

USS PONCHATOULA REUNION EVENTS

Kansas City, Missouri

September 9-14, 2018

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (10:00AM-5:00PM) **CITY TOUR, SUB-TROPOLIS & STEAMSHIP ARABIA MUSEUM**

Your first stop will be the Steamship Arabia Museum. The mighty Steamboat Arabia sank near Kansas City on September 5, 1856, carrying 200 tons of mystery cargo. Lost for 132 years, its recovery in 1988 was like finding the King Tut's Tomb of the Missouri River. She held remarkably preserved clothes, tools, guns, dishware and more. The discovery was truly a modern day treasure-hunting story at its best. The Museum Guide will meet you and direct you to a brief movie and explanation of the excavation process. At the end of the movie, you will be free to explore on your own. You will then head to City Market for lunch on your own. Your guide will meet you at 12:45pm to start you on your city tour. You will relive the beginning and development of Kansas City as we drive through the River Market, Quality Hill, and end with a stop at Lewis & Clark Point to hear the tale and see the Missouri River for yourself. Next, you will drive by the vibrant downtown city center located and then stop near the Korean War Monument to take a short interior visit of historic 1914 Union Station location. You will also be able to see the Federal Reserve Bank, the inspiring Liberty Memorial, the National WWI Museum, and Old Westport which was once THE place to outfit wagons going west. The tour will continue through the famous Spanish inspired Country Club Plaza, home to magnificent European fountains & statuary. The final stop will allow you to smell the roses at Kauffman Gardens. At some point during the afternoon, you will see Sub-Tropolis. SubTropolis is a 55,000,000-square-foot, 1,100-acre manmade cave in the bluffs above the Missouri River in Kansas City, which is claimed to be the world's largest underground storage facility.

With 48 fountains, 100 miles of boulevards, & 124 parks you will see why Kansas City is truly the Midwest's best-kept secret & one you will want to explore further.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (10:00AM-4:00PM) **WWI MUSEUM**

Spend your day exploring the WWI Museum and experience history like never before. Housing more than 55,000 objects, the museum uses interactive technology to tell the story of the war through the eyes of those who lived it – moving and powerful. Don't miss it!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 (9:30AM-2:30PM)
TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND ZONA ROSA

Your visit to the Midwest wouldn't be complete without spending some time in Independence, Missouri which is home to one of the most fiery and colorful presidents of our time - Harry Truman. We will drive by the courthouse where Truman began his political career as a County Judge and then view the stately 19th century Truman Home, built by Bess' grandfather. At the Presidential Library, enjoy the Guggenheim documentary of President Truman and a guided tour of the Truman Museum & Library. This tour will provide great insight into what made Truman the man he was.

After the museum, you will be transported to Zona Rosa – an entertainment, shopping and dining complex, where you will have time for lunch on your own and browsing. Our buses will run regular shuttles back to the hotel so you may return at your leisure.

BUSINESS MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 (Time TBD)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 (6:00PM)
FAREWELL BANQUET DINNER

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar at 6:00pm; dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please make your entrée selection on the USS Ponchatoula reservation form. Note: All tips are included in the dinner price

TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Tour Cancellation Insurance allows you to receive a refund of tour and banquet expenses. Please note there is a \$15 per person processing fee. Cancellation Insurance expires at 11:59pm the day before the reunion begins. No refunds are given the day of the reunion (beginning at midnight), even if you purchased cancellation insurance. Should you need to cancel your reservations please contact our office immediately by calling 817-251-3551 Monday through Friday 9:00am-4:00pm CST and email us at cancel@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. If you did not purchase cancellation insurance please note all tour and banquet monies are refundable up until 6 weeks prior to the reunion, at that point all monies paid are non-refundable.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JULY 29, 2018. Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee. Please make a copy of this information for your records. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday CST at 817- 251-3551 or email info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. Requests for cancellations and refunds must be made by email or in writing to MRP, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034, and postmarked before the due date. No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchased Tour Cancellation Insurance. Sorry, no refunds will be given for any reason beginning at midnight the day of your reunion. Please note there is a refund processing

fee of \$10 per person. For written confirmation of your cancellation please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to our office. Your cancelled check is your receipt as well as your proof of purchase. A \$25 return fee will be charged for NSF checks. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion.

Important Reunion Notes:

- Tours may be canceled if a minimum required number of reservations are not received. In this case you will be notified in advance and full refunds will be issued.

- Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary to/from the bus in order to view attractions and in some instances, to tour or explore the attraction itself. Please notify MRP of any challenges you have with walking and/or getting on a bus. Wheelchair lift buses cannot be guaranteed.

- Event times & offerings are subject to change. Please check at registration for the final itinerary.