

USS Bryce Canyon 2009 Reunion Information

The USS Bryce Canyon AD-36 reunion will be held October 8-11 at the Hilton Norfolk Airport located at 1500 North Military Highway, Norfolk, VA. Each nicely appointed room has all of the amenities that you would expect from a great hotel; alarm clock, iron & ironing board, hair dryer, coffee pot, etc. The Hilton has ample meeting and hospitality space; Max & Irma's is the on site restaurant and there is a relaxing cocktail lounge to satisfy your thirst requirements. There is complimentary airport shuttle service to/from the Norfolk International Airport. For those who drive, parking is also complimentary.

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.**

- 1. Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **September 8, 2009.** Final payment is due before **September 18, 2009.**
- 2. Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **October 2, 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 **October 2, 2009.** Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.
- 3. Minimum Room Requirements:** During this economic down-turn hotel occupancy is down. Consequently attrition clauses, for room occupancy and food & beverage minimums (standard clauses in all hotel contracts), are being strictly enforced. **It is important for you to know that room and food & beverage prices are based on a minimum of 25 rooms, each night (or 75 total rooms.)** In the unlikely event the room minimum is not met, the Hilton reserves the right to adjust the room rate by \$20.00 per room per night to reach the minimum anticipated revenue. You will not receive your confirmation letter until a minimum of 15 room reservations are received. Please heed this notice and register early!

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); Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; Friday night dinner buffet; Saturday night banquet; and Sunday morning breakfast. Also, Thursday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Norfolk, VA city tag; 2009 Reunion Memory Book, 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 only \$814.00 per couple; \$600.00 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); Friday night dinner buffet; Saturday night banquet; and Sunday morning breakfast. Also, Friday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Norfolk, VA city tag; 2009 Reunion Memory Book, 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 \$625.00 per couple; \$447.00 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 Night Lodging; Saturday Night Banquet; Sunday breakfast; All day Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Roster of attendees; Norfolk, VA City Tag; 2009 Reunion Memory Book; 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 \$355.00 per couple; \$254.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

YOUR ITINERARY
(revised June 2009)

Thursday October 8, 2009

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room opens stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. 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. After a few welcome remarks and admin announcements, you will enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres along with your favorite adult beverage from the cash bar. This will be a relaxed and casual evening. Dress is casual. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only.*

Friday October 9, 2009

Breakfast will be on your own. This is one of the rare exceptions where breakfast on your own can be less expensive than a group breakfast. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind the tour bus loads up at 9:45 AM.

9:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens and Registration resumes.

9:45 AM: Load 'em up' 10:00 AM move 'em out: Optional trip to Norfolk Naval Base, the largest Naval Base in the world, home port to 78 ships, 26 air squadrons. Your tour will take you past the 14 piers, thru the Naval Air Station, and Admiral's Row. Lunch (included in the tour price) will be at the Officer's club. Following lunch you'll learn about Norfolk's colorful 325 year history as you ride through the historic district, the restored waterfront area, as well as many other points of interest. The afternoon will include a visit to Nauticus, The National Maritime Center and the Battleship Wisconsin, and time at the MacArthur Memorial. The last stop will be at Doumar's Ice Cream Shop, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine, where you will be treated to a delicious ice cream cone. The tour price is based on a minimum of 35 persons. Less than 35 people, it may be necessary to adjust the cost to cover the difference. You'll return to the hotel around 5:00 PM. *Cost of this tour is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, Add Friday's tour.*

6:00 PM: Social Hour. Relax with a beverage from the cash bar while you solve the world's problems and anticipate a good meal.

7:00 PM: Mess Call. Enjoy a delicious dinner buffet and relax the remainder of the evening.

Saturday October 10, 2009

Breakfast will be on your own. This is one of the rare exceptions where breakfast on your own can be less expensive than a group breakfast. Eat at your leisure, keeping in mind the tour departs at 8:30 AM.

8:15 AM: Load 'em up; 8:30 AM: Move 'em out! Today's Optional tour will take you to Colonial Williamsburg where you can step back in time to the 18th century. While strolling through the restored area of this colonial capital, your historic interpreter will guide you through the past and events that helped shape America's history. Shop and browse in Merchants Square. Historic Colonial Williamsburg covers 301 acres and includes 88 original 18th century structures. Hundreds of houses, shops, and public outbuildings are reconstructed on their original foundations. Some are open to the public. Walk in the footprints of great Americans like Washington, Jefferson, and Patrick Henry. Here is where Patriotism flourished and is still alive today. Have lunch (on your own) at one of the Colonial Taverns along Merchant's Square. The next stop of the day will be the Jamestown Settlement, where the story of the people who founded Jamestown and of the Virginia Indians they encountered is told through film, gallery exhibits and living history. You'll arrive back at the hotel around 4:00 PM. There is a minimum of 35 persons for the tour to go. Less than 35 the tour price may be adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of this tour is not included in either of the options. You must register for the tour separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, Add Saturday's tour.*

10:00 AM: Hospitality room opens if anyone does not go on the tour. It will be stocked with fresh coffee and cold drinks. Snacks will be served in the afternoon. Registration will resume for Saturday arrivals.

4:15-5:15 PM: Business Meeting in the hospitality room.

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 USS Bryce Canyon 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. The memorial service honoring deceased shipmates will be part of the banquet program. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options.*

Sunday October 11, 2009

8:00 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. Be sure to attend this last function and get that last minute handshake and hug before hitting the road. *Cost of breakfast is included in all three Options.*

**USS Bryce Canyon
Hilton Norfolk Airport**

**Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before September 8, 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/brycecanyon**

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 Bryce Canyon 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 (Norfolk, VA 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 Norfolk city tags; _____ Previous years' city tags (list cities on a separate sheet) _____

Payments and Cancellations

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

Single (one person in room): \$600.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$814.00 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): \$447.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$625.00 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): \$355.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Thursday's Reception @ \$16.50 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Friday's Tour @ \$62.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's dinner @ \$45.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's tour @ \$55.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$49.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Sunday's Breakfast @ \$17.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging @ \$117.00 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 reunion memory book, city tag, or name tag. 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 @ \$48.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, registration fee, reception (cash bar), dinner @ \$77.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee
@ \$81.00 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