

## USS Lake Champlain CV-39, 2009 Reunion ~ October 22-25 Radisson Penn-Harris Hotel & Convention Center, Camp Hill, PA

Sailors and Ladies, this is the big one – we expect one of the biggest reunions in recent years- get your reservation in early. The Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center will be the host hotel for the USS Lake Champlain CV-39 reunion. The hotel is located at 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA. Complimentary airport shuttle is available. Just use the courtesy phone located in the baggage claim area at the Harrisburg International Airport or call the hotel direct at 1-717-763-7117. A map or directions to the hotel will be included in your reservation confirmation letter. The parking is free at the Radisson. Campers and mobile homes can be accommodated but living in them on hotel property is not allowed. Normal Check-in time is 3:00 PM but every effort will be made to have rooms ready earlier. In the event your room is not ready when you arrive, simply stow your gear and relax in the hospitality room.

The hotel features beautifully decorated, newly renovated guest rooms, each equipped with remote-control color television, clock/radio, dual-phone lines, data port, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, coffee maker, and much more. Their exceptional staff will accommodate your every need. The Radisson Penn-Harris is centrally located in a quiet suburban area, which provides convenient access to Harrisburg, Hershey, Lancaster and Gettysburg. Central Pennsylvania's premier area attractions are all within easy reach. The meeting, hospitality, and banquet spaces are great and you'll have a great time. Some rooms on the second floor do not have elevator access, so if steps are a problem, please let us know so you can get a first floor room.

*Note on cost: Cost is always a major consideration and every effort is always made to keep the cost as low as possible. We think we've done pretty good this year. In spite of higher all round prices, inflation, and the economy in general, the price for Option A ( couple) has increased only 2.6% since 2007 in St Louis. The other option costs compare favorably with that modest increase Also, please remember that if there is an activity within your selected option, that you cannot participate in go to the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block and delete that activity. You can control your own costs by doing this.*

### **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

First, a sincere thank you for allowing us to continue being a part of your reunion. We pledge our best efforts to insure this reunion will be a memorable experience. The enclosed material should answer most of your questions, but if you do have any unanswered questions, do not hesitate to call our Customer Service Representative at 1-828-256-6008 for assistance.

**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 21, 2009**. Final payment is due before **October 2, 2009**.
- 2. Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **October 16, 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 16, 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, nation wide. Consequently attrition clauses, for room occupancy and food & beverage minimums (standard clauses in all hotel contracts), are being strictly enforced. **Room and food & beverage prices are based on a minimum of 65 rooms, each night (or 195 total rooms.) Please help reach these minimums** 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 Thursday, depart Sunday)**

*This option provides each person with the following activities and events:*

Three nights lodging (Thur, Fri, Sat); Three breakfasts (Fri, Sat, and Sun); Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres; Friday Night Dinner & Talent Show; Saturday night banquet; Thursday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks; Harrisburg, PA City Tag; 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Roster of attendees; Memorial Service program; Applicable taxes and gratuities, all set-up/clean-up, bartender, and registration fees.

**Option Cost is \$814.00 per couple; \$593.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send the full amount.**

#### **Option B (Arrive Friday, depart Sunday)**

*This option provides each person with the following events and activities:*

Two nights lodging (Fri & Sat); Two breakfasts (Sat, Sun); Friday Night Dinner and Talent Show; Saturday night banquet ; 2009 Reunion Memory Book; Harrisburg, PA City Tag; Friday and Saturday use of Hospitality Room stocked with coffee, soft drinks; Roster of attendees; Memorial Service programs; Applicable taxes and gratuities, all set-up/clean-up, bartender, and registration fees.

**Option Cost is \$555.00 per couple; \$407.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send the full amount.**

#### **Option C (Arrive Saturday, depart Sunday)**

*This option provides each person with the following activities and events:*

Saturday night lodging; Saturday night banquet; Sunday morning breakfast; Reunion Memory Book; Harrisburg, PA City Tag; Saturday use of Hospitality Room stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks; Roster of attendees; Memorial Service programs; Applicable taxes and gratuities, all set-up/clean-up, bartender, and registration fees.

**Option Cost is \$336.00 per couple; \$242.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Do not send full amount.**

## Your Itinerary “Where we work so you can play”

**Thursday October 22, 2009**

**12:00 Noon: Registration Begins** and Hospitality Room Opens

**5:00 PM: Welcome reception** begins. Enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres along with your favorite adult beverage from the cash bar. After a few welcome remarks by the Association President, if there are any first-time attendees they will be asked to introduce themselves so everyone will be acquainted. This will be a fun evening in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Dress is casual. Dinner is on your own tonight. Hospitality room will re-open after the reception. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only.*

**Friday October 23, 2009**

**7:30 – 8:30 AM: Private Breakfast Buffet.** *Cost of breakfast is included in Option A only.*

**8:50 AM: Load ‘em up; 9:00 AM Move ‘em Out!** Optional tour to Hershey and The Amish country departs! The day will start with a visit to “The Sweetest Place on Earth” Hershey, PA. You’ll learn the history of this town and the humble beginnings of its founder, Milton Hershey. You’ll make a quick stop at Founder’s Hall, a tribute to Milton and the school he founded. Then you’ll visit Chocolate World where you’ll enjoy a simulated factory ride tour that takes you from the harvesting of cocoa beans to the production of Hershey’s chocolate. At the end of the ride you’ll get a free sample of the product. Of course – there is a gift shop on your way out where you will be tempted to buy lots of chocolate goodies. When you leave Hershey next stop is lunch (included in the tour price) at an Amish Farm House where you can be assured of a delicious meal. If you leave hungry, it’ll be your fault. Then you’ll venture out onto the “roads less travelled through the Amish Farmlands. Marvel at picturesque scenery as you meander across roads where time seems to stand still. See the pristine Amish farms, one room schools houses, wind wheels, Amish “phone booths”, farmers working the fields with their horse or mule drawn plows, and of course the Amish’s primary mode of transportation, the horse and buggy. There will be a stop at an Amish Farm with its own quilt and craft shop. You’ll have the opportunity to meet Amish ladies as you browse through a colorful array of handmade quilts and unique country crafts. You are guaranteed to enjoy this great day. Seating is limited to 90 people so the first 90 who register, get the seats! You’ll return to the hotel around 4:00 PM. There is a minimum of thirty-five (35) persons per bus for the tour to go. *Cost of the tour is not included in either option. If you wish to make this tour, you must register separately. See the Adjustment Opportunities section “Add Friday Tour” on the registration form for details.*

**9:30 AM: Hospitality Room will open** for Friday arrivals and anyone not going on the tour. Coffee and soft drinks will be available until early afternoon when snacks will be served.

**6:30 PM: Social Hour,** Rest up, relax, and enjoy a beverage from the cash bar while you anticipate a Pennsylvania-Dutch style meal.

**7:30: Dinner is served!** Get ready for an epicurean delight - a Pennsylvania Dutch-style meal. For tonight’s self entertainment, we’ll do something a little different. **We’ll have a talent show!** If you can sing or dance (or think you can); tell jokes; tell stories, do magic tricks, play an instrument, anything that requires talent – prepare your self and share your talent. There are no forms to fill out, no auditions, no deadlines; just rise to the occasion and who knows, maybe someone from “America’s Got Talent” will be watching. *Cost of tonight’s dinner is included in both Options A and B.*

**Saturday October 24, 2009**

**7:00 - 8:00 AM: Breakfast** will be a private buffet. *Cost of breakfast is included in Options A and B.*

**8:20 AM: Load ‘em up, 8:30 AM Move ‘em out! Optional tour departs.** Today’s trip will take you to the Gettysburg National Battlefield, an historic site that every American from the North or South should visit. Upon arrival at the Battlefield, you will be introduced to the Battle of Gettysburg with a 22 minute film that will immerse you in the sights, sounds, and emotions of the periods before, during, and after the battle. Then you’ll see the Cyclorama of Pickett’s Chare, the climatic struggle during the three day battle. You’ll have lunch **on your own** at the Refreshment Saloon, modeled after the actual refreshment saloons that existed during the Civil War. The varied menu includes “Tastes of the Period.” From there you’ll receive a memorable tour of the battlefield narrated by a licensed and knowledgeable guide. See first hand where history was made. There is a minimum of 35 persons per bus for the tour to go. You’ll return to the hotel around 3:30 PM. *If you wish to make this tour, you must register separately. See the Adjustment Opportunities section “Add Saturday Tour” on the registration form for details.*

**4:00 PM: Annual Business Meeting**

**7:00 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 for inclusion!!

**8:00 PM: USS Lake Champlain banquet.** Enjoy your last night in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. There will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. If you can still wear your complete and correct uniform, please do so. *Cost of the banquet is included in all options.*

**Sunday October 25, 2009**

**8:00 AM: Breakfast** will be a private buffet. Following breakfast, the memorial service paying tribute to deceased shipmates will be held. Please time your departure so you can remain for this very important part of our reunion. *Cost of breakfast is included in Options A, B, and C.*

**9:00 AM: Good-byes** begin. You passed the handshaking stage years ago. Hugs are expected and tears are authorized.

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### Radisson Penn-Harris Hotel & Convention Center

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before, September 21, 2009 Mail or fax (if paying deposit by credit card) to: Military Locator & Reunion Service, Inc.; PO Drawer 11399; Hickory NC 28603.  
Phone: 828-256-6008; Fax: 828-256-6559. Web: [www.mlrsinc.com/lakechamp](http://www.mlrsinc.com/lakechamp)

#### 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 we need to make you aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nametag Info

If this is your first USS Lake Champlain 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, your ship, the years you served, and your rate engraved on the tag. Guest tags have the guest's name engraved on it. Also, you can order a Harrisburg city tag. These are a great conversation starters and group member identifiers. **If you fill in the info below you will be charged for the tags.** Cost is \$6.00 each. 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.

Your Nametag Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Guest Nametag Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which years did you serve on Champ: \_\_\_\_\_ What was your highest rate while there: \_\_\_\_\_

Options A, B, and C will include a city tag (Harrisburg, PA 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 each.

Number of Harrisburg City Tags \_\_\_\_\_; Previous years' city tags \_\_\_\_\_; Number of Plankowner tags wanted \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payments and Cancellations

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

Personal Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name as it appears on the Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

**We must have your credit card billing address Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

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 paragraphs 2 of these guidelines, I am not entitled to any refund.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### Special Needs

Help us help you! We make every effort to accommodate your special needs, but we must know about them. If you have any special dietary, handicapped, or other special requirements, please provide the details below. Be VERY specific.

Handicapped Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Lodging and Meal Preferences

# of People: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_  
Room Preference (not guaranteed – based on availability) Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ King/Queen \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Room Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet entrée will be Filet Mignon.** If you need a different meal for dietary reasons, please indicate on the reverse side of the page.

### 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): \$593.00 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): \$407.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Double (2 people in room): \$555.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

**Option C:** Requires full payment. 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): \$242.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Double (2 people in room): \$336.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

### Adjustment Opportunities

You may make the following adjustments to the options presented above (circle your selections)

Deduct Thursday Reception @ \$15.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add Friday Tour** @ \$70.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Friday PA Dutch Dinner @ \$33.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add Saturday Tour** @ \$75.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Saturday Banquet @ \$45.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Breakfast @ \$14.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Which mornings? \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct lodging @ \$112.00 per night X \_\_\_\_\_ (# nights) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Which nights? \_\_\_\_\_

**Add lodging** @ \$112.00 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.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday: hospitality room, reception, (cash bar), registration fee @ \$43.00 per person X (# people) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday: hospitality room, Dinner social hour (cash bar), and registration fee  
@ \$65.00 per person X (# people) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday: hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), Banquet & Entertainment, and registration fee  
@ \$77.00 per person X (# people) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Reunion Memory Book** @ \$30.00 per book X (# books) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION**