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Your Hampton Roads Experience

Program Overview for VP 44 Squadron 2010 Reunion

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Quality Suites at Lake Wright, estimated number of guests 50-100 people

Thursday, September 9, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM - EARLY BIRD OPTION

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG OVERVIEW

- Depart via motor coach with your tour guide for the charming town of Williamsburg. Your guide will provide interesting and informative narration during your ride about the historic Virginia Peninsula and the Hampton Roads area.
- Once you arrive in Williamsburg, you will step back into the 18th century while strolling through the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. Your historical interpreter will guide you through the past and the events that helped shape America's history as you enjoy a one and one half hour leisurely walking tour through the restored area of this lovely colonial capital city (Actual distance is approximately 4-5 blocks).
- Following your overview tour, enjoy free time to shop and browse in the many unique specialty shops in Merchants Square. High quality apparel, gifts, jewelry, unusual quilts, beautiful furniture and holiday decorations are but a few of the offerings found in this quaint, picturesque shopping area.
- Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the Colonial Taverns or in Merchants Square. Your guide will point out all of the dining options as you pass through town.

JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT

- Spend the afternoon on Virginia's historic peninsula and Jamestown Settlement - established in 1607, this was the first permanent settlement in the New World.
- Guests will enjoy touring the re-created village of Jamestown which chronicles the nation's 17th century beginnings in Virginia in the context of its Powhatan Indian, English and western central African cultures. Jamestown represents an enduring legacy of language, culture and government.
- Through an introductory film, "1607: A Nation Takes Root", and expansive 30,000 square foot indoor exhibition galleries, you will discover the political, social and economic factors that led to the colonization of the New World, the culture of the Powhatan Indians of coastal Virginia at the time of the English arrival, and the first century of the Virginia colony when Jamestown served as its capital.
- Outside, history comes alive in re-creations of a Powhatan Indian village, a colonial fort, and the three ships - Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery - that transported English colonists to Virginia in 1607. Costumed historical interpreters demonstrate work and everyday life of the era and engage visitors in a variety of activities.
- Enjoy shopping in the beautiful gift shop, for unique items for home and garden as well as "Made in Virginia" items.

Package Price: \$54.00 per person, inclusive.

Friday, September 10, 2010, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM - OPTION 1

RIDING VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR

- Board the motor coach with your tour guide to enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay as you ride through Virginia Beach. See the historic lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry where the English colonists first came ashore in 1607. Walk out on the overlook to see where the bay and the ocean meet, and where the famous Battle of the Capes took place during the Revolutionary War.

- Ride down the resort strip and past the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, a unique structure which pays homage to veterans everywhere.

NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA

- Visit the Oceana Naval Air Station, the East Coast's only Master Jet Base, is the home station for the Navy's fighter/attack squadron—the screaming F-14 Tomcats, which were recently retired in 2006, and the F/A-18 Hornets.
- Squadrons rotate in and out of the base to aircraft carriers operating on lengthy deployments. Pilots stationed here fly approximately 219,000 training operations annually. Naval Air Station Oceana consist of 6,000 acres with approximately 10,000 military, 11,000 family members and 1,700 civilian employees.
- Enjoy a tour of the base and then visit the Aviation Historical Park to see 12 displayed aircraft.
- Lunch will be included at the Officer's Club where you will have the opportunity to view the many aviation exhibits on display.

MILITARY AVIATION MUSEUM

- After lunch, visit Virginia Beach's newest attraction, the Military Aviation Museum, located at the Virginia Beach Airport, this museum is home to one of the largest private collection of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers and seaplanes. These aircraft have been fully restored to their World War II condition.
- Enjoy a guided tour of the galleries as well as a gift shop which is stocked with all things flight related.

Package Price: \$52.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED.

Friday, September 10, 2010, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM - OPTION 2 - Same above, but substitute Little Creek Amphibious Base instead of Naval Air Station Oceana.

NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE LITTLE CREEK

- Enjoy a visit to The Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek which is the major operating base for the Amphibious Forces in the United States Atlantic Fleet. Home to 27 ships of the Atlantic Fleet's amphibious forces and 15,000 personnel, the Amphibious Base, Little Creek is located on 2,120 acres adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay and provides many of the troop and tank carrying ships for the Marine Corps. The Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek is the largest base of its kind in the world.
- Enjoy a windshield tour of the base, and view an amphibious training film and simulator (scale model of an amphibious assault).
- Lunch will be included on base at the CPO Club.

Package Price: \$52.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED.

Friday, September 10, 2010, 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

SPIRIT OF NORFOLK DINNER CRUISE

- Enjoy a three hour dinner cruise on the magnificent Spirit of Norfolk. The ship leaves the Waterside pier area and travels north on the Elizabeth River, passing Nauticus, The National Maritime Center, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth Marine Terminals, the Lamberts Point Coal Piers, and Norfolk Naval Base, the World's largest operational naval base and home of the Atlantic fleet. The Spirit features a top-of-the-line buffet with several hot entrees. The selection includes beef, poultry, and seafood, fresh vegetables, potato, salad, rolls and butter, and dessert.
- During the cruise, your group will be entertained by talented staff who perform popular hits that you are sure to recognize! The interactive DJ will kick off the cruise with an energetic send off and performance. The ship has two fully enclosed, climate-controlled lower decks and an open-air upper deck.

Package Price: \$79.00 per person, inclusive. DINNER INCLUDED.

Saturday, September 11, 2010, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

NORFOLK NAVAL BASE TOUR

- Board the motor coach with your guide to tour the Norfolk Naval Base, which is part of Naval Station Norfolk - the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to 78 ships, ranging in size from aircraft carriers to submarines, 26 aircraft squadrons comprised of 133 aircraft and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, this naval complex occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel. Your tour will take you past the 14 piers and through the Naval Air Station. You will also drive by the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" which now house the flag officers.
- While on base, enjoy a stop at the hangar which formerly housed the VP-44 Squadron and the barracks (**pending availability and approval**).

LUNCH INCLUDED ON BASE

- Lunch will be included for your group at one of the clubs on base.

RIDING NORFOLK TOUR

- Next, learn about Norfolk's colorful 325 year history as you ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. View the stately homes along the Hague, old St. Paul's Church, the Moses Myers House, the Chrysler Museum of Art, the historic Freemason District, Nauticus: The National Maritime Center, the Battleship Wisconsin, the restored waterfront area, as well as many other points of interest.
- Downtown Norfolk has undergone a complete transformation in the last decade and features the beautifully renovated Town Point Park with the Armed Forces memorial, brand new \$34million cruise terminal, waterfront condos and state of the art shopping area.

NAUTICUS, THE NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER

- Enjoy a visit to Norfolk's exciting downtown waterfront and tour Nauticus, the National Maritime Center. Nauticus is a unique and thriving campus of visitor attractions that explores the economic, naval, and natural powers of the sea.
- Features here include a series of ingenious interactive exhibits, shows, and theaters with various films.
- Also housed here is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, one of ten museums officially operated by the U.S. Navy. Highlights of the naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork, and memorabilia are showcased in the museum.

BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN

- A true highlight of your visit to Nauticus will be a tour of the battleship Wisconsin, one of the famous Iowa-class ships. This great ship saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently in the Persian Gulf War. Wisconsin remains in the Inactive Fleet and is permanently berthed beside Nauticus where it is accessed by a connecting walkway. The main deck and sections of two upper decks are open for you to explore.

DOUMAR'S

- End your day with a stop at Doumar's, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine. Abe Doumar created the first ice cream cone at the World's Fair of 1904 in St. Louis. It was so successful that he designed a four-iron waffle machine that he launched during the Jamestown Exposition of 1907.
- Today, the family business still bakes cones on the original cone machine. While at Doumar's, Mr. Doumar will give you an introduction and all passengers will be treated to an ice cream cone before boarding the bus.

Package Price: \$55.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED.

Ladies Tour Option, 9:00 AM - 3:30 pm

(Suggest for Friday while men are at Oceana or Little Creek and Aviation Museum)

NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDENS

- Board the motor coach with your guide to visit the Norfolk Botanical Garden, which dates back to 1938, is considered a premiere example of horticultural excellence. The garden represents 155-acres of colorful landscapes, unusual flowers, mature forests and seasonal plantings and

features one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the east coast.

- Enjoy a relaxing trackless train ride, and spend time browsing in the garden gift shop which specializes in unique gifts and hard to find gardening books.

ROWENAS TOUR AND LUNCHEON TEA

- Next, enjoy a visit to Rowena's, one of the country's leading mail-order companies for fresh baked pound cakes and unique jams, jellies and sauces. Now located in Norfolk's historic Ghent section, the business began modestly in Rowena's family kitchen with gourmet holiday gifts for friends and neighbors.
- Her facility now includes a retail store, tearoom, staff offices, two spacious kitchens and two warehouses. A number of national publications have featured Rowena's including Bon Appétit, Gourmet, Ladies Home Journal, Redbook and Southern Living. Rowena has appeared nationally on PBS, the 700 club and the Food Network.
- During your visit, you will be treated to a tour of the production facility – have a chance to see the warehouse as well as the retail shop.
- Enjoy a delicious luncheon style tea following your tour and shop in the charming gift shop for unique food and gift items. Rowena's is a treat not to be missed!

OLDE TOWNE PORTSMOUTH TOUR

- Following lunch, enjoy a narrated riding tour of Olde Towne Portsmouth, which encompasses, in a single square mile, one of the largest collections of antique homes found anywhere in Virginia. Architectural styles include colonial, federal, Greek revival, Georgian, and Victorian and the homes help to tell the story which traces the roots of Olde Towne back to 1752, when the 65 acre plot was laid out to imitate Portsmouth, England.
- Enjoy shopping on High Street which features many unusual shops including kitchen, art galleries, gift shops and antiques.

Package Price: \$59.00 per person, inclusive. LUNCH INCLUDED.

THE PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motor coach transportation, tour guide service, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and meal gratuities.
- Gratuities for guide and driver are not included, and are at the discretion of the individual.
- Prices are based on a minimum of **35** people per tour.
- A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit will be required upon signing the letter of agreement. This deposit will be applied to your final invoice.
- Please provide preliminary counts six weeks prior to program, July 30, 2010.
- Final counts for tours due three weeks prior to program, August 20, 2010, at which time we will send an invoice.
- Final and full payment due upon receipt of invoice.
- **Spirit of Norfolk Dinner cruise counts due four weeks in advance, August 14, 2010.**
- Our cancellation policy is that no refunds will be issued after the invoice is sent. Please inform all participants who do not show for their tour that they will not be refunded their money.
- Last minute participants will be accommodated on a space-available basis only, and ticket prices on site will be an additional \$3.00 per person.
- All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary.
- Boarding times will be fifteen minutes prior to listed departure times in front of the Quality Suites at the Lake Wright.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Any guests requiring special arrangements (dietary, physically disabled) must make us aware of their needs in advance, otherwise, we will not be able to guarantee that they will be accommodated. Those guests with physical disabilities should have someone traveling with

them to assist physically. Phillips DMC staff and motor coach drivers cannot accept responsibility for lifting guests in and out of coaches.

PLEASE NOTE: Above quoted prices will remain in effect until October 28, 2009, and cannot be guaranteed after that until a letter of agreement is signed.