

Please read all of the following information carefully!!

If you have questions after reading the information, please contact Jerry & Ruth Ann Manint at 217-678-8159.

Do Not Call the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel for reservations. All reservations must be made by 24 May 2013 by contacting Louisiana Travel Services at 1-866-655-1889.

Registration for our group will be 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday in the Hospitality Room (the Bourbon Room) located on level M2 in the hotel. By scheduling this time, our hosts will also be able to enjoy visiting with everyone as well as enjoying the sights and sounds of the City of New Orleans.

Since this is a weekend package, individuals showing up anytime without reservations, will not be admitted to the banquet dinner on Saturday evening.

20th Engineer Brigade Vietnam Veterans' 21st Annual Reunion

New Orleans, LA

Friday, 26 July 2013 departing Sunday, 28 July 2013

[Remember the reunion weekend begins on Friday and ends on Sunday]



Hotel Lobby



King Room

Event To Be Held At

The Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel

4 star hotel in the French Quarter
Private Continental Breakfast Daily
Outdoor Pool

Reunion Banquet

Saturday, 27 July 2013
Catered Banquet Meal
7:00 – 10:00pm

Located in the hotel with a balcony
overlooking the world famous Bourbon Street
Cash Bar provided

Guest Speaker

Tuskegee Airman, Flight Officer Calvin Moret

Price is Per Person & includes complete package
above (2 nights at the hotel, daily breakfast and Saturday banquet
dinner, tax and gratuity):

Single: \$311.00 (1 person in room)
Double: \$209.00 (pp, 2 people in room)
Triple: \$174.00 (pp, 3 people in room)
Quad: \$157.00 (pp, 4 people in room)

If bringing a Child (age 4-12), the child is not charged
for the room or breakfast, but a \$69 fee is charged for
the child's Saturday banquet dinner.

****Tax & Gratuity Included**

Small Working Dogs permitted at hotel with a non-refundable \$150 cleaning fee;
\$31.60 per night for valet parking; \$9.95 per day for Internet service



Saint Louis Cathedral



New Orleans Above
Ground Cemetery



Creole Queen
Paddlewheeler

OPTIONAL TOURS:

Dinner Jazz Cruise on the Creole Queen Paddlewheeler

Friday, 26 July 2013

Boarding: 6:30pm; Cruising and Dinner 7-9pm
\$63.00 per person; \$34.00 children under 12

WWII Museum with Lunch & New Orleans City Tour

Saturday, 27 July 2013

Option 1 (8:45am – 4:00pm)

Option 2 (9:45am – 5:00pm)

\$79.00 per person; \$69.00 children under 12



WWII Museum

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

To Guarantee Hotel Accommodations and Banquet
Seating

All Reservations MUST BE MADE By 24 May 2013

Contact Louisiana Travel Services

M-F 9:00am – 5:00pm

1-866-655-1889

**20th Engineer Brigade Vietnam Veterans' 21st Annual Reunion
New Orleans, LA**

Friday, 26 July thru Sunday, 28 July 2013
[Remember the 'official' reunion weekend begins Friday and ends Sunday]

Hosts: René and Gail Dinet

WEEKEND ITINERARY

Day One – Friday, 26 July 2013

Check in begins at 4:00 p.m. at the Astor Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA

Afternoon / Night free to explore on your own

Hospitality Room – located on M2 in Bourbon Room

Registration in Hospitality Room 9 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Optional Dinner Jazz Cruise on the Creole Queen Paddlewheeler

Boarding at 6:30 p.m.; Cruising and Dinner 7 – 9 pm

\$63.00 Per Person; \$34:00 children under 12

Boards at the Canal Street Dock at Riverwalk

When night falls, the Paddlewheeler Creole Queen rises to the occasion. Step on board and cruise with us into the night where the sleepless activity of America's busiest port buzzes. The sounds of a lively jazz band fill the air as you enjoy a lavish Creole buffet in elegantly appointed dining rooms.

The Creole Queen features outer decks with authentically patterned wrought iron trims inviting guests to stroll back in time as they settle into the mood of a bygone era. The interiors are richly appointed with plush Victorian style draperies, soft period lighting, wooden parquet dance floors, and Louisiana Cypress bars accented with brass railing for a warm and welcoming setting.

DINNER JAZZ CRUISE CREOLE BUFFET MENU

New Orleans Gumbo

Jambalaya

Creole Chicken Smothered in a Garlic Sauce

Cajun Braised Beef Brisket

Shrimp Creole

Cajun Potatoes

Paddle Wheeler Bread Pudding with white chocolate sauce

Bread and Butter

New Orleans Dark Coffee

Iced Tea

Menu subject to change

Day Two – Saturday, 27 July 2013

*Enjoy a private continental breakfast at the hotel – located in Astor Ballroom III
Day free to enjoy on your own; **Registration in Hospitality Room 1:30 – 4:00 pm***

Optional Day Itinerary - \$79.00 Dollars Per Person

*Guests can choose from either itinerary schedule below
(Suggested gratuity for any tour guide service is \$3.00 per person)*

1st Itinerary:

*Transportation Services will meet the group at the hotel for 8:45am to escort them to the WWII Museum
Tour The WWII Museum and New Victory Theater*

Tour and Visit the WWII Museum & New Victory Theater

Dedicated in 2000 as The National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as the country's official World War II Museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era with moving personal stories, historic artifacts and powerful interactive displays. From the Normandy invasion to the sands of Pacific Islands and the Home Front, the Museum brings to life the teamwork, optimism, courage and sacrifice of the men and women who won the war and changed the world.

The Museum is an incomparable experience for all generations and not to be missed on any visit to New Orleans. Come learn with your mind and your heart that freedom isn't free. Meet living American heroes—our WWII veteran volunteers. Celebrate the American Spirit at the National World War II Museum.

Beyond All Boundaries, created exclusively for The National World War II Museum, is a unique and powerful 4-D cinematic experience available nowhere else in the world. Created and crafted with 21st-century technology and utilizing a 120-foot wide immersive screen, the production plunges viewers into the 20th-century's most titanic struggle. It tells the tale of the Greatest Generation's journey from Pearl Harbor into the fire of epic battles to America's final victory in the War That Changed the World in the words of the veterans themselves. The Museum is honored to have Tom Hanks as Executive Producer and the voices of some of Hollywood's top stars bringing to life the words of actual World War II participants and war correspondents.

After touring the museum, enjoy lunch in the American Sector Café

Enjoy a Specialty Box Lunch at the American Sector Café

Located in the WWII Museum – (Choose one)

- Grilled Flank Steak Sandwich Pesto Aioli, Roasted Peppers, Herbed Goat Cheese and Local Micro-greens
- Oven Roasted Chicken Salad Sandwich, Provolone, Onion Marmalade and Butter Lettuce
- Roasted Turkey and Muenster Cheese, Avocado, Cucumber, Butter Lettuce and Herbed Mayonnaise
- Specialty Sandwich Served on Home-made Focaccia
- Side of Potato salad
- House--made Brownies
- Bottled water

A licensed tour guide will meet the group outside of the museum and escort them on the following City Tour

New Orleans City / Katrina Tour

A licensed tour guide will escort you on a history tour of New Orleans. The tour will include the Garden District where large, elegant mansions with exemplifying styles were built, including Greek Revival, Italianate and Queen Anne Victorians. You will go down St. Charles Avenue along the street cars where two of the most prestigious colleges in New Orleans are located; Tulane University and Loyola University. You will also pass by Audubon Park, which is a 400-acre park located in uptown New Orleans between St. Charles Avenue and the Mississippi River, near Tulane University, built on the site of the 1884 World's Fair. City Park is another area you will enjoy during your tour. At 1,300 acres, it is one of the largest urban parks in the country. The first parcel of land was acquired in 1854, making it one of the country's oldest parks. You will enjoy a history of New Orleans including the first settlers, religion, culture, and of course, Mardi Gras. Stop along the way in an area devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Transportation services will escort the guests back to the hotel for 4:00pm

2nd Itinerary: (This is the previous tours in reverse – New Orleans City/Katrina Tour then D-Day Museum)

A licensed tour guide will meet the group at the hotel for 10:00am and escort them on the following:

New Orleans City / Katrina Tour

Transportation Services will drop the group off at the American Sector Café inside of the WWII Museum at the end of the City Tour at 1:00pm

Enjoy a Specialty Box Lunch at the American Sector Café

Located in the WWII Museum

Same lunch provided as above.

After lunch, tour the WWII Museum and New Victory Theater

Tour and Visit the WWII Museum & New Victory Theater

Transportation Services will drop the guests back off at the hotel for 5:15pm

Banquet:

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar – located in Grand Gallery

7:00 p.m. Enjoy a Seated Dinner at the Astor Crowne Plaza – located on 2nd floor in Grand Ballrooms C&D

Salad

Spinach salad – topped with garlic croutons, crumbled bacon. Tossed eggs, and a Creole ranch dressing

Entrée

(Choose One)

--Chicken Lafayette – stuffed with cornbread and andouille sausage. Finished with a marsala sauce

OR

--Blackened Pork Loin – Creole seasoned and roasted. Served with a cherry sugar cane Jus

Dessert

Praline Cheesecake- served with praline sauce

Day Three – Sunday, 28 July 2013

Enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel – located in Astor Ballroom III

9 a.m. – Church Service for those wishing to stay – located in Astor Ballroom III

Check out time is 11:00 a.m.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Reservations may be made beginning 1 AUGUST 2012 by contacting the Louisiana Travel Services at 1-866-655-1889, M – F 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you need a refrigerator in your room, let them know when you make your reservation. However, there is a charge for all refrigerators.

Street car stop outside of the hotel. You can purchase tickets for the street car at a kiosk near the stop.

Available Tours: antebellum homes, church tours, other river boat tours, swamp tours, cemetery tours and more can be arranged through Louisiana Travel Services when you make your hotel reservation.

You will be given a map of the area upon arrival at the hotel. This map will provide you with the following information: entertainment, dining, shops & services, museums & exhibits and street car routes.

If you plan to fly to New Orleans, you will fly into MSY airport which is approximately 12 miles away.

Alcoholic beverages are allowed **ONLY** in your room and **nowhere else in the hotel** this **INCLUDES** the hospitality room and the pool area.

It is suggested when making your reservation; **do not** use a debit card. If you use a debit card, the money is pulled from your account right away and will not be released till the bank says it is ok. So, it is best to use a credit card instead.

Small **working dogs** permitted at hotel with a **non-refundable** \$150 cleaning fee.

Parking: Valet parking at \$31.60 per night.

Internet service: available at \$9.95 per day in your room or free if you use your computer in the main lobby.

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