

THE NEW ORLEANS REUNION

August 12-13-14-15, 2015

Facts

REUNION CHAIR -

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HEADQUARTERS HOTEL -

The Westin New Orleans at Canal Place Hotel,
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New Orleans, LA 70130.

Telephone **888-627-8180**

The entire city is easily accessible from the Westin New Orleans. Walk out the front door and your journey into the French Quarter awaits you. Here you will find blocks and blocks of things to do in New Orleans including restaurants, attractions, history, live music, museums, shopping and more. For complete hotel information go to:

www.westinneworleanscanalplace.com

The hotel offers self-parking for \$18 per day and valet parking \$39 per day. Note: Parking garage clearance is 6'4" and may not accommodate oversized vehicles.

Shuttle service from Louis Armstrong Intl Airport is available for \$20 single trip. Roundtrip fee is \$38. **Contact 504-522-3500. Reservation Required.** For shuttle service from the airport, tickets can be purchased on the ground level at the airport shuttle ticket desk located across from the baggage claim carousels. The hotel is approx. 15 miles from the airport.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS -

No mail-in reservations are required. Telephone the hotel at the above number. Ask for the 398th Bomb Group rate of \$109.00 (+ 22% tax). There is a 72 hour cancellation notice policy.



REGISTRATION -

Use the Official Registration Form on page 5. Fill in completely, itemizing the cost of each tour selected, banquet meals selected, registration fee of \$10 or \$20, and the yearly dues (if applicable). Send the form, with your covering check to Ken Howard. He will return a copy of your form, with accompanying receipt of your funds.

BANQUETS -

The Welcome and Farewell banquets will be held in the hotel ballroom on Thursday, August 13 and Saturday August 15, respectively. Make your table reservations when picking up your Registration Packet.

Tours

WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2015 -

The Steamboat Natchez Dinner/Jazz Cruise Boards at 6:00 PM, - goes to 9:00 PM

Our reunion kicks off with a wonderful dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. The Steamboat Natchez was built in Braithwaite, Louisiana in 1974. The 1200 passenger authentic steamboat began cruising from her new home in the heart of the French Quarter in 1975. The ninth in the lineage of famous steamboats with the name NATCHEZ, her evening Dinner Jazz Cruise features the Grammy nominated Dukes of Dixieland and white tablecloth buffet style dining. The Natchez is docked within 2 blocks walking distance from the hotel. Boards at 6:00 PM sharp!

THURSDAY, August 13, 2015 -

Historian Guided City Tour and Mardi Gras World 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

This will be a fun tour! You will visit many famous spots on The Historian Guided City Tour. Locations on the tour include the **St. Louis Cemetery No. 1** home of the infamous Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau's grave site, the second most visited grave in America. **The French Quarter & Jackson Square** is one of America's oldest and most historically intact neighborhoods, circa 1718. **The Elms Mansion**, a premier example of one the most ornate homes in the city (it was also the old Nazi Consulate where the Germans were caught harboring spies). **The Garden District**, home to the largest collection of antebellum southern mansions in the world and many celebrity homes. **Lafayette Cemetery No. 1**, a beautiful old cemetery featured in movies such as *Double Jeopardy* and *Interview with the Vampire*. **City Park**, one of America's oldest and largest urban parks featuring the largest oak tree grove in the world and the oldest Live Oaks in the world. Last but not least we will visit **Mardi Gras World** where we will see the working warehouse where the floats are made for Mardi Gras parades. Lunch at Magazine Po' Boys included (price does not include purchase of alcohol).

FRIDAY, August 14, 2015 -

The National WWII Museum

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

This museum is a "must see" for anyone visiting New Orleans. It has several permanent galleries, including the Home Front, Planning for D-Day, the D-Day Beaches, and Pacific D-Days galleries. The third floor of the Louisiana Memorial Pavilion includes an observation deck for viewing the hanging aircraft. The second floor has reserved space for visiting exhibits and for special exhibits that change every few months. Lunch on your own at the Museum. Transportation to and from will be available and is included in the price.

SATURDAY, August 15, 2015 -

Plantation Tour

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

We will be visiting the magnificent Oak Alley Plantation with its 28 three century old oak trees lining its entrance and also the Laura Plantation, a great Creole style plantation which is one of the most visited in the south. We include a picnic lunch option at Oak Alley.