



USS LAWRENCE

2009 REUNION EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION

Sunday, June 21st (5:00pm at the Hotel)

Join your friends for a reunion celebration featuring an informal reception. This is a great chance to see who is here this year while enjoying some light hors d'oeuvres in your hospitality room. Dinner is on your own following the reception. Don't miss this first opportunity to catch up with your friends.

EVENT A: HISTORIC CHARLESTON CITY TOUR

Monday, June 22nd (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.

EVENT B: LADIES TOUR TO MAGNOLIA PLANTATION & GARDENS

Tuesday, June 23rd (10:00am-3:00pm)

Step back 325 years as you visit Charleston, South Carolina's premier plantation, founded in 1676. Stately *Magnolia Plantation* has, for over three centuries, been the original ancestral home of the Drayton family, whose many sons have played important roles throughout American history. It is believed that no other plantation in South Carolina is still under original family ownership from that early date. Your visit begins with a guided tour of the Plantation House; you will then have plenty of time, on your own, to visit the grounds. Take some time to walk through the oldest major Garden in America, continually planted since the 1680s, and affording year-round color. Also, allow additional time to visit the *Swamp Garden*, *Barbados Tropical Greenhouse*, the *Antebellum Cabin*, and the *Horticultural Maze*. You may want to consider the narrated tram ride (this is an additional cost of \$7.00 and is not included in the price of the tour). The "Peacock Café" offers a variety of items for a snack or full lunch. Be sure to wear your walking shoes on this tour.

EVENT C: GROUP DINNER CRUISE

Tuesday, June 23rd (6:00pm-10:00pm)

There's no better way to experience Charleston and her history than from the deck of your elegant yacht. Enjoy a delicious meal as you cruise by the city's beautiful and historic *Battery* homes, under the magnificent *Cooper River* bridges, and alongside the Port terminals. The *Spirit of Carolina* features both year-round climate-controlled dining salons and open observation decks. Experience a delicious meal prepared to order onboard, table-side service, your favorite beverages, live entertainment, and dancing. This is a chance to relax, savor the view, dance and enjoy this *memory maker* and wonderful evening out.

EVENT D: PATRIOTS POINT TOUR, LUNCH & FORT SUMTER TOUR & CRUISE

Wednesday, June 24th (9:30am-4:30pm)

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! On April 12, 1861, Fort Sumter was occupied by Union troops who refused to vacate the fort as demanded by the Confederates. Confederate batteries commenced a massive bombardment of Fort Sumter, and America's "War between the States" began. The Fort is only accessible by boat and boasts an *excellent* museum containing priceless exhibits. In addition to a visit of Fort Sumter, you will enjoy a complete tour of the Charleston Harbor.

BANQUET DINNER

Thursday, June 25th (7:00pm at Hotel)

Join all of your friends for a Buffet Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 6:00pm; dinner will be served at 7:00pm.

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 May 8, 2009. Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a \$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*. 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. Sorry, no refunds will be given starting 3 days before the reunion for any reason. Tours require a minimum of 30 people in order to operate. Full refunds given for any cancelled Event.