USS LEYTE ~ 2010 REUNION EVENTS

EVENT A: HISTORIC CHARLESTON CITY TOUR

Thursday, September 30th (9:30am-3:30pm)

Enjoy a journey back in time as your guide relates interesting anecdotes, while you experience the beauty and charm of one of America's most historic cities. Over 300 years of American history come alive with stories of the *American Revolution* and the *"War between the States"*. Some of the sites you will see include *Rainbow Row*, cobblestone streets, quaint gardens, and hundreds of 18th and 19th century homes, buildings and churches. At the famous *Battery Sea Wall*, your guide will tell you about the "Harbor of History" and the famous aircraft carrier *USS Yorktown*, at *Patriots Point*. You will then have time on your own for lunch and browsing through the *Market Square* area, well known for its unique shops, boutiques, and restaurants.

GROUP WELCOME DINNER

Thursday, September 30th (7:00pm at the Hotel)

Join your friends for a casual Welcome Dinner at the Hotel featuring an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to see who is here this year, and your first chance to re-connect with your friends.

EVENT B: *PATRIOTS POINT* TOUR & LUNCH

Friday, October 1st (9:00am-2:00pm)

You will spend the day at the world's largest naval and maritime museum. Tour the centerpiece of *Patriots Point*; the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, a heavily decorated warship that was at the "tip of the spear" in America's victory in the Pacific during WWII. You will also have time to discover the submarine "CLAMAGORE", and the coast guard cutter 'INGRAM". After touring, enjoy the special lunch being prepared for you and served in the Chief Petty Officer's Galley on board the USS Yorktown. Don't forget your camera!

USS LEYTE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 2nd (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. There is no need to pre-register for the meeting.

EVENT C: *CHARLESTON TEA PLANTATION* TOUR

Saturday, October 2nd (9:00am-1:00pm)

This morning you will visit The *Charleston Tea Plantation*, located on historic Wadmalaw Island in the heart of the low country of South Carolina. Wadmalaw provides the perfect environment for propagating tea. With its sandy soils, sub-tropical climate and average rainfall of 52 inches per year, Wadmalaw process idyllic conditions for the Camellia Sinensis plant. This plant is currently used to produce both black and green teas and exists in over 320 varieties on the 127 acre grounds of the *Charleston Tea Plantation*. Your tour includes a visit to the factory, as you walk down the glass tourway, learn about the history of tea, the harvesting and production. Take a first hand look into the factory and the equipment utilized to produce *American Classic Teas*. Then, board the historic trolley for a narrated tour of America's only Tea Garden. The scenic ride will allow you to see the more than 320 varieties of tea plants in their various stages of growth. As you learn about the history and evolution of American Class Tea, enjoy the breathtaking beauty of these unique, charming and historic grounds. Following the tour, there will be plenty of time to visit the unique gift shop and help yourself to all of the iced American Classic Tea you can drink.

GROUP LUNCH

Saturday, October 2nd (1:00pm at the Hotel)

A luncheon buffet will be served at the Hotel following the Membership Meeting and the shopping trip. This will be a great opportunity to share your reunion experiences with your friends, spend some time reflecting before the evening banquet.

GROUP PHOTOS

Saturday, October 2nd (5:00pm-7:00pm)

Don't miss the chance to have individual portraits and group photos taken prior to the Banquet Dinner. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 5:00pm during the photos; dinner will be served at 7:00pm. There is no need to pre-register for the photos.

BANQUET DINNER

Saturday, October 2nd (7:00pm at the Hotel)

Join your friends for the Banquet Dinner at the Hotel; dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Entrée choices are Chicken Marsala, Sliced London Broil with a wild mushroom demi-glaze, or Salmon Filet with bearnaise sauce. Please make your entrée selection on your reservation form.

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 13th, 2010. 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.