

USS CONSTELLATION & USS HORNET 2023 REUNION EVENTS

Group Welcome Reception – Wednesday, October 11 (6:00pm)

Social Reception in the Hospitality Room – *All are welcome!*

George W. Bush Presidential Center \OR/ the JFK Assassination Museum

Thursday, October 12 (9:00am-3:00pm)

Today you have a choice between two classic Dallas attractions. The [Bush Center](#) is a classic Presidential Library and a wondrous Museum of things the President manages. Artifacts include formal wear, a mockup of the Oval Office and an amazing exhibit on 9/11, among many other things. You may opt instead for time at the [Sixth Floor Museum in Dealey Plaza](#) – the “JFK Assassination Museum”. This world-class museum chronicles the life of JFK through his assassination at Dealey Plaza. You’ll get chills when you see the rifle and staging area by the window on the 6th floor, where the fatal shot was fired on that fateful day in Dallas.

Group Dinner at the Hotel – Followed by USS Hornet Business Meeting

Thursday, October 12 (6:30pm)

All are welcome to attend the group dinner which will be followed by the Hornet business meeting.

Fort Worth – Gateway to the West Tour

Friday, October 13 (9:00am-3:00pm)

Our guide leads you on a mostly riding tour of Ft. Worth to learn of the fascinating history *and “how the West was won”*. [FTW](#) was the *Gateway to the West*, the last protected settlement before “Indian Territory”. This was also the start of the famed *Chisolm Trail*, and the massive cattle drives to the rail heads in Kansas. We will witness the Longhorn “cattle drive” down Main Street in the famed [Stockyards](#) area where Butch Cassidy’s gang was fingered. Afterwards, there will be time on your own for lunch and exploring. Feel free to wear your Cowboy hat and boots here – you’ll fit right in!

LIVE Professional Rodeo in the Stockyard’s Cowboy Coliseum

Friday, October 13 (5:30pm-10:30pm)

[Cowtown Coliseum](#) is a 3,418-seat arena built in 1908. It is the first indoor rodeo arena built in America and Elvis Presley once performed here, but it’s mostly for professional rodeo. Pardner, this is the real mccoys! You’ll see Bull ridin’, Bronco bustin’, Barrel racing, and the crazy antics of the rodeo clowns. You’ll have time for dinner on your own in the Stockyards followed by the Rodeo. Again, wear your cowboy hat and boots if you got ‘em. A great night out - don’t miss it!

Tour of Cowboy Stadium \or/ Texas Rangers Stadium & Field

Saturday, October 14 (9:00am-12:00pm)

You must choose between teams this morning and decide which behind-the-scenes stadium tour you prefer – [Dallas Cowboys](#) or [Texas Rangers](#). Enjoy a fascinating look at the places you don’t normally get to see and how it all comes together on game days. You will even be able to get down on the field for photos and to get that super-star feeling. Note: there is a lot of walking and some stairs on these tours, so please consider your abilities before taking this tour which lasts about 70 minutes. Of course, there will be time in the gift shops for some unique memorabilia before returning to the hotel. NOTE: there is an ever so slight chance that the Texas Rangers make the playoffs in which case the Rangers tour is subject to cancellation and money will be refunded.

Riding Tour of “Big-D”
Saturday, October 14 (1:00pm-5:00pm)

Our local guide will take you on a riding tour of Dallas, from the [Flying Red Horse](#) to the Sculpture Garden, to the Perot Museum to Victory Plaza and the American Airlines arena home to the Dallas Mavericks and Stars. You'll see all the best sights Big D has to offer on this relaxing trip.

Connie Membership Meeting at the Hotel - Sunday, October 15 (9:00am)

Historic Grapevine Excursion
Sunday, October 15 (10:00am-3:00pm)

Grapevine's story began in 1843 when General Sam Houston and representatives of the Republic of Texas met with members of 10 American Indian nations. They joined to negotiate a treaty of peace and friendship at Grape Vine Springs. It resulted in a document, the *Treaty of Birds Fort* which opened the area to homesteaders who started rolling in on covered wagons. The wild mustang grapes that were abundant there gave the area its name, [Grapevine](#). Grapevine originated under the Lone Star flag of the Republic of Texas in 1844, a year before Texas was annexed by the United States of America. We will have a little riding tour before giving you a few hours on [Main Street](#) full of restaurants, [museums and attractions](#) like the [Vintage Rail Depot](#) and unique Texas curio shops. No chain stores here, it's all independent and totally unique shopping. There is something for everyone!

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 (less processing fee) up to midnight the day before the start of your reunion. Without cancellation insurance all money received is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion. You will need to cancel the hotel reservation yourself.

Banquet Dinner
Sunday, October 15 (6:00pm)

Join your friends for then *Farewell Banquet Dinner* at the Hotel. Due to cost, there will not be a cash bar at dinner so we will go right from the hospitality room to dinner at 6pm. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 30, 2023

- Tour times are subject to change. Please review final itinerary posted at Registration. No refunds given for missed tours
- Buses require a minimum of 35 people to operate.
- There will be a \$20 pp surcharge for orders taken over the phone. Please have your order ready before calling MRP.
- Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless *Tour Cancellation insurance* is purchased.
- Insurance holders are eligible for a refund, less processing fee, until Midnight the day before the 1st day of the reunion.
- Insurance ends once the reunion begins. Notification in writing/email must be received prior to start of reunion.
- Watch for an email confirmation of your order and online roster update as your proof of payment.
- Changes not possible online including cancellations. Email/Mail notice for cancellations required.
- There is a refund processing fee of \$15 per person plus any credit card fees imposed by the carrier (currently 3.5%)
- MRP will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion including any delays at the Canadian Border. No refunds given should Covid Status change.
- Prices subject to change based on fuel surcharges imposed by bus company or for delays at the border.
- There is substantial walking on some tours – email us if you have specific questions and consider your limitations.

Call or email MRP if you need to add, cancel or modify your reservation at 817-251-3551 or email: raycasey@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. MRP agents are available weekdays from 9-4 CST. Voice Mail is 24/7
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