USS LEYTE ~ 2011 REUNION EVENTS

EVENT A: BEST OF NASHVILLE CITY TOUR

Thursday, September 29th (9:00am-3:00pm)

This is not your typical, routine city tour, but an entertaining look at all the sights that make up Nashville. The morning will be spent touring some of the city's most famous landmarks of the city, including Historic Downtown, *Fort Nashborough*, the State Capitol, the *Parthenon* and *Music Row*. The tour includes some of the stately homes and estates of some of Country Music's legendary performers on *Millionaire's Row*, as well as a stop at the *Bicentennial Mall* and the *Military World War II Memorial*. The tour ends downtown, where you will have plenty of time for lunch on your own, shopping and browsing. You may want to have a cold drink at one of the famous *Honky Tonk's* located on the main street, or spend your time visiting the *Country Music Hall of Fame*, which is also located in the downtown area. Bring your camera and comfortable shoes. This will be a great day!

GROUP BUFFET DINNER

Thursday, September 29th (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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 30th (9:00am at the Hotel)

Gather at the Hotel for a special Memorial Service. Please check your itinerary at registration for the exact location of the Memorial Service. There is no need to pre-register for the Memorial Service.

EVENT B: *THE HERMITAGE*-HOME & MUSEUM OF PRESIDENT JACKSON

Friday, September 30th (10:00am-2:30pm)

The *Hermitage Home & Museum* tour provides an authentic glimpse of President Jackson's home life. Faithfully restored, you will feel transported in time to the days of yore. The separate museum is a wonderful interpretation of the times with authentic memorabilia from the Jackson era. The day will begin at the Visitor's Center, where you will watch the short introductory film on Andrew Jackson and *The Hermitage*. While at the center, be sure to view the exhibits on Jackson and *The Hermitage* and explore the gallery's changing exhibits before visiting the *Hermitage Mansion*. The mansion has been meticulously restored to its 1837 appearance. The tour is self guided, with many historical interpreters stationed throughout the mansion. The grounds of the mansion are also self guided and include the gardens, Jackson's tomb, and the slave cabins. Lunch is on your own at the *Garden Gate Café* located in the Visitor's Center.

EVENT C: *GRAND OLE OPRY*

Friday, September 30th (6:00pm-10:00pm)

This is the show that made Nashville famous! The one, the only, the *Opry*. You never know which celebrities will turn up and perform, but one thing is for certain, it's always a great show, with something for everyone. Music, dancing, and lots of laughs make this variety show a Nashville tradition and a crowd favorite. You'll have great seats, so come see what all the fuss is about! Please be sure to have dinner prior to departing for the show.

Please note: You will be required to walk down 6 steps to your seat for the show. All Opry seats are benches with backs, similar to church pews.

USS LEYTE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 1st (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 D: *BELLE MEADE PLANTATION* TOUR

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

Spend the morning at the *Belle Meade Plantation*, a 30 acre historic site just west of Nashville. The centerpiece of the property is the *Belle Meade Mansion*, which was built in 1853. Your day beings with a guided tour of the

1853 Greek Revival Mansion, a century of *Belle Meade Plantation's* history is told through the eyes of the Harding and Jackson Family and the skilled laborers who collectively worked to make the Plantation America's premier Thoroughbred Horse Farm. Following the mansion tour, you will then have time on your own to enjoy the self-guided portion of the tour. There are eight historic buildings on site, including a massive 1800's carriage house and table; you can almost hear the horses clopping on the brick floor of the stable house. Be sure to allow time to visit the winery on site and the extensive gift shop.

GROUP PHOTOS

Saturday, October 1st (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 1st (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 Prime Rib or Grilled Chicken. 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.

Reservations are due by August 19th, 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.