

USS Prometheus, USS Vestal, USS Puget Sound 2010 Reunion Information

What a great reunion this is going to be; don't you dare miss it! The 2010 joint USS Prometheus, USS Vestal, and USS Puget Sound reunion will be held at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel (Holiday Inn) located at 10 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas October 1 (Friday) – October 4 (Monday) (www.eltropicanohotel.com). This 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 Friday afternoon/evening. There is a super 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 **August 30, 2010**. Final payment is due before **September 10, 2010**.
- 2. Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **September 24, 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 **September 24, 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 **September 10, 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 Friday, depart on Monday

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

Three Nights Lodging (Fri, Sat, Sun); Friday welcome reception; Saturday Riverwalk barge ride & Mexican dinner; Sunday night banquet; Monday morning breakfast; Friday through Sunday 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 (**INCLUDING** tour guides & drivers); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$845.00 per couple; \$613.00 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 (Sept 10).

Option B

Arrive on Saturday, depart on Monday

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

Two Nights Lodging (Sat & Sun); Saturday Riverwalk barge ride & Mexican dinner; Sunday night banquet; Monday morning breakfast; Saturday and Sunday use of hospitality room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2010 Reunion Memory Book; San Antonio, TX City tag; Roster of attendees; Memorial service program; All applicable taxes, gratuities (**INCLUDING** tour guides & drivers); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this option is \$667.00 per couple; \$466.00 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 (Sept 10).

Option C

Arrive on Sunday, depart on Monday

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

Lodging Sunday night, Sunday night banquet; Monday breakfast; Sunday use of 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 (**INCLUDING** tour guides & drivers); bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; the full time services of a ML & RS, Inc manager.

Cost of this Option is \$350.00 per couple; \$257.00 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 (Sept 10).

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Friday October 1, 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.

5:00 PM: Welcome Reception. After a few welcome remarks, admin announcements, and introductions, you can enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar and a few light hors d'oeuvres to whet your dinner appetite. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Saturday October 2, 2010

6:30 AM-until?: Breakfast will be on your own. This is one of those rare times when it is less expensive to eat on your own rather than to have a group breakfast. Eat at your leisure in the hotel restaurant, keeping in mind when the tour departs.

9:00 AM: San Antonio City Tour departs. Things may be done in a little different order than presented here, but everything will be included. You'll visit the San Antonio Shoe (SAS) factory which is built like a 1910 general store full of antiques, merchandise, a car collection, an old time soda fountain, and of course – shoes, shoes, shoes. 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. The Battle of Concepcion was fought here on October 28, 1835 between Mexican troops under Colonel Domingo Ugartechea and Texian insurgents led by James Bowie and James Fannin. The 30-minute engagement is described as "the first major engagement of the Texas Revolution." 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 (included in the tour price) will be at the historic Menger Hotel adjacent to the Alamo. A quick riding tour of San Antonio will be made before returning to the hotel, arriving at the El Tropicano around 3:00 PM. There is a minimum of 20 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 Saturday's Tour."*

10:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens for Saturday arrivals or anyone not going on the tour.

5:45 PM: River Walk barge ride and dinner departs. Meet in the hotel lobby for the bus ride to the best Mexican restaurant in the city. A cash bar will be available at the restaurant. Dinner is served where you can overlook the boats and people traveling the river. After you enjoy a delicious Mexican dinner you will board a barge for a tour including the downtown and new Museum Reach addition. Once on the barge you can relax and enjoy the lush tropical beauty of the San Antonio River and the fun of gliding past restaurants, shops, hotels, and historical sites. *Cost of tonight's activity is included in both Options A and B. If you cannot participate in the cruise and dinner, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block Deduct "Saturday's Dinner & River Barge."*

Sunday October 3, 2010

6:30 AM-until?: Breakfast will be on your own. This is one of those rare times when it is less expensive to eat on your own rather than have a group breakfast. 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. As you probably know, the Fredericksburg area was settled by Germans and many of those descendants live there today and still celebrate some of the German traditions – including Oktoberfest, which will be going on while you are there. You will have tickets to the fest! Lunch is on your own. There must be a minimum of 20 people 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 Sunday's Tour."*

10:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens for Sunday arrivals or anyone not going on the tour.

3:30 PM: Business Meeting

6:30 PM: Pre-dinner Cocktail hour and photo session begins. Individual and/or couples photos will be taken for inclusion in the 2010 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: USS Prometheus, Vestal, Puget Sound 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. Following the meal, a memorial service will be held honoring deceased shipmates. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options. If you cannot participate in the banquet, you may opt-out; see Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Sunday's Banquet."*

Monday October 4, 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 Monday's Breakfast".*

**USS Prometheus, USS Vestal, USS Puget Sound
El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, TX**

**Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before August 30, 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**

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____
Which Ship: _____ 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 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 September 24, 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 September 24, 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 Friday noon thru Monday morning departure. See Option Box page of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$613.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$845.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$466.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$667.00 per couple _____

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

Single (one person in room): \$257.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$350.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Friday's Reception @ \$12.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's Tour @ \$53.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Dinner & River Barge @ \$63.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Sunday's Tour @ \$57.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Sunday's Banquet @ \$50.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Monday's Breakfast @ \$21.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add nights lodging @ \$115.00 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) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, welcome reception, and registration fee @ \$44.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday - hospitality room, River Boat & Dinner, Registration fee @ \$95.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Sunday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee @ \$82.00 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