



NAFTS 2016 REUNION EVENTS

Charleston, SC ~ September 22-26, 2016

WELCOME SOUTHERN BUFFET DINNER & PIG PICKIN'

Thursday, September 22 (6:00pm in the Hotel)

After settling in from a long days travel, head to the hospitality room, grab a cocktail, soda or a beer and head to the hospitality room and meet new friends, reconnect with old. At 6:00pm, head to your private dining room at the hotel for a traditional southern buffet dinner including: Frogmore Stew, Herb Roasted Chicken, fried green tomatoes, and of course a whole hog for your pickin' pleasure. What a great way to start your reunion.

HISTORIC CHARLESTON & MARKET SQUARE

Friday, September 23 (9:30am-5:30pm)

Sit back and enjoy the beauty and charm of one of America's most historic cities as your guide brings to life the history of this 300 year old city with stories of the American Revolution and the "War between the States". Sights on your tour include Rainbow Row, the Four Corners of Law, and many of the 18th and 19th century homes, buildings and churches of Charleston. After your tour, you will have time to have lunch and to explore and shop in the historic Charleston Market Square.



OPTIONAL ADD ON: DRESS PARADE AT THE CITADEL

Friday, September 23 (3:00 pm-4:45pm)

At the Citadel, the tradition of parading troops can be traced back to the time of Alexander the Great. Drill procedures and movements on the parade field are identical to the tactical manoeuvres employed on the battlefield in the past. The Citadel was established in 1842 and was originally located on Marion Square in beautiful downtown Charleston, SC. Today the picturesque campus, which was moved in 1922 to the bank of the Ashley River, is home to 24 major buildings and over 3,400 men and women enrolled. U.S. military reviews and parades began at Valley Forge. At that time, brigades of soldiers were formed in order of battle. Modern day ceremonies are conducted to inspect troops, render Honors, preserve tradition, and foster *esprit de corps*. We have reserved seating and are required to be in seats 30 minutes prior to the parade, which lasts about an hour.



OPTIONAL ADD-ON: HARBOR SIGHTSEEING CRUISE

Friday, September 23 (3:00 pm-4:30pm)

Learn about Charleston's fascinating history while you cruise the gentle waves of her harbor departing from downtown, Aquarium Wharf. This 90-minute narrated cruise highlights notable American landmarks, such as Fort Sumter, the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, Battery Point, Rainbow Row, Cooper River Bridge, Castle Pinckney and other sites from the past and present. Facilities are available on board but the boat is not particularly accessible with stairs possible, so consider any limitations.



MAGNOLIA PLANTATION AND GARDENS

Saturday, September 24 (9:00am-1:00pm)

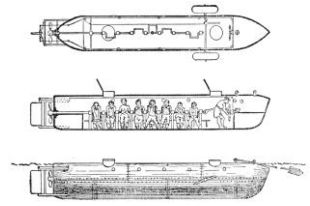
Step back 325 years as you visit Charleston, South Carolina's premier plantation, founded in 1676. Stately *Magnolia Plantation* has, for over three centuries, been the original ancestral home of the Drayton family, whose many sons have played important roles throughout American history. It is believed that no other plantation in South Carolina is still under original family ownership from that early date. Your visit begins with a guided tour of the Plantation House; you will then have plenty of time on your own to visit the grounds. Take some time to walk through the oldest major Garden in America, continually planted since the 1680's, and affording year-round color. Also, allow additional time to visit the *Swamp Garden*, *Barbados Tropical Greenhouse*, the *Antebellum Cabin*, and the *Horticultural Maze*. The Nature Train ride is also included in your tour. The "Peacock Café" offers a variety of items for a snack or full lunch. Be sure to wear your walking shoes on this tour.



CSS H.L. HUNLEY

Saturday, September 24 (2:00pm-4:00pm)

CSS H L Hunley is a Confederate submersible that demonstrated the advantage and danger of undersea warfare. Although not the nation's first submarine, *Hunley* was the first to engage and sink a warship, the *USS Housatonic* (and sadly, herself). The *Hunley* was found in August of 2000 and broke the water's surface for the first time in over 136 years! Most who view the vessel say *Hunley* incorporates an unexpectedly graceful and beautiful design. This small submarine may be the key to unlock many of the mysteries of a bygone era. (limited availability) **One important note: the exhibit itself is wheel chair accessible but in order to see the *Hunley* in the lab, visitors must walk up 16 steps.**



PATRIOTS POINT WITH LUNCH ON THE USS YORKTOWN

Sunday, September 25 (10:00am-4:30pm)



You will spend the day visiting the world's largest naval and maritime museum. We will have lunch on the *USS Yorktown*, in the CPO Mess Hall, and docent led tours. You'll also have time to visit the submarine *USS Clamagore*, and the *USS Laffey*, along with visits to the Vietnam Support base and the Cold War Memorial. Those opting for the Fort Sumter cruise and tour *add-on* (event G) will have a little less time touring *all* of Patriots Point but still enjoy the service and lunch in full.

ADD-ON - FORT SUMTER CRUISE & TOUR

Sunday, September 25 (1:30am-4:30pm)

You may opt for this special add-on cruise to historical Ft. Sumter. On April 12, 1861, *Fort Sumter* was occupied by Union troops who refused to vacate the fort as demanded by the Confederates. Confederate batteries commenced a massive bombardment of the Fort and America's "War between the States" began. The Fort is only accessible by boat and boasts an excellent museum containing priceless exhibits. In addition to the visit of Fort Sumter, you will enjoy a narrated tour of the Charleston Harbor. **Note that the Fort is not very accessible with undulating terrain and stairs.** Note: you must sign up for Event F to be eligible for this Add-on tour.



FAREWELL BANQUET

Sunday, September 25 (6:00pm-10:00pm)

Join your friends for your Banquet Dinner at the Hotel. Cocktails will be available from the cash bar followed by dinner at the hotel. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.

TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE & CANCELLATION POLICY

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by illness, injury or other causes that may impact your travel plans. Tour Cancellation Insurance allows you to receive a refund of tour and banquet expenses. Please note: Cancellation Insurance expires at 11:59pm the day **before** the reunion starts. **Cancellations:** No refunds are given the day of the reunion (beginning at midnight), even for those of you who purchased cancellation insurance. Should you need to cancel your reunion reservations, please contact our office immediately by calling 817-251-3551 Monday through Friday CST and email us at cancel@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com to confirm your cancellation. A \$10 per person processing fee will be deducted from your refund. If you did not purchase cancellation insurance, please note: all tour and banquet monies are refundable up until 6 weeks prior to the reunion, at that point all monies paid are non-refundable.

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 to/from the bus in order to view attractions and in some instances, to tour or explore the attraction itself. Please note any special needs on your reservation form.
- Be sure to bring photo identification (like a driver's license) to all events.
- Tour times are subject to change. Please check registration for the final itinerary.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 11, 2016. Late reservations will be accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee. Please make a copy of this information for your records. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday CST at 817-251-3551 or email us at info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked no later than August 11, 2016. No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. Sorry, no refunds will be given for **any** reason beginning at midnight the day of your reunion. Please note there is a refund processing fee of \$10 per person. For written confirmation of your cancellation please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your cancellation request. Your cancelled check is your receipt as well as proof of purchase. There is a \$25 return check fee for NSF. MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion.



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