

The MCAAN Group 2009 Reunion Information

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The Sheraton North Charleston will be the host hotel for the 2009 MCAAN Group reunion, Sunday April 19 – Wednesday April 22, 2009. The hotel is located at 4770 Goer Dr, North Charleston, SC. The Sheraton is a newly renovated hotel with 289 guest rooms, with ample meeting and hospitality space. The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from Charleston International Airport. To call for transportation, use the courtesy phone located near the baggage claim area; or call the hotel directly at 843-747-1900. Rental cars and commercial shuttle service are also available at the airport. Parking at the Sheraton is complimentary. The parking lot can accommodate RV/Motor homes; however, for security and sanitary reasons you may not live in it while on hotel property. All of the amenities that you would expect from a first class hotel including a full service restaurant, lounge, gift shop, indoor/outdoor pool, fitness center and business center are found at the Sheraton. Rooms are nicely appointed and are equipped with a hair dryer, coffee pot, iron and ironing board, and Sheraton's own Sweet Sleeper Beds. **Questions:** The information contained herein should answer most of your questions; however, if anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to call our Customer Service Representative at **1-828-256-6008**.

Your Choice: You may select one of the three options shown below, or create your own limited agenda. You may fax, mail or phone in your registration. Reservations via fax or phone require the use of **American Express, MASTERCARD** or **VISA** credit cards.

- 1. Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **March 23, 2009**. Final payment is due before **April 3, 2009**.
- 2. Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **April 13, 2009** there is a \$50.00 cancellation fee **plus** the cost of any activities that have already been paid for, or for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS** – for any reason – for cancellation requests received after **April 13, 2009**. Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended.
- 3. Minimum Room Requirements:** During this economic down-turn hotel occupancy is down. Consequently attrition clauses, standard in all hotel contracts, are being strictly enforced. It is important for you to know that we must have a minimum of 24 rooms, each night (or 72 total rooms) for the quoted reunion rates to apply. While we are confident that 24 rooms will not be a problem, you should be aware that *if there are less than 72 total rooms booked on the cut-off date; ML & RS, Inc reserves the right to adjust the room rate to cover the difference. Please register early!* Your deposit check and confirmation letter will be held until the room requirement has been satisfied. We recommend not purchasing non-refundable airline tickets until you receive your confirmation letter.
- 4.** If there is an activity included in the option that you select that you cannot participate in, you may opt-out of that activity. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block and deduct the activity.

Option A

Arrive on Sunday, depart on Wednesday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option

Three Nights Lodging (Sun, Mon, Tue); Three Breakfasts (Mon, Tue, Wed); Sunday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; Monday Night Dinner; Tuesday Night Banquet; Sunday through Tuesday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Charleston, SC City Tag; Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.
Cost of this option is \$817.00 per couple; \$599.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send the full amount. Tours are not included in Option price. Register for tours separately.

Option B

Arrive on Monday, depart on Wednesday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option

Two Nights Lodging (Mon & Tue); Two breakfasts (Tue & Wed); Monday Night Dinner; Tuesday Night Banquet; Monday and Tuesday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Charleston, SC City Tag; Memorial Service Program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes, gratuities (except tour guide & driver); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.
Cost of this option is \$607.00 per couple; \$436.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send the full amount. Tours are not included in Option price. Register for tours separately.

Option C

Arrive on Tuesday, depart on Wednesday

This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option

Tuesday Night Lodging; Tuesday Night Banquet; Wednesday Morning Breakfast; All day Tuesday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Roster of attendees; Charleston, SC City Tag; Memorial Service Program; Applicable Taxes, gratuities, bartender, set-up fees, registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.
Cost of this Option is \$331.00 per couple; \$241.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send the full amount. Tours are not included in Option price. Register for tours separately.

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Sunday April 19, 2009

12:00 Noon: Registration begins and Hospitality Room opens. Because of liability considerations, private alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the hospitality room. The hospitality room will close during the welcome reception.

5:00—6:00 PM: Welcome reception begins. Enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres along with your favorite adult beverage from the cash bar. This will be a fun evening in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Dress is casual. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only.*

Monday April 20, 2009

7:30-8:30 AM: For breakfast, you will go through the restaurant buffet into a private room set aside for MCAAN members. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind when the tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in the price of Option A only.*

9:00 AM: Hospitality room will open for those not going on the tour and for Monday arrivals. Fresh coffee and cold drinks will be available until after noon when snacks will be served.

10:00 AM: Load 'em up and move out. Optional Fort Sumter and Patriots Point Tour departs. Board the General Beauregard at Patriots Point for the Fort Sumter Tour. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, where the Civil War (referred to by Charleston residents as the War of Northern Aggression) began, Rangers from the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before you begin your tour of this famous bastion and its marvelous museum. You'll depart Ft Sumter arriving back at Patriots Point in time to eat lunch (included in the tour price) in the Yorktown CPO mess. After lunch you can remain on board the Yorktown, the famous fighting lady of WWII fame and tour her at your leisure. Be sure to visit the new Medal of Honor Museum on the ship. You can also visit the destroyer LAFHEY, a participant in the WWII D-Day landings at Normandy; the submarine CLAMAGORE, one of the Navy's last diesel powered submarines; the Coast Guard Cutter INGHAM, which was in active service until decommissioned and given to Patriots Point in 1989. Also of great interest is a replica of a US Navy Support Base from Vietnam. Here you will find a collection of exhibits, weapons, air and water crafts, all authentically displayed. You'll return to the hotel around 5:00 PM. There is a minimum of 30 persons per coach for the tour to go. Less than 30 the cost will be adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of this trip is not included in either of the Options. If you wish to go, you must register separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Monday's Tour."*

6:00 PM: Social Hour begins. Start your evening with your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you anticipate a great meal.

7:00 PM: Chow Time. Tonight's dinner theme is "Strawberry Market Buffet" featuring a Fresh Garden Salad with two dressings; Fresh Spinach and Pasta salad; Stuffed Chicken with Mozzarella & Spinach; Roast Pork with Roasted Shallot Burgundy Reduction, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes; Selection of Vegetables; Rolls & Butter; Dessert; Coffee, Decaf, and Ice Tea. You are sure to enjoy this Southern-style buffet. Following dinner, we'll have some surprise self-entertainment. *Cost of tonight's dinner is included in Options A and B.*

Tuesday April 21, 2009

7:30 – 8:30 AM: For breakfast, you will go through the restaurant buffet into a private room set aside for MCAAN Group members. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind when the tour departs. *Cost of breakfast is included in the price of Options A and B.*

9:30 AM: Hospitality room will open for those not going on the tour and for Tuesday arrivals. Fresh coffee and cold drinks will be available until after noon when snacks will be served.

9:00 AM: Optional Boone Hall Plantation and Historic Charleston Tour departs. Today's tour will take you across the Cooper River to Mt Pleasant. Here you will visit Boone Hall Plantation which was used in the filming of the TV series "North and South" and "Queen." Tour the lovely Georgian Plantation House, the slave quarters built from brick made on the plantation in the 1800's and watch the flower ladies making their sweet grass baskets. A box lunch (included in tour price) will be provided at Boone Hall. Next, tour Charleston, one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the south. Her stately homes with their lovely gardens, her magnificent public buildings and her majestic churches will enchant you. As you tour you will see the College of Charleston, Harleston Village (one of the early suburbs of the city), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and of course the famous Battery and Rainbow Row, with its elegant town houses built by planters and merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. You'll return to the hotel around 3:00 PM. There is a minimum of 30 persons per coach, less than 30 the cost will be adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of this tour is not included in any of the option prices. You must register separately; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Tuesday's Tour."*

3:30 PM: Business Meeting

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session begins. Individual and/or couples photos will be taken for inclusion in the 2009 Reunion Memory Book. Six to eight weeks after the reunion, the memory book will be sent to everyone who registers for Option A, B, or C; or anyone selecting the "Individualized Option" who places an order for the memory book. Be sure to have your photo taken.

7:30 PM: The MCAAN Group Banquet. Enjoy your last night in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. If you can still wear a complete and correct uniform, please do so. There will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. *Cost of the banquet is included in Options A, B, and C.*

Wednesday April 22, 2009

8:00 AM: For Breakfast you will go through the restaurant buffet into a private room set aside for MCAAN Group members. The memorial service will be held immediately after breakfast. Everyone is encouraged to remain for the service honoring deceased shipmates. *Cost of breakfast is included in the price of Options A, B, and C.*

The MCAAN Group
Sheraton North Charleston, North Charleston, SC

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before March 23, 2009. Mail or fax to:
 Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.; PO Drawer 11399; Hickory NC 28603.
 Phone: 828-256-6008; Fax: 828-256-6559. Web: www.mlrsinc.com

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Ship: _____ Marias; _____ Cadmus; _____ Arcadia; _____ Amphion; _____ Nantahala

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone or Travel Number in case there are any last minute changes: _____

Emergency Contact Info

If there should be an emergency during the reunion and we need to contact a member of your family, who should that be?

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name Tag Info

If this is your first MCAAN Group reunion, or if you have misplaced the nametag you received at a previous reunion, we encourage you to order one now. The nametag is a plastic tag with your name, the name of your ship, the years you served, and your rate engraved on the tag, with a magnetic backing for attaching to your clothing. (If you have a pacemaker, please discuss this with your doctor before putting a magnet on your chest!) Guest tags have the guest's name engraved on it. This is a great conversation starter and group member identifier. **If you fill in the info below you will be charged for the tags.** Cost is \$8.00 each.

Your Nametag Name: _____ Guest Nametag Name: _____

Which years did you serve on board: _____ What was your rate while on board: _____

Options A, B, and C will include a city tag (Charleston, SC 2009) to hang below your nametag. If you sign up for only selected activities, we encourage you to order a city tag here. Indicate below the number of city tags you wish to order. If you would like to order city tags from previous years, please list the city and year and quantity on an additional sheet of paper. Also available, for plank owners, is a plank owner tag to hang directly below your nametag. If you would like one of these tags, please indicate so below. Cost is \$3.75 each. Number of Plankowner tags wanted: @\$3.75 _____

Number of Charleston City Tags; _____ Number of Previous years' City Tags _____ (list cities on a separate sheet)

Payments and Cancellations

Your signature is required below regardless of your payment method

Make Checks Payable to: "ML & RS, Inc"

Personal Check # _____ Money Order _____ American Express _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____

ML&RS Inc is authorized to bill the below listed credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____

Zip Code where you receive your credit card bill (statement): _____

Account #: _____ Exp Date: _____

I understand and agree that if I register for this reunion and do not attend without canceling my reservation as described in paragraph 2 of these guidelines, I am not entitled to any refund.

Signature (Required before registration is accepted) _____

Special Needs

If you have any special dietary, handicapped, or other special requirements, please provide the details below. Be VERY specific. Special dietary meals are available. List any special requests below.

Handicapped Requirements: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Lodging Preferences

of People: _____ Smoking: _____ Non Smoking: _____ (not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in)

Room Preference: Single _____ Double _____ King/Queen _____ (not guaranteed – based on availability at check-in)

Special Room Requirements: _____

Activity Selection

You may wish to choose one of the following pre-packaged options. You may add to or deduct from these options using the Individualized Option and/or Adjustment Opportunities selections below.

Option A: Requires \$100.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **except tours** from Sunday noon thru Wednesday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$599.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$817.00 per couple _____

Option B: Requires \$75.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **except tours** from Monday noon thru Wednesday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$436.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$607.00 per couple _____

Option C: Requires \$50.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities from Tuesday noon thru Wednesday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$241.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$331.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

You may make the following adjustments to the options presented above:

Deduct Sunday's Reception @ \$18.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Monday's Tour @ \$79.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Monday's Dinner @ \$39.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Tuesday's Tour @ \$66.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Tuesday's Banquet @ \$45.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Breakfast @ \$10.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____ (Which days) _____

Add nights lodging @ \$115.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

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Individualized Option

If none of the options above fit your needs, you may select one or all of the activities below. **PLEASE NOTE: These prices do not include the cost of the city tag, name tag, or 2009 Reunion Memory Book. If you wish to order a name tag or city tag, see the other side of this form, "Nametag Info Block"; To order a Memory Book, see below.**

2009 Reunion Memory Book @ \$30.00 per book X _____ (# books) = \$ _____

Sunday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$46.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Monday - hospitality room, Dinner, cocktail hour (cash bar), registration fee @ \$69.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Tuesday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee @ \$77.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: _____

Call 828-256-6008 for "**meal only**" prices (Quoted price will include registration fee)

FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION

Special Offers

#1 MCAAN Group Reunion T-Shirts

T-Shirts commemorating The MCAAN Group's 2009 reunion are available. The front of these high quality white T-Shirts is imprinted with the words "MCAAN Group" centered above a Charleston logo, with "2009 Reunion" centered below the logo. Printing is in blue. Show your pride; wear your T-Shirt at the reunion activities. Order yours today and pick it (them) up at the reunion or have it mailed to you (with postage added to cost).

Size: Small ____; Med ____; Large ____ XL ____; XXL ____; XXXL ____

Cost S thru XL \$18.00; XXL \$19.50 XXXL \$21.00

Number of shirts: _____

Name: _____ I will pick up at the reunion ____; mail it ____

If mailed, add \$5.00 per shirt: Address: _____

City: _____, St: _____; Zip: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail your order to:
ML & RS, Inc
PO Drawer 11399
Hickory, NC 28603

Make your check payable to: ML & RS Inc

#2 Win a Free Reunion

Take a chance! Enter the drawing for a free reunion. For only \$25.00 per chance you can win a totally free reunion for a "single" — as described in Option A. Prize does not include tours. If there is not a minimum of 30 entrees, there will be no winner and your original check will be returned to you. The drawing will be at the Tuesday night banquet and the winner will be presented a check—on the spot—for the full price of a "single" Option A - (\$599.00). To enter the drawing, simply fill out the coupon below and submit it along with your check for \$25.00 for each entry. Multiple entry fees can be on the same check, but the prize check must be separate from your deposit check.

Free reunion drawing: Fill out one line for each entry. Multiple entries will be separated and placed into the "drawing pot."

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Make your check payable to ML & RS, Inc

To save postage, enclose your entry with your reservation, or mail it to:

ML & RS, Inc, PO Drawer 11399, Hickory, NC 28603