

USS BEXAR (APA-237)

2009 Reunion Information

The 2009 USS BEXAR reunion will be held September 24-27 at the Holiday Inn Nashville Opryland/ Airport located at 2200 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214. The Holiday Inn Nashville Opryland/Airport is a full service upper mid-scale hotel dedicated to the reunion/corporate market. It is located just minutes from the airport as well as the Opryland Complex. Available meeting space totals over 8,000 square feet. Guestrooms feature two phones with modem/data ports and work stations, hair dryers, irons/ironing boards and coffee makers. Complimentary airport transportation is available 7 days a week from 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM. The Holiday Inn also offers complimentary shuttle at scheduled departure times to the Opry Mills Shopping Complex. Jackson's Veranda Restaurant is located on property and there is an extensive exercise facility, dry sauna, whirlpool and indoor swimming pool available for your pleasure.

Parking on the hotel property is free and the parking lot will accommodate mobile homes or campers. You may not live in a mobile home or camper on the hotel property. Normal check-in time is 3:00 PM, but every effort will be made to have rooms ready before then. In case you arrive before your room is available, just stow your gear and relax in the hospitality room until the room is ready. Directions to the hotel will be in your confirmation letter. **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 **August 24, 2009**. Final payment is due before **September 4, 2009**.
- 2. Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **September 18, 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 **September 18, 2009**. *Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended; see your local insurance agent for details.*
- 3. If there** is an activity included in the option 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.
- 4. 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.

Option A

Arrive on Thursday, depart on Sunday

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

Three Nights Lodging (Thur, Fri, Sat); Three Breakfasts (Fri, Sat, Sun); Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres & Cash bar; Friday night banquet; Saturday Grand Ole Opry performance; Saturday Pre-Opry Soup & Sandwich, Post-Opry Dessert & Coffee (back at hotel); unlimited use of the Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks) Thursday through Saturday night; 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Nashville, TN 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 a ML & RS, Inc Manager.

Cost of this option is \$786.00 per couple; \$576.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.

Option B

Arrive on Friday, depart on Sunday

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

Two Nights Lodging (Fri & Sat); Two breakfasts (Sat & Sun); Friday night banquet; Saturday Grand Ole Opry performance; Saturday Pre-Opry Soup & Sandwich, Post-Opry Dessert & Coffee (back at hotel); unlimited use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks) Friday through Saturday night; 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Nashville, TN 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 a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$610.00 per couple; \$433.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.

Option C

Arrive on Saturday, depart on Sunday

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

Saturday Grand Ole Opry performance; Saturday Pre-Opry Soup & Sandwich, Post-Opry Dessert & Coffee (back at hotel); Saturday night lodging; Sunday breakfast; unlimited use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks) on Saturday; 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Roster of attendees; Nashville, TN 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 \$363.00 per couple; \$254.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.

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Thursday September 24, 2009

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the 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.*

Friday September 25, 2009

Breakfast is included in your room rate. Breakfast coupons will be provided. Eat at your leisure in the hotel restaurant anytime during the restaurant's normal breakfast serving hours. Keep in mind when the tour departs. *Since breakfast is part of your room rate, you may not opt out.*

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

10:30 AM: Option General Jackson Showboat Luncheon Cruise departs. Immerse yourself in the proud tradition of the great showboats of yesteryear and delight in the panoramic sights of the scenic Cumberland River as you enjoy a leisurely two-and-a-half-hour afternoon cruise aboard The General Jackson Showboat. Includes lunch and entertainment by Tim Watson aka "The Fiddleman" aboard the largest paddlewheel showboat. You'll return to the hotel around 3:00pm. A minimum of 25 participants is required for this event to take place. If less than 25 people are registered on the cut-off date (August 24), the trip will be cancelled. *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 Friday's Luncheon Cruise."*

3:30 PM: Annual Business Meeting

6:00 PM: Social 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 for inclusion!!

7:00 PM: The USS BEXAR Banquet. Enjoy tonight 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. Because Sunday morning breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant, the memorial service will be part of the banquet program. *Cost of the banquet is included in the price of Options A and B.*

Saturday September 26, 2009

Breakfast is included in your room rate. Breakfast coupons will be provided. Eat at your leisure in the hotel restaurant anytime during the restaurant's normal breakfast serving hours. Keep in mind when the tour departs. *Since breakfast is part of your room rate, you may not opt out.*

9:00 AM: Optional Nashville tour. Enjoy a guided tour of the city of Nashville, including some of its history and traditions. You'll make a stop at the famous Ryman Auditorium – the place that will always be remembered as the Grand Ole Opry's original home. As you walk around this historic building you'll see exhibits, photos and memorabilia from the "grand old years" – when *country* music was in fact *country*. If you play your cards right you can even get your picture taken playing a guitar in the Ryman. You'll return to the hotel around noon (give or take a few minutes). There is a minimum of twenty persons for the tour to go. If less than 20 people are registered on the cut-off date (August 24) the tour will be cancelled. *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 Saturday's Tour."*

4:00PM: Pre-Opry Soup and Sandwich - Enjoy a deli-type sandwich and bowl of soup before boarding the busses for the Grand Ole Opry performance. *Cost of the Soup and Sandwich Supper is included in all Options*

5:30 PM: Buses for the Grand Ole Opry performance departs. This is why you came to Nashville. You don't have to be a country music fan to enjoy the famous Grand Ole Opry. The name is legendary and so are the performers. At this printing we do not have a schedule of performers, but you can go on line a little nearer the reunion and check out the stars that are scheduled to appear. (www.opry.com). There is a minimum of 25 persons for the tour to go. If less than 25 are registered on the cut-off date (August 24) the tour will be cancelled. You'll return to the hotel around 9:30 PM where you will enjoy the end to wonderful evening with a post-Opry, dessert, and coffee. *Cost of the Opry and the post Opry, dessert, and coffee is included in all Options.*

Sunday September 27, 2009

Breakfast is included in your room rate. Breakfast coupons will be provided. Eat at your leisure in the hotel restaurant anytime during the restaurant's normal breakfast serving hours. *Since breakfast is part of your room rate, you may not opt out. Let the good-byes begin!*

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**Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before August 24, 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/bexar**

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **MI:** _____

Spouse or Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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:** _____

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

Name Tag Info

If this is your first USS BEXAR 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. 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 \$6.00 each.

Your Nametag Name: _____ Guest Nametag Name: _____

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

Options A, B, and C will include a city tag (Nashville, TN 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 Nashville City Tags; _____ 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 arrival)

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

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 Thursday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$576.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$786.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$433.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$610.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$254.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$363.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Thursday's Reception @ \$13.50 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Friday's Luncheon Cruise @ \$71.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's Banquet @ \$37.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's Tour @ \$34.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Grand Ole Opry and Sandwich, Dessert and Coffee @ \$73.50 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging @ \$110.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

Deduct nights lodging @ \$110.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

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) = \$ _____

Thursday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$49.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, registration fee @ \$72.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hospitality room, Grand Ole Opry, Pre Opry soup & sandwich, Post Opry dessert & coffee, and registration fee @ \$109.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: _____

Call 828-256-6008 for "meal only" prices (Will include registration fee)

FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION