

The USNAVCOMMSTA Londonderry Alumni Association

2013 Reunion in New Orleans, LA

DATES

Monday, September 23rd to Friday, September 27th

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome – New Orleans
330 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112

Reservations Phone: 1-800-535-7830 or 1-504-581-1600

Website: <http://www.hi-neworleans.com/>

Guest Room Rates: \$109.00 + tax per night – single or double
Group rate applicable from Sept 21st to Sept 29th

IMPORTANT HOTEL INFORMATION: You are advised to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Hotel reservations MUST be made no later than August 23rd. You must mention the “Navcommsta Londonderry Alumni Association Reunion” when making reservations. Or, visit their convenient electronic booking (e-booking) link by clicking on this link: [Click here](#) which will bring you to the hotel’s reservation web page that will pre-populate with your special group code. Using this link you can enjoy the convenience of confirming your room reservations online, at the group-negotiated rate - 24 hours a day. If you wish to extend your stay outside of these dates, you will need to book a separate reservation on their website or contact the hotel directly at Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome at 1-504-581-1600 Ext: 4212. This is a “non-smoking” hotel. ADA Handicap rooms are available upon request. Individual rooms may be cancelled, without penalty, up until 3 days prior to arrival. Any cancellations received after this time will be subject to a penalty of one night’s room and tax charges. Car Parking charge is \$24 + tax per night, per car.

HOSPITALITY SUITE

Bayou Ballroom B, located on the hotel’s 8th floor, will be available for our exclusive use as our Hospitality Suite. Reunion attendees will be permitted to keep their favorite beverages, snacks, and coolers in this room (**for consumption in this room only**).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

We have two official reunion events scheduled this year, our **Member’s Opener with Buffet Dinner**, and our **Members Dinner Dance**. As with all our Reunion Events, attendees and guests must each have a paid ticket for entrance to each of these functions.

“There’s so much to do in New Orleans” – So, rather than organizing any specific day events, the Association plans to leave day time touring and attractions up to the attendees or informal groups of attendees. We are calling these **“Self - Guided Tours”** in the schedule below. See some of our recommendations and other information listed below under the heading: **SUGGESTED SELF GUIDED TOURS AND ATTRACTIONS.**

Monday, September 23, 2013

2:00PM to 5:00PM: Reunion Packet Pickup in our Reunion Hospitality Suite, **Bayou Ballroom B**, located on the 8th Floor of the hotel.

6:00PM to 11:00PM: **Member’s Opener with Buffet Dinner** will be held in the **“Trio Room”** located on the 1st floor of the hotel. Cocktail hour will start at 6:00PM, followed at 7:00PM with a Dinner Buffet of: Soup, Salad, Two Entrees, Sides, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. We will have a Cash Bar.

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Morning and Afternoon: Self - Guided Tours

Evening: Informal Dinner/Drinks with live Irish music at “The Irish Pub, 1432 St. Charles Ave. This is a “Pay your own check” event. Additional details will be in your Reunion Packet. Website: <http://www.theirishhouseneworleans.com/>

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

10:00AM to 11:00AM: General Membership Meeting in our Reunion Hospitality Suite, **Bayou Ballroom B**, located on the 8th Floor of the hotel.

Afternoon: Self - Guided Tours

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Morning and Afternoon: Self Guided Tours

6:00PM to 11:00PM: **Members Dinner Dance** will be held in the **“Trio Room”** located on the 1st floor of the hotel. Cocktail hour will start at 6:00PM, followed at 7:00PM with a Plated Dinner with your selection of: **(1) Chicken Dumonde** (Filled with Local Andouille Sauce and Gulf Shrimp. Lightly Breaded and Served with Creole Sauce); or, **(2) A 10 Oz. Rib Eye Steak** (Topped with Mushroom Demi-Glace Sauce. Served with Garlic Whipped Potatoes); or, **(3) Seared Filet of Salmon** (Accompanied with a Capers Beurre Blanc Sauce). All entrees include: Tossed Green Salad, Potato or Rice, Seasonal Vegetable, Dessert (Chef’s Choice), Assorted Rolls and Creamery Butter, Freshly Brewed Iced Tea and Coffee. Following dinner, there will be dancing until 11:00PM with 50’s, 60’s, & 70’s era music provided by a DJ. We will have a Cash Bar.

SUGGESTED SELF GUIDED TOURS AND ATTRACTIONS

“There’s so much to do in New Orleans”, so rather than organizing any specific day events, the Association plans to leave day time touring and attractions up to the attendee or informal groups of attendees. Sign up sheets will be posted in the Hospitality Suite for attendees who prefer to organize as a group. Please visit the web links below for details:

New Orleans Tours/Attractions: <http://www.neworleanstoursandattractions.com/>

This is a really good website for planning your day visits! Additional Information on Family Attractions, River Cruises, Shopping, Museums, Casinos and Racetracks, Plantations, Guided Tours, Parks, Golf, Performing Arts, and Galleries.

New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau Website

<http://www.neworleanscvb.com/>

New Orleans Official Tourism Website

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/>

“Fun Things To Do In New Orleans” Expedia Website

<http://www.expedia.com/pub/agent.dll?qscr=stts&luid=178292>

The National World War II Museum: <http://www.nationalww2museum.org/>

Confederate Memorial Hall Museum: <http://www.confederatemuseum.com/>

The National WWII Museum and Confederate Memorial Hall Museum are across the street from each other. Plan sufficient time for your visit. You may want to consider seeing both museums in one all day trip. St. Charles Streetcar line runs within a block of the museum at the Robert E. Lee memorial.

“French Quarter” Attractions

Café Du Monde : <http://www.cafedumonde.com/history>

The original French Market Coffee Stand since 1862, famous for its Coffee Au Lait and Beignets.

Irish Cultural and Heritage Museum: <http://icmnola.com/index.html>

A panorama of Irish Life in New Orleans

Royal Street: <http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/fq/royalstreet.html>

The French Quarter's more refined and elegant epicenter of local artistic culture

Audubon Aquarium: <http://www.auduboninstitute.org/visit/aquarium>

“Garden District” Attractions: An area of elegant homes and stylish settings

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/tools/neighborhoodguide/uptown.html>

“Uptown New Orleans” Attraction

Audubon Zoo: <http://www.auduboninstitute.org/visit/zoo>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Public Transportation: http://www.norta.com/fares_passes/index.html

Public transportation is suggested as a means for getting around town. Streetcars represent a novel way of getting around and sightseeing. Senior discounts along with discount one and three day “Jazzy Passes” available at Walgreen’s Drug Stores and other locations.

NAVCOMMSTA merchandise such as commemorative coins, patches, window decals, & label pins will also be on sale at all the events.

UPDATES

Updates will be emailed to the membership and maintained on the USNLAA’s Website:
<http://navcommsta-londonderry.freesevers.com/>

REUNION REGISTRATION FORMS

Your Reunion Registration Form is available for viewing and printing (Word Format, and/or PDF Format from the REUNIONS section of the USNLAA’s Website:
<http://navcommsta-londonderry.freesevers.com/nst2.htm>

QUESTIONS?

If you have specific questions, please contact a Reunion Committee Member:

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