

USS Cambria APA-36

2009 Reunion Information

The 2009 USS Cambria reunion will be held April 23-26 at the Hampton Inn & Suites located at 22700 Holiday Park Drive, Dulles (Sterling), VA. Dulles (Sterling), VA is located just two miles from Dulles International Airport. Unlike most Hampton Inns, this one has all of the facilities that we need for a successful reunion. The prices are far better (less expensive) than anything in downtown Washington. The Hampton Inn features 170 richly appointed rooms with all of the common amenities that you expect from a first class hotel. There is ample hospitality and banquet space. Scheduled complimentary airport transportation is provided and parking is free. The hotel van is also available – on a space available basis to take you to nearby shopping areas or restaurants. Additionally, a deluxe continental breakfast is included in the room rate. **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**.

From ML & RS, Inc: *Because of the economy, and especially because Washington, DC is one of the most expensive places in the country, we have done everything possible to cut costs without reducing the quality of the reunion. We are staying in a Hampton Inn that offers complimentary airport shuttle service (to Dulles International, NOT Reagan National) as well as complimentary shuttle to local shopping malls or restaurants. Breakfast is included in the room rate. We have eliminated the Friday evening “Yankee Swap” and will make this a relaxing story telling evening. Or, if you have a group activity you’d like to suggest, please do so. We have gone from a two entrée buffet to a single item saving several dollars a person; we have gone from top of the line filet mignon or prime rib to a less expensive (but just a good) entrée for our banquet. The meal prices alone save you more than \$25.00 per couple, the hotel rates are at least \$50.00 per night lower than anything else we could find; eliminating the Yankee Swap is saving you another \$25.00 per couple; and for the second straight year, we did not raise our registration fee although our admin costs for paper, postage printing, etc have increased substantially. We are really trying to keep the reunion cost to the lowest possible amount. Thank you for your loyalty and continued support!*

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 17, 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 17, 2009**. Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended.
- 3. Minimum Requirements:** Because of today’s economy, 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 20 rooms, each night (or 60 total rooms) and a minimum of \$2,625.00 in food and beverage revenue.** In the unlikely event these minimums are not met, it may be necessary to adjust the prices to cover the difference. Your confirmation letter will be held until we receive the minimum reservations.
- 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 Thursday, depart on Sunday

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

Three Nights Lodging (Thurs, Fri, Sat); Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d’oeuvres & cash bar; three breakfasts (Fri, Sat, Sun); Friday Night Dinner; Saturday Night Banquet; Thursday through Saturday night use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Washington, DC 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 \$767.00 per couple; \$554.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. DO NOT SEND THE FULL AMOUNT.

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 Dinner; Saturday Night Banquet; Friday through Saturday night use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Washington, DC 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 and ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$557.00 per couple; \$402.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. DO NOT SEND THE FULL AMOUNT.

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 Banquet; Saturday night lodging; Sunday breakfast; Saturday use of hospitality room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Washington, DC 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 \$311.00 per couple; \$224.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. DO NOT SEND THE FULL AMOUNT.

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Thursday April 23, 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 April 24, 2009

6:30-10:00 AM: Breakfast will be a deluxe continental breakfast. Eat at your leisure during breakfast hours, but keep in mind when the tour departs. *Breakfast is included in the room rate, so you cannot opt out.*

9:00 AM: Load 'em up and move 'em out. Today you'll visit the newest edition to the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum, the UDVAR-HAZY Center. This recently opened museum provides spaces for the objects that tell the history of aviation and space flight. Over 335 air and space craft are on display. The display includes the Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR-71 Blackbird, Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, the B-17 Flying Fortress, the F-4 Phantom fighter, the B-29 **Superfortress Enola Gay**, and numerous others. Many artifacts are on display for the first time. You will be able to walk among the exhibits and view them from elevated "skyways". There is an observation tower where you can watch air traffic at Dulles International Airport. There are on site restaurants where you can have lunch on your own. Also on site is a theater, gift shops and more. Take your time and enjoy the day. You'll depart the museum in order to arrive back at the hotel at 3:00 PM. There is a minimum of 25 people - per bus - for the tour to go. Less than 25 persons, the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of the tour is NOT included in either option. You must register separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Friday's Tour."*

Security Notice: The Smithsonian security policy is: All bags, purses, attaché cases, shopping bags, satchels, suitcases, everything hand carried will be hand searched. Only a small purse, bag, or fanny pack type items will be allowed inside. DO NOT bring larger items like backpacks, and such. DO NOT bring sharp objects like knives (even small pocket knives) screwdrivers, scissors, corkscrews, nail files, etc. Please heed this warning: Unauthorized items will be confiscated and not returned.

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

3:30 PM: Annual Business meeting

6:00 PM: Social hour begins. Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you anticipate a good meal. Then at **7:00 PM Dinner will be served.** Tonight's fare will be a buffet featuring oven roasted chicken, pasta salad, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, decadent dessert, regular and decaffeinated coffees, tea and lemonade. After dinner will be a relaxing time to tell stories. *Cost of dinner is included in Options A and B.*

Saturday April 25, 2009

6:30-10:00 AM: Breakfast will be a deluxe continental breakfast. Eat at your leisure during breakfast hours, but keep in mind when the tour departs. *Breakfast is included in the room rate, so you cannot opt out.*

9:00 AM: Load 'em up and move 'em out. Today is DC day. We'll start off at the US Marine Corps Museum at Quantico Marine Corps base. Experience what it is like to be a marine! Enter into a recruiting station; step aboard a bus taking you to boot camp; stride the yellow footprints and hear your first dreaded drill instructor issuing commands; plus more. You'll leave with a better understanding of the US Marine Corps! Then it's to the WW II Memorial honoring more than 16,000,000 who served in the armed forces during WW II. From there a stop will be made at the Korean War Memorial paying tribute to veterans of the "forgotten war." Time permitting you'll stop at the Navy Memorial for a short visit. This is a place that every sailor, current or former should visit. There is a minimum of 25 persons per bus for the tour to go. Less than 25 per bus the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted to cover the difference. We plan on eating lunch in the Marine Corps Cafeteria, but it'll be on your own. We'll arrive back at the hotel around 4:00 PM *Cost of the tour is NOT included in either option. You must register separately. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Add Saturday's Tour."*

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

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 CAMBRIA APA-36 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 will be held as part of the banquet program, unless a suitable place can be found to hold the service Sunday morning. That information is not known at this time. *Cost of dinner is included in Options A, B, and C.*

Sunday April 26, 2009

6:30-10:00 AM: Breakfast will be a deluxe continental breakfast. If a suitable place for the memorial service can be found, the service will be on Sunday morning; if not, it will be part of the banquet program on Saturday night. *Breakfast is included in the room rate, so you cannot opt out.*

USS CAMBRIA APA-36**Hampton Inn & Suites, Dulles (Sterling), VA**

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/cambria

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 Cambria APA-36 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 (Washington, DC 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 Washington, DC 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 with the cancellation and refund policy as described in paragraph 2 of these guidelines.

Signature is 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): \$554.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$767.00 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): \$402.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$557.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$224.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$311.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Thursday's Reception @ \$30.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Friday's Tour @ \$35.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's Dinner @ \$44.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's Tour @ \$50.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$52.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging @ \$102.00 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) = \$ _____

Thursday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$58.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, dinner, cocktail hour (cash bar), registration fee @ \$76.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee @ \$84.00 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