USS LEYTE ~ 2012 REUNION

Valley Forge, PA

October 4th – October 6th, 2012

Welcome to Valley Forge and Historic Philadelphia

Of all places associated with America' War for Independence none conveys the suffering, sacrifice and ultimate triumph more than Valley Forge. No battles were fought here; no bayonet charges or artillery bombardments took place. Nonetheless, some 2,000 soldiers died. Valley Forge is the story of an army's epic struggle to survive against terrible odds, hunger, disease and the unrelenting forces of nature. Rows of cannon, soldiers' log huts and earthen fortifications are silent reminders of the past.

The Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia spans 20 blocks and more than 50 free attractions including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the President's House, the Betsy Ross House, Franklin Court, Declaration House, City Hall and more from the rich past.

Hotel Information

The hotel dates are from Wednesday, October 3rd to Sunday, October 7th. You will be staying at the Embassy Suites-Philadelphia/Valley Forge located at 888 Chesterbrook Blvd., Wayne, PA 19087. It is located just 10 minutes from Valley Forge National Park. The hotel features 2 room suites, the bedroom includes a king size bed, the sitting room has a sleeper couch,. TV in both rooms and amenities included. There are a limited number of rooms that have 2 beds in the main bedroom (10). The hotel will try and accommodate you based on availability.

The room rate is just **$119.00** plus currently 8% tax per night based on single or double occupancy and $20.00 for additional person for Wednesday to Sunday. Rate includes full cooked-to-order breakfast and Manager's reception daily. Please make your hotel reservations NOW by calling **(610)647-6700** and mention you are booking for "**USS LEYTE CV-32 Association Reunion**". For those of you who would like to arrive one day early or stay two days later at the same rate you **must** call Carla Long, Sales Manager at (610)407-7178 directly You may cancel up until 24 or more hours before arrival at no penalty. Be sure to ask for the USS Leyte Reunion rate to assure you are associated with our group. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). These are on a first come basis. The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, don't expect to get into your room before then. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or **September 12th, 2012 at 5:00pm**, whichever comes first.

You may use the Personalized Online Group Website to make reservations that includes the group rate which has been approved and published to the web. It is:
http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/P/PHLVLES-USS-20121001/index.jhtml?WT.mcis=POG

Transportation & Directions

The closest airport is Philadelphia International Airport or Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport. The hotel does NOT offer complimentary shuttle service. Specific information will be published in the LEYTE NEWS. For those of you driving to the reunion, the hotel offers plenty of free parking. The hotel is conveniently located off Interstate 476/76 and US 202 south , at the Chesterbrook Boulevard exit. Again detailed directions will be in the Newsletter.

Travel safely and we will ….

See you in Valley Forge