

USS Pawcatuck AO-108 2009 Reunion Information

What a great reunion this is going to be; don't you dare miss it! The 2010 USS Pawcatuck reunion will be held at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel (Holiday Inn) located at 10 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas May 03-06, 2010. The El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel (Holiday Inn) (www.eltropicanohotel.com) is a first class hotel with all of the amenities that you expect. The hotel is located on the northern end of the famed Riverwalk where you can walk, ride a water taxi, or catch the trolley to all of the local attractions, including the Alamo. This is a perfect way to explore San Antonio on your own, maybe on Tuesday afternoon/evening. There is a first class restaurant in the hotel. For relaxation you can sip your favorite beverage in the lounge, or sit on the sun deck and watch Ricky and Lucy the chestnut-mandible Toucans, Speedy the 60 lb tortoise, or Fred and Ethel the Iguanas. There is ample banquet, meeting and hospitality space. In addition you will find an outdoor pool and fitness center. You are sure to enjoy your stay here. For those who wish to come early or stay late, the reunion rates will be extended to 48 hours before and after the reunion dates. Like all downtown San Antonio hotels, the El Tropicano does not offer complimentary airport shuttle service. There are numerous commercial shuttle services available near the baggage claim area of the airport. The city owns parking facilities that all of the Riverwalk hotels use. Consequently there is a parking fee. The city charges \$10.00 and the amount the hotels add on varies by hotel averaging \$15.00 a day. However owing to the repeat business factor, the hotel has waived their fee and you will only pay the daily fee of \$10.00. That cost is not part of the package because we have no idea who will drive. 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 **April 5, 2010**. Final payment is due before **April 16, 2010**.
2. **Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **April 26, 2010** 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 26, 2010**. *Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended, see your local insurance agent, ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.*
3. You may pay the balance of your account in installments of any amount at any time so long as the balance is paid in full by the cut-off date of April 16, 2010.

PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST SIGN THE REGISTRATION FORM IN TWO PLACES IF YOU USE A CC; ONE PLACE IF PAYING BY CHECK!!

Option A

Arrive on Monday, depart on Thursday

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

Three Nights Lodging (Mon, Tues, Wed); Monday Welcome 7 A Ranch Chuck Wagon Dinner and show (40 person minimum), cash bar available at the ranch; Wednesday Night Banquet; Thursday morning breakfast; Monday through Wednesday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); San Antonio, TX City Tag; 2010 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 \$794.00 per couple; \$592.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (April 16).

Option B

Arrive on Tuesday, depart on Thursday

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

Two Nights Lodging (Tues, Wed); Wednesday Night Banquet; Thursday morning breakfast; Tuesday and Wednesday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2010 Reunion Memory Book; San Antonio, TX City Tag; Roster of attendees; Banquet Program; 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 \$475.00 per couple; \$373.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (April 16).

Option C

Arrive on Wednesday, depart on Thursday

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

Lodging Wednesday night, Wednesday Night Banquet; Thursday breakfast; Wednesday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2010 Reunion Memory Book; San Antonio, TX City Tag; 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 \$312.00 per couple; \$229.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. Installments for the balance may be made in any amount, anytime, so long as the balance is paid by the cut-off date (April 16).

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Monday May 3, 2010

12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room opens. Because of liability considerations, private alcoholic beverages cannot be brought into the hospitality room.

4:30 PM: Welcome Meeting in hospitality room for a few welcome remarks followed immediately by the business meeting. An Honor Guard will be present to post and retire the National Colors.

5:30 PM: Board the motor coach for the trip to the 7 A Ranch for dinner and show. The 7 A Ranch is an authentic working Texas cattle ranch raising beef the old fashioned way without feedlots or chemicals. The ranch also hosts private chuck wagon parties (40 persons minimum) which include a Bar-B-Q dinner, ranch beans, potato salad, dinner rolls and all the fixins', along with beer, soft drinks and ice tea. The evening is topped off with campfire coffee and pie. The Western show features a country swing band and a renowned trick roper guaranteed to lasso your heart. Also there is a bullwhip and six shooter performance followed by a hayride tour of the ranch. You can't miss this evening! Remember there is a minimum of forty persons; don't be the one that keeps the rest from going! Wear your best western duds – jeans as a minimum! You'll return to the hotel around 10:30 PM. *Cost of the dinner & show is included in the price of Option A only. If you are unable to participate in tonight's activity, you may opt-out, see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, "Deduct Chuck Wagon Dinner".*

Tuesday May 4, 2010

6:30 AM-until?: Breakfast will be on your own. Eat at your leisure in the hotel restaurant, keeping in mind when the tour departs.

9:00 AM: Today's trip will take you through the Texas Hill Country to Fredericksburg (hometown of Admiral Chester Nimitz) and the National Museum of the War in the Pacific and the Admiral Nimitz Museum. The museum visit will also include the National Museum of the Pacific. Included in this state park is the Japanese Peace Garden. The Nimitz family Steamship hotel owned by the Admiral's grandfather is where Chester Nimitz grew up. The museum tells the story of the Nimitz family in Fredericksburg. In addition there is an aircraft carrier hangar deck and a PT Boat museum. You may have lunch on your own at one of the many fine restaurants along main street. Since the Fredericksburg area was settled by Germans, you will find several good German restaurants close-by. You will leave Fredericksburg around 2:30 PM arriving back at the hotel around 4:00 PM. There must be a minimum of 40 people per bus registered for the tour to go. *Cost of this tour 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 Tuesday's Tour."*

The remainder of the afternoon is free until the memorial service at 8:00 PM.

10:00 AM: Hospitality room will open if there is anyone not going on the tour. Fresh coffee and cold drinks will be available until after noon when snacks will be served.

8:00 PM: Memorial Service in Hospitality room.

Following the memorial service the evening is free.

Wednesday May 5, 2010

6:30 AM-until?: Breakfast will be on your own. Eat at your leisure keeping in mind when the tour departs.

9:00 PM: San Antonio City Tour departs. First stop will be the (SAS) San Antonio Shoe factory which is built like a 1910 general store full of antiques, a car collection, and an old time soda fountain. Everyone loves this store. Your next stop will be the Spanish Mission Concepcion. The mission was started in 1731 and holds great art and a wonderful story of Colonial Spain. From there it is to The Alamo for a history lesson of the historic battle and a tour of the famous mission, the Long Barracks Museum, and the chapel. Lunch will be on your own at the River Center Mall or Menger hotel buffet. One last stop at the Mexican Market will be made before returning to the hotel, arriving at the El Tropicano around 3:30 PM. There is a minimum of 40 persons for the tour to go. *Cost of this tour 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 Wednesday's Tour."*

10:00 AM: Hospitality room will open. Fresh coffee and cold drinks will be available until after noon when snacks will be served. **Lunch is on your own!**

5:30 PM: Social hour with cash bar and photo session. Be sure to have your photo taken for the 2010 Reunion Memory Book. Six to eight weeks after the reunion the books will be sent to everyone who registers for either of the options – or for anyone who orders the book.

6:30 PM: USS Pawcatuck Banquet. Dress is casual. Dinner will be a buffet (contingent upon having the minimum number of participants (50) required for a buffet) featuring chicken and all of the trimmings. Following dinner the annual raffle will be held. Be prepared for an evening of fun. No entertainment or speaker is scheduled. *Cost of the banquet is included in all options. If you cannot participate in the banquet, you may opt-out, see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Saturday's Banquet".*

Thursday May 6, 2010

8:00 AM: Breakfast will be a private buffet. Take this opportunity to get that last hug and remind everyone that you will see them next year! *Cost of breakfast is included in all the Options. If you cannot participate in breakfast, you may opt-out, see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Thursday's Breakfast".*

**USS Pawcatuck AO-108
El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, TX**

**Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before April 5, 2010. 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/pawcatuck**

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 PAWCATUCK 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 \$6.25 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 (San Antonio, TX 2010) 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 San Antonio, TX city tags; _____ Previous years' city tags (list cities on a separate sheet) _____

Cancellations Policy

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that for cancellations received on or before April 26, 2010 there will be 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 a vendor. There will be NO REFUNDS – for any reason – for cancellation requests received after April 26, 2010. Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not provide this service.

Signature Required _____

Payments

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: _____

Signature Required: _____

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)

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

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. Option includes all activities **except tours** from Monday noon thru Thursday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$592.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$794.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$373.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$475.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$229.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$312.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Chuck Wagon Dinner @ \$56.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

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

Add Wednesday's Tour @ \$33.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Wednesday's Banquet @ \$40.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Thursday's Breakfast @ \$20.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging @ \$118.00 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. **If you wish to order a name tag or city tag be sure to fill out the info on page 3, "Nametag Info Block".**

2010 Reunion Memory Book (book is included in Options A, B and C) @ **\$30.00** per book X _____ (# books) = \$ _____

Monday - hospitality room, Chuck Wagon Dinner, Registration fee @ \$84.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Tuesday - hospitality room and registration fee @ \$31.50 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

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

Call 828-256-6008 for "meal only" prices (Will include registration fee) Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: _____

FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION