

### USS Tarawa CV-40 2010 Reunion Information

The USS Tarawa CV-40 reunion will be held April 15-18, 2010 at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott located at 1 Arrivals Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19153. The hotel is connected to the airport Terminal B US Airways via skywalk. Please note the Information kiosk at the bottom of the escalator used to access baggage claim. If you don't want to walk to the hotel please pick up the red phone and dial #45 to request a complimentary Hotel Shuttle pick up. Be sure to stand in Zone #4 on the arrivals side of baggage claim for the shuttle. If Arriving in Terminal F, please note that after picking up your luggage please call for a complimentary shuttle pick up by dialing any white phone on the wall extension 2900 then wait directly outside in front of the baggage claim for the hotel van. Parking at the hotel has been reduced to \$10.00 a day. The Marriott is a first class hotel with all of the amenities needed for a successful reunion. The management and staff are anxious to show you their hotel! A word about cost. This reunion is a bit more expensive than in the past. The rooms rates in this super Marriott are only one dollar more per night than Buffalo, three dollars more than Charleston, and six dollars more than Dayton, so rooms are not the cause of the increase; nor is it the fee we charge – that has not changed since 2006 in spite of the increased expenses we have incurred. We feel like we are doing everything possible to make the cost affordable to everyone. The increase is simply because food and taxes are higher in Philadelphia than Buffalo, Charleston, or Dayton. The Saturday night banquet menu is being changed from "all beef" prime rib or filet mignon to fish or chicken. Be sure to make your selection on the registration form. We (ML & RS Inc) cannot negotiate taxes. The registration packets are being sent early to give you more time. If you need to make "installments" that is fine, so long as the final payment is made by the cut-off date. We want you there for what is going to be one of the really great reunions and there is a wonderful program set up for you. The history of Philadelphia, the program, and most importantly, seeing old shipmates is a great incentive. We sincerely hope you can be there!

Your Choice: Once again 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.**

**Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **March 15, 2010.** Final payment is due before **March 26, 2010.**

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that for cancellations received on or before **April 9, 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 9, 2010.** *Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. ML & RS, Inc does not offer this service.*

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE REGISTRATION FORM. YOU MUST SIGN THE PAYMENT-CANCELLATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE REGISTRATION FORM**

#### 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); Thursday Welcome Reception w/hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; three breakfasts (Fri, Sat, Sun); Friday night dinner and self entertainment; Saturday night banquet; Thursday through Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Philadelphia, PA City tag; 2010 Reunion Memory Book, Banquet and Memorial Service Programs; 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 \$939.00 per couple; \$664.00 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 (March 26).**

#### 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 and self entertainment; Saturday Night Banquet; Friday and Saturday use of a Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Philadelphia, PA City Tag; 2010 Reunion Memory Book; Banquet and 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 \$687.00 per couple; \$479.00 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 (March 26).**

#### 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; All day Saturday use of Hospitality Room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); Roster of attendees; Philadelphia, PA City Tag; 2010 Reunion Memory Book; Banquet and Memorial Service Program; Applicable Taxes, gratuities, bartender, set-up fees, registration fee; the full time services of an ML & RS, Inc manager.

**Cost of this Option is \$376.00 per couple; \$265.00 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 (March 26).**

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Thursday April 15, 2010

**8:00 AM: Executive Board Breakfast Meeting.** Location to be announced on site.

**12:00 Noon: Registration Begins and the Hospitality Room** opens stocked with coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. 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. After a few welcome remarks by Chairman Cliff Gardner mini Philly Cheese Steaks and mini Philly Hoggies (not hoagies) will be served and the cash bar will open. Enjoy the evening in a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere. *Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A only.*

### Friday April 16, 2010

**7:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast** will be a private buffet. A variety of different breakfast item selections will be available. Eat at your leisure during this hour. *Cost of breakfast is included in Option A only.*

**9:00 AM:** Hospitality Room opens and Registration resumes.

**8:45 AM: Load 'em up' 9:00 AM move 'em out: Optional Historic and Cultural tour** of Philadelphia departs. Today you will see where history was made as you walk in the footsteps of our founding fathers in "Greene Country Towne", Philadelphia. In an area known as "*America's Most Historic Mile*" you will visit or pass sites such as Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were signed; Congress Hall, The Liberty Bell (America's most cherished artifact) Elfreth's Alley (the oldest continuously occupied street in the USA), Betsy Ross House, and Christ Church established in 1695 where many of the founding fathers worshiped. A stop will be made for lunch, but it will be on your own. There will be a narrated driving tour of downtown Philadelphia including the Penn's Landing area along the Delaware waterfront, and the Society Hill neighborhood, and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and City Hall. One of the highlights will be a visit to the National Constitution Center. This facility is dedicated to help people better understand the Constitution and its impact on our lives. This will be a truly entertaining and educational day. There is some walking involved, wear comfortable walking shoes and clothes. There will be time to eat lunch, rest a bit and enjoy the riding portion of the tour. You'll return to the hotel around 4:30 PM. There is a 35 person per bus minimum. Some admission tickets must be purchased in advance, so registering for the tour on site may not be possible, please register in advance. *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.*

**6:00 PM: Social hour begins.** Enjoy your favorite beverage from the cash bar while you anticipate a good meal and a fun evening.

**7:00 PM: Dinner is served.** Tonight's dinner will be a "home-style" buffet featuring salad, Cole slaw, fried chicken, meat loaf, vegetables, dessert, coffee & tea. After dinner we'll have the annual talent /open mike show. If you have a talent, share it with us! *Cost of dinner is included in Options A and B.*

### Saturday April 17, 2010

**7:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast** will be a private buffet. Eat at your leisure during this hour, keeping in mind the tour departs at 9:00 AM. *Cost of breakfast is included Options A and B.*

**8:45 AM: Load 'em up; 9:00 AM: Move 'em out** for the Camden Waterfront – home of Campbell's soups, Victor Victrola Record and the Battleship New Jersey. This "Big J", as she was nicknamed, was built entirely at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and launched in December 1942. During her 48 years of service, she became the most decorated ship in US Naval history, receiving 19 battle stars. She was the Flagship for Admiral Halsey. She served in WW II, Korea, and Viet Nam. Please remember you will be walking in cramped spaces and climbing ladders, so wear comfortable walking shoes – pants are recommended for the ladies. If you do not feel comfortable with a complete tour, you can enjoy a main deck tour, which does not have any ladders. A video tour of the Battleship is offered in the Wardroom Lounge on the Main Deck. Chances are no one will bring a baby so we'll skip the part about baby strollers. A box lunch is included in the tour price. You will truly enjoy the day. You'll arrive back at the hotel around 1:30 PM. *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 Saturday's tour.*

**10:00 AM: Hospitality room** opens if anyone does not go on the tour. It will be stocked with fresh coffee and cold drinks. Snacks will be served in the afternoon. Registration will resume for Saturday arrivals.

**2:00-4:00 PM: Business Meeting** (location to be announced).

**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 Tarawa 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 honoring deceased shipmates will be part of the banquet program. *Cost of the banquet is included in all Options.*

### Sunday April 18, 2010

**8:00 AM: Breakfast** will be a private buffet. Following the meal, Cliff Gardner will conduct a church service. Everyone is encouraged to remain for the service. *Cost of breakfast is included in all options.*

Office Use Only: Dep Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ / Payment Method \_\_\_\_\_ / Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

**USS Tarawa CV-40**

**Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before March 15, 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/tarawa](http://www.mlrsinc.com/tarawa)**

**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 Tarawa 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 (Philadelphia, PA 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 Philadelphia, PA city tags; \_\_\_\_\_ Previous years' city tags (list cities on a separate sheet) \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payments & 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SIGNATURE REQUIRED:**

**(sign here)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging & Banquet 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one entree' for each person: Steakhouse Chicken w/artichoke & portabella sauce \_\_\_\_\_  
Baked flounder w/lemon, caper and butter sauce \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \$664.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Double (2 people in room): \$939.00 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): \$479.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Double (2 people in room): \$687.00 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): \$265.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Double (2 people in room): \$376.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjustment Opportunities**

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

Deduct Thursday's Reception @ \$25.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** Friday's Tour @ \$49.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Friday's Dinner @ \$42.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** Saturday's Tour @ \$57.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Saturday's Banquet @ \$53.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** nights lodging @ \$118.00 per night X \_\_\_\_\_ (# nights) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Which nights \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct nights lodging @ \$118.00 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.**

**2010 Reunion Memory book:** @ \$30.00 per book X \_\_\_\_\_ (# books) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday – hospitality room, reception (cash bar), registration fee @ \$46.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ (# people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday - hospitality room, registration fee, cocktail hour (cash bar), dinner @ \$63.00 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**