

# USS SAMPLE (DE/FF-1048)

## 2015 Reunion Information & Registration Information

The 2015 USS SAMPLE (DE/FF-1048) reunion will be held April 23-26, 2015 at the Best Western Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA located at 2601 Severn Ave, Metairie, LA. From I-10 take Exit 228 (Causeway Boulevard North) to Veterans Boulevard. Drive west to Severn Avenue, and then turn left. The BEST WESTERN PLUS Landmark Hotel is just ahead. The Landmark Hotel is not able to provide complimentary airport shuttle service. The hotel is approximately 7 miles from the airport so cost of transportation should be reasonable. There are several commercial transportation services and taxi service available near the baggage claim area.



The Best Western Landmark is a first class full service hotel with all of the amenities you have come to expect from a quality hotel. There a restaurant and cocktail lounge to satisfy your food and beverage needs. The Landmark has ample hospitality, meeting and banquet space. Rooms are nicely appointed and comfortable. You are certain to enjoy your stay here.

**Questions:** The information contained herein should answer most of your questions; however, if anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to call our Customer Service Representative at **1-828-256-6008**.

**//Special note: There is a minimum of a two night stay for Friday and Saturday nights. All rooms must be paid for in full 30 days before the event (23 March). Cancellations and refunds are not allowed after 23 March, 2015. Because this week is both Fleet Week and the Jazz Festival these requirements are in force and are not negotiable. \\\**

New Orleans is a special place and this is a special reunion. It is during Fleet Week where you will have a chance to visit some active duty Navy and allied country ships which will be in port and open for visiting. Please make your plans early and be one of the early birds. With both Fleet Week and Jazz Festival in town at the same time, you know the rates are going to be higher than normal. The overnight rate at the Best Western Landmark is \$233.99 plus tax. Our reunion rate is only \$130.00 plus tax – a real bargain. Remember also you can make up to three installments on your balance

**Your Choice:** You may select either of the two options shown below, or create your own limited agenda. You may fax, mail or phone in your registration. Reservations via fax or phone require the use of **Discover, AMEX, MASTERCARD** or **VISA** credit cards.

1. **Payment Schedule:** Initial deposit is due on or before **March 16, 2015**. Final payment is due on or before **March 23, 2015**. You may make up to three installment payments in any amount, at any time as long as the balance is paid by **March 23, 2015**.
2. **Cancellations & Refunds:** Requests for cancellations or refunds received on or before March 23, 2015 there is a \$50.00 cancellation fee **plus** the cost of any activities that have already been paid for, or for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to the vendor. There will be **NO REFUNDS** – for any reason – for cancellation or refund requests received on or after **March 23, 2015**. *Yes, we know emergencies do happen that is why we strongly recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance; see your local insurance agent for details. Premier Reunion Services does not offer this service.*
3. **If there** is an activity included in the option you select that you cannot participate in, you may opt-out of that activity. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block and deduct the activity.

## Option A

### Arrive on Thursday, depart on Sunday

*This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option*

Three nights lodging (Thur, Fri, Sat); Thursday night welcome reception with Pizza & Wings and cash bar; Friday night dinner buffet; Saturday banquet; Sunday Breakfast; Thursday through Saturday night use of hospitality room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2015 reunion memory book; New Orleans, LA city tag; Memorial service program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes and gratuities; Bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; and the full time services of a Premier Reunion Services manager. **Cost of this option is only \$859.00 per couple; \$656.00 per single. A \$100.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. You may make up to three installment payments in any amount, at any time as long as the balance is paid by March 23, 2015. There is a two night minimum for Friday and Saturday nights.**

## Option B

### Arrive on Friday, depart on Sunday

*This Option contains the following activities and services for each person who selects this option*

Two nights lodging (Fri & Sat); Two breakfasts (Sat & Sun) Friday night dinner buffet; Saturday banquet; Friday through Saturday night use of hospitality room (stocked with soft drinks, coffee, and snacks); 2015 reunion memory book; New Orleans city tag; Memorial Service program; Roster of attendees; All applicable taxes and gratuities; Bartender, set-up fees; registration fee; and the full time services of a Premier Reunion Services manager. **Cost of this option is \$652.00 per couple; \$500.00 per single. A \$75.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation. You may make up to three installment payments in any amount, at any time as long as the balance is paid by March 23, 2015. There is a two night minimum for Friday and Saturday nights.**

# USS Sample FF-10148 Reunion Itinerary

## Thursday April 23, 2015

**12:00 noon: Registration Begins.** Upon arrival at the hotel, check in at the Premier Reunion Services, LLC desk (in the lobby) and pick up your registration packet and name tags.

**5:00—6:00 PM: Welcome reception.** After a few welcome and administrative remarks and introductions, you can snack on the pizza & wings and sip on your favorite adult beverage can be purchased from the cash bar. This will be a fun evening in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Please be courteous to those in line behind you and remember the munchies are not meant to be your dinner. Dinner is on your own tonight. Dress is casual.

*Cost of the reception is included in the price of Option A. If you cannot participate in the reception you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, page 6, Adjustment Opportunities Block “Deduct Thursday’s Reception”.*

## Friday April 24, 2015

**6:30-8:00 AM: Breakfast** will be in the hotel restaurant on your own.

**8:15 AM: Load ‘em up; 9:00 Optional New Orleans city tour & Steamboat Jazz luncheon cruise departs.**

This tour will acquaint you with the nearly 300 years of history, culinary habits, and culture of New Orleans. Only in New Orleans, which is unique in so many ways, could cemeteries be major tourist attractions. However, because the city is built on a swamp, the deceased have to be buried above ground here in elaborate stone crypts and mausoleums. Over time the cemeteries, with elaborate sculptures and other decorative artwork embellishing the tombs, have come to resemble small villages. They are known by the nickname of “Cities of the Dead.” A stop will be made at of these cemeteries and also at City Park which is as magical and unique as the city of New Orleans. Today’s City Park offers something for everyone; roses in the Botanical Garden, art in the open-air Besthoff Sculpture Garden, the crown jewel of City Park: the world’s largest stand of mature live oaks, which includes a grand oak that dates back nearly 800 years. These unique trees are known for their distinctive sculptural shape – some of the oldest trees have limbs that are twice as long as the oak is tall. Hurricane Katrina in 2005 left 95 percent of City Park sitting in floodwaters for weeks, inflicting \$43 million in damages to the park alone. Then you will board the Steamboat Natchez for a two hour luncheon cruise. Your two-hour cruise from the heart of the French Quarter takes you back when cotton was king and life was slow and graceful as the current on the Mississippi. See New Orleans, one of the world’s most active ports, as it can best be seen from the river aboard New Orleans’ only authentic Steamboat.....The Steamboat NATCHEZ. Did we mention the Jazz



lunch buffet?? There is one so you won’t leave hungry. After the cruise, you’re off to the French Quarter where you’ll have some time to purchase a souvenir at the French Market, the oldest market in America or spend time on Royal Street, a pedestrian only street lined with antique shops, art galleries and boutiques where street musicians perform. Then it’s back to the hotel for some hospitality and dinner. There is a minimum of 30 persons for the tour to go at the quoted price. Less than thirty persons the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted to cover the difference. *Since this is an optional tour, the cost is not included in either of the options. You must register separately; see the Registration Form, reverse side, Adjustment Opportunities Block and add Friday’s tour.*

**9:00 AM: Hospitality room** will open for Friday arrivals and anyone not going on the tour. Fresh coffee and cold drinks will be available until after noon when snacks will be served.

**4:00 PM: Annual Business meeting in hospitality room.**

**6:00 PM: Social Hour begins.** Relax and enjoy your favorite beverage while you solve the world’s problems.

**7:00 PM: Diner is served.** Tonight's "Feed Me New Orleans Style" buffet will feature Mixed green salad, seafood gumbo w/rice, andouille sausage jambalaya, crawfish etouffee, red beans and rice, shrimp creole, fried okra, bread pudding, rolls, crackers, butter, coffee, decaf, and ice tea. After dinner, this year will be "throw-back year". Get ready for some "Trick and Trivia" questions. It's worth a free banquet (next reunion) to the winner. *Cost of tonight's dinner is included in both options. If you cannot participate in dinner, you may opt out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block and delete Friday's dinner.*

### **Saturday April 25, 2015**

**6:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast** will be in the hotel restaurant on your own.

**8:45 AM Load up; 9:00 AM Depart for National WW II Museum.** The National WWII Museum's exhibits cover the epic and global scale of the war that changed the world, in a voice that is intimate and personal right in the heart of New Orleans. Exhibits not only highlight the role of world leaders, but also the everyday men and women who found the strength and courage to accomplish the extraordinary.

Currently housed in three buildings, each arranged around central themes of the war, Museum exhibits offer visitors an opportunity to experience the war through the eyes of the men and women who lived it. Interactives, oral histories and personal vignettes add a meaningful perspective. With one of the richest historical museums in New Orleans, exhibits from The National WWII Museum span the years leading up to and following the war. The Museum has a large collection of memoirs of wartime experiences, as well as an impressive collection of oral histories conducted with veterans from all branches and who served on all fronts. This museum is a "must see" for every veteran. Within the museum there are several exhibits and/or "hands on" activities that require additional admissions. If you choose to visit one of these, you must individually pay that admission, it is not covered in the basic admission fee. You can have lunch on your own at the cafeteria.

At approximately 12:30 PM you will leave the Museum to visit the Fleet Week ships that are anchored at the piers. The 2015 event will feature six vessels moored along the Mississippi River's east bank and opened for public tours. Five of the scheduled vessels are active warships from three countries. One of those is the USS Cole, the guided-missile destroyer that was attacked in Yemen in 2000 by suicide bombers who killed 17 U.S. sailors and injured 39 others. The flagship for the visit is to be the USS Wasp, the flattop amphibious assault ship. The Coast Guard Barque Eagle, is scheduled to be here. It will be the only tall ship this time. In addition to the Eagle, Cole and Wasp, ships tentatively scheduled for the 2015 event are the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS James E. Williams, the Canadian destroyer HMCS Athabaskan and Great Britain's HMS Lancaster, known as "The Queen's Frigate." France is considering sending a warship as well. There is a minimum of 30 persons for the tour to go at the quoted price. Less than thirty persons the tour will be cancelled or the price adjusted to cover the difference. *Since this is an optional tour, the cost is not included in either of the options. You must register separately; see the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block and add Saturday's tour.*

**6:00 PM: Social Hour and photo session.** Enjoy your favorite beverage and be sure to have your photo taken for inclusion in the 2015 reunion memory book.

**7:00 PM: The USS Sample Banquet.** Enjoy tonight in a more formal setting. Coat and tie recommended for the gentlemen and corresponding dress for the ladies. If you can still wear a complete and correct uniform, please do so. There will be open seating, sit where you like, with whom you like. Barring some unforeseen event we will have a Sea Cadet Color Guard to post and retire the Colors. They will be eating with us, so make them feel welcome. Be sure to indicate your banquet entrée choice on the Registration Form, Lodging and Banquet Preference Block. *Cost of the banquet is included in the price of Option A & B. If you cannot participate in the banquet you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Saturday's Banquet".*

### **Sunday April 26, 2015**

**8:00 AM: Breakfast** will be a private breakfast followed by the memorial service. *The cost of breakfast is included in both options. If you cannot participate in breakfast you may opt-out. See the Registration Form, page 6, Adjustment Opportunities Block "Deduct Sunday's breakfast".*



**USS SAMPLE (DE/FF-1048) 2015 Reunion**

Please complete both sides of this form and return it with your deposit on or before March 16, 2015.

Mail or fax to: Premier Reunion Services; PO Box 11438, Hickory NC 28603.

Phone: 828-256-6008; Fax: 828-256-6559. Web: [www.mlrsinc.com/sample](http://www.mlrsinc.com/sample)**Attendee Info**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you want your confirmation emailed instead of sent by USPS (Be sure we have your email address above.) ☐**Emergency Contact Info**

If there should be an emergency during the reunion and we need to contact a member of your family, who should that be?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name Tag Info**

If this is your first USS Sample reunion, or if you have misplaced the nametag you received at a previous reunion, we encourage you to order one here. The blue plastic nametag similar to the one at the right is engraved with white letters. This is a great conversation starter and group member identifier. Guest name tags are also available, **Cost is \$7.25 each**. Options A and B will include a city tag (New Orleans, LA) to hang below your nametag. If you sign up for individualized activities, we encourage you to order a city tag. **Cost is \$4.75 each**. Also available is a "Plank Owner" tag to hang below your nametag. **Cost is \$4.75 each**. Please indicate the number of items you wish to order:

Nametag @ \$7.25 per tag \_\_\_\_; City tag @ \$4.75 per tag \_\_\_\_; Plank Owner Tag @ \$4.75 per tag \_\_\_\_; **TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_Please fill in the information below to insure your name tag is printed correctly. **If you fill in below you will be charged for the tag**

Your Nametag Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Nametag Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which years did you serve on board: \_\_\_\_\_ What was your highest rate while on board: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy**

By submitting this registration form, I understand and agree that for cancellations received on or before **March 27, 2015** there will be a \$50.00 cancellation fee **plus** the cost of any activities that have already been paid for, or for which guaranteed numbers have been provided to a vendor. Just to see who actually reads these guidelines, the first person who calls the Premier Reunion Services and asks, "Am I the first to register" will get a 5% discount from their total reunion price. There will be **NO REFUNDS – for any reason** - for cancellation requests received after **March 27, 2015**. **Trip Cancellation Insurance is highly recommended. See your local insurance agent. Premier Reunion Services does not offer this service.**

Signature Required: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payments****Make Checks Payable to: "Premier Reunion Services"**

Personal Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_

Premier Reunion Services is authorized to bill the below listed credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED:** (sign here) \_\_\_\_\_Check here if you want us to bill your remaining balance to this same account on March 23, 2015 ☐**Special Needs**

If you have any special dietary, handicapped, or other special requirements, please provide the details below. Be VERY specific. Special dietary meals are available. List any special requests below.

Handicapped Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

(last name) \_\_\_\_\_

### Lodging & Banquet Preferences

# of People: \_\_\_\_\_ **All rooms are non-smoking**

Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ King/Queen \_\_\_\_\_  
(not guaranteed – based on availability)

Special Room Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Choices: Rib Eye \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

### Activity Selection

You may wish to choose one of the following pre-packaged options. You may add to or deduct from these options using the Individualized Option and/or Adjustment Opportunities selections below. Check your selection.

**Option A:** Requires \$100.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities **—except tours** - from Thursday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page 2 of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$656.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Double (2 people in room): \$859.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

**Option B:** Requires \$75.00 per person deposit. Includes all activities - **except tours** - from Friday noon thru Sunday morning departure. See Option Box page 2 of Reservation Packet for complete details.

Single (one person in room): \$500.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Double (2 people in room): \$652.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

### Adjustment Opportunities

You may make the following adjustments to the options presented above. Indicate quantity and extended cost.

Deduct Thursday's Reception  
@ \$17.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add Friday's tour** @ \$93.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Friday's Dinner @ \$30.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add Saturday's tour** @ \$68.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Sat Banquet @ \$38.00 pp X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add lodging** @ \$153.00 per night X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Which nights \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct lodging @ \$153.00 per night X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Which nights \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct Sunday breakfast @ \$13.00 pp x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Individualized Options

(Activities marked with \*\* are all already included in Options A, B, or C. Normally you do not need to use this section if you chose Option A, B or C to begin with. If you live in the area and only wish to participate in select activities, this section is for you!)

If none of the options fit your needs, you may select one or all of the activities below. **The DAILY registration fee is included in the prices shown below – except if you only go on a tour, the registration fee will be added to your tour price. Example – if you register for Saturday's activities, but go on Friday's tour (and do nothing else on Friday), a registration fee will be added to Friday's tour cost.**

\*\* 2015 Reunion Memory book  
@ \$35.00 per book X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Thursday - hospitality room, welcome reception w/cash bar, registration fee  
@ \$45.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Friday - hospitality room, registration fee, social hour (cash bar), dinner,  
@ \$61.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Saturday – hospitality room, registration fee, social hour (cash bar), banquet  
@ \$72.00 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you sign up for individualized activities, we encourage you to order a name tag and city tag. **(If you fill in the nametag info on page 3, a tag set will be ordered for you and you will be charged for the applicable number of tags.)** One nametag and one city tag equals one set.

@ \$12.50 per set X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Nametag @ \$7.75 X # tags \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City tag @ \$4.75 X # tags \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Individualized Options Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

**Call 828-256-6008 for “meal only” prices (Will include registration fee)**

**FULL PAYMENT FOR THIS OPTION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR RESERVATION**

### Option A or B Payment Calculator:

Option Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Additions: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Deletions: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit or Full Payment must accompany application