

## VRC-50 2012 New Orleans Reunion Events



### Event A - *Super City Tour –Sept 7th Depart hotel @ 1530* *Cost \$27.00*

The VIP ultimate city excursion is a unique and informative sightseeing tour of New Orleans that combines the history, beauty and splendor of New Orleans with an up close view of the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Join us for a two hour adventure and see New Orleans from the eyes of the locals. Discover the birthplace of Jazz, and see where Jazz flourished. Enjoy a comfortable climate controlled ride through the French Quarter, where large tour buses are not allowed.

See the infamous Bourbon Street, where anything can and usually does happen. View sights where millions of people come every year to party at one of the largest most outrageous festivals in the world, Mardi Gras. See one of the oldest cathedrals in the United States, the St. Louis Cathedral.

Listen as we tell you why our cemeteries are called Cities of the Dead as we venture through St. Louis Cemetery #3 and pass the Lafayette cemetery that has been featured in movies such as Interview With A Vampire, and Double Jeopardy. Relax and enjoy a ride through New Orleans first American neighborhood, the Garden District well known for its antebellum homes of grandeur size and architecture. While in the Garden District see the home of acclaimed local author Anne Rice and view the Belfort Mansion as seen on MTV's The Real World New Orleans.

Visit Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans largest lake. Lake Ponchartrain is home of the 24 mile long Causeway Bridge, one of the world's longest bridges over water.

### Event B – *Friday night Dinner Jazz Cruise – 3 hrs boarding 1900*

Cost \$55.00 per person

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Step on board the Creole Queen and cruise with us into the night where the sleepless activity of America's busiest port buzzes. The sounds of a lively jazz band fill the air as you enjoy a lavish Creole buffet in elegantly appointed dining rooms.

The Creole Queen features outer decks which invite guests to stroll back in time as they settle into the mood of a bygone era.

After dinner, enjoy your favorite cocktails, sea stories and sweet river breezes on the promenade deck as the city skyline slips by under a canopy of stars. This Dinner Jazz Cruise is pure New Orleans!

### Event C – *WWII Museum – Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>*

The Hampton will be providing transportation to the Museum so you can go at your own leisure. Gene Belanger says you need 8hrs to do the museum justice.

Renowned historian, author and educator, Dr. Stephen Ambrose founded The National World War II Museum Foundation in New Orleans in 1991. The Museum, which opened on June 6, 2000, is the only museum in the United States that addresses all of the amphibious invasions or "D-Days" of World War II, honoring the more than 16 million Americans who took part in this global conflict.

The National World War II Museum opened its doors on the 56th anniversary of the Normandy invasion that liberated Europe. It is located in New Orleans, Louisiana because it was here that Andrew Higgins built the landing craft used in the amphibious invasions; the landing craft which President Eisenhower believed won the

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war for the Allies. The Museum stands as our country's tribute to the men and women who made the invasions in Europe, Africa and the Pacific theaters successful. It presents their stories to an international audience, preserves material for research and scholarship, and inspires future generations to apply the lessons learned from the most complex military operation ever staged.

The group discount is only available to groups who schedule in advance of their visit and we must be in groups of 15. Please review the table below and send in your payment accordingly.

Group Rates

	Adult Groups/Retired Military	WWII Veterans	Senior Groups (65+)	Active Duty Military With ID	Active Duty Military In Uniform
Museum Only	\$12.00	Free	\$8.00	\$9.00	Free
With Victory Theater	\$16.00	Free	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$8.00
Victory Theater Only	\$10.00	Free	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$8.00

Thursday will be an opportunity to do what you want. We will be looking in to Mardi Gras World tours that day. Transportation is provided to & from the hotel.

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

### Post Reunion Cruise

We have booked a seven day cruise to the Western Caribbean on the **Carnival Conquest** following the reunion. Rates run from \$542 - \$812 per person depending on cabin/category. **Every cabin in our group will get \$100 on board credit!** There are 40 cabins on hold so feel free to invite friends and family.

**Note – Cruise deposits are refundable until June 10, 2012, so don't hesitate to sign up now.**

If you are interested in cruising after the reunion send an email to [drbarry5@verizon.net](mailto:drbarry5@verizon.net) to receive complete information.

### ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sun	Sep 9	<a href="#">New Orleans, LA</a>		4:00pm
Mon	Sep 10	At Sea		
Tue	Sep 11	At Sea		
Wed	Sep 12	<a href="#">Montego Bay, Jamaica</a>	9:00am	6:00pm
Thu	Sep 13	<a href="#">Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands</a>	7:00am	4:00pm
Fri	Sep 14	<a href="#">Cozumel, Mexico</a>	10:00am	5:00pm
Sat	Sep 15	At Sea		
Sun	Sep 16	<a href="#">New Orleans, LA</a>	8:00am	