

2009 Reunion Information
USS ROWE (DD-564) USS WATTS (DD-567)
USS HUNTINGTON (CL-107)
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The 2009 Rowe/Watts/Huntington/Griggs/Grundy reunion will be held at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn, Albuquerque, NM Sept 17-20. There is great excitement among the shipmates of these 5 ships, hoping that their combined efforts will result in a large turnout in Albuquerque! The Best Western Rio Grande Inn is located at 1015 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM. Their phone number is 505-843-9500. Situated in an area rich with culture, heritage, and art, you will be delighted with this hotel's vibrant architecture, reflective of the Southwest. The hotel proudly displays the talent of local artists featuring handcrafted Southwestern Style furniture, lighting and art in all 173 guest rooms and throughout the hotel. It is located in the Historic Old Town District with over 150 unique shops and art galleries nested around Albuquerque's Plaza. Dozens of restaurants are within walking distance of the hotel.

The Inn features ample meeting, banquet, and hospitality space. Each room is equipped with all of the amenities that you would expect from a first class hotel, including high-speed internet access, hair dryers, coffee makers, iron/ironing boards, & refrigerators in every room. Complimentary airport shuttle service to and from Albuquerque International Airport is available between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm. The airport pick up location is on the airport "baggage claim" level. Call the hotel front desk to arrange pick up after you have retrieved your luggage. (Please note, the hotel's safety policy does not allow for roll-away beds in the rooms with two double beds. Keep this in mind if three of you are considering sharing a room!) . Ample complimentary parking is available at the Inn. Directions to the hotel will be in your confirmation letter. **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**.

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 **August 17, 2009**. Final payment is due before **August 28, 2009**.
- 2. Cancellations:** For cancellations received on or before **September 11, 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 **September 11, 2009**. Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.
- 3. Minimum Room Requirements:** There is a minimum of 15 rooms, each night, for the quoted reunion rates to apply. Your deposit check and confirmation letter will be held until we have the necessary 15 room reservations. Less than 15 rooms reserved on the cut-off date, the reunion will be cancelled or postponed. We recommend not purchasing non-refundable airline tickets until you receive your confirmation letter.

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); Three breakfasts (Fri, Sat, Sun); Friday night Mexican Fiesta Dinner; Saturday night banquet; Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Albuquerque 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 a ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this option is \$745.00 per couple; \$533.00 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); Two breakfasts (Sat, Sun); Friday night Mexican Fiesta Dinner; Saturday night banquet; Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Albuquerque 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 a ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this option is \$550.00 per couple; \$387.00 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; Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2009 Albuquerque 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 a ML & RS, Inc manager. **Cost of this option is \$298.00 per couple; \$213.00 per single. A \$50.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation.**

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Thursday September 17, 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. If you do not wish to participate in the reception, you may "Opt Out". See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block, and "Deduct Thursday's Reception."*

Friday September 18, 2009

7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant with coupons provided. Eat at your leisure during his hour, keeping in mind the Experience Santa Fe tour departs at 0915 hrs. *Cost of breakfast is included in Option A only.*

9:00 AM: Load 'em up and at 9:15 AM Move 'em out. Optional Experience Santa Fe tour! First stop will be at the Turquoise Museum, where you'll laugh and learn during a 20-minute seminar on the true colors of Turquoise. Bring your favorite piece of Turquoise along to discover its origin and value! After a driving orientation tour, you'll de-board the coach and visit Loretto Chapel Museum (with the miraculous staircase) followed by a preview of the Plaza Restaurants, shops and museums. Then you'll be on your own for a couple of hours for lunch and experiencing the Plaza area. You'll re-board the coach for the return trip to Albuquerque, arriving at the Inn around 4:00pm. The tour price is based on a minimum of 20 persons. Less than 20 people, it may be necessary to adjust the cost 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 Friday's tour.*

10:00 AM: Hospitality Room opens and Registration resumes.

6:00 PM: Social Hour. Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you prepare for the evening's Fiesta.

7:00 PM is chow call. Enjoy a delicious "Mexican Fiesta" style dinner. After dinner entertainment will be provided by an authentic Mexican duet using a Marimba from Chiapas, Mexico!! You are sure to enjoy the music, and will even be invited to play along using color-coded notes! *Cost of dinner is included in Options A and B only.*

Saturday September 19, 2009

7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant with coupons provided. Eat at your leisure during his hour, keeping in mind the "Indians to Atoms" trip departs at 0900 hrs. *Cost of breakfast is included in Options A and B.*

8:45 AM: Load 'em up; 9:00 AM: Move 'em out for the Optional Indians to Atoms trip! The first stop of the day will be at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History, which is the nation's only congressionally chartered museum in its field and an intriguing place to learn the story of the Atomic Age, from early research of nuclear development through today's peaceful uses of nuclear technology. Originally known as the National Atomic Museum, it was established in 1969 on Kirtland Air Force Base before moving to Old Town Albuquerque. After the museum visit, you will have some free time in the Old Town Plaza for lunch (on your own) and shopping. The afternoon will find you at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The Indian Dancers will perform at 2pm, and you will also have time here for browsing in the museum, gallery and shops. After a surprise stop that is sure to be your favorite (no tourists found here!!) you'll return to the Inn around 3:00pm. There is a minimum of 20 persons per bus for the tour to go. Less than 20 per bus the cost will be adjusted to cover the difference. *Cost of the Saturday trip 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 with fresh coffee and cold drinks. Snacks will be served in the afternoon.

3:30-4:30 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!

8:00 PM: The 2009 Reunion 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. A short memorial service honoring deceased shipmates will be held after dinner. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options. If you can not participate in the banquet, you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Saturday's Banquet".*

Sunday September 20, 2009

8:00 AM: Breakfast will be in the hotel restaurant with coupons provided. *Cost of today's breakfast is included in Options A, B, and C.*

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Please complete pages 3 and 4 and return them with your deposit on or before August 17, 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

Attendee Info

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____
 Spouse or Guest Name: _____ Circle Ship: Rowe Watts Huntington Griggs Grundy
 Address: _____ City, State, And 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 Rowe, Watts, Huntington, Griggs or Grundy 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 (Albuquerque, NM 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 Albuquerque 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): \$533.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$745.00 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): \$387.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$550.00 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): \$213.00 per person _____ Double (2 people in room): \$298.00 per couple _____

Adjustment Opportunities

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

Deduct Thursday Reception @ \$18.50 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Friday's Tour @ \$63.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Friday's dinner @ \$35.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Add Saturday's tour @ \$70.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$39.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Deduct Breakfast @ \$11.00 pp X _____ (# people) = \$ _____ Which mornings _____

Add nights lodging @ \$97.00 per night X _____ (# nights) = \$ _____ Which nights _____

Deduct nights lodging @ \$97.00 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 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 @ \$48.50 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Friday - hospitality room, registration fee, cocktail hour (cash bar), dinner @ \$65.00 per person X _____ (# people) = \$ _____

Saturday – hospitality room, cocktail hour (cash bar), banquet, and registration fee
@ \$74.00 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