Also housed here is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum with highlights of the naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork, and memorabilia. All three are handicap accessible. You will then be returning to the hotel. Tour guide service, admissions, memorial service, cruise and lunch are included

EVENT B: RIDING TOUR OF VIRGINIA BEACH, STOP AT OLD CAPE HENRY LIGHTHOUSE & NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDENS

Saturday, October 8th (9:30am-1:30pm)

Board the coach to enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay from Virginia Beach. See the First landing Cross at Cape Henry where the English Colonists first came ashore in 1607 prior to settling at Jamestown. Walk out on the overlook to see where the bay and the ocean meet, and where the famous Battle of the Capes took place during the Revolutionary War. Enjoy a stop at the Old Cape Henry Lighthouse built in 1792, currently a Virginia Historic Landmark. Shop in the gift shop for all things Lighthouse related. Then ride down the resort strip, see the historic Cavalier Hotel as well as the Tidewater Veterans Memorial. Next visit the Norfolk Botanical Gardens dating back to 1938, and considered a premiere example of horticultural excellence. There are 155 acres of colorful landscapes and features one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the East Coast. View grand magnolias, abounding dogwoods, and stroll through the meditative Japanese garden. Enjoy a relaxing trackless tram ride, and spend time browsing in the Garden Gift Shop. You may have lunch on your own at the Botanical Gardens Café. You will then be returning to the hotel.

USS LEYTE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 8th (9:00am-12:00pm at the Hotel)

The USS Leyte Association Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Hotel. Upon arrival at the reunion, please check your itinerary for the specific location. It is important to attend as we will be selecting reunion locations for out years. Other important Association items will be discussed and input from the members will be requested. There is no need to pre-register for the meeting.

GET TOGETHER & BANQUET DINNER

Saturday, October 8th (6:00pm – 11:00pm at the Hotel)

Join your friends again for the Banquet Dinner at the Hotel; dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Entrées include a choice of Roasted Atlantic Salmon, Grilled Chicken Breast or Sliced Sirloin of Beef with all the trimmings, coffee, tea and desert. A cash bar will be used. A group photo of Shipmates will be taken during the Banquet. Take as many Personal/group photos and send them to the Webmaster at ussleytecv32.com for posting on the website.

TOUR CANCELLATION

Important Reunion Notes:

- ~ Tours may be cancelled if a minimum number of people are 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.

Registration is due by September 7th, 2016. Late registration accepted on a space available basis. You should make a copy of the registration form for your records. For information call weekdays to Angelo R. Masi: 239-348-0085 or email: kmclaurin3@cox.net. Requests for refunds less registration fee must be made in writing and postmarked before due date above. No refunds should be expected after this date, unless for extenuating circumstances approved by the Board of Directors. Sorry, no refunds will be given starting 3 days before the reunion for any reason. The registration fee per person will be used as a 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. The Association 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 number of people in order to operate. Full refunds given for any cancelled Event.

