

# **USS POCONO AGC-16/LCC-16 REUNION**

**OCTOBER 1 - 5, 2008**

## **SURFSIDE OCEANFRONT INN & SUITES**

**1211 ATLANTIC AVENUE**

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**1-800-437-2497 (RESERVATIONS ONLY)**

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 P.M. IN OUR HOSPITALITY ROOM (DOLPHIN ROOM). REUNION PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN YOU REGISTER AND AFTER 5:00 P.M. FOR THOSE ARRIVING LATER. PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES TO ALL OF OUR REUNION ACTIVITIES.

A WELCOME RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE DOLPHIN ROOM FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 10:30 P.M.

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**

A BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DOLPHIN ROOM FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 A.M.

#### **LITTLE CREEK AMPHIBIOUS BASE TOUR:**

OUR TOUR BUS WILL PICK US UP IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. WE WILL DEPART AT 9:00 A.M. AND WILL ARRIVE BACK AT THE HOTEL AT 3:00 P.M.

WE WILL TOUR THE NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, LITTLE CREEK, WHICH IS THE MAJOR OPERATING BASE FOR THE AMPHIBIOUS FORCES IN THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET. IT IS 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 CHESAPEAKE BAY AND PROVIDES MANY OF THE TROOP AND TANK CARRYING SHIPS FOR THE MARINE CORPS. THIS NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE IS THE LARGEST BASE OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD. WE WILL ENJOY A WINDSHIELD TOUR OF THE BASE AND VIEW AN AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING FILM AND SIMULATOR (SCALE MODEL OF AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT).

WE WILL TAKE A TRIP AROUND THE HARBOR IN A 50'S LANDING CRAFT, DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER. WE WILL ALSO SEE WHAT'S NEW ON THE BASE. IF THERE IS A SHIP IN PORT WE WILL BE TOURING IT.

LUNCH WILL BE INCLUDED ON BASE AT THE CPO CLUB.

DINNER IS ON YOUR OWN

THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 UNTIL 10:30 P.M. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FOR THE FRIDAY GIFT DRAWING.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3**

A BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DOLPHIN ROOM FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 A.M.

**NORFOLK NAVAL BASE TOUR:**

OUR TOUR BUS WILL PICK US UP IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. WE WILL DEPART AT 9:00 A.M. AND ARRIVE BACK AT THE HOTEL AT 3:00 P.M.

WE WILL TOUR THE NORFOLK NAVAL BASE. THIS NAVAL BASE IS PART OF THE NORFOLK NAVAL STATION WHICH IS THE LARGEST NAVAL INSTALLATION IN THE WORLD. IT IS HOME PORT TO 78 SHIPS RANGING IN SIZE FROM AIRCRAFT CARRIERS TO SUBMARINES, 26 AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS COMPRISED OF 133 AIRCRAFT, AND IS 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. WE WILL ALSO DRIVE BY THE HISTORIC HOMES BUILT FOR THE 1907 JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION ON "ADMIRAL'S ROW" WHICH NOW HOUSES THE FLAG OFFICERS. WE ALSO PLAN ON TOURING AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

LUNCH WILL BE INCLUDED ON BASE AT ONE OF THE CLUBS.

OUR CREW MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE DOLPHIN ROOM AT 4:00 P.M.

DINNER IS ON YOUR OWN.

THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 TO 10:30 P.M. TICKETS FOR THE GIFT DRAWING WILL BE ON SALE FROM 7:00 TO 8:15 P.M. THE DRAWING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

A BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DOLPHIN ROOM FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 A.M.

THIS WILL BE A FREE DAY FOR SIGHTSEEING, SHOPPING, OR WHATEVER!

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN.

WE WILL HAVE A DINNER-DANCE IN THE CALYPSO ROOM. WE WILL HAVE A SOCIAL HOUR FROM 5:00 TO 6:00 P.M. WITH A CASH BAR FOR THOSE DESIRING

COCKTAILS. WE WILL HAVE A SIT-DOWN DINNER AT 6:00 P.M. THE DANCE WILL FOLLOW FROM 7:00 TO 10:00 P.M.

WE WILL HAVE A BIG BAND AGAIN THIS YEAR. IT WILL BE BUDDY CLARK'S 13-PIECE BAND WITH THE BIG BAND SOUND.

OUR DINNER MENU WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

**GREEK SALAD  
GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST OR BROILED CATCH OF THE DAY  
GRILLED VEGETABLES  
CHOICE OF DESSERTS  
COFFEE OR TEA**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

OUR DEPARTING BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE HELD IN THE DOLPHIN ROOM FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 A.M.

THE SHIP'S CREW WILL THEN STAND DOWN AWAITING ORDERS FOR THE 2009 REUNION.

**GENERAL NOTES:**

**REGISTRATION**

A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$45.00 PER PERSON IS TO BE SENT TO JACK MYERS AT  
2926 BURTON DRIVE  
KOKOMO, IN 46902  
PLEASE USE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THIS LINK.

<http://www.usspocono.org/2008ReunionRegistrationForm.pdf>

THE REGISTRATION FEE COVERS THE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER-DANCE, HOSPITALITY ROOM (SNACKS AND SOFT DRINKS), NAME BADGES, AND INCIDENTALS.

**PHOTOGRAPHS AND SCRAPBOOKS**

PLEASE BRING PHOTOGRAPHS AND SCRAPBOOKS TO SHARE WITH YOUR SHIPMATES.

**PRIZE DRAWING**

PLEASE BRING A WRAPPED GIFT IN THE RANGE OF NOT LESS THAN \$5.00 AND NOT MORE THAN \$10.00 FOR OUR DRAWING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3. THE MONEY RAISED FROM THIS EVENT WILL HELP US BUILD UP OUR WORKING ACCOUNT FOR PLANNING OUR 2009 REUNION AND FUTURE REUNIONS. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS. THE DRAWING FOR GIFTS WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3. TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE TO BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH SURFSIDE OCEANFRONT INN AND SUITES. PLEASE MENTION THAT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE USS POCONO REUNION IN ORDER TO GET OUR NEGOTIATED ROOM RATE OF \$59.37 ALL-INCLUSIVE. THE PHONE NUMBER TO CALL FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS IS 1-800-437-2497.

THE HOTEL WILL HONOR RESERVATIONS UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008. THE BALANCE OF OUR RESERVED ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED AFTER THAT DATE. ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. A DEPOSIT OF ONE-NIGHT'S ROOM RATE IS REQUIRED. THE ROOM RATE WILL BE AVAILABLE THREE DAYS BEFORE AND THREE DAYS AFTER THE REUNION FOR ANYONE WANTING TO STAY EXTRA DAYS.