USS LEYTE ~ 2014 REUNION

Mobile Area, AL

October 8th – October 12th, 2014

Welcome to the Mobile Area

Make the most of your time mixing with your shipmates at the Holiday Inn Mobile West hotel. Mobile was founded in 1702 and was named after the Mauvilla Indians who had a settlement on the site. Alabama's only seaport is on the west side of the Mobile River near the mouth of Mobile Bay. The city's river channel can accommodate oceangoing vessels. The discovery of large natural gas deposits has brought drilling rigs to the Bay. Moderate climate allows for year-round golfing at a number of championship courses with scenic views. Fort Conde served the Louisiana Territory and was occupied at times by French, English and Spanish troops. Located throughout the city are a number of museums, mansions, historical sites and gardens. Of interest may be the Carnival Museum of Mobiles Mardi Gras celebration and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception built in 1835-50 shamrocks and fleurs-de-lis emblems adorn the vaulted ceiling.

Hotel Information

The hotel dates are from Wednesday, October 8th to Sunday, October 12h 2014. You will be staying at the Holiday Inn Mobile West located at 5465 Hwy 90W, Mobile, AL 36619 at I-10 Exit 15B. It is an ideal base for conducting a USS LEYTE reunion and visiting the city's Historic District, Museums, and Golf Courses and parks. The hotel features one king size or two double beds, easy chair, work table, TV, wireless internet, microwave and refrigerator, free local calls, on-site washer and dryer and business center. There is a fitness center and outdoor swimming pool. The 5th Avenue Restaurant and Lounge is located here.

The room rate is just **$89.00** plus currently 15% tax per night based on single or double occupancy. Rate includes hot breakfast, on-site parking and airport transportation. Please make your hotel reservations **NOW** by calling **251-666-5600,** ask for reservations and request the group rate for "**USS LEYTE CV-32 Association Reunion".** Or call 800-465-4329 for general Holiday Inn reservations. For those of you who would like to arrive two days early or stay two days later at the same rate based on availability you **must** indicate this when making reservations. 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 11th, 2014 at 5:00pm**, whichever comes first.

Transportation & Directions

The closest airport is Mobile Regional Airport which is approximately five and a half miles from the hotel. Free shuttle service is available from the Hotel. Retrieve your luggage and call the hotel at 251-666-5600. The hotel will provide pick-up information. For departing flights make reservations with the front desk. 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 10 exit 15B just east on US 90 then south on Coca Cola road. Again detailed directions will be in the August Newsletter.

Travel safely and we will …. See you in Mobile