

# THE NORFOLK, VIRGINIA REUNION

August 10-11-12-13, 2016

## Facts

### REUNION CHAIR -

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### HEADQUARTERS HOTEL -

The Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport Hotel  
1570 N Military Highway  
Norfolk, VA 23502

Telephone **757-213-2231**

The hotel is centrally located to I-64, I-264 which connects to every city in Hampton Roads to include Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Hampton and the Eastern Shore. Nearby government facilities comprise of Little Creek Amphibious Base, NAS Oceana, Fort Story Naval Station and the Norfolk Naval Station Shipyard. Other attractions within close proximity of the hotel are Nauticus, MacArthur Center and Norfolk Botanical Gardens. For complete hotel information go to:

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/norfolk/orfva/hotel/detail>

The hotel offers 24 hour complimentary shuttle service to and from Norfolk International Airport (ORF). **Contact the hotel at 757-213-2231 for additional information and to arrange your ride.** The hotel is approximately 1.4 miles from the airport. Free self-parking is also available at the hotel.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS -

No mail-in reservations are required. Telephone the hotel at the above number. Ask for the *398<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group* rate of \$99.00 (+14% tax & \$2.00 occupancy tax per night). 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, 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 11 and Saturday August 13, respectively. Make your table reservations when picking up your Registration Packet.

## Tours

### WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2016 -

#### The *Spirit of Norfolk* Dinner Cruise

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

We begin our reunion with a fun *Spirit of Norfolk* Dinner Cruise. Our Spirit Cruise departs from The Waterside Festival Marketplace in Downtown Norfolk. Our excursion will cover the Elizabeth River waterfront with spectacular skyline views of the mighty ships of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. The Dinner Cruise is a fine-dining, dinner party atmosphere and Spirit Cruises asks we dress accordingly (no jeans or t-shirts). The buffet - style dinner menu includes a variety of salads, roast salmon and tilapia, chicken parmesan meatballs, beef short ribs, baked ziti and roast broccoli. Don't forget dessert! Enjoy a mini pastry, cookie, brownie or fruit after your meal.

### THURSDAY, August 11, 2016 -

#### Naval Station Norfolk Tour including Nauticus and the Battleship Wisconsin

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The **Naval Station Norfolk** is the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to 78 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 133 aircraft and HQ of the Atlantic Fleet, this naval complex occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel. After lunch we will visit **Nauticus, The National Maritime Center** and Norfolk's premier waterfront attraction. This maritime-themed science center and museum explores the economic, naval and natural powers of the sea. A true highlight of our visit to Nauticus will be a tour of the **Battleship Wisconsin**, one of the famous lowa-class ships. "Wiskey" is one of the largest and last battle ships ever built by the U.S. Navy. This great ship saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently the Persian Gulf War.

### FRIDAY, August 12, 2016 -

#### Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Colonial Williamsburg** is set in the period around the 1770's and the start of the Revolutionary War. It is a large living museum of early American life. It has 88 original buildings and dozens of restored and recreated buildings and reenactors. Our next stop will be the **Jamestown Settlement**. The first permanent English settlement in the New World was established at Jamestown in 1607. Here we will see a reconstructed Native American Village, a colonial fort and replica ships. Lunch on your own.

### SATURDAY, August 13, 2016 -

#### MacArthur Memorial, Glass Blowing Demo at The Chrysler Museum, Norfolk Riding City Tour

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

We will be visiting the **MacArthur Memorial**, a museum dedicated to the life of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. After lunch on our own at the MacArthur Center, we head to the **Chrysler Museum of Art** for a glass blowing demonstration, then on to our **Riding Norfolk City Tour** where we will take in downtown Norfolk and learn about this seaport city's colorful 325 year history while riding through the lovely historic district and restored areas.

**Please be advised the Tour Co. will charge a late fee for on-site, last minute tour bookings!**