

USS THETIS BAY



The reunion this September will be held in the last home port of the USS Thetis Bay, Norfolk, Virginia. It will be held the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel which is located at **777 Waterside Drive**. The hotel is located within walking distance from many interesting sites including those on Thursday's Schedule. The hotel has set

aside 25 deluxe harbor view rooms to accommodate our **group at a rate of \$99.00 per night**. Reservations may be made from now until August 5th, 2015. The Sheraton's phone number is **757-622-6664**. Don't forget to tell them you are with the USS Thetis Bay Reunion Group! Make your reservation early to ensure an excellent room location.

The provided hospitality room is complimentary and is located on the water front with a balcony and will accommodate 30-40 guests. It doesn't get any better than this, shipmates!



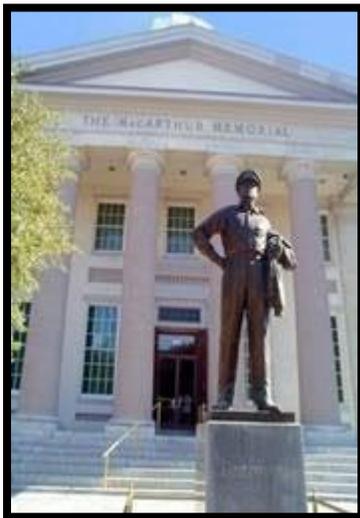
We will sail up to the Norfolk Naval Station and enjoy a waterside view of the aircraft carriers and other large combat vessels, as well as all destroyers and Naval vessels berthed at the D&S Piers.



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Once back pier side at the Nauticus, we will step next door to board the USS WisconsinBB64, one of the four IOWA class battleships built near the end of WWII. Along with the battleship tour, those that wish to, can also tour the Hampton Roads Navy Museum, located on the second floor of the Nauticus.



Activities will commence on Thursday morning with a visit to the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial, which is within a couple of block of the hotel. The memorial will be followed by boarding the “Spirit of Norfolk” at the Nauticus, a block or so from the hotel for a luncheon cruise on the Elizabeth River.



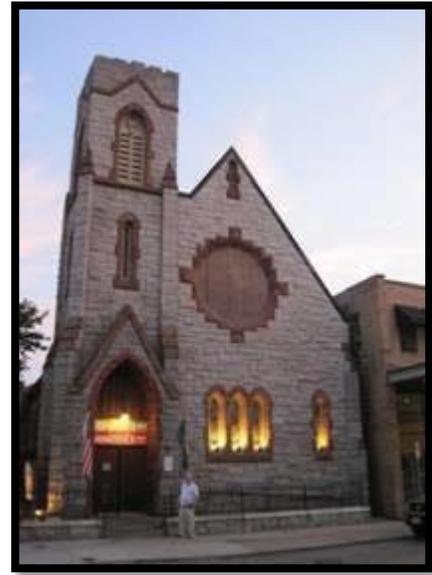
The amount of activity for the day should get everyone ready to relax in the hospitality room, renew acquaintances, view the various reunion and cruise books as well as enjoy a libation or two. For those who are more adventurous or physical energetic, there are other adventure close to the

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hotel to see and enjoy, such as the adjacent historic Freemason Harbor Area which has the “Freemason Abbey” restaurant and tavern located in a 141 year old renovated church. The neighborhood is resplendent in various styles of architecture and displays the age of Norfolk very gracefully.

Friday will commence a little more gently with a bus ride to Virginia Beach and on to the Oceana Naval Air Station and a tour of an F-18 Fighter Squadron. After that, we will stop at an area restaurant where each person may have lunch at their own expense.



The “Warbirds over the Beach” Aviation Museum is our next stop. Many WWII and other aircraft and vehicles from the United States allies and former enemies are on display and available for a close up

look. After a bus ride, we arrive back at the hotel.

There are many restaurants and night clubs near the hotel to visit as you choose. The hospitality room will also be in full swing during the evenings for sodas, cocktails, snacks and LOTS of Navy “stories”!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. If a wheelchair is needed, please include that information with your registration in order to make proper accommodations.
2. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle from the Norfolk Airport, but taxi services are available. Fee estimations will be announced in the next newsletter.
3. Golf cart type shuttles are available, for a fee, for use within the harbor area. Details will be included with the next newsletter.

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30th Annual Reunion Schedule of Events

Wednesday 9 September 2015 Time

Registration	1200-2100
Hospitality Room	1200- 2300

Thursday 10 September 2015

General McArthur Memorial	0900-1100
River Cruise Luncheon and Water	1100-1400
Tour of D&S and Carrier Piers	
Tour of USS Wisconsin BB64	1430-1700
Hospitality Room	1700-2300

Friday 11 September 2015

USS Thetis Bay Board Meeting	0800-0900
Tour of Oceana Naval Air Station	0930-1200
And F-18 Squadron	
Lunch at Local Restaurant	1200-1330
Military Aviation Museum	1400-1630
Hospitality Room	1700-2300

Saturday 12 September 2015

USS Thetis Bay Business Meeting	0900-1030
Raffle	1030-1130
Luncheon	1130-1230
Hospitality Room	0900-2300
Reunion Photographs	1600-1800
Cocktail Hour	1800-1900
Banquet	1900-2200

Sunday 13 September 2015

Breakfast on your own	0600-1000
Farewells and departures	As Desired

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