

USS JOHN W. WEEKS ~ 2012 REUNION EVENTS



GROUP WELCOME DINNER

Wednesday, September 26th (7:00pm at the Hotel)

Join everyone for a casual get together featuring an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner. This is a great chance to catch up with your friends and kick-off the reunion.

EVENT A: U.S. NAVAL STATION MAYPORT TOUR & LUNCH

Thursday, September 27th (9:00am-2:00pm)

Welcome aboard *U. S. Naval Station, Mayport*, this is the second largest naval base on the East Coast, which serves over 20 ships and several helicopter squadrons. The Aegis class destroyers stationed here were built at a cost of over \$1 billion each. **A ship's tour has been requested and is not guaranteed.** If a ship's visit is confirmed, touring the ship is optional; you can still take this tour and not tour the ship. (There is considerable walking and/or climbing on the ship tour.) Lunch on base is included in the tour price.

Please note: You must have a government issued picture ID (like a Drivers License) to get on base. ***This tour is always subject to availability and security clearance.

EVENT B: HISTORIC ST. AUGUSTINE TOUR

Friday, September 28th (9:00am-4:00pm)

You will learn about the incredible history of St. Augustine and Florida; how they grew and prospered under Spanish, British, French and American rule. Your professional guide will show you the sites and regale you with captivating historical accounts of the Native Indians, Spanish Galleons, Pirates and the Revolutionary War. You will ride through the *Fountain of Youth* property and hear the fable of the Fountain, Ponce de Leon's discovery of *La Florida*, and his encounter with the native Indians. Regarded as the oldest city in the United States, you will find the area's history a fascinating story. Following the guided tour, there will be time for exploring, shopping, and lunch, on your own, in this quaint little town. *St. George's Street*, which is a reconstruction of Old World Florida, is lined with stone houses with overhanging balconies and walled garden patios. *St. George's* and its neighboring side streets is where you will find many historical spots, boutiques, gift shops, restaurants and cafes. This will be a wonderful day in Old Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, September 29th (8:00am at the Hotel)

Enjoy the complimentary continental breakfast in the Hospitality Room, then gather in the meeting room for the Annual Association Business Meeting. Check your itinerary at registration for the assigned room. The meeting will adjourn in time for those who are interested in taking the tour.

EVENT C: AMELIA ISLAND AND FERNANDINA BEACH TOUR

Saturday, September 29th (10:00am-3:00pm)

Amelia Island is known as Florida's Golden Isle. One of a chain of barrier islands stretching from South Carolina, Amelia Island is a charming place - 13 miles long and two miles wide. Settled by the French, developed by the Spanish, named by the English and tamed by the Americans, Amelia is the only location in the United States to have been under eight different flags. Today, Amelia Island is a quaint, unique and upscale destination of many visitors. Your day begins with a guided tour, which will highlight some of the Island's most historical attractions, including the "Silk Stocking District", which boasts some of Florida's most elegant Victorian homes, and *American Beach*, the only beach open to African Americans until the 1960's. The afternoon will be spent at *Fernandina Beach*, which is the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry, the shrimp boats depart the docks on most days.

The 50 block historic district, with classic Victorian architecture, makes a stroll through the city a delight. You will have time to explore the boutiques, shop, watch the boats, and have lunch on your own by the water. This is a nice relaxing day in Old Florida.

BANQUET DINNER

Saturday, September 29th (7:00pm at Hotel)

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 reservation form.

TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of Tour & Banquet expenses up until three (3) days before the start of your reunion. If you need to cancel – please call our office immediately (817-251-3551) for a cancellation number. If you have not purchased cancellation insurance all tour and meal money is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

Important Reunion Notes:

- ~ Tours may be cancelled if a minimum of 30 people per bus is not met. In this case, full refunds will be given.
- ~ Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary from the bus to attractions and in some instances, to also see the attractions. Please consider your abilities before purchasing tours.
- ~ Be sure to bring photo identification (like a driver's license) on all events.
- ~ All tour times are subject to change. A final itinerary is available at registration.

Reservations are due by August 17th, 2012. Late reservations accepted on a space available basis. You should make a copy of this form for your records. For information call weekdays: 817-251-3551 or Email: info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com . Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked before due date above. No refunds will be made after this date, unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. Sorry, no refunds will be given starting 3 days before the reunion for any reason. There is a \$10 per person refund processing fee. Your cancelled check is your receipt and proof of purchase. There is a \$25 return check fee for NSF. For a written confirmation please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion. Tours require a minimum of 30 people in order to operate. Full refunds given for any cancelled Event.

